

**CAPITAL CHALLENGE HORSE SHOW**  
**SEPTEMBER 27 - OCTOBER 6, 2019** UPPER MARLBORO, MARYLAND

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**Cassandra Kahle Claims WCHR Pro Challenge at Capital Challenge Horse Show**

Upper Marlboro, Maryland – In her first year of competing in the class, young professional Cassandra Kahle of Langley, British Columbia, rode Monday Balous to capture the top prize in the \$30,000 World Championship Hunter Rider (WCHR) Professional Challenge, sponsored by The Gochman Family, at the Capital Challenge Horse Show (CCHS) on Wednesday, October 2.

One of the coveted titles offered at CCHS, the \$30,000 WCHR Professional Challenge brought out 33 of the best horses and riders in the country to compete over two rounds.

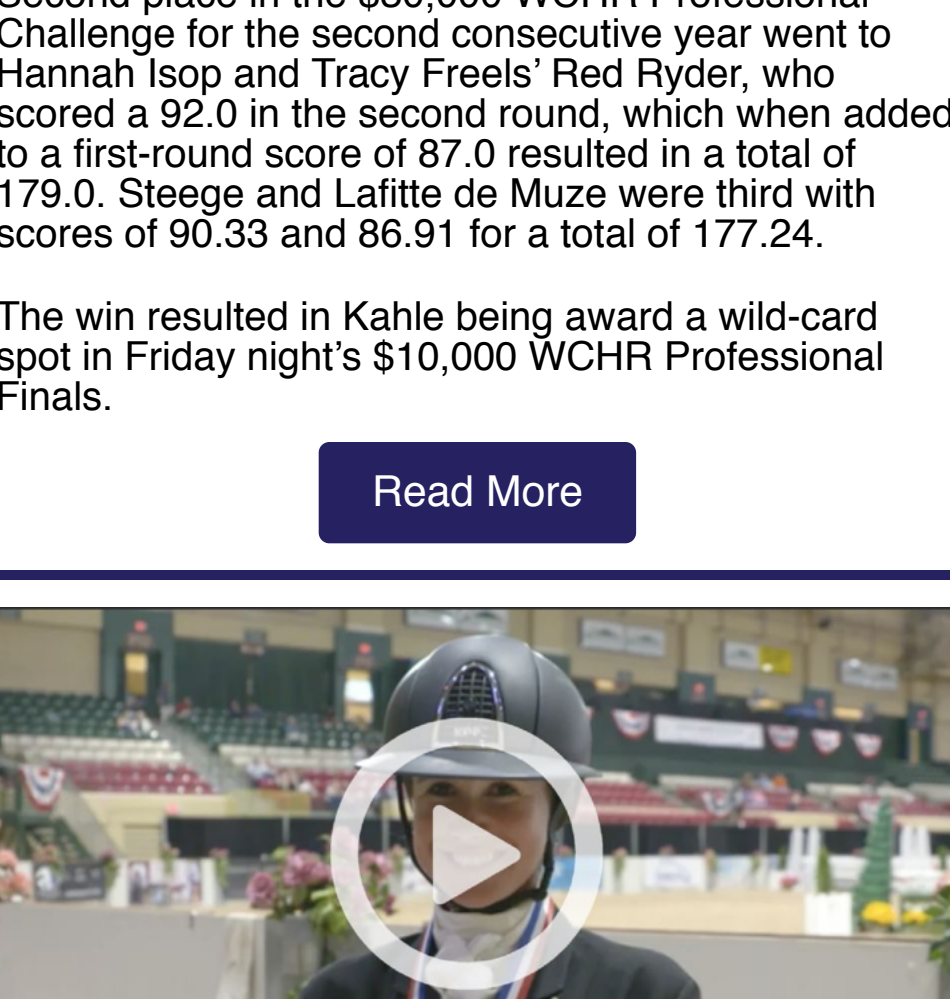
At the conclusion of the first round, Kahle and Monday Balous were tied for the lead with last year's Professional Challenge winners, Amanda Steege and Laifette de Muze, with both scoring 90.33. Kahle's second-round score of 91.16, resulting in a 181.49 total, put her into the top spot.



Cassandra Kahle and Monday Balous. Photo by Shawn McMillen Photography

"Going into tonight, I was nervous, but my expectations weren't super high," said Kahle, 27. "I just really wanted to have a good time. I'm really lucky to get to ride this horse. He's like nothing I've ever ridden before; he's amazing. He's got a great rhythm and canter, so I went in and picked up a good gallop. He kind of shows you the distances and the jumps."

Kahle and Monday Balous, a 10-year-old Dutch Warmblood gelding by Balou du Rouet, had to qualify for the Professional Challenge at CCHS, and they did so with ribbons in the High Performance division. "I think I was just relieved to make it into the class. It was something I really wanted to do," Kahle said. "I've watched this class since I was a kid. I admire the riders; they're the top riders in the country that compete in this class. I think it's something every hunter rider would love to do." Kahle has competed in the WCHR Developing Pro Challenge in previous years.



Cassandra Kahle rode Monday Balous to the win in the \$30,000 WCHR Professional Challenge on October 2. Photo by Shawn McMillen Photography

Second place in the \$30,000 WCHR Professional Challenge for the second consecutive year went to Hannah Isop and Tracy Freels' Red Ryder, who scored a 92.0 in the second round, which when added to a first-round score of 87.0 resulted in a total of 179.0. Steege and Laifette de Muze were third with scores of 90.33 and 86.91 for a total of 177.24.

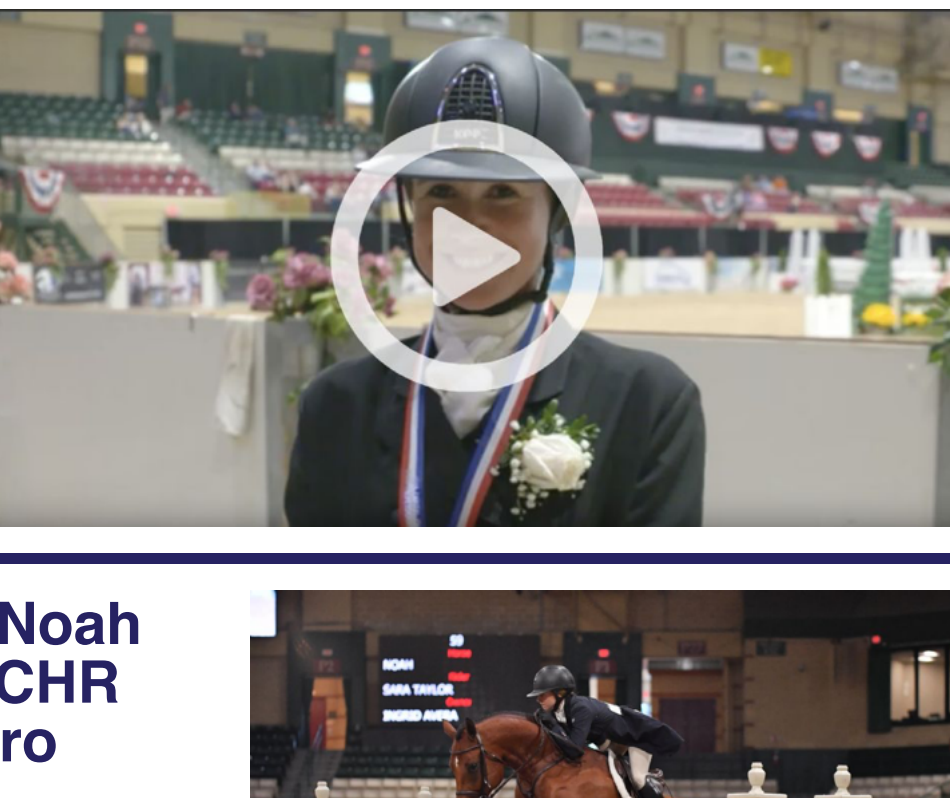
The win resulted in Kahle being award a wild-card spot in Friday night's \$10,000 WCHR Professional Finals.

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**Words from the Winner**

Meet Cassandra Kahle, winner of the \$30,000 WCHR Professional Challenge!

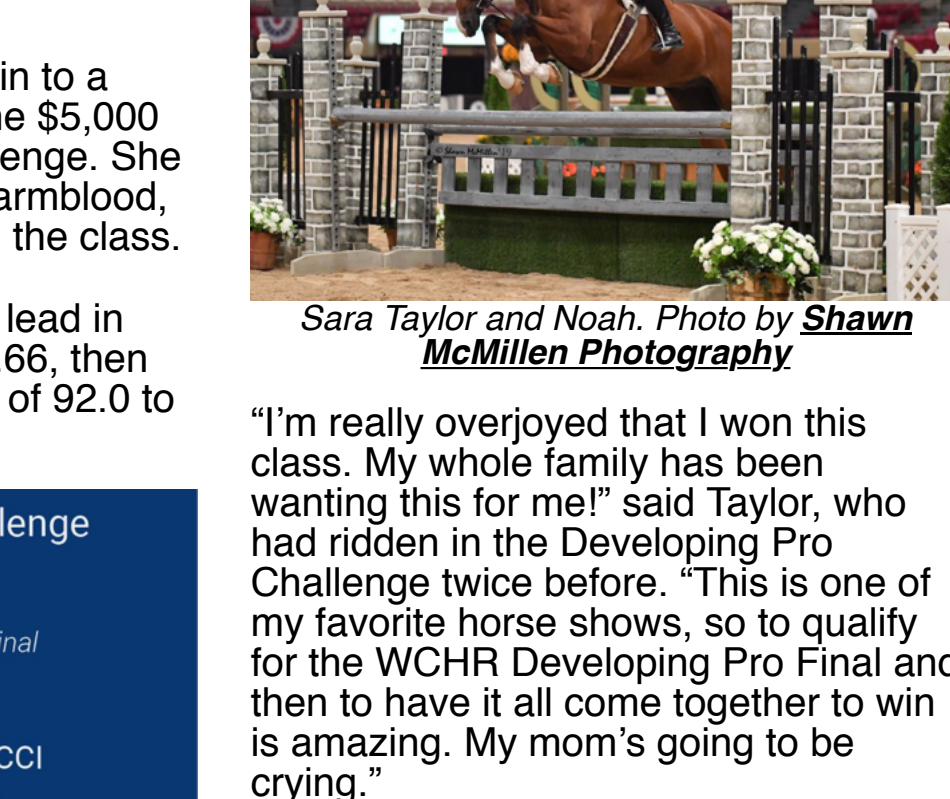
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**Sara Taylor and Noah Claim \$5,000 WCHR Developing Pro Challenge**

Sara Taylor added another win to a successful year by topping the \$5,000 WCHR Developing Pro Challenge. She and Noah, a nine-year-old warmblood, were best out of 31 entries in the class.

Taylor and Noah claimed the lead in round one with a score of 90.66, then added a second-round score of 92.0 to record a total of 182.66



Sara Taylor and Noah. Photo by Shawn McMillen Photography

"I'm really overjoyed that I won this class. My whole family has been wanting this for me!" said Taylor, who had ridden in the Developing Pro Challenge twice before. "This is one of my favorite horse shows, so to qualify for the WCHR Developing Pro Final and then to have it all come together to win is amazing. My mom's going to be crying."

Taylor and Noah claimed the title in the Platinum Performance USHJA 3'6"/3'9" Green Hunter Incentive Championship in August. Taylor has ridden Noah for three years for owner Ingrid Averá. "The biggest wins I've had are with him, so I owe a lot to him," Taylor said. "It's easy for him, so it makes you as a rider feel so easy. It felt like he was there for me every step I felt confident the whole way around."

Jennifer Ritucci took second in the class after riding MTM Fashion to scores of 89.0 and 88.0 for a total of 177.0.

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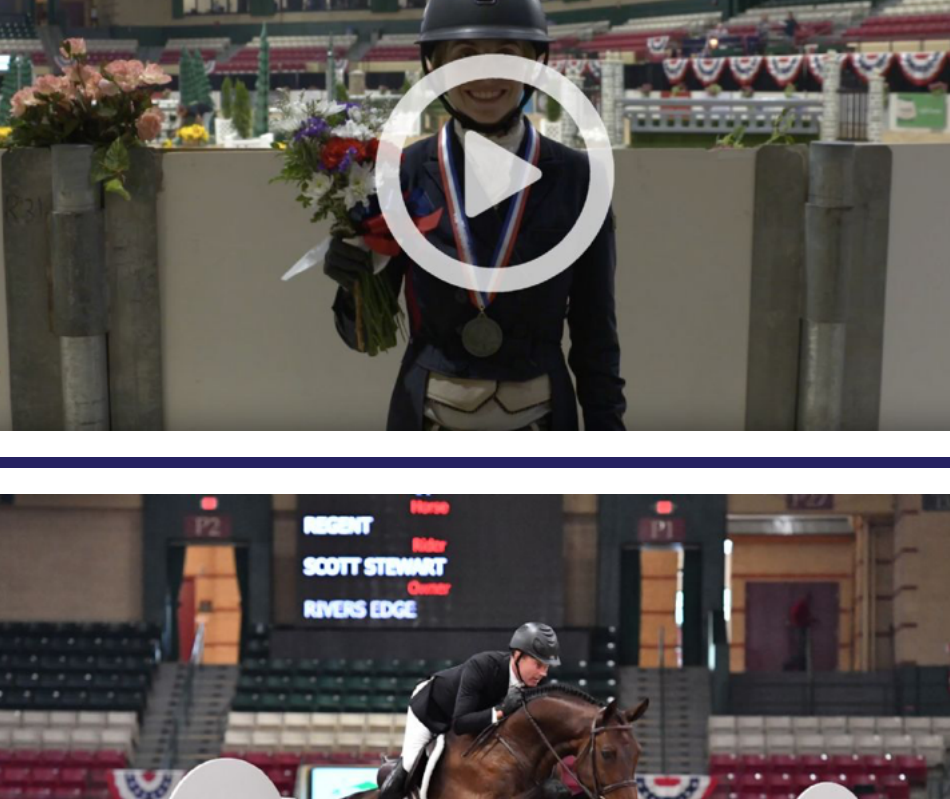
**WCHR Developing Pro Challenge Score Sheet**

| Place/Horse/Rider                      | Round 1/Round 2/Final |
|--|-----------------------|
| 1 NOAH SARA TAYLOR                     | 90.66 92.00 182.66    |
| 2 MTM FASHION JENNIFER RITUCCI         | 89.00 88.00 177.00    |
| 3 ENRIQUE QUINN PARTIDGE               | 86.66 87.16 173.82    |
| 4 BARON DE LEY CAROLINE WILLARD BRILES | 84.41 87.00 171.41    |
| 5 CHANDO W LAURA BETH STRONG           | 85.33 84.83 170.16    |
| 6 FANCIFUL KYLEE ARBUCKLE              | 86.33 83.83 170.16    |
| 7 WHEN IN ROME GRACIE MARLOWE          | 83.66 82.33 165.99    |
| 8 KT LANSINI SHANE POWELL              | 84.00 81.83 165.83    |
| 9 JOSEY WALES DANIELLE MENKER          | 81.00 82.66 163.66    |
| 10 CANDIDATE SARAH TYNDALL             | 84.66 77.00 161.66    |
| 11 FAIR N' SQUARE KATHERINE SCHMIDT    | 85.16 76.00 161.16    |
| 12 BREEZE LINDSAY RAMSON               | 86.08 45.00 131.08    |

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Hear from \$5,000 WCHR Developing Pro Challenge Winner Sara Taylor!

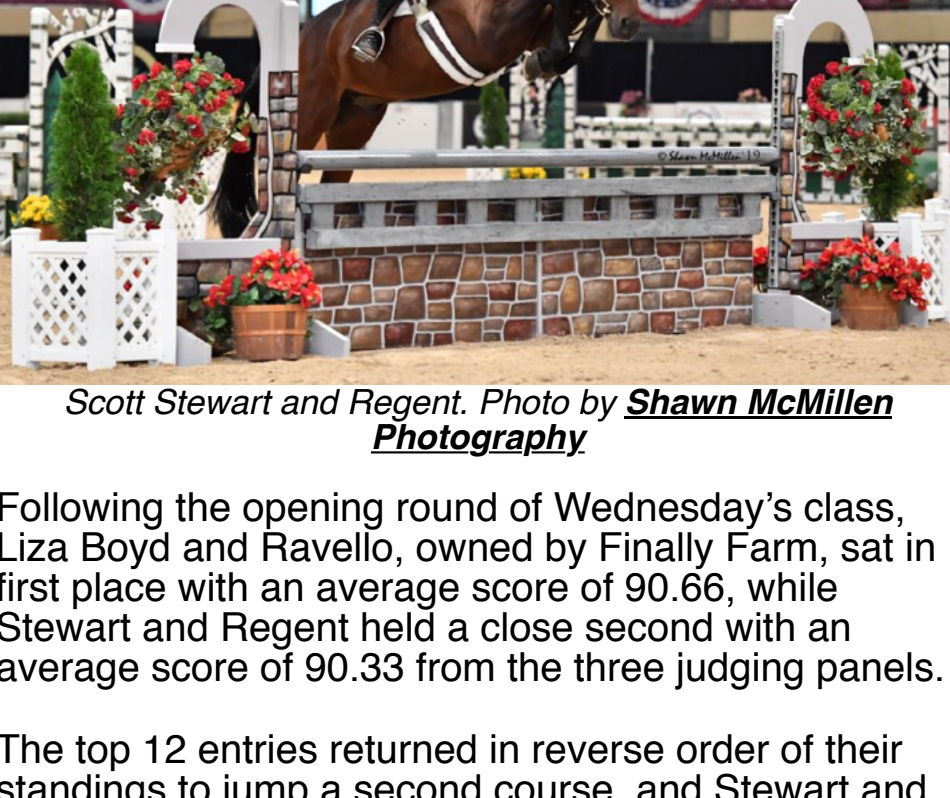
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**Scott Stewart Rides Regent to Win in \$25,000 North American Green Hunter 3' and 3'3" Championship**

The win in the \$25,000 North American Green Hunter 3' & 3'3" Championship, sponsored by The Wheeler Family, went to Scott Stewart and Regent, owned by Rivers Edge.

Stewart, of Wellington, FL, and the seven-year-old Zangersheide gelding (by Van Helsing) were one of 33 entries that qualified to compete in Wednesday's championship class based on their results against the more than 140 entries in the six Green Hunter 3' and 3'3" division offered on Monday and Tuesday at the Capital Challenge Horse Show.



Scott Stewart and Regent. Photo by Shawn McMillen Photography

Following the opening round of Wednesday's class, Liza Boyd and Ravello, owned by Finally Farm, sat in first place with an average score of 90.66, while Stewart and Regent held a close second with an average score of 90.33 from the three judging panels.

The top 12 entries returned in reverse order of their standings to jump a second course, and Stewart and Regent replicated their first-round performance, again earning an average score of 90.33 to take over the top of the leaderboard with a 180.66 total.

Boyd and Ravello were the final pair to return, and while they held a slight edge coming into the second round, their second-round score of 89.41 would put them just shy of Stewart and Regent for second place on a total score of 180.07.

Rounding out the top three with scores of 89.33 and 90.33 for a 179.66 total were Holly Orlando and Waverly, owned by Waypoint Farm LLC.

For the victory, Stewart and Regent were awarded the Beverly Brooks Solter Memorial Trophy, donated by Hevly Scheer Herdmarl and Zan Martin Dillon.

"This is Regent's first actual show here in the country," said Stewart of the horse he purchased in Europe with Ken Berkley in July of this year. "He did show in Europe quite a bit in some jumper classes, but this is his first time doing anything huntury."

"This far exceeded my expectations," continued Stewart. "I know that he can jump big jumps and do all that, but he's never been in the hunter environment."

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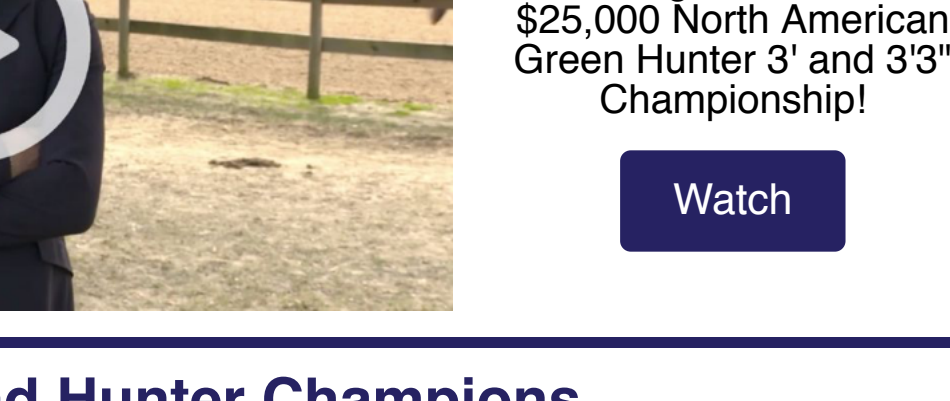
**\$25,000 Green Hunter 3' & 3'3" North American Championship**

| Place/Horse/Rider                 | Round 1/Round 2/Final |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 Regent Scott Stewart            | 90.33 90.33 180.66    |
| 2 Ravello Elizabeth Boyd          | 90.66 89.41 180.07    |
| 3 Waverly Holly Orlando           | 89.33 90.33 179.66    |
| 4 Traveller Laena Rhomond         | 88.33 89.00 177.33    |
| 5 Silver Lining Patricia Griffith | 87.33 89.00 176.33    |
| 6 Blink Jennifer Bauersachs       | 87.33 87.41 174.74    |
| 7 Reese 3 Nick Hennes             | 86.33 87.41 173.74    |
| 8 Graciano Jeff Gogul             | 84.66 85.33 169.99    |
| 9 Coco Grand Christiana Sene      | 84.75 85.00 169.75    |
| 10 Coronation Nick Hennes         | 84.66 85.66 160.32    |
| 11 Solitude Christopher Payne     | 85.50 85.00 140.50    |
| 12 Commentary Jolie Curtis        | 84.91 45.00 129.91    |

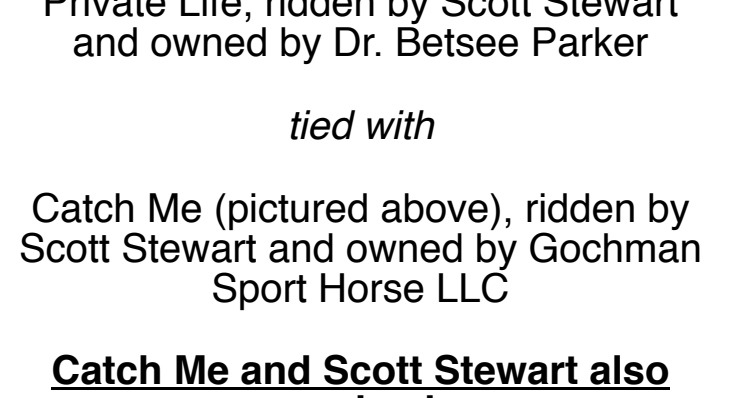
**Words from the Winner**

Hear from Scott Stewart following his win in the \$25,000 North American Green Hunter 3' and 3'3" Championship!

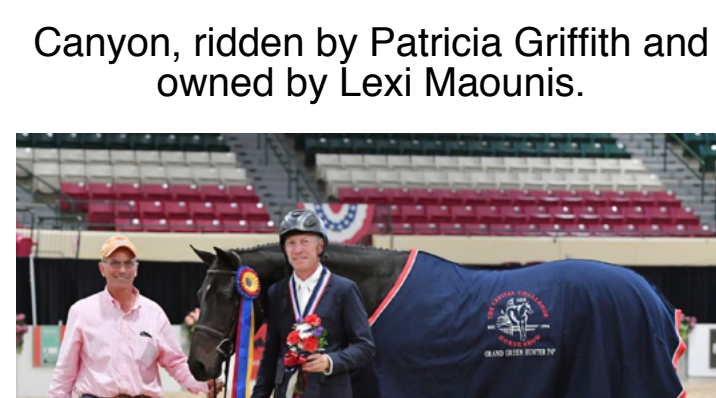
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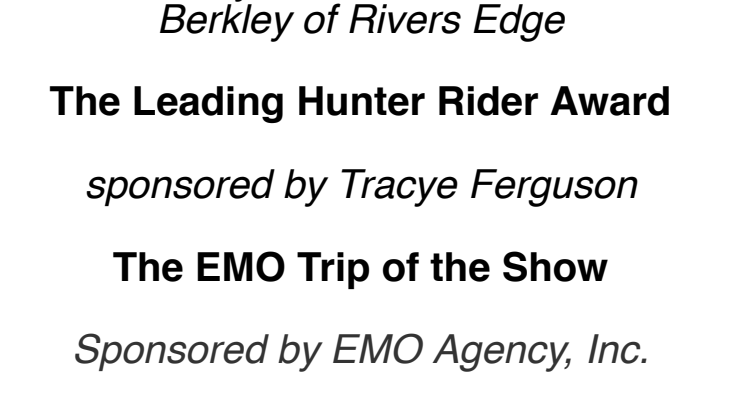
**Grand Hunter Champions**



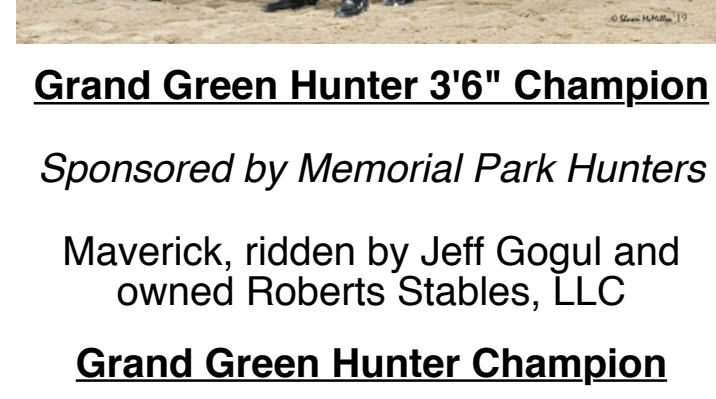
**Grand Hunter Champion**  
 Sponsored by Rob Bielefeld, RSB Farms & Chrystal Knight  
 Private Life, ridden by Scott Stewart and owned by Dr. Betsee Parker  
 tied with



**Grand Green Hunter 3' & 3'3" Champion**  
 Sponsored by David Belford & Christopher Payne of New Hope LLC  
 Canyon, ridden by Patricia Griffith and owned by Lexi Maounis.



**Grand Green Hunter 3'6" Champion**  
 Sponsored by Memorial Park Hunters  
 Maverick, ridden by Jeff Gogul and owned Roberts Stables, LLC



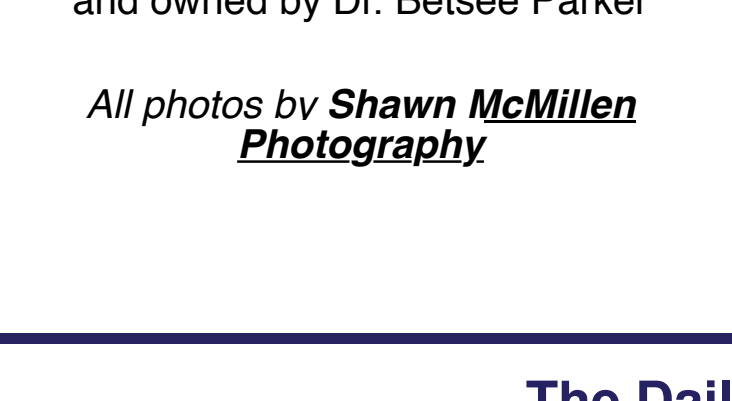
**Grand Green Hunter Champion**  
 Sponsored by Carleton & Traci Brooks and Balmoral  
 Maverick, ridden by Jeff Gogul and owned Roberts Stables, LLC



**Grand Conformation Hunter Champion**  
 Sponsored by Silver Springs Farm  
 Private Life, ridden by Scott Stewart and owned by Dr. Betsee Parker



**Professional WCHR Under Saddle**  
 Sponsored by Arcadia Farm  
 Favorite, ridden by Karli Postel and owned by Teton Farms LLC



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03 Kahle Captures \$30,000 WCHR Pro Challenge

After receiving the American Style of Riding Award from Bill Rubie for her performance during Round 1 of the \$30,000 WCHR World Championship Hunter Rider Professional Challenge, Cassandra Kahle returned to prove beautiful style and a winning performance go hand-in-hand. Abigail Don Stewart and Emil Spadone's Monday Balous, Kahle earned second-round scores of 92.89 and 92 from the three judging panels to connect the victory in the class sponsored by The Gochman Family. Kahle's combined score of 181.49 edged Hannah Isop and Tracy Freels with 179 and Amanda Steege with 177.24. Laifette De Muze who scored 177.24. Kahle, 27, of Langley, British Columbia, Canada, works for Emil Spadone at Redfield Farm in Ontario, N.S. and has had the ride on the 10-year-old Dutch Warmblood (Balou Du Rouet-Morian) for just two shows. "I qualified for this class at this horse show. We don't do very many World Championship Hunter Rider shows during the year, so it puts a little pressure on to qualify here," said Kahle who qualified out of the High Performance Hunter section. "I think I was just relieved to make it into the class. It was something I really wanted to do." Kahle, who grew up riding, continued on page 1.

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