



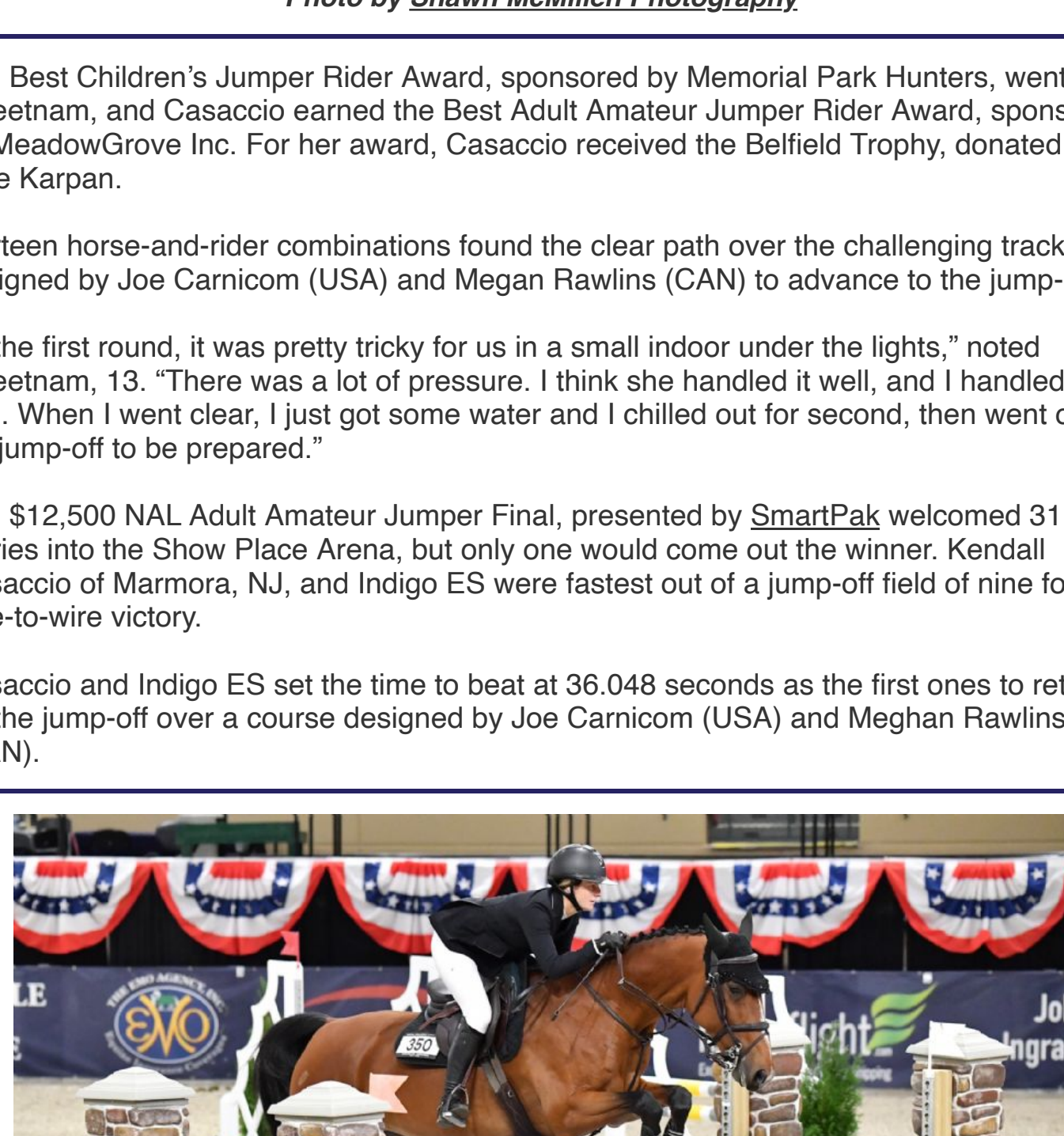
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## Sweetnam and Casaccio Speed to Victory in North American League Jumper Finals

The 2023 Capital Challenge Horse Show, held at Prince George's Equestrian Center in Upper Marlboro, MD, 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, Collin Sweetnam of Wellington, FL, turned and burned with Just Noble to claim the top prize in 34.580 seconds. Kendall Casaccio of Marmora, NJ, and Indigo ES ran away with the win in the \$10,000 NAL Adult Amateur Jumper Final, presented by SmartPak, in 36.048 seconds.



Collin Sweetnam and Just Noble  
Photo by Shawn McMillen Photography

The Best Children's Jumper Rider Award, sponsored by Memorial Park Hunters, went to Sweetnam, and Casaccio earned the Best Adult Amateur Jumper Rider Award, sponsored by MeadowGrove Inc. For her award, Casaccio received the Belfield Trophy, donated by Julie Karpan.

Thirteen horse-and-rider combinations found the clear path over the challenging track designed by Joe Carnicom (USA) and Megan Rawlins (CAN) to advance to the jump-off.

"In the first round, it was pretty tricky for us in a small indoor under the lights," noted Sweetnam, 13. "There was a lot of pressure. I think she handled it well, and I handled it well. When I went clear, I just got some water and I chilled out for second, then went over my jump-off to be prepared."

The \$12,500 NAL Adult Amateur Jumper Final, presented by SmartPak welcomed 31 entries into the Show Place Arena, but only one would come out the winner, Kendall Casaccio of Marmora, NJ, and Indigo ES were fastest out of a jump-off field of nine for a wire-to-wire victory.

Casaccio and Indigo ES set the time to beat at 36.048 seconds as the first ones to return for the jump-off over a course designed by Joe Carnicom (USA) and Meghan Rawlins (CAN).



Kendall Casaccio and Indigo ES  
Photo by Shawn McMillen Photography

"In the last line I did do a winger," she laughed. "I did seven strides down the last line, which was a little bit of a stretch for me. I did really commit, and she had my back, so that's all I can ask for."

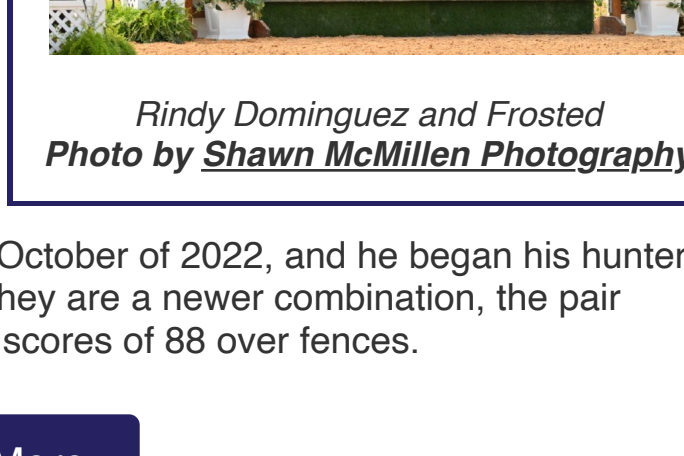
She then had to wait in the schooling ring to see if her time would hold.

"As I was walking around the schooling area, my heart was racing, because the in-gate kept announcing my time as the one to beat, the one to beat, the one to beat," she remembered. "I was like, 'Oh my gosh, did all these horses go and I held on to it this long?' Because typically the first is the worst spot in the jump-off, but I was so happy that I was able to hold onto it the whole time. It was definitely a pressure cooker for sure."

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## Bulger, Ingalls, and Dominguez Take Home Grand Championships

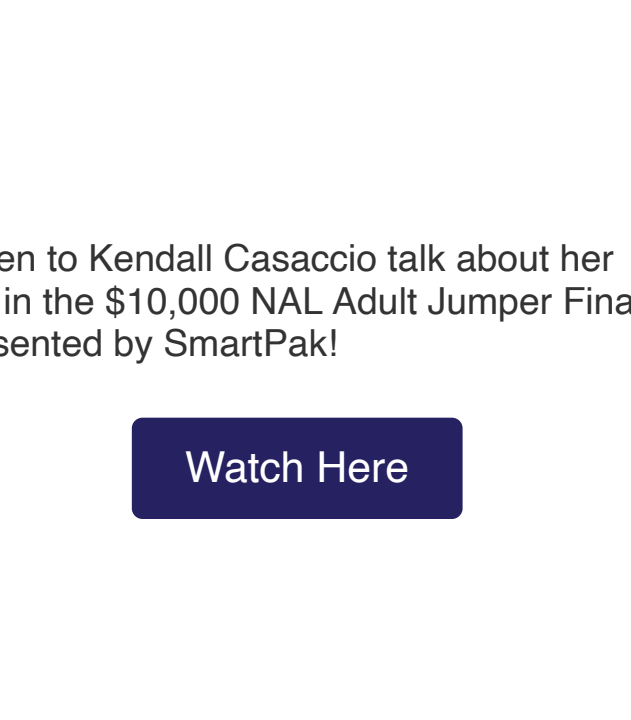
For the second year in a row, Stephanie Bulger of Bridgehampton, NY, and her longtime partner Hemingway secured the honors of Grand Amateur Owner Hunter 3'3" Champion, sponsored by Missy Luczak-Smith. The pair won two over fences classes and picked up an additional two second-place ribbons for the championship in the Amateur Owner Hunter 3'3" 36 and Over division, sponsored by **Karina Brez Jewelry**. Bulger was also presented with the Missy McCutcheon Memorial Trophy and the Best Amateur Owner 3'3" Rider Award, sponsored by Spring Mill Farm.



Stephanie Bulger and Hemingway  
Photo by Shawn McMillen Photography

"He has felt amazing the past couple of days," commented Bulger of the 13-year-old Hanoverian gelding. "He is special all the time and puts a tremendous amount of integrity into everything he does. He also knows when it's time to really turn it up. I just have to put my heels down and hold on."

"It means so much to win here, especially with the trophy being named after Missy who was a sweet, sweet lady and always brought a smile to everyone," continued Bulger. "It's a big honor to win her trophy and to compete among the best of the best. You had to have a score of 85 to even jog in that last class so there's no room for error. It feels extra validating to all the hard work."



Caroline Ingalls and Concerto  
Photo by Shawn McMillen Photography

Caroline Ingalls of Rancho Santa Fe, CA, rode her own Concerto to the Grand Amateur-Owner Hunter 3'6" Championship, sponsored by Finally Farm. Ingalls piloted the 12-year-old Westphalian gelding by Cathanos to top honors in the Amateur Owner Hunter 3'6" 18-35 division, sponsored by The Hallman Family and MerryLegs South LLC, to secure the overall grand title. The pair won the handy stake with a score of 87.5 and also earned two second-place ribbons and a third place in the under saddle.

Ingalls and Concerto were presented with the Dr. Harold M.S. Smith Trophy, donated by Dr. Suzanne Smith and Dr. Peter Craig. Ingalls was named the Best Amateur Owner 3'6" Rider, sponsored by Mr. and Mrs. Ernest M. Oare and awarded The So Many Ways Challenge Trophy, donated by Karen Kramer. The reserve championship in the Amateur Owner Hunter 3'6" 18-35 division went to Martha Ingram of Nashville, TN, and John and Stephanie Ingram, LLC's Jenkins, a nine-year-old Dutch Warmblood gelding by Charisma.

"He's felt great especially because I hadn't really jumped a full course on him in about a month," explained Ingalls, 32. "We wanted to give him some nice downtime and make sure he was really sharp for this show. He was fantastic, and we put in some great rounds. Today he was really on fire in the handy and so lovely to ride. I think he really rises to the occasion and Indoors is a lot more interesting to him than the shows that we go to all year."

Rindy Dominguez of Barrington, RI, piloted her own Frosted to the title of Grand Adult Amateur Hunter 3'6" Champion, sponsored by Steve Martines. The duo picked up two blue ribbons over fences and a second place under saddle to earn the championship honors in the Adult Amateur Hunter 3'6" and Over division, sponsored by Ocean Echo.

He's felt amazing," said Dominguez of the nine-year-old Holsteiner stallion by Connor. "He keeps stepping up to the plate. Every venue that we send him to, he just does what he's asked. He answers every question the right way and does it with such style and grace. He's a stallion, but you would never know it if you watched him. He's just an amazing horse that wants to win. He's careful, sensible, and has a huge amount of talent."



Rindy Dominguez and Frosted  
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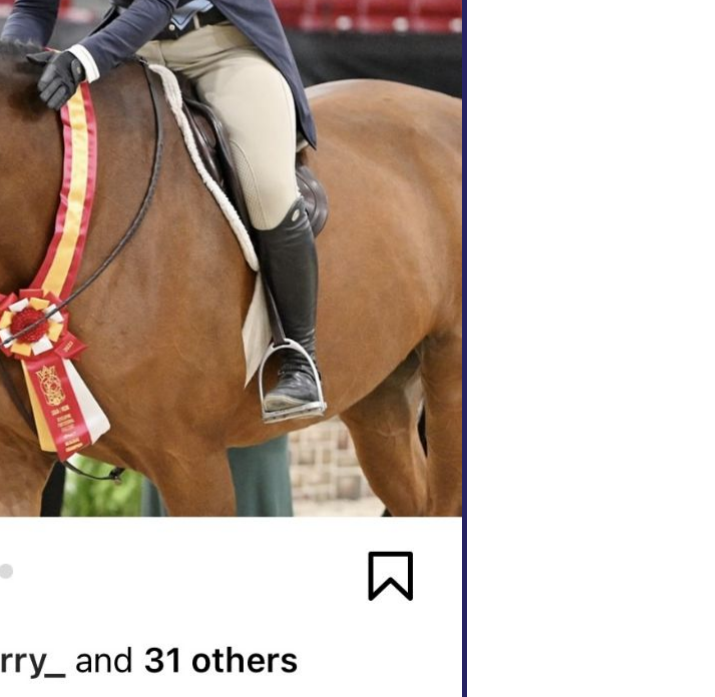
Dominguez imported Frosted from Belgium in October of 2022, and he began his hunter career at the beginning of this year. Although they are a newer combination, the pair definitely caught the judges' attention with two scores of 88 over fences.

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## WORDS FROM THE WINNERS

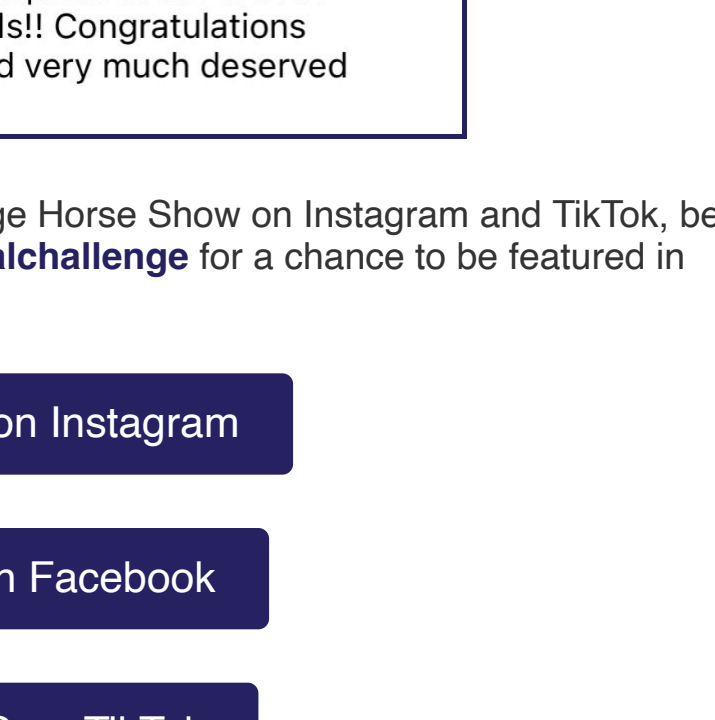
Learn about Collin Sweetnam following his win in the \$10,000 NAL Children's Jumper Final, presented by EquiFit!

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Listen to Kendall Casaccio talk about her win in the \$10,000 NAL Adult Jumper Final, presented by SmartPak!

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**Amateur Owner Hunter 3'3" 18-35**  
\$2,500 WCHR Amateur Owner 3'3" Challenge  
Sponsored by Milestone, LLC/Havens Schatt



**Amateur Owner Hunter 3'6" 36 and Over**  
Sponsored by Mr. & Mrs. Ernest M. Oare  
MTM Plus One, ridden by Katie Robinson and owned by Robinson Ridge LLC

Private Practice, ridden by Martha Ingram and owned by John & Stephanie Ingram, LLC



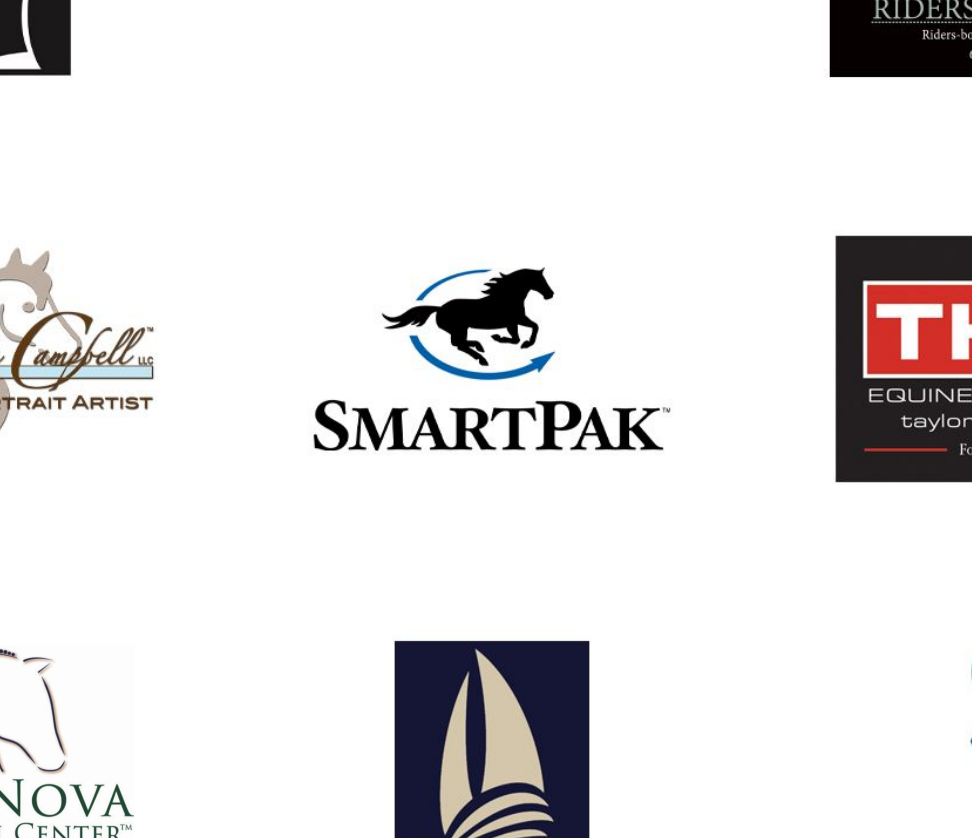
**Adult Amateur Hunter 36-49**  
Sponsored by LifeVac  
Milo, ridden by Maryann Zeira and owned by Lesley Dryden



**Adult Amateur Hunter 18-35**  
Sponsored by Lainie Wimberly and Brigadoon Show Stables, Inc.  
Canyon, ridden by Brittany Warden and owned by Glebe Ventures LLC

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