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### Tosh Has a Grand Catch Ride

All it took for Maddie Tosh of Milton, GA, to click with Juan Carlos was a ticketed warm-up ride the day before they competed in the Small Junior 16-17 Hunters. They then went straight into the ring and picked up a third place and the win in the handy class – with an overall score of 93 – before wrapping up the division championship with second in the stake class and first place under saddle. These top ribbons gave them the Overall Grand Junior Hunter 3'3" Champion sponsored by Shadow Ridge. Juan Carlos, an 11-year-old Holsteiner gelding by Casall, and Tosh were presented with The Spontaneous Perpetual Trophy donated by The Listrati Family, and Tosh also named the Best 3'6" Junior Rider sponsored by Rose Hill Farm LA, LLC.



Maddie Tosh piloted Juan Carlos to win the Grand Junior Hunter 3'6" Championship. Photo by Shawn McMillen Photography

"Lily normally shows him in the 3'3" juniors," Tosh explained. "Her and everyone at Hesslink/Williams was generous enough to pass the reins to me for the week, and it worked out fantastically. I'm very grateful to them for this opportunity."

This was the first junior hunter championship and grand hunter championship that Tosh has won at Capital Challenge. She pointed out, "I've done [the junior hunters] a lot but never had the best of luck here. It's such a special horse show to win at, and I think it's a great start to the rest of indoors. It's an honor to win and be grand champion here."

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### Sonneborn Checks the Bucket List

At the age of 16, local Washington D.C. resident Lily Sonneborn rode in her second Capital Challenge Horse Show and for the first time here in the Junior Hunter 3'3" division. She and Spencer, a 12-year-old Dutch Warmblood gelding by Nabab de Reve, were first, second, and fifth over fences to win the Junior Hunter 3'3" 15 & Under Section B division and the Grand Junior Hunter 3'3" Championship. Sonneborn was also named the Best Junior 3'3" Rider Award sponsored by Deer Creek Farm LLC.



The Grand Junior Hunter 3'3" Championship went to Lily Sonneborn and Spencer. Photo by Shawn McMillen Photography

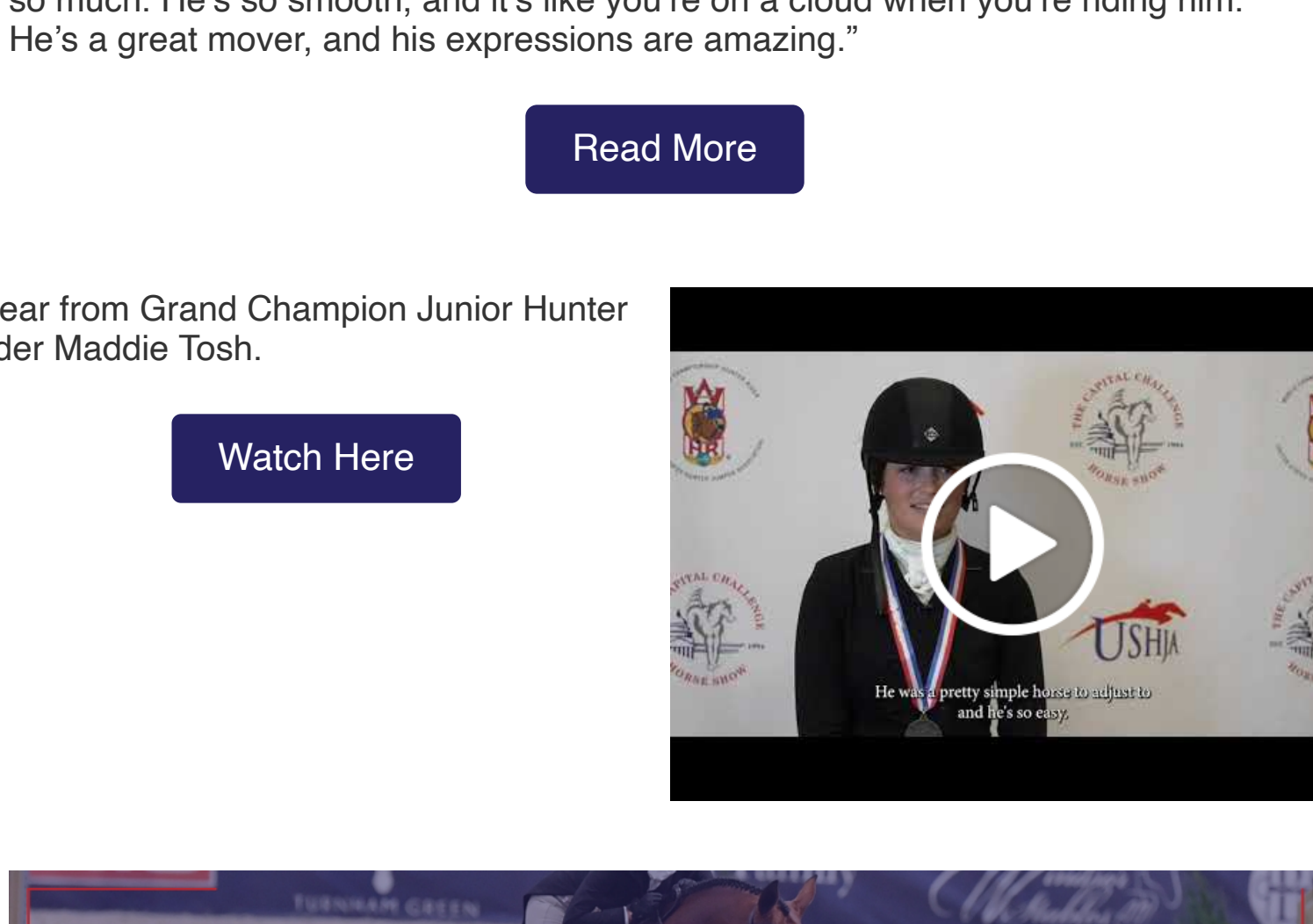
"It's incredible to be grand champion," she said. "This was such a bucket list item for me; I never thought this would happen. I'm so lucky to have my team behind me and these incredible horses that make my dreams come true. My trainers work so hard to make everything happen. I'm kind of in shock. I never thought this would happen, so I'm so grateful."

Sonneborn started riding only three years ago after attending a horse camp where she fell in love with horses. While she rides locally at Rolling Acres Farm during the week to "practice with no stirrups," she trains with Geoffrey Hesslink and Brendan Williams.

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### Burnham Has a Grand Debut

In her first time competing at Capital Challenge Horse Show, 12-year-old Clara Burnham of Boulder, CO, took home the lion's share worth of prizes for Children's Hunters. They won over fences and were third under saddle, which helped them win the Children's Hunter 14 & Under division and the Grand Children's Hunter Championship sponsored by Mary Jane King. For that win, they were presented with The Laura Pickett Memorial Trophy donated by Julie Karpan. Burnham was also given the Best Children's Hunter Rider Award sponsored by Wild Sky Farm and The Nelson Family. At the end of the day, she won the WCHR Children's Hunter Challenge.



Clara Burnham and Ravello were the Grand Children's Hunter Champions. Photo by Shawn McMillen Photography

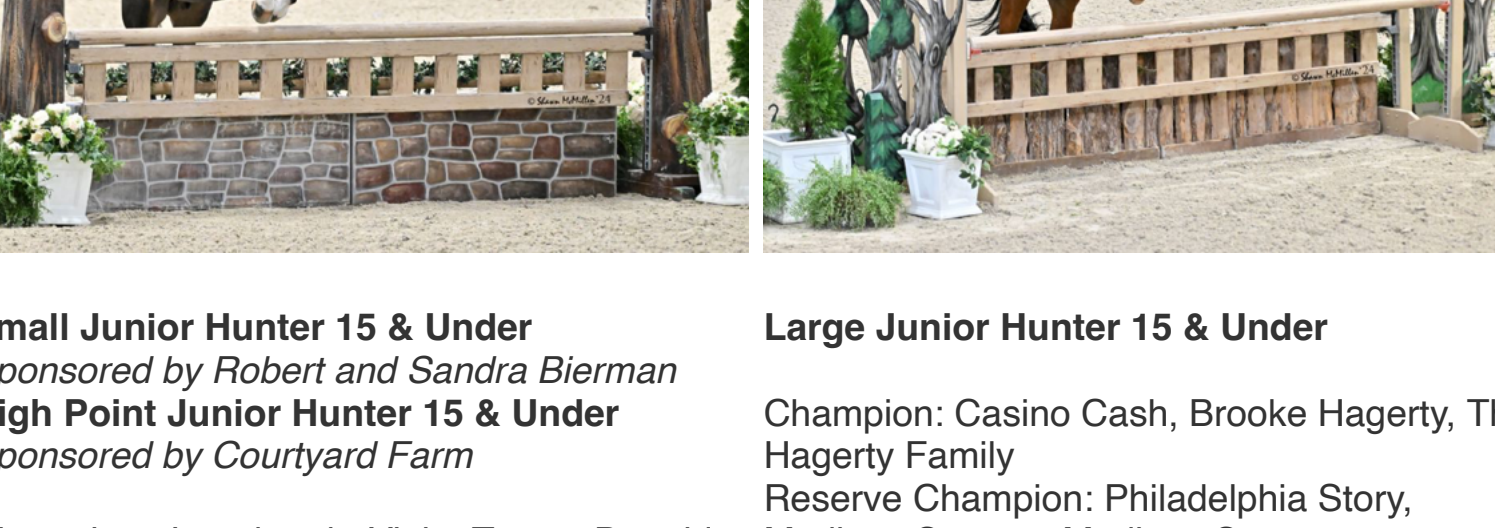
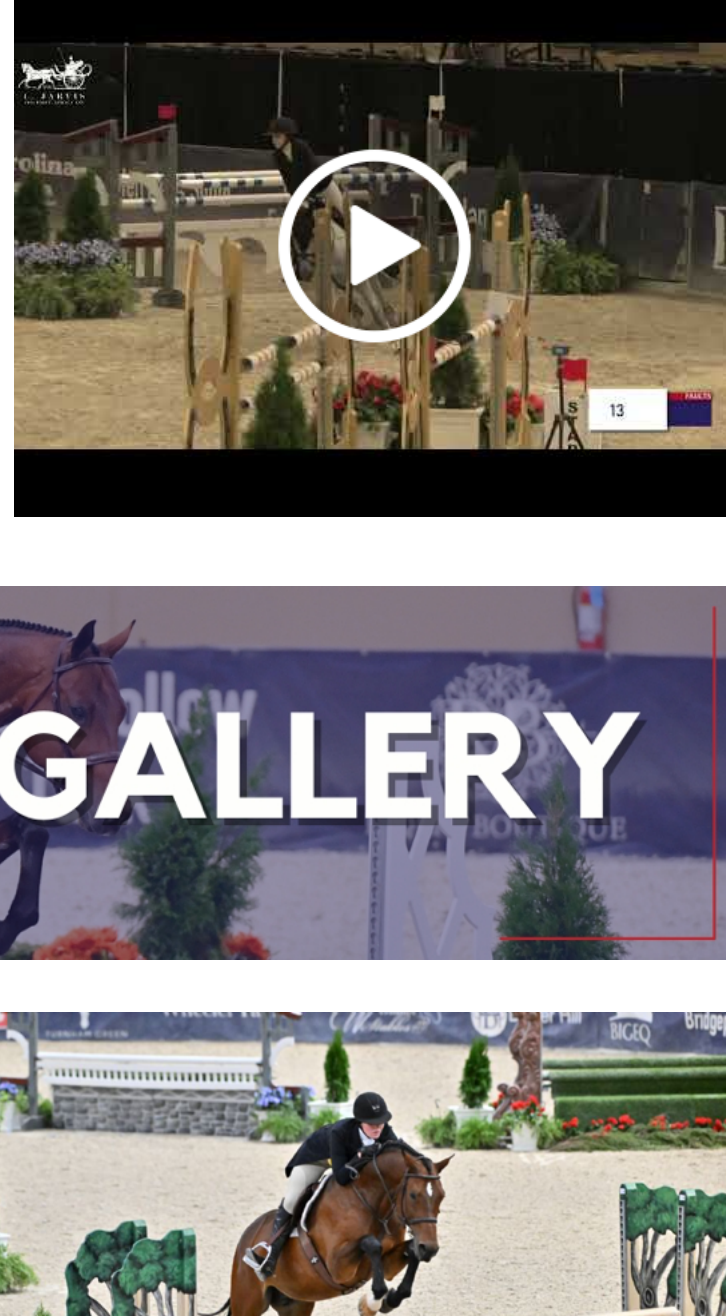
What started as a short lease has turned into a longer partnership for Burnham and Ravello, a 12-year-old Warmblood gelding. After competing at the Traverse City Horse Shows this past summer, they extended the lease.

Burnham acknowledged a "rider error" for a lack of a ribbon in their second jumping class but gave full credit to her horse for their success. "It's tough competition. If you screw up once, you're not placing," she said with a smile. "He's so perfect; I love him so much. He's so smooth, and it's like you're on a cloud when you're riding him. He's a great mover, and his expressions are amazing."

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Hear from Grand Champion Junior Hunter rider Maddie Tosh.

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Watch the winning round for Lily Sonneborn and Spencer.

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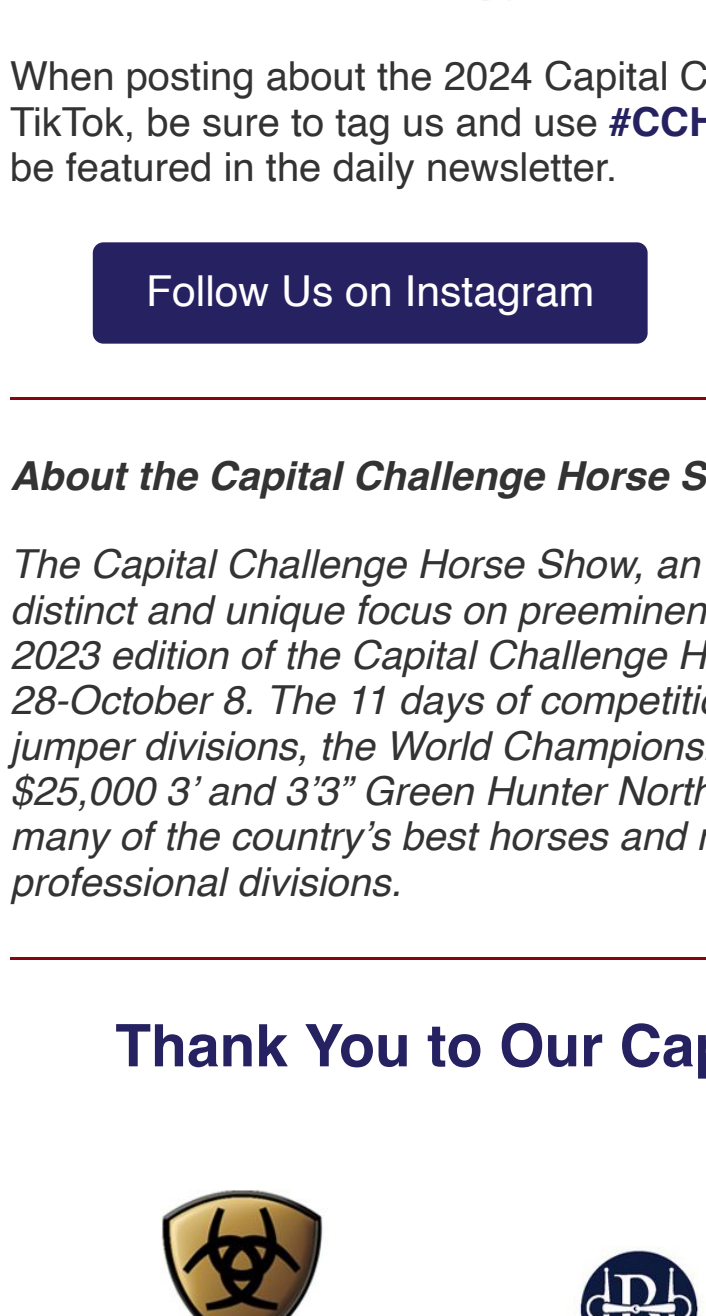
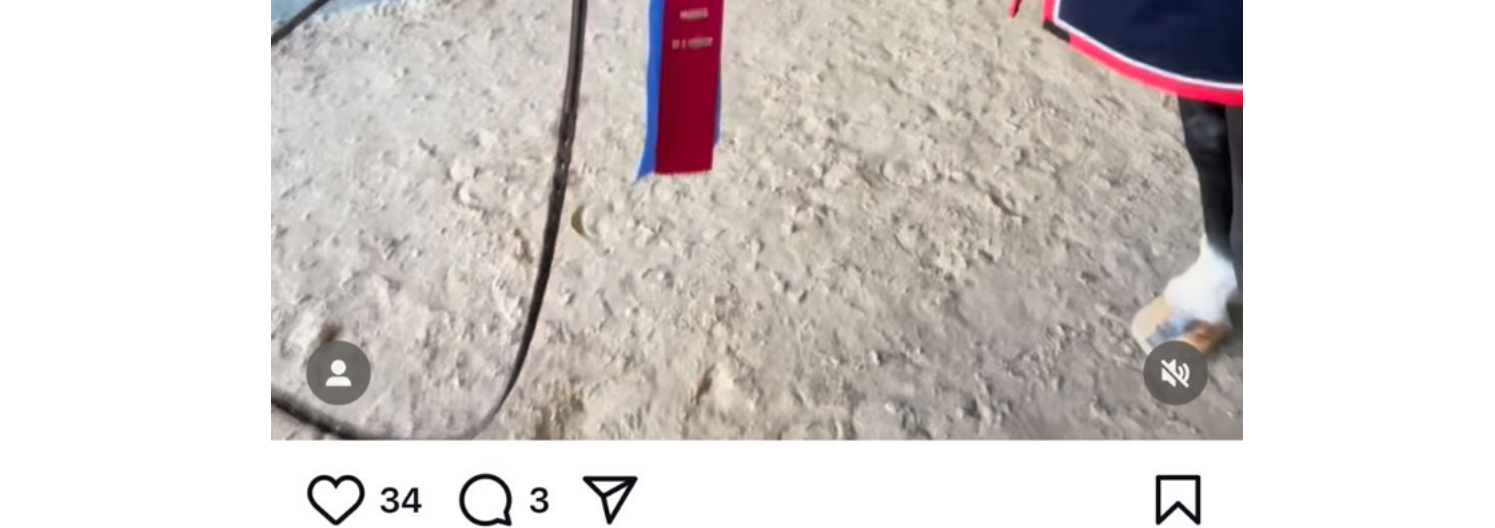
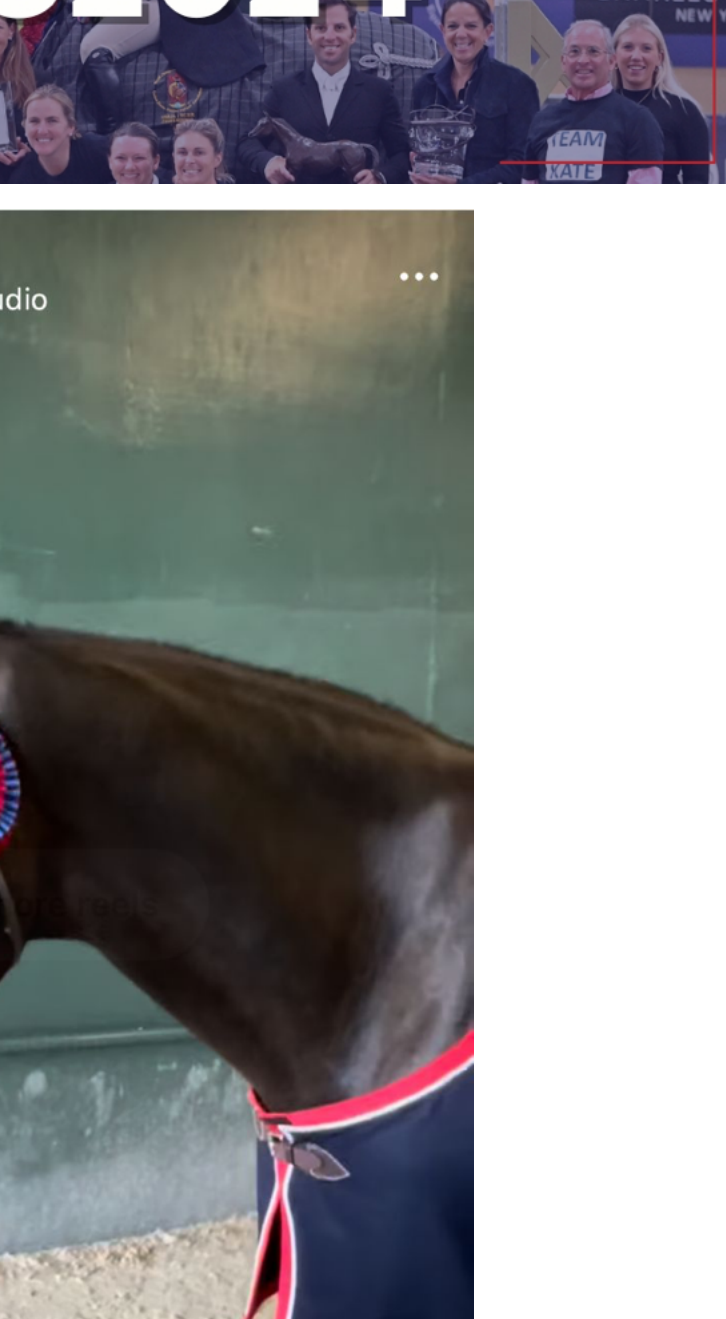
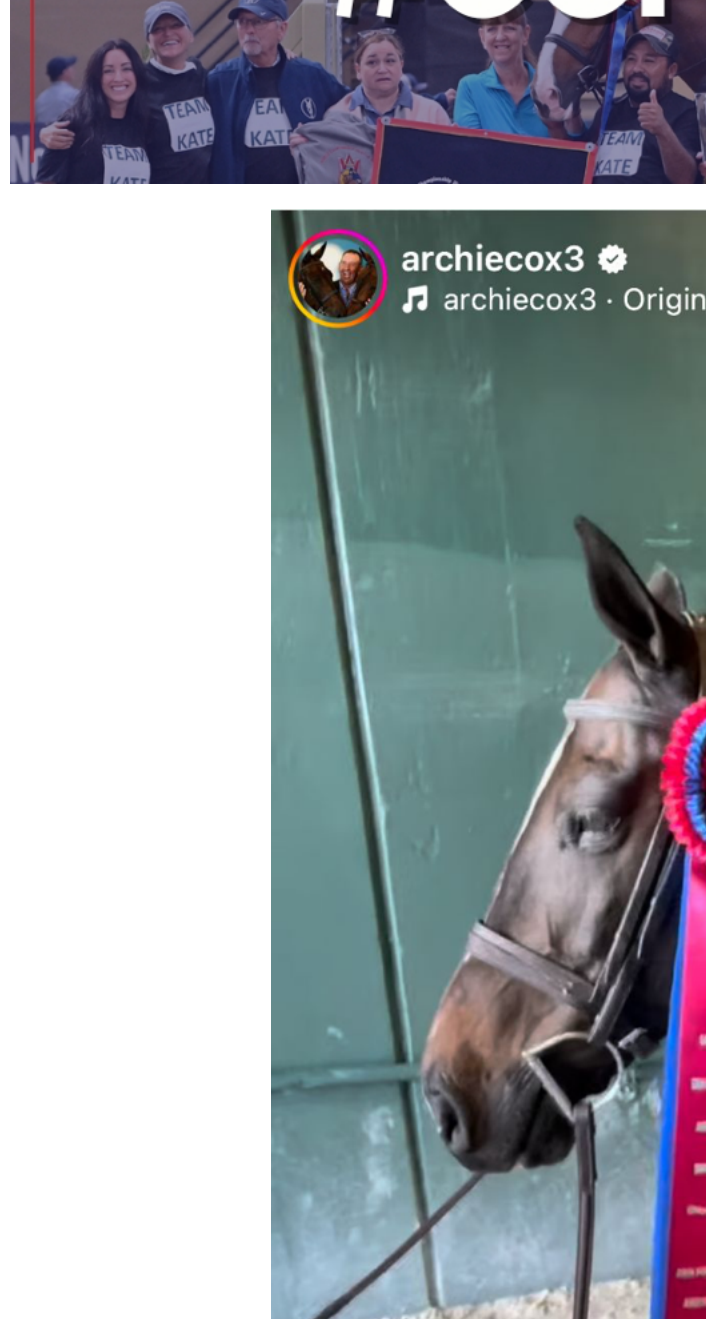


See how Clara Burnham and Ravello took their grand win.

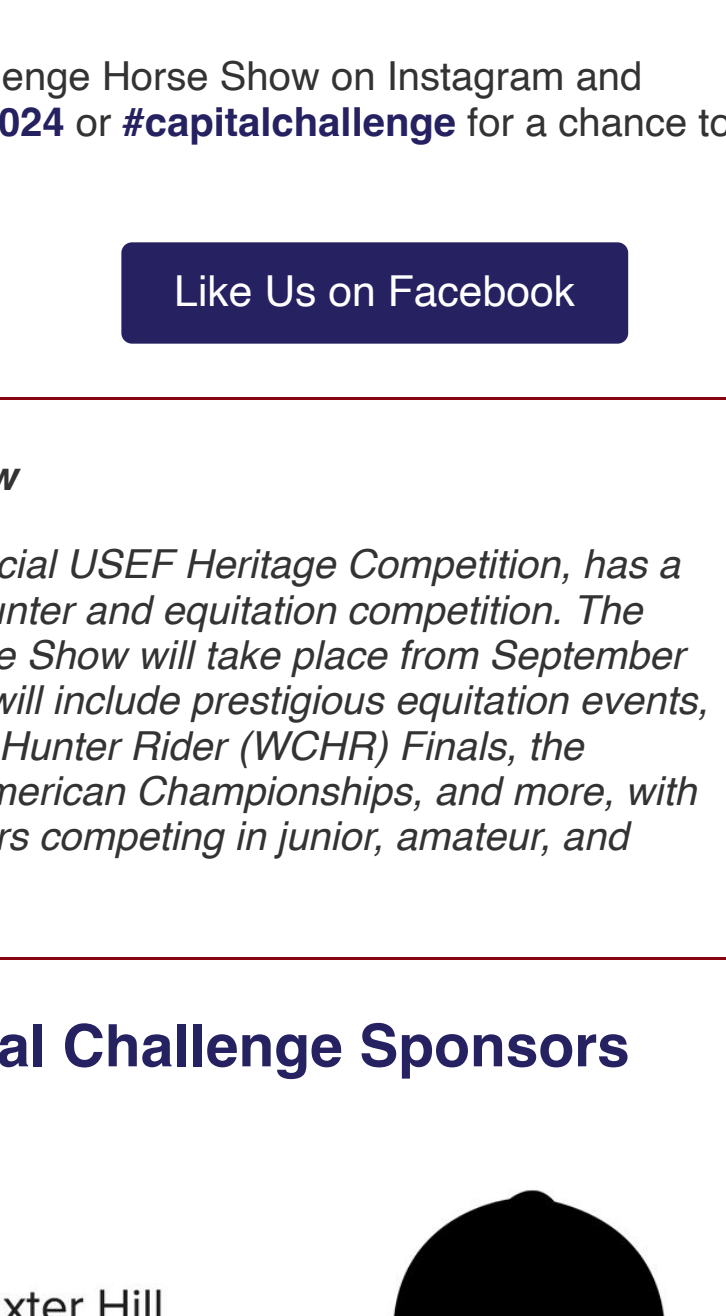
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**Large Junior Hunter 15 & Under**  
Champion: Casino Cash, Brooke Hagerty, The Hagerty Family  
Reserve Champion: Philadelphia Story, Madison Stewart, Madison Stewart



**Junior Hunter 3'3" 15 & Under Section A**  
Sponsored by Hesslink/Williams  
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Reserve Champion: All Inclusive, Ava Berman, Ava Berman



**Junior Hunter 3'3" 15 & Under Section B**  
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Reserve Champion: Ocean Road, Mimi Maddock, Maddock Horses LLC



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**Children's Hunter 15-17**  
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Reserve Champion: Kid Safari DH, Lily Capone, Lily Capone



**Junior Hunter 3'3" 16-17**  
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Champion: Grand Romance, Caroline Moore, Caroline Moore  
Reserve Champion: Troubadour, Madison Ramsey, Matt Martin



**Leading Hunter Trainer:**  
Brendan Williams (far left)

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### About the Capital Challenge Horse Show

The Capital Challenge Horse Show, an official USEF Heritage Competition, has a distinct and unique focus on performance hunter and equitation competition. The 2023 edition of the Capital Challenge Horse Show will take place from September 28-October 8. 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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