



## September News From the Capital Challenge Horse Show

The Capital Challenge Horse Show is officially less than a month away. Check out the prize list for the 2022 event below and remember to book your hotel rooms now.

**A reminder to all competitors that scratches MUST be received on or prior to Monday, September 12, 2022, in order to receive a refund of stall fees.**

Keep reading to meet our featured sponsor, rider, and staff member, and be sure to follow us on Facebook, Instagram, and TikTok for all the latest updates.

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The cover of the 2022 Capital Challenge Horse Show Program features John French and Babylon painted by Sharon Lynn Campbell.

## Sponsor Highlight: Taylor, Harris Insurance Services

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Hear from Abigail Gordon, winner of the 2021 THIS National Children's Medal Finals at the Capital Challenge Horse Show.

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## Get To Know Ariat National Adult Medal Competitor Aly Muir

Aly Muir of Allison Park, PA, is one of the top riders in the Ariat National Adult Medal standings. We spoke with Aly about her favorite parts of showing in equitation and at the Capital Challenge Horse Show.

### What is your favorite part about the Capital Challenge Horse Show?

My favorite thing about Capital Challenge is that it is one of the most competitive shows of the year, and it kicks off the indoors season while being inclusive. I like that there are classes available to everyone and also ones you must qualify for, such as the Ariat National Adult Medal Finals or the WCHR challenges. Top riders and professionals attend the show to "rise to the challenge," and I look forward to the event every year.



Aly Muir and Take Two at the 2020 Capital Challenge Horse Show. Photo by [Shawn McMillen](#)

### Which horse do you plan on competing in the 2022 Ariat National Adult Medal Final?

I am riding Kid Safari DH, also known as Zypth, in the Ariat National Adult Medal Finals. Zypth is the most reliable horse I know. He was originally a High Amateur Jumper, but he was so easygoing that when we leased him we decided to try equitation and hunter derbies. He can truly win in all three rings, and I think he loves his new job. I have such a strong connection with him. I love to ride him bareback around the farm and even at horse shows. As soon as he sees me open my tack trunk he starts begging for treats. His two favorite snacks are celery and salad. He deserves everything and anything he wants!



Aly Muir and Sting competing at the 2018 Capital Challenge Horse Show. Photo by [Shawn McMillen](#)

### What do you enjoy about showing in equitation?

I think the technicality of the courses is my favorite thing about equitation. I am a very strategic person, so I enjoy coming up with my plan and thinking out of the box during the test. I also have a lot of respect for equitation horses because they are so smart and brave. They take on any and every challenge with such grace. Not only do you have to think about your horse's placement and position but you also have to think of yourself, which adds a whole other level of difficulty and discipline to each round.

### Will you compete in any other divisions at CCHS?

Yes, I will be showing Take Two in the 3'3" Amateur-Owner Hunters.

### What are your goals for Capital Challenge this year?

My main goal is to enjoy the competition and be consistent. A ribbon would be a great accomplishment but I am just grateful to have the opportunity to show my horses at such a prestigious show.

## Five Questions With JP Bordeleau

### Co-Manager of the Capital Challenge Horse Show

#### What is your history with the Capital Challenge Horse Show?

I started working at the ingate in the late 90s. In 2005 I left for three years to pursue work outside of the horse industry. I returned in 2008 as an assistant to Billy Glass. I would fill any holes or positions needed during the show and eventually become co-manager in 2016 when Billy Glass retired.

#### What is your background with horses?

I started riding at the age of seven in Canada, but I did not compete. I used to work as a groom and rider for my aunt in the summers doing the show circuit in Quebec. After a couple years in college, I worked for a family in Montreal that bred horses and spent their winters in Palm Beach, FL. While working with them I got to ride and train with Buddy Brown. I then decided to move to the United States permanently and managed Hidden Creek Farms breeding and showing operations with the help of Margie Engle.



JP Bordeleau has been the co-manager of Capital Challenge since 2016. Photo courtesy of JP Bordeleau

#### What makes the Capital Challenge Horse Show so special to you?

Capital Challenge is special because of the history and quality of the organization led by Oliver Kennedy and Billy Glass. I am lucky enough to have the privilege of managing such a well-oiled machine while maintaining and growing their vision and tradition.

#### What is your favorite part about working at the Capital Challenge Horse Show?

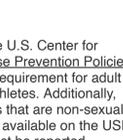
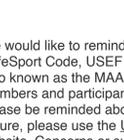
I love that no matter what challenges we face as an organization, whether it's an operational issue or a weather issue, we have qualified personnel to deal with just about anything.

#### What is a fun fact about you?

Very few people know that French is my first language and that I learned English at the horse shows.

## Follow Capital Challenge on TikTok

Make sure to check out the Capital Challenge Horse Show TikTok for fun videos featuring favorite horse-and-rider combinations, previous winners, and more.



## A Note About SafeSport to All Capital Challenge Participants

We would like to remind all participants that they are bound by the U.S. Center for SafeSport Code, USEF Safe Sport Policy, and Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policies, also known as the MAAPP. This includes the SafeSport Training requirement for adult members and participants who have regular contact with minor athletes. Additionally, please be reminded about reporting obligations. For any concerns that are non-sexual in nature, please use the USEF Safe Sport Incident Reporting Form available on the USEF website. Concerns or suspicions regarding sexual misconduct must be reported to <https://safesport.i-sight.com/portal> and the authorities if a minor is involved. All of this information can be found in the USEF Safe Sport Policy.

Please take a moment to review the new USEF Safe Sport web pages on the USEF website to find comprehensive resources regarding USEF Safe Sport efforts. You can also contact Sarah Gilbert, USEF Safe Sport Program Coordinator, at [sgilbert@usef.org](mailto:sgilbert@usef.org) for any questions or concerns relating to the USEF Safe Sport program.

Thank you for your support and for helping Capital Challenge and USEF bring the joy of horse sports to as many people as possible!

### About the Capital Challenge Horse Show

The Capital Challenge Horse Show, an official USEF Heritage Competition, has a distinct and unique focus on preeminent hunter and equitation competition. The 2022 edition of the Capital Challenge Horse Show will take place from September 29-October 9. The 11 days of competition will include prestigious equitation events, jumper divisions, the World Championship Hunter Rider (WCHR) Finals, the \$25,000 3' and 3'3" Green Hunter North American Championships, and more, with many of the country's best horses and riders competing in junior, amateur, and professional divisions.

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