Hunter/Jumper news





[LEFT] Lydia Philbrick on Raisin A Ruckus and Katharine Dade on National Treasure were members of the Pony Jumper Team National Championship bronze medal winning team. [RIGHT] Hayley Anderson and Capella won the \$10,000 Junior/Amateur-Owner Jumper Classic at the Vermont Summer Festival.

MEDAL FINAL UPDATES

As the United States Hunter Jumper Association (USHJA) 3'3" Jumping Seat Medal celebrates its third year, enhancements to the program were announced that took effect August 2, 2018. As part of these changes, USHJA aligned year-end point tracking with the qualifying period for the Finals, meaning riders will start accumulating points for year-end awards and qualifying for the following year's Finals in August of each year. Additionally, classes now include a flat phase where three to 12 riders will return, restrictions were added to create a level playing field for competitors, and the minimum number of points needed to qualify for Finals was raised to 15 or more.

IN THE ZONE

The United States Equestrian Federation Pony Jumper National Championships at Kentucky Horse Park in Lexington, KY, saw riders from Zone 1 finish well. Kiley Ahn of Johnston, RI, on Rootbeer Float; Katharine Dade of Gilmanton Iron Works, NH, on National Treasure; and Lydia Philbrick of Henniker, NH, on Raisin A Ruckus rode alongside Zone 9's Gigi Olsen of Seattle, WA, and Cajun's Legend to take the bronze medal in the Pony Jumper Team National Championship. In the Pony Jumper Individual National Championship, Philbrick claimed eighth, Dade took twelfth, and Ahn finished thirteenth.

COLLEGIATE COMPETITION

The Anna Maria College Athletic

Department announced that equestrian will be added as a sport, beginning with the 2018-19 season. The team will call Holiday Acres Equestrian Center in Rutland, MA, home and will compete in Intercollegiate Horse Show Association shows. Lorene Farrar, the assistant director of online programs at Anna Maria, will be the equestrian program's director, and Geralyn Szczurko, a riding instructor at Holiday Acres, has been named the program's head coach.

ANDERSON ON TOP

After taking over the ride for Ashley Foster, who dislocated her shoulder the day before, Hayley Anderson of Apple Knoll Farm in New Boston, NH, won the \$10,000 Junior/Amateur-Owner Jumper Classic aboard

RAF, LLC's Capella to conclude the Vermont Summer Festival in East Dorset, VT. The duo produced the only double-clear effort of the day, taking the win with a jump-off time of 46.10 seconds. In addition to her win with Capella, earlier in the day, Anderson also claimed the win in the \$2,500 Marshall & Sterling Children's/Adult Jumper Classic riding her own Calico Blue.

NEW ADDITION

Congratulations are in order for Jerry Chu and the Baoma Corporation of North Andover, MA, as well as Newbury Farm of Littleton, MA, on the joint acquisition of De Grande, a 2008 Dutch Warmblood gelding. The new owners send special thanks to Devin Ryan and Emil Spadone! 2