

In the News



Gustavo and Carolina Mirabal
Photo courtesy of Longines Global Champions Tour

After nearly a decade spent at the pinnacle of the show jumping industry, Venezuela's **Gustavo** and **Carolina Mirabal** have tipped their hats and retired their own **G&C Farm**, based in Madrid, Spain, from the limelight of competition and equine sales. Founded during the 2009 Winter Equestrian Festival in Wellington, Florida, G&C Farm quickly established a respected reputation within the horse sport community as a dedicated supporter of rider development. G&C Farm worked with riders including the likes of Colombia's **Mark Bluman**, as well as **Nelson, Rodrigo**, and **Helio Pessoa** of Brazil. The farm also championed the show ring careers of Venezuela's own **Luis Miguel Martinez, Gustavo Arroyo, Luis Fernando Larrazabal** and **Pablo Barrios**. In 2015, G&C Farm established a partnership with Spanish Olympian **Sergio Alvarez Moya** that will continue into the future. With top horses hand-picked by Gustavo, G&C Farm riders found success at events across North America and Europe. We wish Gustavo and Carolina all the best in their future endeavors!

Are you ready to learn? Book a summer clinic now with **Jay Duke** to help solidify your basics and gain an extra edge in the show ring. A Canadian Show Jumping Team veteran, senior course designer with **Equestrian Canada** and renowned clinician, Jay is now accepting summer clinic bookings. He has extensive firsthand knowledge of the show jumping industry and is available for clinics throughout North America. Packages are available ranging from one- to four-day sessions and feature training that draws on three decades of experience and includes a sampling of Jay's extensive library of flat, gymnastic and jumping exercises. Visit JayDuke.com to book your next clinic.



Nacho Figueras, Jeremy Lawrence and Neil S. Hirsch
Photo by Sheryl Aschfort

The 5th annual Great Futures Celebrity Polo Charity Cup & Brunch benefiting **Neil S. Hirsch Family Boys & Girls Club of Wellington** took place on Sunday, March 11, and raised more than \$240,000 for club programming. Co-chairmen this fifth consecutive year were **Marc and Melissa Ganzi**, joined by **Olexa Celine. Grand Champions Polo Club** was the host of the celebrity polo match featuring honorary event chairmen **Nacho Figueras**, polo's international ambassador and one of the most recognized players in the world as the face of Ralph Lauren; Argentinian Polo star **Martin Pepa**; and current captain of the U.S. Polo Team and Wellington resident, **Nic Roldan**. Players took time to sign club members' shirts, pose for pictures, and talk to the kids about the game.

There's strength in numbers, and that concept sparked an idea in the mind of **BarnManager** CEO and founder **Nicole Lakin** and led her to the formation of an all-new, exciting tech collaboration. Formed by **Steven Bluman** of **Equo**, **Alicia Heiniger** of **JumpFax**, **Alexa Anthony** of **StableGuard**, and Nicole, the tech collaboration group is designed to better serve the equestrian community by providing innovative technology and making equestrians increasingly aware of the tech options available to them. **Equo** is a horse transportation app that connects riders and horse owners with drivers to take horse transportation to the next level; **JumpFax** provides indispensable information about the international show jumping circuits; **StableGuard** is the world's only artificially intelligent 24/7 mobile device equine monitoring and alert system, and **BarnManger** is a leading stable management solution for barn managers and owners across all disciplines. Look for more on the collaboration from each of the involved companies in the weeks ahead!



Shai Tertner, Munisha Underhill, Heather Kuhl, and Dwight Kuhl
Photo by Andrea Mate Photography



Daniel Coyle, center, is joined by Rodrigo Pessoa, to his right, and Rodrigo Lambre, to his left. The riders are joined by, from the left, Don Langdon, Dottie Herman, Gus Rubio and Scott Durkin.
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On Saturday, March 10, **Douglas Elliman** CEO **Dottie Herman**, President and COO **Scott Durkin**, COO of Florida Brokerage **Gus Rubio**, **Stephen Larkin** (Vice President of Douglas Elliman Public Relations) and Managing Broker, Wellington, Palm Beach and Jupiter **Don Langdon** ponied up with Grand Prix Show Jumping Champion **Georgina Bloomberg** and **Give Back for Special Equestrians** to spur donations and awareness for children and veterans with disabilities during the Douglas Elliman **Winter Equestrian Festival** \$384,000 Grand Prix. More than \$15,000 was raised at the lavish ringside competition and gala for Give Back for Special Equestrians, a nonprofit 501(C)3 whose mission is to provide equine assisted and therapeutic horseback riding scholarships in Florida and New York for those facing some of life's most difficult challenges like autism, paralysis, spina bifida and post-traumatic stress disorder. Douglas Elliman's Dottie Herman presented the winning trophy of the \$384,000 Douglas Elliman Grand Prix to rider **Daniel Coyle** of Ireland aboard his mount, **Cita**. Afterwards, Mr. Durkin, a passionate horseman, welcomed guests and introduced **Dr. Heather Kuhl**, who joined **Sissy DeMaria** and **Isabel Ernst** in founding the all-volunteer charity, to begin the evening's program. For more information, visit www.givebackceq.org