

Hunter/Jumper *news*



[ABOVE] Billy Glass, right, announced his retirement after 35 years with the Vermont Summer Festival. [RIGHT] Jennie Simmons is now leasing Nightlight, a Welsh-cross gelding.

TOKEN OF THANKS

Congratulations to Jennie Simmons of Massachusetts on the lease of Greystone Stables' Nightlight! Jennie and "Token," a Welsh-cross gelding, look forward to showing this season under the guidance of Wendy Johnson.

WINNING AT WEF

Newbury Farm of Littleton, MA, had great success in Florida during the first six weeks of the Winter Equestrian Festival. Over the weeks, Elizabeth Maloney and Quadrifolio took second and third in the Adult Amateur Jumper 36 & Over, Taia LaPointe and Fantasy Boy claimed the top prize in the Junior Hunter 16-17 3'3" Under Saddle twice, Mary Chase and Teddy took first in the Low Adult Hunter 2'6" and third in the Adult Amateur Hunter Older, Nicole Terry and Cassiro won the Low Adult Jumper Classic 18-35 and were reserve champion in the division, and Jerry Chu took second in the Children's Jumper Classic 14 & Under with S&L Ruby Rockette. In the equitation classes,

Haley Hamilton and Ilyana took champion in the 12-14 Equitation division and placed second in the Taylor Harris Insurance Services (THIS) National Children's Medal 14 & Under, Emily Gilbert and Coco Chello topped the THIS National Children's Medal 15-17, and Electra Hamilton rode Ilyana to third in the Equitation on the Flat 15-17.

Jean Sheptoff piloted Verdict and Heartcore to great success over the six weeks. She rode Verdict to numerous top placings in the Amateur-Owner Hunter 36 & Over 3'3" division, winning division champion during week five and reserve champion during week six. With Heartcore, she took top placings in the Amateur-Owner Hunter Over 35 division, claiming reserve champion during week two and six, and qualified to show in the \$100,000 World Championship Hunter Rider Peter Wetherill Palm Beach Spectacular.

High Speed, piloted by Hailey Hart, was honored with the Alpha Omega Healthy Horse of the Day award.

NEW NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

The United States Hunter Jumper Association (USHJA) announced New National Championships for Hunter and Jumper Riders, the 2018 Aon/USHJA National Championships, that will be held November 13-18, 2018, at The Las Vegas National, CSI4*-W in Las Vegas, NV. The championships will feature National Hunter Championships for Amateur Owner Hunters, Junior Hunters, Pony Hunters, Green Hunters, Adult Amateur Hunters, and Children's Hunters; United States Equestrian Federation/USHJA National Jumper Championships for Junior, Amateur, and Open Jumper competitors; USHJA Affiliate Championships at fence heights of 2' and 2'6"; and USHJA National Equitation Championships for riders 14 and under and 15-17. Riders will compete for national titles and have an opportunity to earn Horse of the Year points in their sections.

VERMONT UPDATE

The Vermont Summer Festival

announced their internationally-acclaimed course designers for the 25th annual event held at Harold Beebe Farm in East Dorset, VT. The six-week-long competition will feature the international course designing talent of Gerry Briggs, Manuel Esparza, Paul Jewell, Ken Krome, Michel Vaillancourt, and 2018 World Equestrian Games course designer Alan Wade.

Longtime Vermont Summer Festival technical coordinator William "Billy" Glass announced his retirement following 35 years of tireless dedication. During his time at the event, Glass ran the day-to-day operations while also spearheading the inclusion of niche offerings for exhibitors, including the introduction of World Championship Hunter Rider competition as well as "Equitation Tuesdays." Doug Russell will take over the reins as technical coordinator after serving as an assistant to Glass and course designer at the Vermont Summer Festival for the past six years. 