



# The 25th Capital Challenge Horse Show

Photo Gallery by Alden Corrigan Media

Back to back Professional WCHR Challenge winner Liza Boyd on Ohh La La



Winners of the \$50,000 WCHR Pro Challenge Lafitte De Muze & Amanda Steege



Lyons Creek Bellini & Martha Ingram



# Capital Challenge Celebrates 25 Years of Top Competition

By Emily Riden/Jump Media

Two and a half decades ago, Oliver Kennedy and Billy Glass started the Capital Challenge Horse Show at the Prince George's Equestrian Center in Upper Marlboro, MD, with a vision of what it could one day become.

On September 28 – October 7, that show – now recognized as a U.S. Equestrian Heritage Competition – celebrated its 25th anniversary with an event that has more than realized their vision.

Over the course of the 10-day show, more than \$375,000 in prize money was awarded and more than 1,500 entries vied for top honors in classes including five year-end equitation finals, nine World Championship Hunter Rider (WCHR) Challenge classes (including the \$50,000 WCHR Professional Challenge, sponsored by The Gochman Family and Radwanski Enterprises), the \$25,000 North American Green Hunter Championship, and the \$10,000 WCHR Professional Finals.

Liza Boyd of Camden, SC, and Amanda Steege of Ocala, FL, earned two of the show's most prestigious honors during the 25th anniversary event. For the second consecutive year, Boyd topped the nation's best hunter riders to win the \$10,000 WCHR Professional Finals, sponsored by Radwanski Enterprises.

"It's a great feeling; it's exciting," said Boyd of her win, which came only after each of the top four riders in the WCHR Pro Finals took turns rotating rides on four horses generously donated by Claiborne Bishop/The Barracks and the University of Virginia (UVA) in a unique catch-riding format.

Steege's headline victory came aboard Lafitte de Muze in the \$50,000 WCHR Professional Challenge.

"He's such a pro," said Steege of the seven-year-old Belgian Warmblood gelding owned by Cheryl Olsten. "I think Lafitte just thinks that this is how all horses do it. He loves it, and he does it, but I don't think he thinks it's any big deal."

In the \$25,000 North American Green Hunter Championship, sponsored by The Wheeler Family, victory went to Laena Romond of Somers, NY, riding Traveller, owned by Catherine Cowie. Later that same day, Karli Postel of Westlake Village, CA, riding Banksy, owned by Grace Russo, captured the win in the \$5,000 WCHR Developing Pro Challenge.

Among the junior and amateur competitors celebrating success at the Capital Challenge Horse Show, few had more of a banner week than Martha Ingram of Nashville, TN. The 21-year-old kicked off the horse show with the win in the North American Adult Amateur Equitation Championship riding Airport 48, during the BigEq.com Equitation Weekend.

Ingram then returned to win the \$2,500 WCHR 3'3" Amateur-Owner Challenge aboard Lyons Creek Bellini on October 4, and two days later, she and Airport 48 also topped the Ariat National Adult Medal Final.

"I'm feeling really ecstatic," said Ingram. "As the first national horse show [of the indoor season], you've been working all year and you want to come in and have a good horse show and set your season off. It's just been a whirlwind, and I couldn't be happier."

To learn more about the Capital Challenge Horse Show and to view a full list of winners from all of the hunter, jumper, and equitation competition offered at the year-end event, visit [www.CapitalChallenge.org](http://www.CapitalChallenge.org).



Karli Postel has lots of love for Banksy



Winner of the Ariat National Adult Medal Finals Martha Ingram on Airport 48





Champion Green Hunter 3'9" Banksy & John French



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Old Springhouse Lifetime Achievement Award 2018 Winner Tom Wright



Winner of the Handy Round 1 to determine the Final Four, Scott Stewart & Private Life and Best Groom Fernando Bonia



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Winner of all 4 rounds of the Professional WCHR Challenge Liza Boyd on Ohh La La





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