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Sam Walker and Waldo
Photo by Shawn McMillen Photography

Canadian rider **Sam Walker**, 17, claimed the prestigious **Lindsay Maxwell Charitable Fund Washington International Horse Show Equitation Finals** win riding **Waldo**. A field of 40 entries started in the competitive year-end equitation final, which spanned over two days. Sam joked that his preparation for this year's win began immediately after the class last year. "I was 10th place here last year and third the year before, so I was a little bit hungry to get back in the ring here," said Sam, who claimed the ASPCA Maclay National Championship in 2018. "I want to say thank you to the Lindsay Maxwell Charitable Fund for sponsoring this class and always making it a great event every year."



Eric Lamaze and Fine Lady 5
Photo by Ben Radvanyi Photography

Canadian Olympic gold medalist **Eric Lamaze** made a triumphant return to the CSI4*-W Royal Horse Show in Toronto, Ontario, claiming the **Leading International Rider**

and **Leading Canadian Rider** titles, both presented by GroupBy, in his first visit to the prestigious show since 2011. Eric and his 2016 Rio Olympic individual bronze medal mount, **Fine Lady 5**, won the \$37,000 McKee Family International Challenge before also finishing second in Thursday night's \$85,000 Big Ben International Challenge and second in the \$50,000 Canadian Open on Friday night. For her consistent performances throughout the week, **Fine Lady 5**, owned by Artisan Farms and Torrey Pines Stables, was recognized with the **Leading Canadian Horse Award**, presented by Lothlorien Farm.



Karl Slezak and Fernhill Wishes
Photo by Ben Radvanyi Photography

Victory in the extremely popular \$20,000 Horsecare Indoor Eventing Challenge at the Royal Horse Show in Toronto, Canada, went to **Karl Slezak** and his 2019 Pan American Games partner, **Fernhill Wishes**. Karl and the 10-year-old Irish Sport Horse gelding, owned by **Kirk Hoppner** and the rider, sat in third place following the opening round of competition on Friday night but a heart-pounding round in front of a sold-out crowd the following evening catapulted them to the top of the leaderboard. Fellow Canadian **Kendal Lehari** held the lead coming into Saturday night's final riding **Totally Frank** but a cumulative time over the two rounds left the pair in second place while third place went to Toronto's own **Brandon McMechan** riding **Oscar's Wild**. Once again, **Mark Phillips** designed the courses, which incorporated a mix of cross-country obstacles and traditional show jumping fences.



Beth Underhill and Count Me In
Photo by Ben Radvanyi Photography

Canadian Olympian **Beth Underhill** was crowned the **2019 Canadian Show Jumping Champion** following two nights of competition during opening weekend of the Royal Horse Show in Toronto, Canada. The \$125,000 Henry Equestrian Canadian Show Jumping Championship was held over three rounds, with Beth's consistent performances earning her the win aboard **Count Me In**, a 12-year-old Hanoverian gelding (**Count Grannus x Sherlock Holmes**) owned by **Sandy Lupton** and **Robert Caswell**. "It means the world to me," said Beth, 57, of her victory. "It was fantastic to compete in front of a sold-out crowd, and you really, really felt it. As a rider, you step into that ring and there's nothing like it. It's why we do this. It was a wonderful start to the week."



Dr. Stephen Norton, Margie Engle, and Martha Jolicoeur
Photo by Ben Radvanyi Photography

U.S. Olympian **Margie Engle** was named the **Martha Jolicoeur Leading Lady Rider** during the award's debut at the **Royal Horse Show**, held as part of the 97th Annual Royal Agricultural Winter Fair in Toronto, Canada. The **Leading Lady Rider Award** was presented

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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
USET FOUNDATION
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