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Results and Orders

Brody and Tomeu Shine in North American League Jumper Finals at

Live Stream



seconds.

Capital Challenge The 2022 Capital Challenge Horse Show, held at Prince George's Equestrian Center in Upper Marlboro, Maryland, got everyone's adrenaline pumping on Thursday, October 6, as riders raced over the course for wins in the North American League (NAL) Jumper Finals, and two champions were crowned.

In the \$10,000 NAL Children's Jumper Final, presented by EquiFit, Emma Brody of New York, New York, turned and burned with Nicarmargue to claim the top prize in 26.254

track designed by Ken Krome. Fifteen found the clear path to advance to the jump off, where Brody was ultimately victorious. Close behind them was second-place winner Maya Rahaim of Grosse Pointe, Michigan, who rode Renaud Farm LLC's Whiskey Business across the timers in 26.519 seconds. Capri Truesdale of Greenwich, Connecticut, and her own Remmits Delphi rounded out the top three, stopping the clock in 27.366 seconds.

Child riders were the first to tack to the course, with 29 riders contesting the first-round

Emma Brody and Nicarmargue. Photo by **Shawn McMillen Photography** "I was a little nervous in the first round, but I always get more excited in the jump offs because that's what I'm best at," relayed Brody. "The jump-off course was good. My horse is guick, big-strided, and he can turn easily. He doesn't care about any mistake you make, so he'll do any course perfectly." Brody, who trains with Eleanor Kunsman at Glen Eden in Chester, New Jersey, has been paired with the 14-year-old Danish Warmblood gelding (Carmargue x Leendert) for two years. As the rider's first jumper horse, Nicarmargue has been charged with taking Brody through the year's indoor finals.

Emma Brody and Nicarmargue are joined in their winning presentation by Annette Longenecker representing the NAL and trainer Eleanor Kunsman. Photo by **Shawn** <u>McMillen Photography</u> "I'm so grateful for such an amazing horse," expressed Brody. "He's so good in the barn. He's a little guirky, but he's always been like that. My mom gets to ride him too, which is nice."



As they cantered their first course together this week, Martha Ingram of Nashville, Tennessee, knew that she could depend on Romeo. The pair swept the blue ribbons in the three over fences classes and added another third place under saddle to win the Amateur-Owner Hunter 18-35 3'6" division

Lindsey Tomeu and Gold Lux in their winning presentation for the \$10,000 NAL Adult Jumper Final, presented by Smartpak. Photo by **Shawn McMillen Photography**

"Of course, being an amateur, I was a little nervous about the triple-bar," laughed Tomeu of the first-round course. "I left a little long on my first horse, [Just Noble,] and with Goldie I just knew that if I rode out of the turn and sat up, she got me straight to the base and had

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Ingram, Bulger, and McDonell Take

Home Grand Championships

championship, sponsored by The Hallman Family & MerryLegs South LLC, as well as the Grand Champion Amateur-Owner 3'6" Hunter honors, sponsored by Finally Farm.

They were presented with the Dr. Harold

Owner 3'6" Rider, sponsored by Mr. & Mrs.

Stephanie Bulger and Hemingway. Photo by **Shawn McMillen Photography**

With a sweep of the Adult Amateur Hunter 36-49 division, sponsored by LifeVac, Julie McDonell of Caledon, Ontario, Canada, picked up the championship; the Grand Champion Adult Amateur Hunter award,

Hunter 36-49 went to Hundred Acre, ridden

and owned by Laurie Barna.

sponsored by Steve Martines; was

M.S. Smith Trophy, donated by Dr. Suzanne Smith & Dr. Peter Craig. The reserve championship in the Amateur-Owner Hunter 18-35 3'6" division went to Casanova Royal and Stephanie Danhakl. Ingram was named the Best Amateur-

no problem. Everything else, I never worry about her ever. It's only me. I worry about

myself, but her, she's a gem."

Ernest M. Oare and awarded The So Many Ways Challenge Trophy, donated by Karen Kramer. Martha Ingram and Romeo. Photo by Shawn McMillen Photography "Until yesterday I had never jumped a line or a course on him," related Ingram. "It was surprising, because I am quite a chicken. But Tom [Wright] just knew how special that horse was and knew that he was going to be amazing in there. He's super brave, super attentive, and really my ride." Read More The first grand championship awarded on Thursday went to Stephanie Bulger of New York, New York, on Hemingway. The pair won the division championship in the

Amateur-Owner Hunter 36 & Over 3'3" division. Their ribbons of first, first, and third also garnered the Grand Amateur-Owner Hunter 3'3" Champion award,

sponsored by Missy Luczak-Smith. Bulger won the Best Amateur-Owner 3'3" Rider Award, sponsored by Spring Mill Farm.

champion and then be grand champion. It's kind of boggling my mind right now. I'm a

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and he tries his heart out."

Hear from the NAL Adult Jumper

Learn more about NAL Children's Jumper Final winner Emma Brody!

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Final winner Lindsey Tomeu!

"It means the world to me to be grand champion here," expressed Bulger. "I've been champion here once before, and I've won classes here before, but never to win

back-to-back classes and then be

little overwhelmed!"

ride that extravagant jump."

presented with The Equus Entries Challenge Trophy, donated by Equus Entries & Sue and Ralph Caggiano; and the Best Adult Amateur Rider Award, sponsored by Phoebe Weseley & River Run Farm LLC. Trainer Brady Mitchell was presented with The Gail Knieriem Memorial Trophy, sponsored by Evermore. The Juliie McDonell and Moore Park. Photo reserve championship in the Adult Amateur

"He's a dream," said McDonell of Moore Park, an 11-year-old Warmblood gelding, owned by Rein Family LLC. "He's like a rocking horse. You just have to get him within in range,

McDonell received a call from Mitchell, her friend of 20 years, that Moore Park needed a rider at Capital Challenge, and McDonell was able to make her first trip to the horse show.

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Bulger has had Hemingway for seven years and watched him grow up. "Hemingway felt extraordinary today," she said of the 12-year-old Hanoverian gelding. "He was really on his game. I felt him jumping so well. He's a performer, and he loves to go in the indoor and

really show off his scope and athleticism. I'm just glad I could stay calm, stay with him, and

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Tara Dow-Rein and Wayland Park won the Kelly Sims rode Private I to victory in the Amateur-Owner Hunter 36 & Over 3'6" \$5,000 WCHR Amateur-Owner 3'6" championship. Challenge.

Jamee Crawford and Churchill were

champions in the Amateur-Owner Hunters

18-35 3'3".

In the Adult Amateur Hunter 18-35, Ashton

Alexander rode Dinner At 8 to the

championship.

Capital Challenge Horse Show

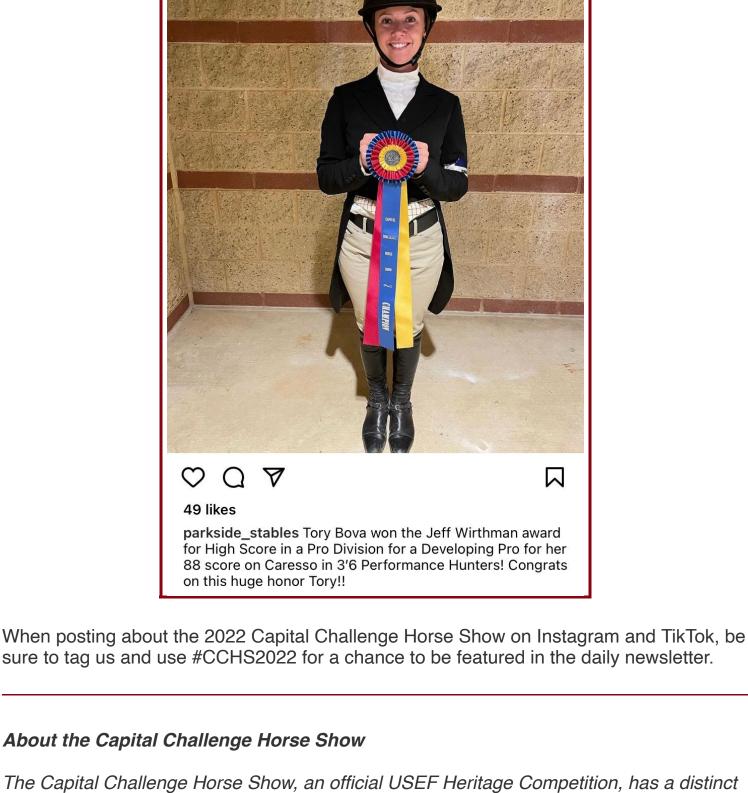
Callie Seaman and Silver Lining were the

winners of the \$5,000 WCHR Amateur-Owner

3'3" Challenge.

Laura Karet and Queen Celeste were the

Adult Amateur Hunter 50 & Over champions.



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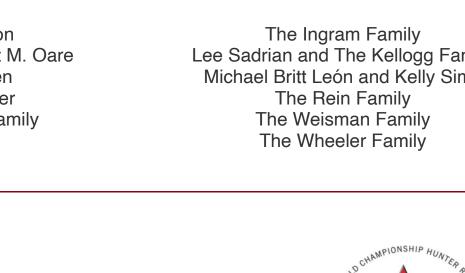
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