



## The WIHS Daily Briefing - Sunday, October 27

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### Samantha Takacs and Brighton Take Top Pony Hunter Honors at Washington International Horse Show

The final winners of the 61<sup>st</sup> annual Washington International Horse Show (WIHS) were named on Sunday, October 27, at Capital One Arena in downtown Washington, D.C., marking the conclusion of the six-day horse show.

Among those claiming victories on Sunday was Samantha Takacs, who rode Brighton to the Grand Pony Hunter Championship title, and claimed The Miles River Moonglow Perpetual Trophy, donated by Scott Novick and Rustic Woods. Hallie Moss topped the WIHS Pony Equitation Finals aboard Birtley's Crowned Jewel to take home The Jane Marshall Dillon Memorial Perpetual Trophy, donated by the Friends and Students of Mrs. Jane Marshall Dillon.



Samantha Takacs and Brighton  
Photo by Shawn McMillen Photography

Takacs, 14, of Oldwick, NJ, and Brighton, owned by Ellie Sadrian, won the under saddle and earned a first and second over fences in the Large Pony Hunter division to clinch the division championship and the Pegasus Stable Perpetual Trophy, donated by Ms. Fenwick Kollock, on their way to the grand championship title.

"It feels so good!" said Takacs of her major victory. "I can't even describe how happy I am feeling right now. It's such an honor at this amazing horse show."

Takacs topped the WIHS Pony Equitation Finals last year riding Storyteller, and this year, she got the ride on Brighton from her good friend and fellow rider, Sadrian.

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### Hallie Moss Wins WIHS Pony Equitation Finals on Her First Try



Hallie Moss and Birtley's Crowned Jewel  
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Hallie Moss watched Sam Walker win the Lindsay Maxwell Charitable Fund WIHS Equitation Finals on Saturday evening at WIHS and carried her inspiration from that into her performance in the WIHS Pony Equitation Finals to take the blue.

Moss, 11, scored an 84.5 in the over fences phase of the class to stand in third before the flat phase, after which the judges, Sue Ashe and Timmy Kees, put her on top as the winner with Birtley's Crowned Jewel. It was Moss's first time showing in the WIHS Pony Equitation Finals, though she showed in the pony hunter divisions last year.

"It's my last show on 'Teddy,' so it's pretty incredible," Moss said. "I wasn't slow, which I've been working on, and I was able to find the jumps out of stride." Teddy is a 12-year-old Welsh Pony by Eyarth Tayma and owned by Three Ships LLC.

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### WIHS Regional Hunter Finals Winners

#### WIHS Regional Pony Hunter Finals Winner



McKenna Gregorio and Autumn Frost  
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Olivia Brown and Lapis  
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### Photo of the Day



Emilia Richard and Blue Chip  
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