

Show News Continued

at the CSI4*-W Royal Horse Show for the first time in November 2019 and recognized the high-score female rider based on performances in the international show jumping division. International competition at the Royal Horse Show included four days of events, highlighted by the \$210,000 Longines FEI Jumping World Cup™ Toronto, a sought-after qualifying event for the 2020 Longines FEI Jumping World Cup™ Final in Las Vegas, Nevada. Margie, 61, enjoyed strong placings throughout the Royal Horse Show, including a third-place finish in the \$85,000 Big Ben International Challenge riding Dicas. Martha presented Margie with a beautiful custom pendant necklace from Canadian-based Horse Feathers Jewelry along with the Leading Lady Rider title.

Mark Your Calendar



Anne Gribbons

An impressive list of officials for the 2020 FEI Dressage World Cup™ Final has been announced by Las Vegas Events, Inc., producer of the 2020 FEI World Cup™ Finals. The world's elite horses and riders will return to the Thomas & Mack Center in Las Vegas, Nevada, April 1-19, 2020, to compete for top honors in both the 2020 FEI Dressage World Cup™ Final and 2020 Longines FEI Jumping World Cup™ Final. Heading the list of dressage officials is Anne Gribbons of the U.S.A., who will be president of the ground jury. Joining her will be ground jury members Irina Maknami of Russia, Elke Ebert of Germany, Raphaël Saleh of France, Eddy De Wolff of The Netherlands, Susanne Baarup of Denmark and Peter Storr of Great Britain. First reserve will be Maria Colliander of Finland, with Susie Hoevenaars of Australia

as second reserve (non-traveling). The Judges Supervisory Panel (JSP) will consist of Henk van Bergen of The Netherlands, Linda Zang of the U.S.A., and Mary Seefried of Australia. Maribel Alonso of Mexico will be the foreign technical delegate. The Finals will be managed, as was the case for the Finals' previous appearances in Las Vegas in 2005, 2007, 2009 and 2015, by Glenda McElroy of Cornerstone Event Management.



Fieldstone Show Park Series
Photo by Andrew Ryback

The Fieldstone Show Park Series of six horse shows in Halifax, Massachusetts, has upped the ante with three shows now FEI. Fieldstone features five competition rings — a grass grand prix field and four all-weather GGT rings — and offers shows May 6-10 and 13-17, June 17-21 and 24-28, and August 12-16 and 18-22. The two June dates are FEI, each with a \$50,000 grand prix, as is the first August date, which offers a \$75,000 grand prix.



McLain Ward on podium
Photo by Marty Bauman

The FEI World Cup Finals are coming back to Omaha! After Omaha's hosting of one of the most successful World Cup Finals ever in 2017, the FEI has announced that the Finals will return to Omaha in 2023. The Omaha Equestrian Foundation (OEF) will once again host the Longines FEI Jumping World Cup Final and FEI Dressage World Cup Final at the CHI Health Center Omaha in April 2023! "We are so honored and excited to once

again bring equestrian sport's biggest annual individual championship to Omaha," said Lisa Roskens, chairman of the Omaha Equestrian Foundation. "The 2017 Finals went beyond all expectations in building new awareness of Omaha around the world and developing new interest in equestrian sports in the Midwest and we are ready to take what we accomplished in 2017 to a whole new level."

Social Happenings

Take Me To Tokyo
A benefit to support our United States Equestrian Teams at the 2020 Olympic and Paralympic Games
Friday, January 17, 2020
Deeridge Farm
Wellington, Florida

All are invited to don their cocktail attire with a bit of Japanese flair and join the United States Equestrian Team Foundation at the "Take Me to Tokyo!" event on Friday, January 17, at Deeridge Farm in Wellington, Florida. Guests at the special benefit event will enjoy dinner, dancing to the live music of The Danny Beck Band and live and silent auctions, all within a Japanese-themed setting and while supporting each of the U.S. Equestrian Teams preparing for the 2020 Tokyo Olympic and Paralympic Games this summer. Learn more and purchase tickets by visiting www.USET.org.

Condolences



BJ Meeks

BJ Meeks died unexpectedly at age 79 on November 28, 2019, at the Good Samaritan Hospital in West Palm Beach, Florida, after