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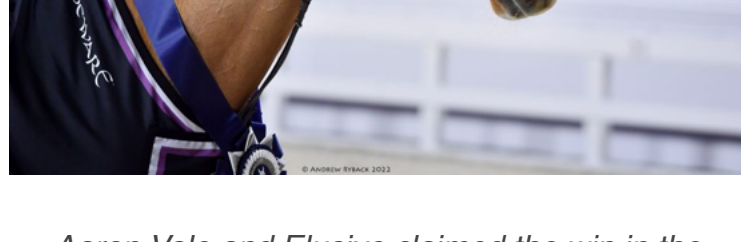


## World Equestrian Center Highlights From Ocala Winter Spectacular I and Wilmington Winter IV



Aaron Vale and Elusive in their winning presentation with Jennifer Glass of World Equestrian Center and Joe Donnelly, General Manager of Golden Ocala Golf and Equestrian Club. **Photo by Andrew Ryback Photography**

### Aaron Vale and Elusive Claim Victory in the \$75,000 Golden Ocala Golf and Equestrian Club Grand Prix at WEC – Ocala



Aaron Vale and Elusive claimed the win in the \$75,000 Golden Ocala Golf and Equestrian Club Grand Prix. **Photo by Andrew Ryback Photography**

Aaron Vale (USA) piloted Elusive, owned by Thinks Like A Horse, to the blue ribbon in the \$75,000 Golden Ocala Golf and Equestrian Club Grand Prix at World Equestrian Center – Ocala during the Winter Spectacular I show in Ocala, FL, on Saturday, January 8, 2022. Vale and the 13-year-old Dutch Warmblood gelding were the first of six combinations to return to the jump-off and remained at the top of the leaderboard after stopping the timers at 49.906 seconds.

"Normally, I am really on the numbers, but in this jump-off the jumps were so far apart, and I was a little pressed for time, so I wasn't able to walk the strides in the jump-off like I normally do," explained Vale. "My plan was to just go fast and not pump the brakes."

Lauren Balcomb (AUS) and her own Verdini D'Houtveld Z were the only other pair to jump double clear and finished in second place. Third place honors went to Sharn Wordley (NZL) and Valentine Car, owned by Fernando Cardenas.

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### Amanda Steege and Lafitte de Muze Earn the Top Prize in the \$20,000 WEC – Ocala 3'6"-3'9" Hunter Derby



Amanda Steege and Lafitte de Muze won the \$20,000 WEC – Ocala 3'6"-3'9" Hunter Derby. **Photo by Andrew Ryback Photography**

Amanda Steege rode Cheryl Olsten's Lafitte de Muze to victory in the \$20,000 WEC – Ocala 3'6"-3'9" Hunter Derby on Friday, January 7. Steege and the 10-year-old Belgian Warmblood gelding secured the win with an 11-point lead in the class. The pair received a first-round score of 96 and a handy round score of 99 for an impressive overall score of 195.

"The handy was great," explained Steege. "It really had an abundance of options, which was very fun. Currently, I am really trying to practice riding with a bit more pace and to be as handy as I can while incorporating every high option."

Timothy Maddrix and Hudson Meadows Racing's The Irish captured the win in the \$15,000 WEC – Ocala 3' Open Derby. Dorothy Douglas piloted Abigail Davenport's MTM Exceptional to second place in the class.

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### Kevin McCarthy and Catch a Star HSS Earn Third Consecutive Victory in the \$30,000 World Equestrian Center – Wilmington Grand Prix



Kevin McCarthy and Catch a Star HSS captured the \$30,000 WEC – Wilmington Grand Prix. **Photo by Winslow Photography**

Kevin McCarthy (IRL) and his own Catch a Star HSS once again proved unbeatable in the \$30,000 World Equestrian Center – Wilmington Grand Prix on Saturday, January 8, during the Winter IV Show. McCarthy and the 11-year-old Swedish Warmblood mare were one of 10 combinations that qualified for the jump-off. The pair stopped the timers at 40.769 seconds to take home the blue ribbon.

"We really do go out there and try to win each and every time," described McCarthy. "The course design was excellent and a really fun jump-off track. There were many good riders in the class tonight, which always makes you want to work harder. I had to be on my 'A' game for sure. This is our third grand prix win in a row, and I owe it to my great mare."

Charlotte Clark rode Kinsella to a second-place finish in the class with a time of 42.183 seconds. Lisa Goldman-Smolen and Sovereign earned third place after stopping the clock at 43.645 seconds.

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### Kelsey Epperson and Didgereedoo VDL Shine in the \$10,000 USHJA National Hunter Derby 3' Open



Kelsey Epperson and Didgereedoo VDL won the \$10,000 USHJA National Hunter Derby 3' Open. **Photo by Winslow Photography**

Kelsey Epperson piloted Lashier Properties LLC's Didgereedoo VDL to top honors in the \$10,000 USHJA National Hunter Derby 3' Open on Friday, January 7, during World Champion Hunter Rider (WCHR) week competition at WEC – Wilmington. The pair earned a first-round score of 90 combined with a handy round score of 92 for an overall score of 182 to claim the win. Epperson also captured second place in the class aboard LTJ and Company LLC's Tulio.

"It can be nerve-racking to ride several horses in the same class because you want to do best by each of the owners," commented Epperson. "Today was no exception, but things went well, and I loved how the course rode. I was able to get a quicker pace in a few places and that shook off my nerves and allowed me to focus."

Kiera Philpot rode her own Red Roc to first place in the \$10,000 USHJA National Hunter Derby 3' Non-Pro.

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## Winter Circuit News

Shop at A Sudden Impulse Boutique

- [A Sudden Impulse Boutique](#) features WEC-branded merchandise and anything else you need for horse and rider at both WEC – Wilmington and WEC – Ocala locations. The store at WEC – Wilmington has moved into a beautiful new area and welcomes everyone to shop daily specials to celebrate. Customization services are available for monogrammed stable curtains, apparel and more.

Book Your RV Lodging at World Equestrian Center – Ocala

- World Equestrian Center – Ocala is offering a special RV circuit rate for the Winter Series.
- The rate will be \$50 per night.
- A total of 75 nights must be booked in order to receive the RV circuit rate.
- Reserve your RV spot [here](#).

Secure Your VIP Viewing Spot Now at World Equestrian Center – Ocala

- Enjoy the Saturday night Grands Prix events during the 2022 Winter Spectacular Show Series from the terrace of The Equestrian Hotel.
- The 2022 Winter Spectacular Show Series will be held through March 27. The VIP viewing and dining experience will include a three-course Chef's dinner, along with complimentary beer and wine, courtesy of Stirrups Restaurant.
- Click below to purchase your 2022 Saturday Night Grand Prix Circuit Table.

[Purchase Your 2022 VIP Spot Here](#)

## Upcoming Events

### World Equestrian Center – Ocala

#### 2022 Winter Spectacular Shows

Winter Spectacular II: January 12-16

Winter Spectacular III: January 19-23

Winter Spectacular IV: January 26-30

Winter Spectacular V: February 2-6

Winter Spectacular VI: February 9-13

Winter Spectacular VII: February 16-20

Winter Spectacular VIII: February 23-27

Winter Spectacular IX: March 2-6

Winter Spectacular X: March 9-13

Winter Spectacular XI: March 16-20

Winter Spectacular XII: March 23-27

### World Equestrian Center – Wilmington

#### 2022 USEF Show Dates\* – USEF Premier/Level IV

WEC Winter VII – January 26-30

WEC Winter VIII – February 2-6

WEC Winter IX – February 9-13

WEC Winter XI – February 23-27

\*See USEF prize list.

#### 2022 NSBA Show Dates

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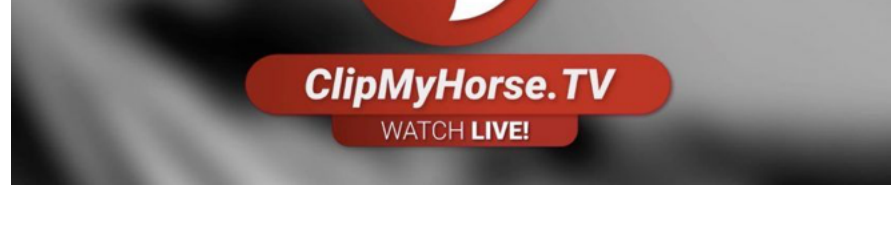
WEC Winter XV – March 23-27

WEC Winter XVI – March 30-April 3

WEC Winter XVII – April 6-10

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World Equestrian Center features two premiere equestrian and multidisciplinary venues in Ocala, Florida, and Wilmington, Ohio.

These exclusive facilities comprise state-of-the-art arenas, expansive stadiums, versatile outdoor space, sporting fields and well-appointed exposition centers. An abundance of lodging options and luxury accommodations are conveniently located on-site, along with shopping and dining throughout each property.

Dedicated to offering great sport and fun in a family-friendly environment, World Equestrian Center promises an unparalleled experience for exhibitors, spectators, vendors, sponsors and retailers built on three core values: Quality. Class. Distinction.

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