

'Old Times' Traditions Preserved at Toronto's Royal Horse Show

Toronto, ON – Mr. and Mrs. Harvey and Mary Waller of Stockbridge, MA, and their 'Old Times' road coach claimed their fourth consecutive victory in the Green Meadows Four-In-Hand Coaching Appointments Class at the Royal Horse Show, held as part of the 97th Royal Agricultural Winter Fair in Toronto, ON.

The Green Meadows Coaching division, sponsored by Hugessen Consulting, Inc., features six classes dedicated to the great tradition of the road coaches and park drags of years gone by. The Green Meadows Appointments Class is judged on the performance of the horses and the presentation of the road coach or park drag, with strong emphasis on appointments that include authentic lunch chests, stick and umbrella baskets, coachmen's aprons, and other accoutrements.

"It's so much a part of the elegance of The Royal and its history," said Willa Gauthier, Chair of the Royal

Horse Show, of the Green Meadows competition. "It's something that is so historical and almost 'other world' that you don't get anywhere else. I think it's critical to the tradition of The Royal."

The Waller's 'Old Times' coach exemplifies a fine example of those days gone by, as it was famously driven from London to Brighton, England, in the 1880s. It has since been conserved in its entirety by the Wallers, who purchased the road coach in 2001 and had the paint stripped down to find the original color and lettering, enabling it to be restored to its exact original appearance.

In addition to earning victory in the appointments class on Friday, November 8, the Wallers' also earned wins in the Green Meadows Four-in-Hand, held on Thursday, November 7, and the Green Meadows Four-in-Hand, Suitable for Pleasure class held on Saturday evening, November 9.

The Green Meadows



Mr. and Mrs. Harvey and Mary Waller look on as their 'Old Times' road coach is judged during the road coach's presentation and appointments judging reception on Friday afternoon, November 8. Photo by Ben Radvanyi Photography



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division is only one example of the diverse equestrian competition offerings that make the Royal Horse Show so special. The 10-day horse show features a variety of classes including the highest level of international show jumping, in-hand breeding classes, an array of driving divisions, as well as hunter,

hunter, and equitation competition for a wide range of levels.

"The Royal is an event that is all encompassing," added Gauthier. "If you don't support divisions such as the Green Meadows and you don't keep them coming, they are gone."

The 97th Royal Agri-

cultural Winter Fair ran from November 1 to 10 at Exhibition Place in downtown Toronto, ON. For more information, please at www.royalfair.org/horse-show.html.

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the City of Toronto.

Green Meadows Four-In-Hand Appointments Class
Presented by Hugessen Consulting, Inc.

Friday, November 8
Driver/ Hometown/ Entry
1. Harvey Waller
Stockbridge, MA The

Old Times
2. John P. White
Newton, NJ
Shallow Brook Farm
3. Dr. Rae Fischer
Listowel, ON Dr.
Rae & Nancy Fischer
4. Gerben Steenbeek
St. Marys, ON
Stonecreek Friesians

Isabelle Lapierre Defends Title In Canadian Hunter Derby National Championship

Toronto, ON, Nov. 6, 2018 – Isabelle Lapierre of Levis, QC successfully defended her title by winning the Canadian Hunter Derby Series National Championship on Nov. 5, 2019 at the Royal Horse Show in Toronto, ON.

After claiming the Championship in 2018 with Carrera S, Lapierre and the nine-year-old Holsteiner gelding owned by Johannie Legare had an incredible 10 consecutive wins in the series during the 2019 season. Unfortunately, recovery from colic surgery kept Carrera S on the sidelines for the 2019 series finale. But, Lapierre still landed in the winner's circle after calling on her up-and-coming partner, Lamaze OBF.

Olympic Champion, Eric Lamaze. "I did win two derbies with him this season, but he's very green and he had never shown here at The Royal before, so we came here with no expectations."

Despite his greenness, Lamaze OBF started strong in the two-part Championship, with Lapierre guiding him to second place in the \$15,000 Braeburn Farms Canadian Hunter Derby on Nov. 3 on a score of 102. Following the traditional hunter derby scoring format, each entry received a base hunter score out of 100, plus up to 20 extra points through high performance and handy bonuses for taking higher jumps and more challenging line options, and displaying handiness



Isabelle Lapierre won her second consecutive Canadian Hunter Derby Series National Championship title, this time aboard Lamaze OBF.

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based out of Les Écuries de la Chaudière who trains and competes high performance hunters and jumpers up to the international level. "He pulled it out very nice at the end, and to get the overall championship is really amazing."

Top honours in the \$25,000 Knightwood Canadian Hunter Derby and the Reserve Champion title went to Leanna Lazzari of Mississauga, ON, who received a total score of 101, comprised of a base score of 84, plus seven handy points and all 10 high performance marks. The Derby was Lazzari's second successful performance of the day aboard UFO De Nisi, hav-



As the 2019 Hunter Derby Series National Champion, Isabelle Lapierre was awarded the Lorna Jean Guthrie Challenge Trophy, presented by Jeff Brandmaier and his daughter, Liza Jean.

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Leanna Lazzari of Mississauga, ON earned the Reserve Championship aboard UFO De Nisi, plus was the top junior/amateur competitor in the national championship. Photo Credit - © Cealy Tetley - www.tetleyphoto.com

"I've only been riding him since August and have only done four shows with him," Lapierre said of Lamaze OBF, an eight-year-old Bavarian Warmblood gelding (Iceburg x Heartbreaker) owned by Margot Clarke-Smith and named in honour of Canadian

through unique approaches to jumps and an impressionable start and/or finish to the course.

The opening class was won by Kristjan Good of Campbellville, ON, who edged out Lapierre after receiving a score of 103 aboard Chantilly Lace, an

eight-year-old Canadian Sport Horse mare sired by Cabardino and owned by Shannon Walter. Third place went to Canadian Hunter Derby Series co-founder, Muffie Guthrie of Guelph, ON, who scored 95 with her long-time partner, Damiro Van Ter Notelaere, a 16-year-old Belgian Warmblood gelding owned by Knightwood Stables and sired by Lambada Van Berkenbroeck.

Consistency proved to be the key for Lapierre on the climb to the overall title, after she once again rode Lamaze OBF to second place in the second and final phase, the \$25,000 Knightwood Canadian Hunter Derby on Nov. 5. Despite missing one inside turn due to an over exuberant jumping effort from Lamaze OBF, Lapierre racked up a base score of 84.5, six handy points and 10 high performance points for taking all the high options on course for a total of 100.5.

"He was very, very good, he just jumped number four very high, so we

couldn't go inside and lost some handy points, but that's where the greenness comes in," explained Lapierre, a professional



Kristjan Good of Campbellville, ON and Chantilly Lace won the \$15,000 Braeburn Farms Canadian Hunter Derby on Nov. 3, which acted as the first of two phases in the national final. Photo Credit - © Cealy Tetley - www.tetleyphoto.com

ing placed fourth earlier in the Jump Canada Medal National Final with the 11-year-old Selle Français gelding (Argentinus de Han x Caloubet du Bois).

"To win against a lot of professionals and some of the best hunter riders in the country feels pretty amazing," said Lazzari, who is just 18 and was awarded the Posh Perpetual Trophy as the top junior/amateur competitor in the Canadian Hunter Derbies Series National Championship.

Rounding out the top three in the \$25,000 Knightwood Canadian Hunter Derby was Ryan Roy of King City, ON. Paired with an unfamiliar catch ride, the eight-year-old Oldenburg stallion, Diamo Blue (Di-arado x Chacco Blue), owned by Augustin Walch, she had a total score of 99.

As the National Champion for 2019, Lapierre was presented with the Lorna Jean Guthrie Challenge Trophy. Several other awards presented by the Equestrian Canada (EC) Jumping Committee were given out prior to the Derby. Kristjan Good and Salvo RSF, owned by Cydney Pavan, were recognized with the Prince of Thieves Trophy as the Eastern Division Champions, while the \$10,000 Represent the West Championship went to Carivero, owned and ridden by Miranda Leubeuf of Cobble Hill, BC.

For more information on the Canadian Hunter Derby National Championship and a full list of results, visit www.royalfair.org