



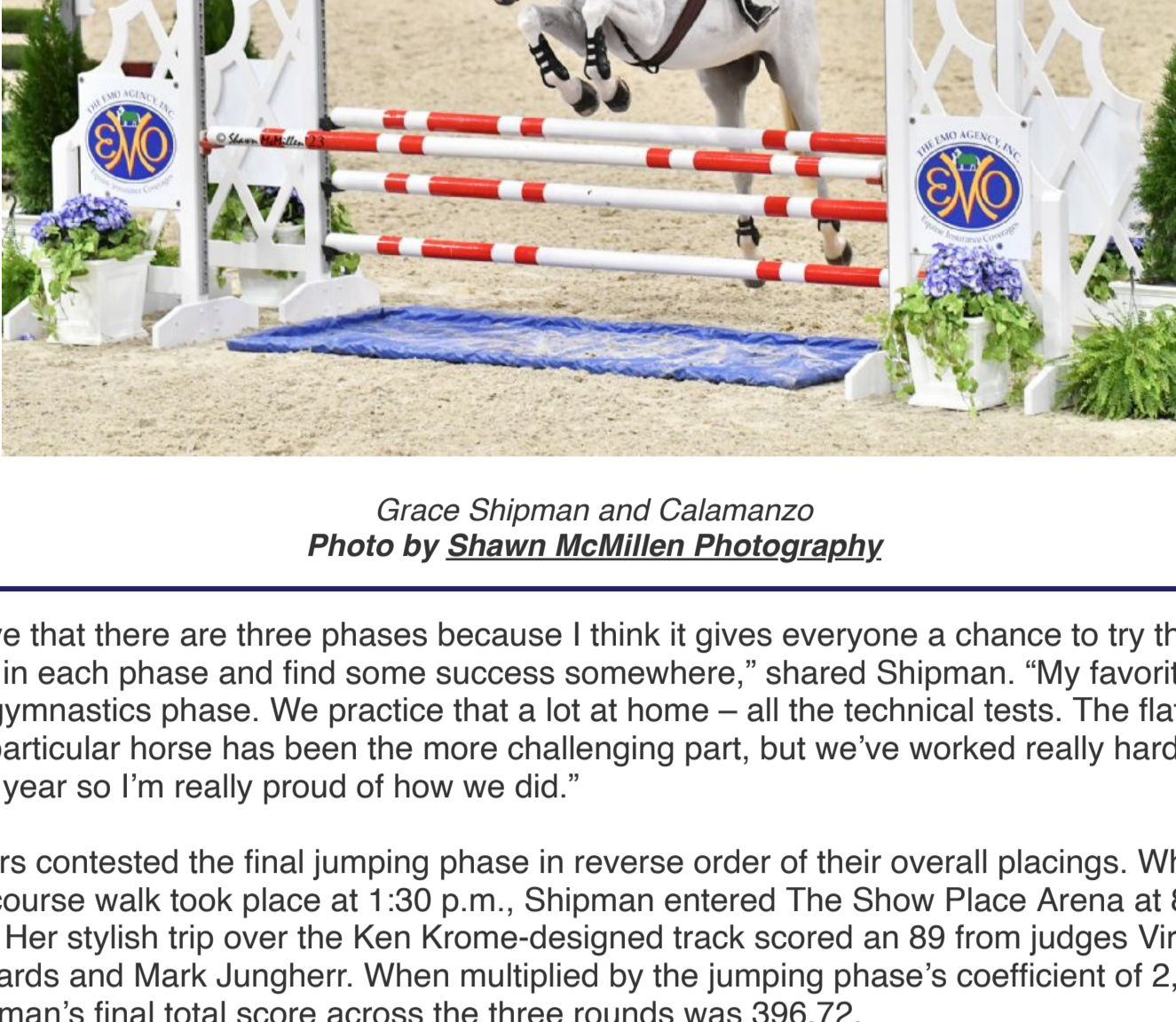
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## Grace Shipman Sailed to Victory in the EMO Insurance Agency/USHJA 3'3" Jumping Seat Medal Final –East

Six new champions were crowned on the second day of Equitation Weekend, presented by BIGEQ.com, on Friday, September 29, during the 30th anniversary of the Capital Challenge Horse Show in Upper Marlboro, MD. Competition in the Show Place Arena at the Prince George's Equestrian Center culminated with the final phase of the seventh-annual EMO Insurance Agency/United States Hunter Jumper Association (USHJA) 3'3" Jumping Seat Medal Final – East, where Grace Shipman, 17, of Ridgefield, CT, piloted Calamanzo to the high score of 89 to secure the overall lead and don the winning ribbon sash.

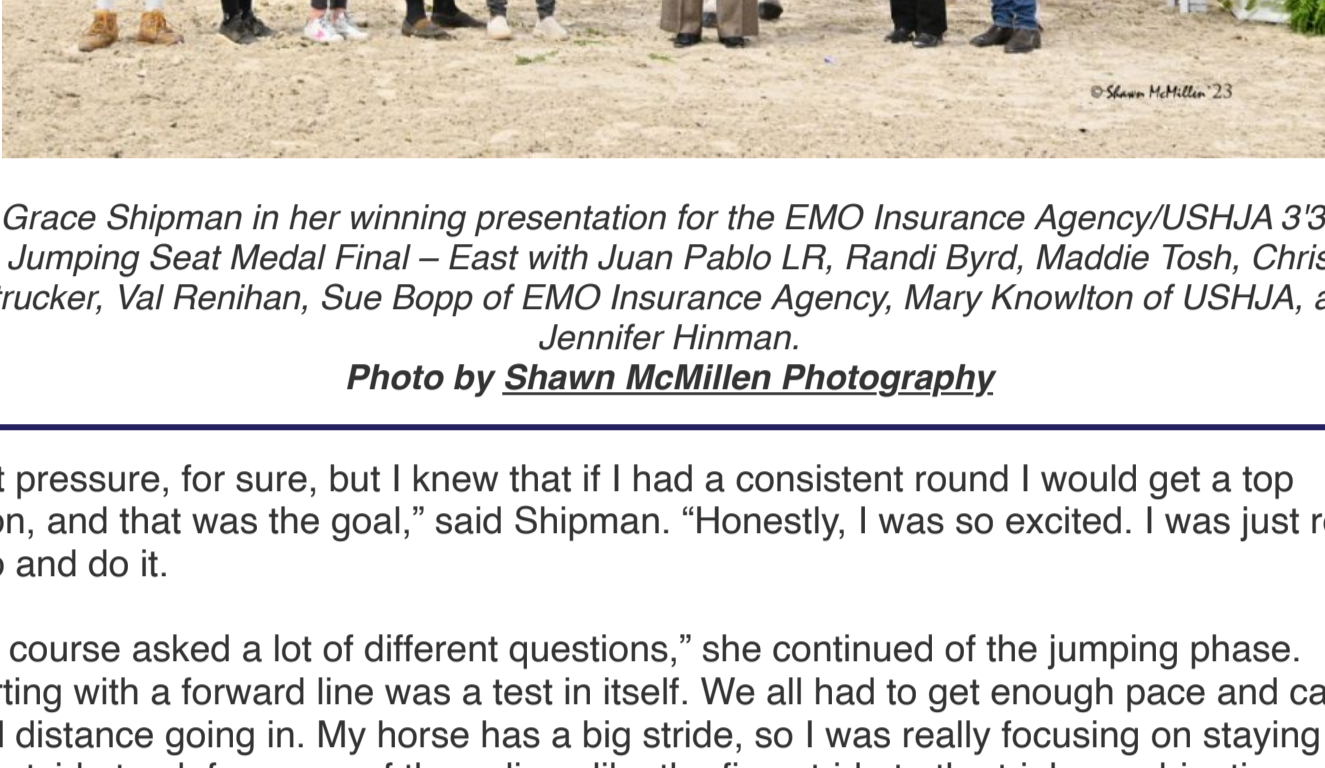
During Thursday's competition, Shipman earned a score of 86.72 in the flat phase to sit in 37th out of the field of 169 riders. She then returned for the gymnastics phase, delivering the second-highest score of the day, an 88. With scores in the gymnastics phase multiplied by a coefficient of 1.5, her two-round total of 218.72 shot her up to third place overall.



Grace Shipman and Calamanzo  
Photo by Shawn McMillen Photography

"I love that there are three phases because I think it gives everyone a chance to try their best in each phase and find some success somewhere," shared Shipman. "My favorite is the gymnastics phase. We practice that a lot at home – all the technical tests. The flat on my particular horse has been the more challenging part, but we've worked really hard this past year so I'm really proud of how we did."

Riders contested the final jumping phase in reverse order of their overall placings. While the course walk took place at 1:30 p.m., Shipman entered the Show Place Arena at 8:00 p.m. Her stylish trip over the Ken Krome-designed track scored an 89 from judges Virginia Edwards and Mark Jungherr. When multiplied by the jumping phase's coefficient of 2, Shipman's final total score across the three rounds was 396.72.



Grace Shipman in her winning presentation for the EMO Insurance Agency/USHJA 3'3" Jumping Seat Medal Final – East with Juan Pablo LR, Randi Byrd, Maddie Tosh, Chris Strucker, Val Renihan, Sue Bopp of EMO Insurance Agency, Mary Knowlton of USHJA, and Jennifer Hinman.  
Photo by Shawn McMillen Photography

"I felt pressure, for sure, but I knew that if I had a consistent round I would get a top ribbon, and that was the goal," said Shipman. "Honestly, I was so excited. I was just ready to go and do it."

"The course asked a lot of different questions," she continued of the jumping phase. "Starting with a forward line was a test in itself. We all had to get enough pace and catch a good distance going in. My horse has a big stride, so I was really focusing on staying on the outside track for some of those lines like the five-stride to the triple combination, which definitely walked a little short. There were a few lines like that."

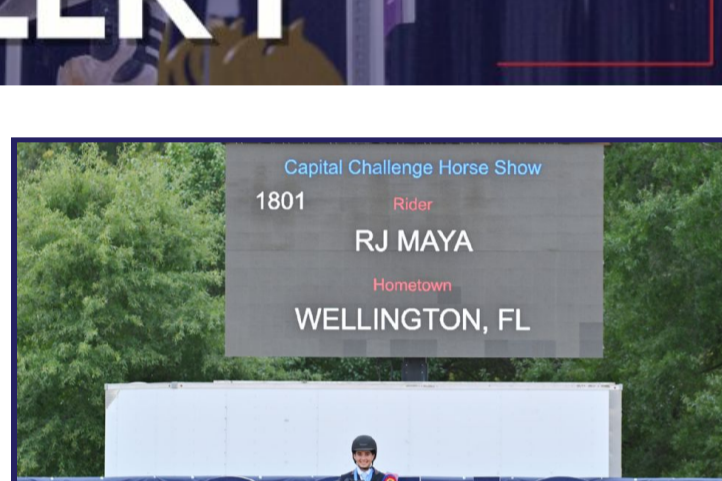
Shipman's trainer, Val Renihan at Findlay's Ridge in North Salem, New York, had confidence in her student's ability to navigate the challenging course, but knew the 75-second time allowed would be a contributing factor to the results. Shipman crossed the finishing timers in 74.993 seconds.

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## WORDS FROM THE WINNERS

Learn about Grace Shipman following her win in the EMO Insurance Agency/USHJA 3'3" Jumping Seat Medal Final – East!

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## WINNER GALLERY



**12 & Under Equitation**  
Champion: Emi Richard of Middlefield, CT



**13- & 14-Year-Old Equitation**  
Champion: RJ Maya of Wellington, FL

Reserve Champion: Kaitlyn Linck of Clinton Corners, NY

Reserve Champion: Lily Epstein of Coral Gables, FL



**15-Year-Old Equitation**  
Champion: Kingsley Dey of Wellington, FL



**16-Year-Old Equitation**  
Champion: Logan Thomas of Millburn, NJ



**17-Year-Old Equitation**  
Champion: Ella Cate Duke of Lake Oswego, OR

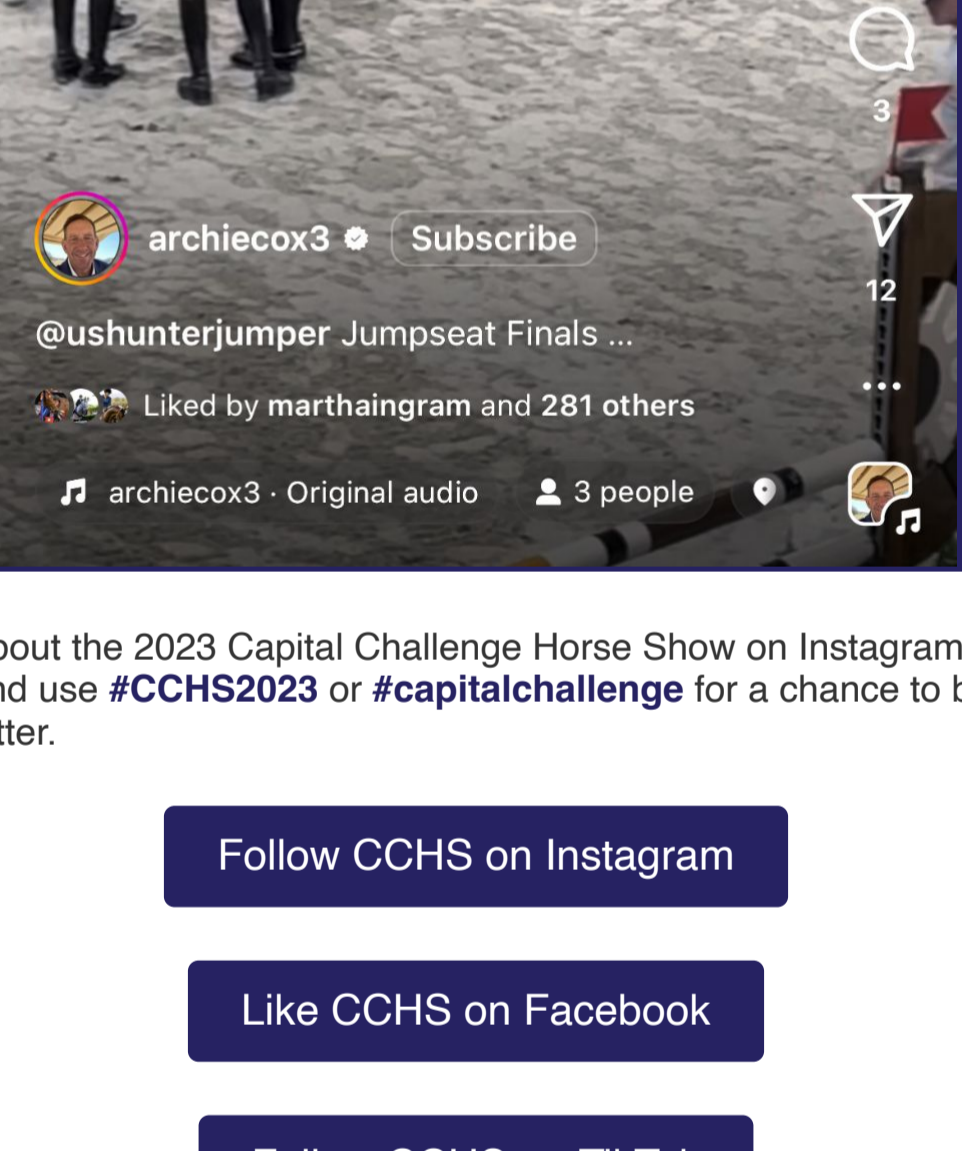
Reserve Champion: Anna Markrow of Manchester Center, VT

Reserve Champion: Sally Ives of Durham, NC

Reserve Champion: Grace Shipman of Ridgefield, CT

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