



## The WIHS Daily Briefing - Friday, October 25

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### Sydney Shulman Makes it Two in a Row at Washington International Horse Show



Sydney Shulman rode Villamoura to victory in the \$50,000 International Jumper Speed Final on Friday, October 25. Photo by Shawn McMillen Photography

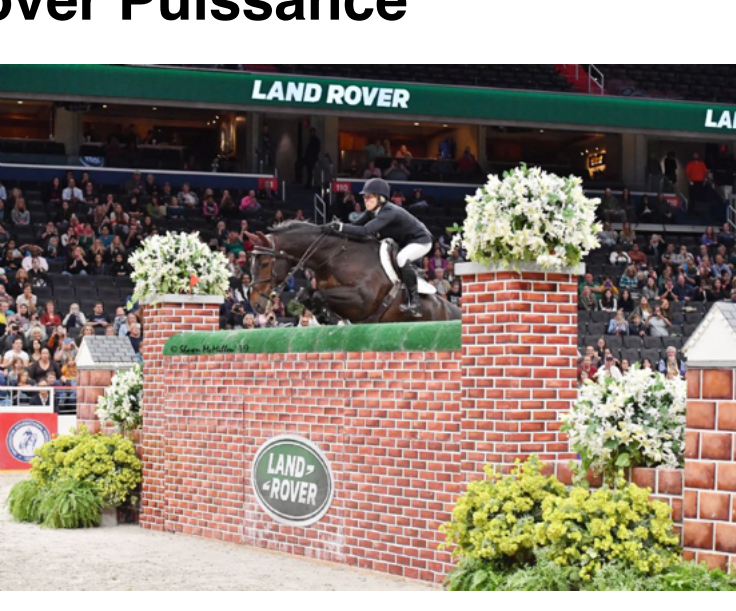
The 61<sup>st</sup> Washington International Horse Show (WIHS) continued on Friday, October 25, with thrilling displays of speed and power. Israeli rider Sydney Shulman of Greenwich, CT, topped the \$50,000 International Jumper Speed Final on Villamoura, while Aaron Vale and Schuyler Riley of the United States shared victory in the \$25,000 Land Rover Puissance. The classes were part of a full schedule of exciting competition and entertaining exhibitions during Military Night, presented by Caterpillar, Inc.

Shulman, 24, came to WIHS to jump in the international jumper division for the first time with a pretty specific goal. "I came here with the plan to do just these two speed classes and hopefully be in the top five, with all these elite riders in the classes," she said.

She ended up winning both of them. Shulman rode Villamoura, a 10-year-old Selle Français mare by Diamant de Semilly and owned by Jill Shulman, to the blue in the \$50,000 International Jumper Speed Final, adding her name to the General Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial Perpetual Trophy donated by the late Arthur J. Morris. The night before, she and Villamoura won the \$36,000 International Jumper Accumulator Costume Class.

"I'm definitely in shock!" Shulman said.

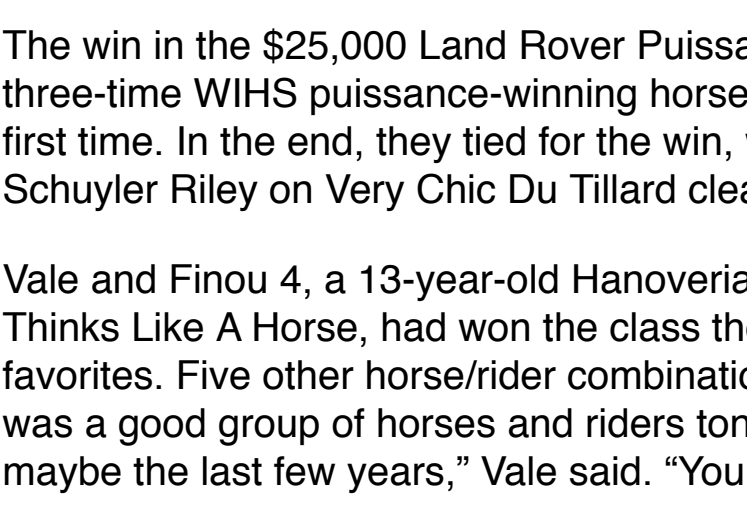
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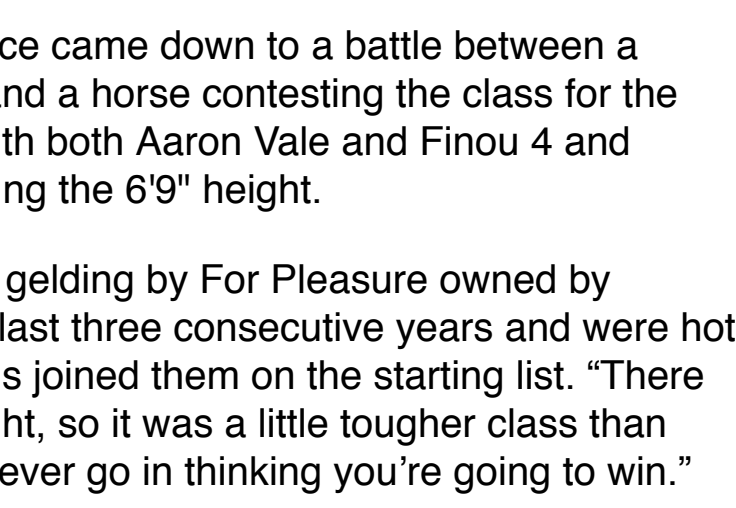
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### Aaron Vale and Schuyler Riley Share the Win in the \$25,000 Land Rover Puissance



Aaron Vale and Finou 4 Photo by Shawn McMillen Photography



Schuyler Riley and Very Chic Du Tillard Photo by Shawn McMillen Photography

The win in the \$25,000 Land Rover Puissance came down to a battle between a three-time WIHS puissance-winning horse and a horse contesting the class for the first time. In the end, they tied for the win, with both Aaron Vale and Finou 4 and Schuyler Riley on Very Chic Du Tillard clearing the 6'9" height.

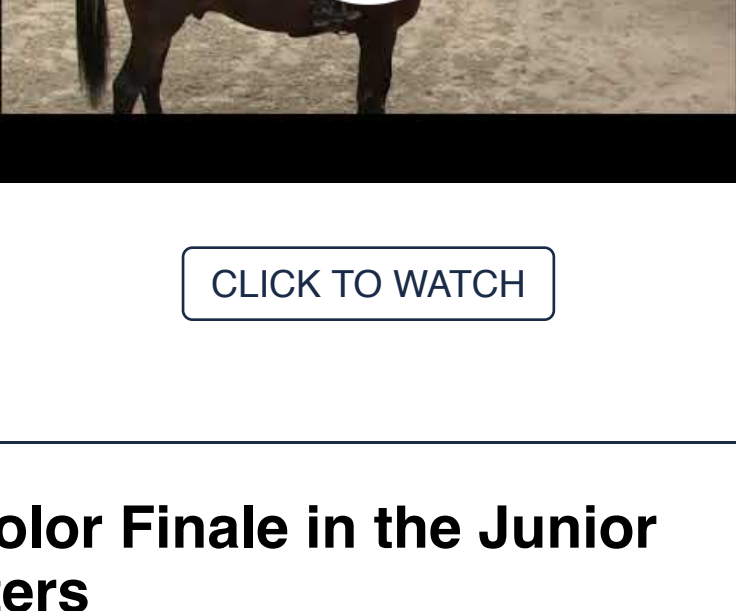
Vale and Finou 4, a 13-year-old Hanoverian gelding by For Pleasure owned by Thinks Like A Horse, had won the class the last three consecutive years and were hot favorites. Five other horse/rider combinations joined them on the starting list. "There was a good group of horses and riders tonight, so it was a little tougher class than maybe the last few years," Vale said. "You never go in thinking you're going to win."

Riley described E2 Show Jumpers' Very Chic Du Tillard, a 10-year-old Selle Français by Diamant de Semilly, as a horse with the experience level of younger horse. He was jumping in his first Puissance class and has spent the majority of his show experience at the 1.45m level. "I knew he has the scope and the talent, but I knew he'd never done one before, so I sort of expected to go in there and jump one or maybe two and then come out, but he jumped it so easily," Riley said.

All six riders started over the wall set at 5'9", and it was subsequently raised to 6'3", 6'5", and 6'9". Only Riley and Vale cleared the 6'9" height, and both returned to attempt 6'11". When they both knocked blocks off at that height, the class ended in a tie between them.

The Puissance is a favorite event for Vale, of Williston, FL, who has now won the class six times. His first win came in 1996 with Big Joe. "In America, we don't have great crowds too often, and this night is one of the best crowds of the year for the Puissance here," he said.

#### Watch How They Won



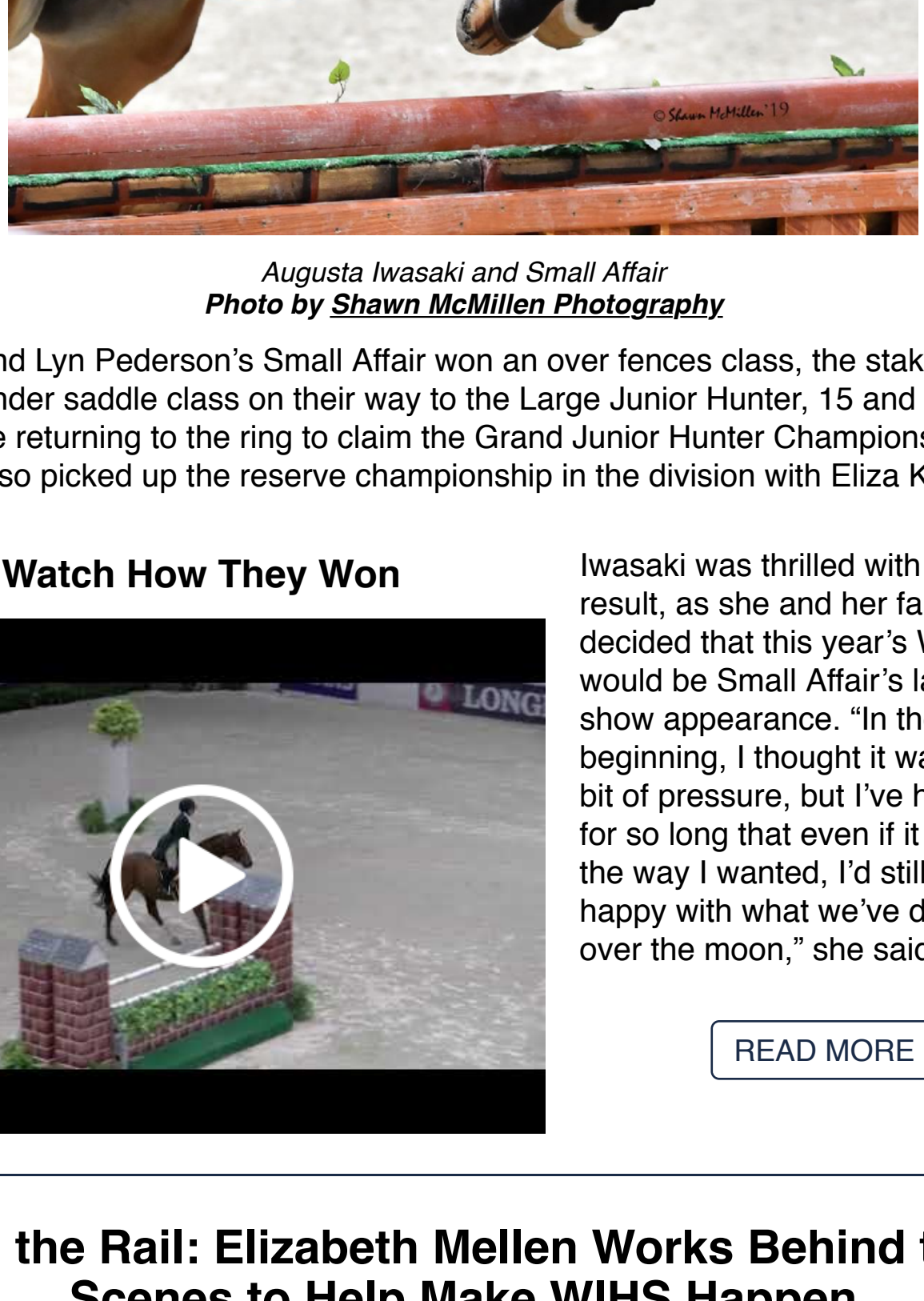
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### Small Affair Makes a Tricolor Finale in the Junior Hunters

Small Affair has a storied history at WIHS, having previously claimed the Grand Junior Hunter Champion title with Tori Colvin riding in 2015, and earning the Large Junior Hunter, 15 and Under, championship with Augusta Iwasaki in 2017.

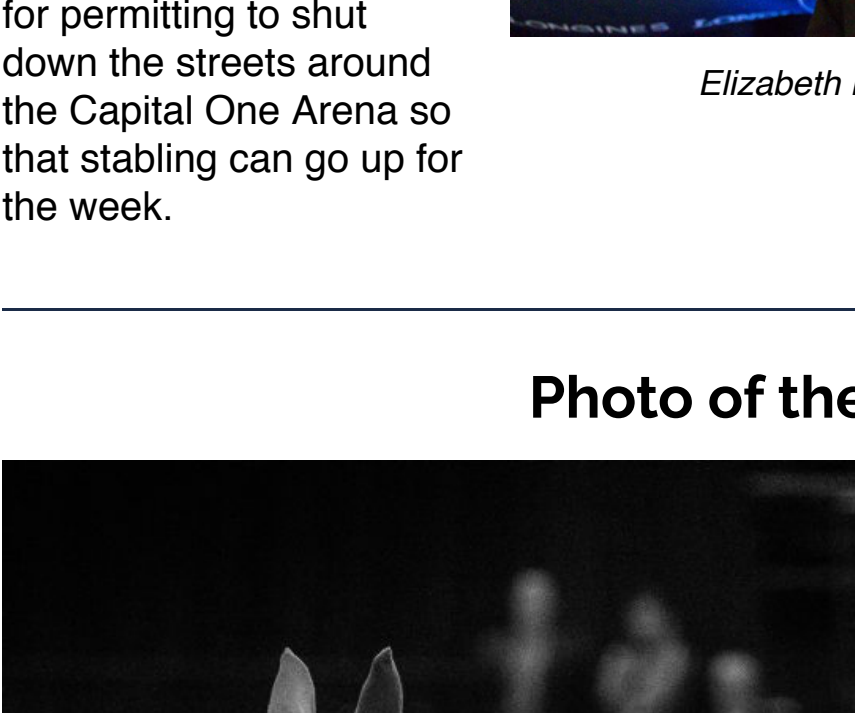
This year, Iwasaki returned to WIHS with the 16-year-old Selle Français to collect the Ides of March Perpetual Trophy, donated by Linda Lee and Lee Reynolds, for the Grand Junior Hunter Championship, again. "It's such a dream to be able to showcase him like this because he really is a horse of a lifetime. I can't imagine having a better partner," said Iwasaki.



Augusta Iwasaki and Small Affair Photo by Shawn McMillen Photography

Iwasaki and Lyn Pederson's Small Affair won an over fences class, the stake class, and the under saddle class on their way to the Large Junior Hunter, 15 and Under, title before returning to the ring to claim the Grand Junior Hunter Championship. Iwasaki also picked up the reserve championship in the division with Eliza Kimball's Sea Side.

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Iwasaki was thrilled with the result, as she and her family have decided that this year's WIHS would be Small Affair's last indoor show appearance. "In the beginning, I thought it was a little bit of pressure, but I've had him for so long that even if it didn't go the way I wanted, I'd still be so happy with what we've done. I'm over the moon," she said.

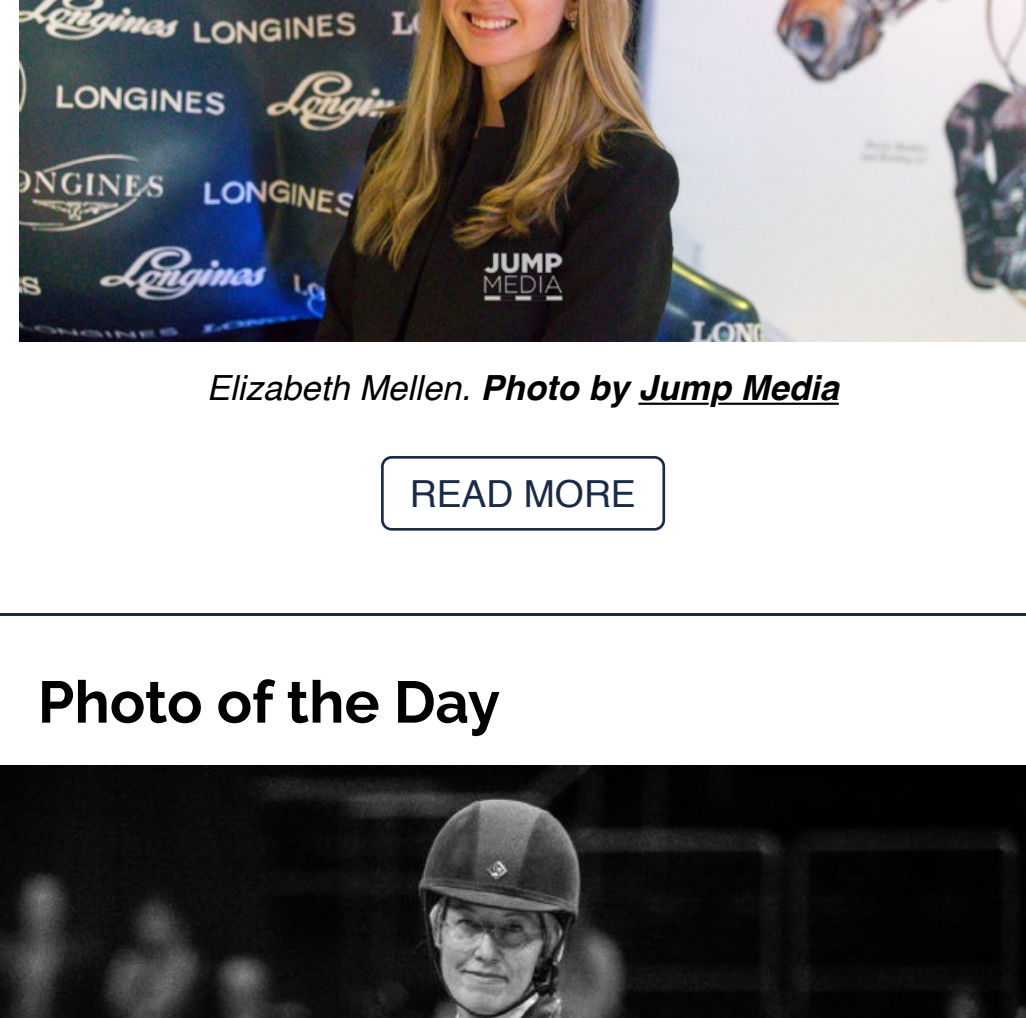
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### On the Rail: Elizabeth Mellen Works Behind the Scenes to Help Make WIHS Happen

From the moment WIHS kicks off, it runs like a well-oiled machine, with everything planned to the minute and every detail polished. If you're touring the concourse, you might see a young, blonde woman intently watching every detail, chatting with the vendors, and keeping an eye on things.

Elizabeth Mellen has the official title of Operations Director, and it is her job to make many of the preparations for the show throughout the year that enable WIHS to run seamlessly. "I do a little bit of everything," Mellen said.

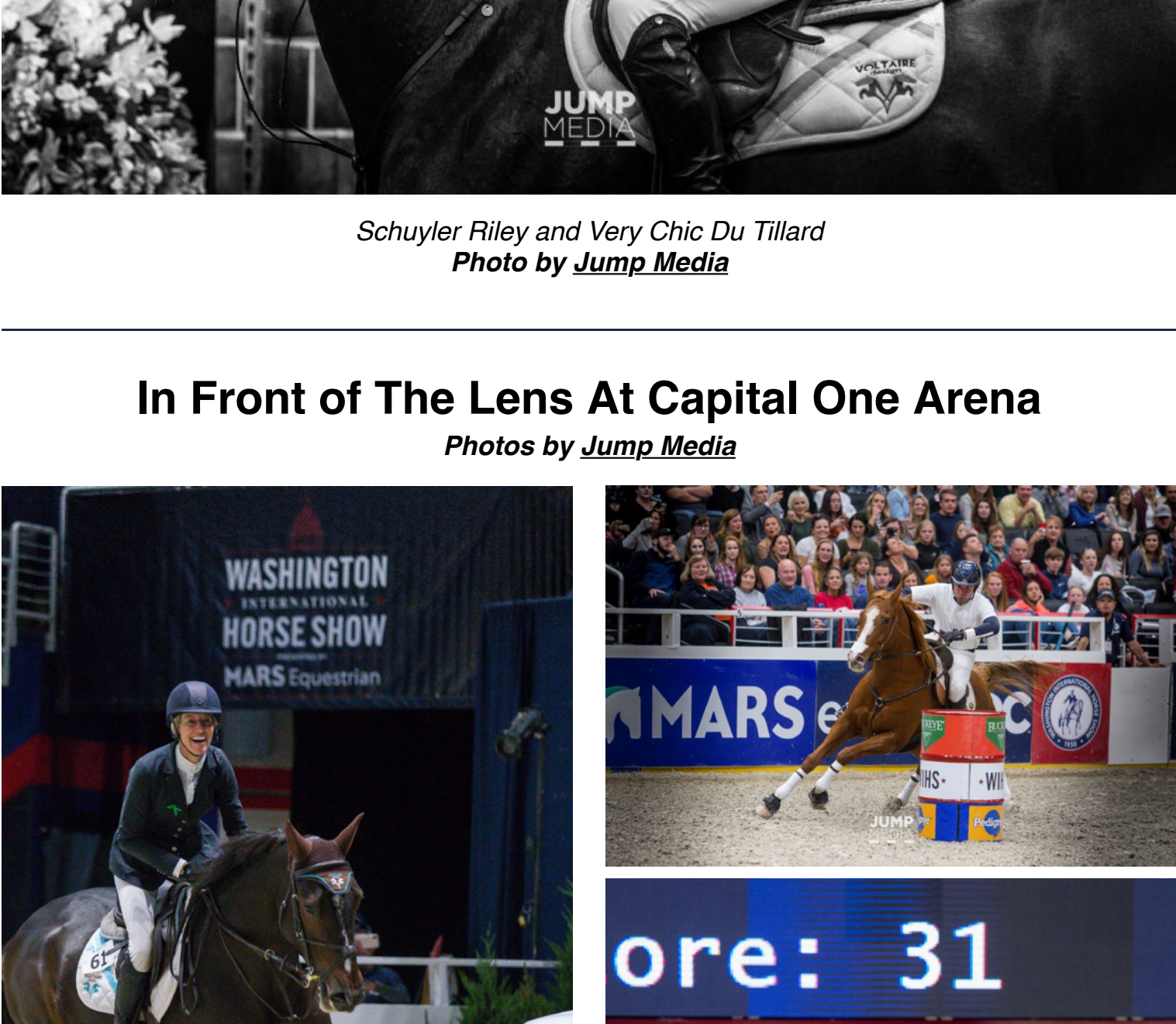
It's her responsibility to work with the city of D.C. for permitting to shut down the streets around the Capital One Arena so that stabling can go up for the week.



Elizabeth Mellen. Photo by Jump Media

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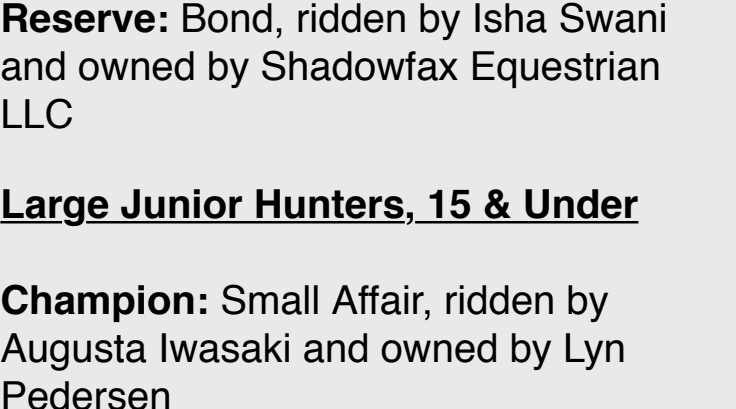
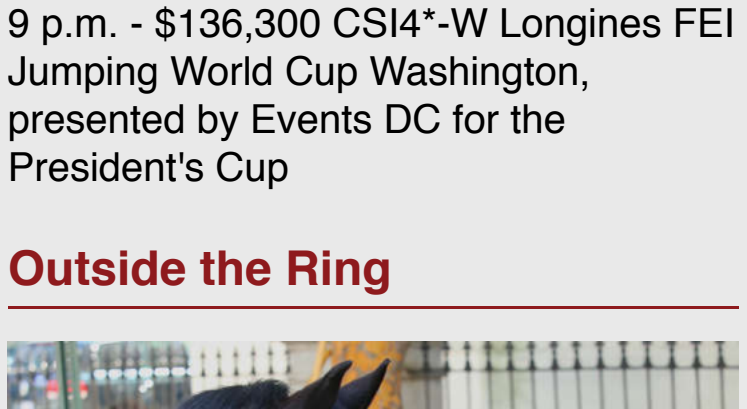
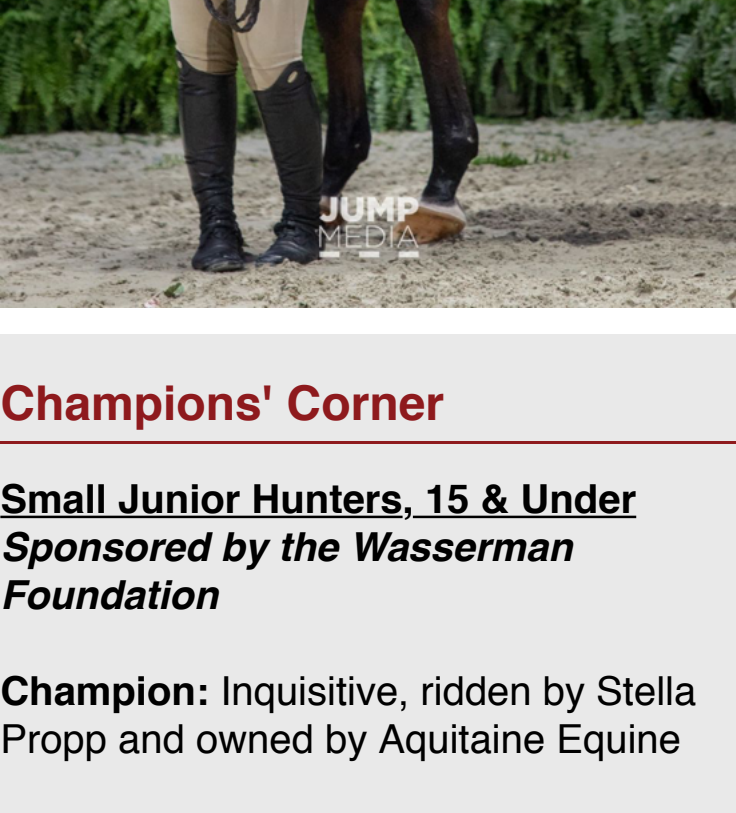
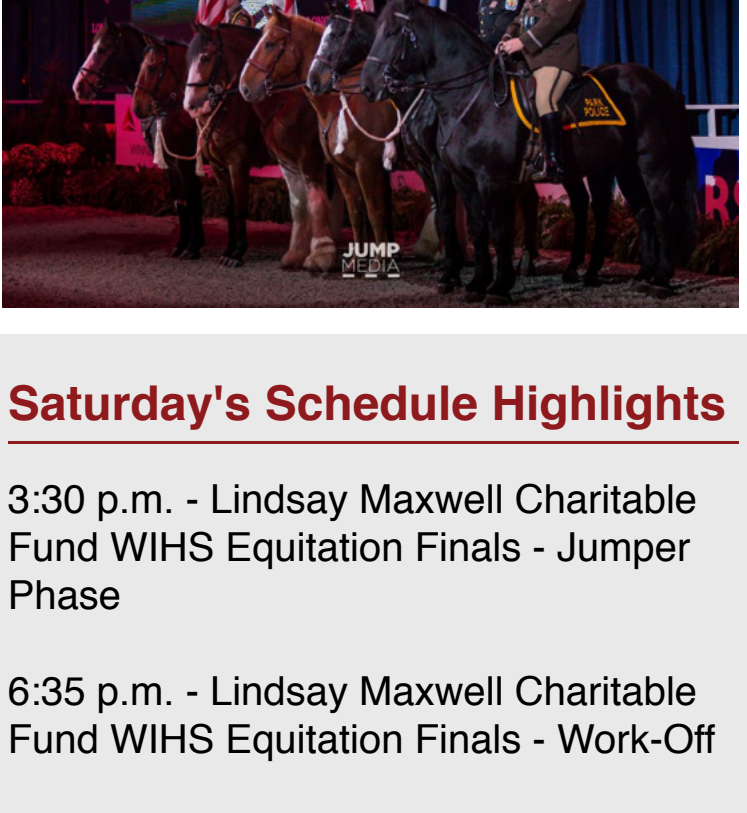
### Photo of the Day



Schuyler Riley and Very Chic Du Tillard Photo by Jump Media

### In Front of The Lens at Capital One Arena

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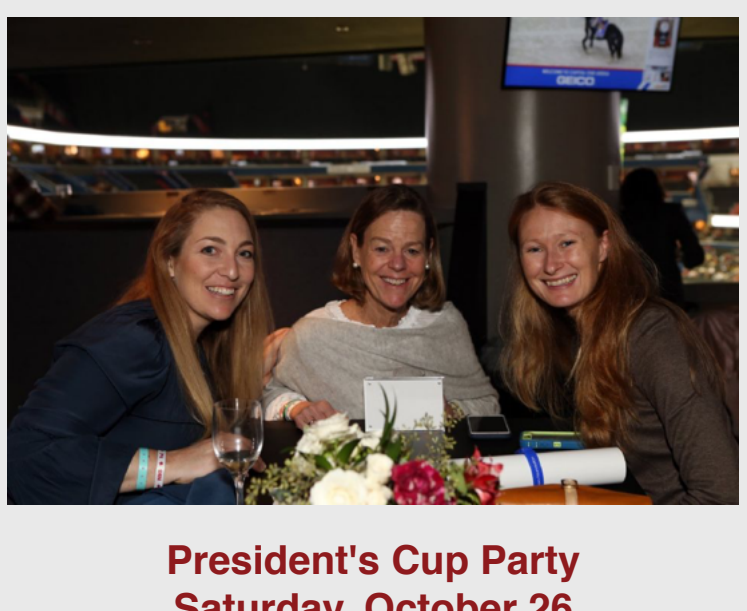
#### Saturday's Schedule Highlights

- 3:30 p.m. - Lindsay Maxwell Charitable Fund WIHS Equitation Finals - Jumper Phase
- 6:35 p.m. - Lindsay Maxwell Charitable Fund WIHS Equitation Finals - Work-Off
- 9 p.m. - \$136,300 CSI4\*-W Longines FEI Jumping World Cup Washington, presented by Events DC for the President's Cup

#### Champions' Corner

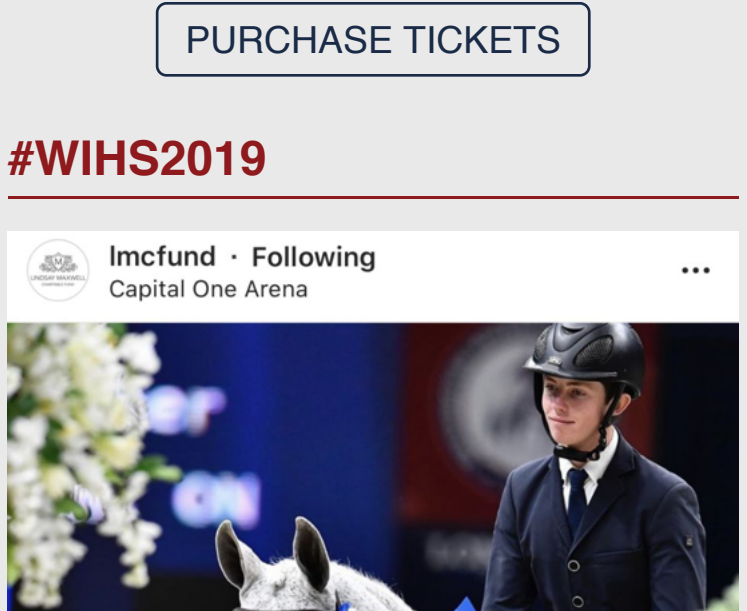
- Small Junior Hunters, 15 & Under**  
*Sponsored by the Wasserman Foundation*
- Champion:** Inquisitive, ridden by Stella Propp and owned by Aquitaine Equine
- Reserve:** Bond, ridden by Isha Swani and owned by Shadowfax Equestrian LLC
- Large Junior Hunters, 15 & Under**
- Champion:** Small Affair, ridden by Augusta Iwasaki and owned by Lyn Pedersen
- Reserve:** Seaside, ridden by Augusta Iwasaki and Eliza Kimball
- Small Junior Hunters, 16-17**
- Champion:** O'Ryan, owned and ridden Maggie Hill
- Reserve:** Luscious, ridden by Violet Lindemann-Barnett and owned by Sloan Lindemann-Barnett
- Large Junior Hunters, 16-17**
- Champion:** Cassanto, owned and ridden Maggie Hill
- Reserve:** Cartello Z, ridden by Jordan Allen and owned by Caroline Lloyd
- Best Child Rider on a Horse:**  
*Sponsored by Gotham North*
- Winner:** Maggie Hill
- \$2,500 Low Junior/Amateur-Owner Jumpers**  
*Sponsored by The Gierkink Family Kadley Farm*
- Winner:** Mimi Gochman and Avoloma BH
- \$5,000 High Junior/Amateur-Owner Jumpers**
- Winner:** Paige Matthies and Climbus
- Lindsay Maxwell Charitable Fund WIHS Equitation Finals - Hunter Phase**
- Winner:** Sam Walker with a score of 93 aboard Waldo

#### Outside the Ring



**WIHS Kids' Day**  
Saturday, October 26  
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

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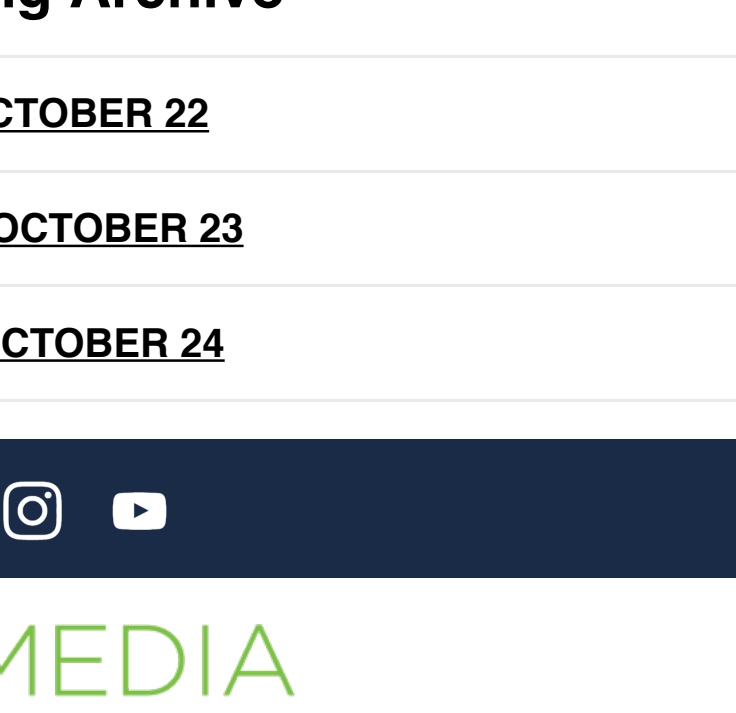
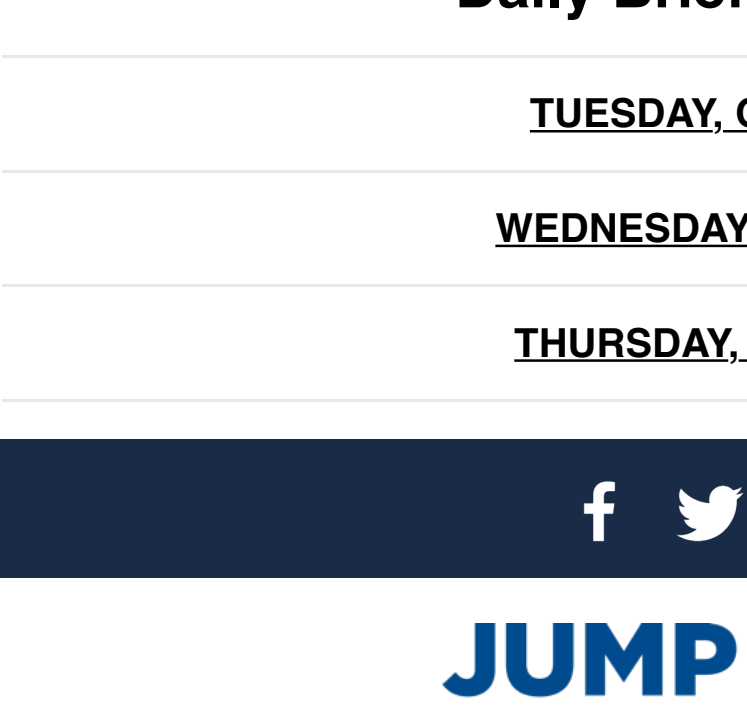


**President's Cup Party**  
Saturday, October 26  
Doors Open at 6 p.m.

Join the WIHS Board of Directors and equestrian athletes to celebrate the horses and riders representing the U.S. in international competition, all while supporting the USET Foundation!

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