



# WORLD EQUESTRIAN CENTER®



## World Equestrian Center Highlights

### Wilmington Thanksgiving in the Midwest



Richard Rinehart piloted The Diamant Rose Z to the first grand prix win of their partnership in the \$30,000 Grand Prix. As the second to jump off, Rinehart set the quick pace and was unable to be caught, making up time down the first bending line and securing the tricky inside turn.

“It has been a horse that I have watched for several years and have always wanted. She just knows what she is doing. She is so game and really tries hard.”



Izzy Beisel notched another victory to her record this week aboard David Beisel and Courtney Berling's Vegas H in the \$10,000 [Hagyard Equine Medical Institute](#) Futures Prix. Beisel entered at the bottom of the order to make one inside turn to secure the win.

“He has such a big stride that I wasn't worried about the leave-out to the double. I got there so nicely that I was able to slow down for the one stride, and he melted into me and swung around that inside turn so easily.”



Sarah Duhon was met with smiles and open arms at the in-gate after her victory in the \$15,000 [CWD](#) USHJA National Hunter Derby with MF Starboy.

“I have known Starboy for a while. I am good friends with his owner Michael [Britt-Leon], and he contacted me this summer about him. I got him in August, and it took me a minute to figure out what made him tick. I truly can't say enough good things about the horse. He jumps amazing from anywhere, has the biggest stride and is the handiest horse I have ever ridden. He gives you an incredible feeling. It is Starboy's world, and we all just live in it!”



With the top three entries just few points apart, Jenna Drago ultimately returned to claim her second derby win of the fall season with Sandriano in the \$15,000 USHJA National Non-Pro Hunter Derby.

“The handy was difficult, so I knew as long as I showed it off and did the correct turns that I would be able to get the top spot. Sandy has a fan club. I just love him; he is perfect!”

All photos by [Winslow Photography](#)

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## Memorable Moments From World Equestrian Center

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### Wilmington Thanksgiving in the Midwest Sunday Spotlight



Samantha Wertz and Dario S. Photo by [Winslow Photography](#)

This week's Wilmington Sunday Spotlight shines on Samantha Wertz of Zionsville, IN. Riding out of Rinehart Farm, the junior rider has worked her way up the ranks in the jumper ring with her mount, Dario S. We caught up with Sam after her fourth-place finish in the \$10,000 Futures Prix to learn more about her riding journey, Dario S and her goals for the future.

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## Upcoming Events

### [World Equestrian Center – Ocala](#)

#### [2024 November and December Show Series Dates](#)

December I: December 3-8  
December II: December 11-15

#### [2025 Winter Spectacular Show Series Dates](#)

Winter Spectacular I: January 1-5  
Winter Spectacular II: January 7-12  
Winter Spectacular III: January 14-19  
Winter Spectacular IV: January 21-26  
Winter Spectacular V: January 28-February 2: World Champion Hunter Rider Week  
Winter Spectacular VI: February 4-9: WEC Premier Equitation Cup Championship on February 8  
Winter Spectacular VII: February 11-16: CSI5\*-W  
Winter Spectacular VIII: February 18-23  
Winter Spectacular IX: February 25-March 2: World Champion Hunter Rider Week  
Winter Spectacular X: March 4-9  
Winter Spectacular XI: March 12-16  
Winter Spectacular XII: March 18-23: CSIO5\* Longines League of Nations™

#### [2025 Spring Series Dates](#)

Ocala Spring I: March 26-30  
Ocala Spring II: April 1-6

### [World Equestrian Center – Wilmington](#)

#### [2024 Show Dates](#)

Winter Classic 2: December 4-8, 2024  
Winter Classic 3: December 11-15, 2024  
*WEC Christmas: December 18-22, 2024\**

#### [2025 Winter in the Midwest Dates](#)

*USEF Premier/Level 4 Jumpers*

*USEF National/Level 4 Jumpers\**

Winter Classic 5: January 8-12  
Winter Classic 6: January 15-19  
Winter Classic 7: January 22-26\*  
Winter Classic 8: January 29-February 2\*  
Winter Classic 9: February 5-9  
Winter Classic 10: February 12-16  
Winter Classic 11: February 19-23  
Winter Classic 12: February 26-March 2\*  
Winter Spring Forward: March 5-9  
Winter Classic 14: March 12-16  
Winter Classic 15: March 19-23  
Winter Classic 16: March 26-30  
Winter Classic 17: April 2-6

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## About World Equestrian Center

Named one of *TIME's* 2024 World's Greatest Places, World Equestrian Center features two premier equestrian and multidisciplinary venues in Ocala, Florida, and Wilmington, Ohio.

These exclusive facilities comprise state-of-the-art arenas, expansive stadiums, versatile outdoor space, sporting fields and well-appointed exposition centers. An abundance of lodging options and luxury accommodations are conveniently located on-site, along with shopping and dining throughout each property.

Dedicated to offering great sport and good fun in a family-friendly environment, World Equestrian Center promises an unparalleled experience for exhibitors, spectators, vendors, sponsors and retailers built on three core values: Quality. Class. Distinction.

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