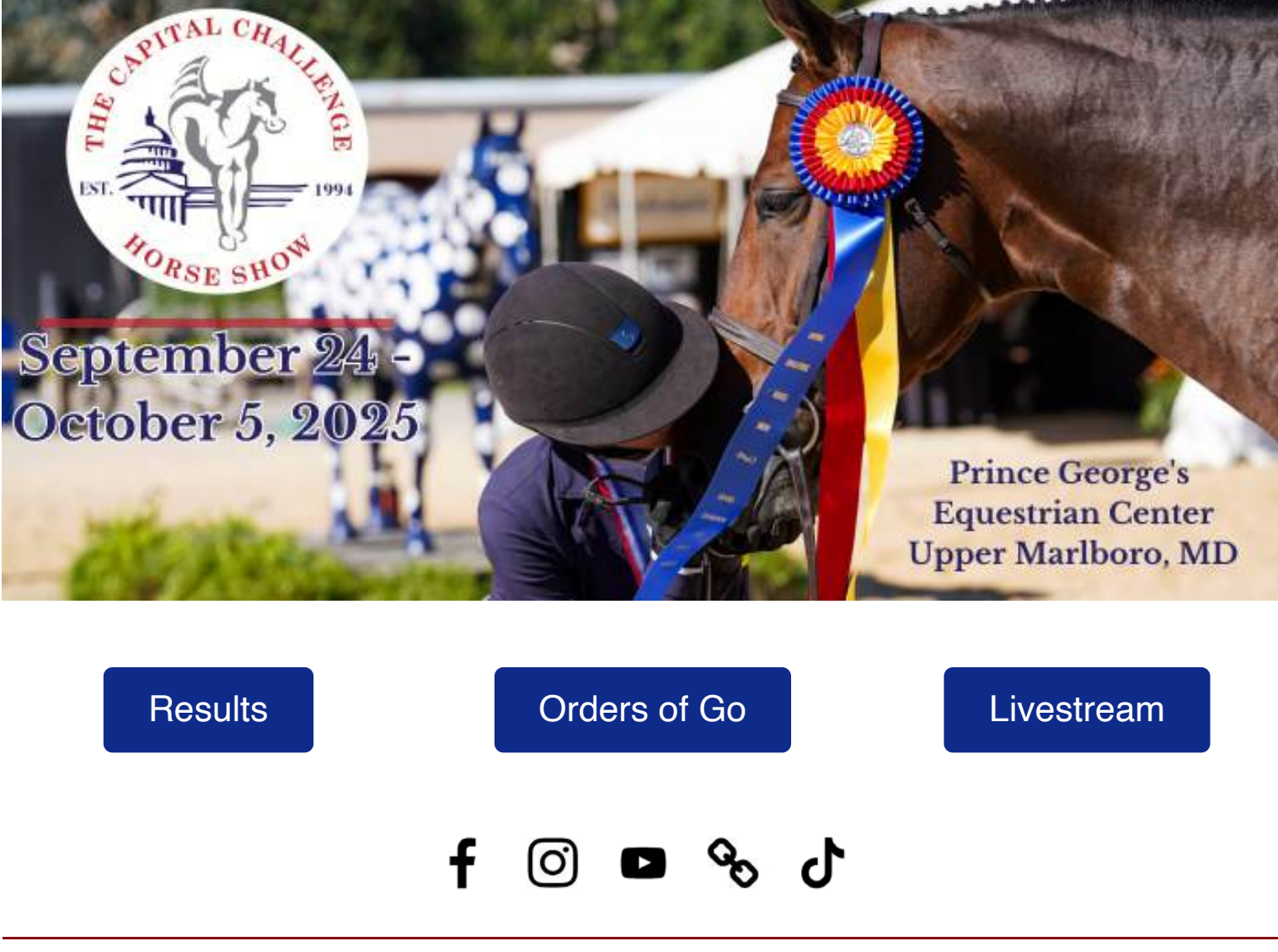


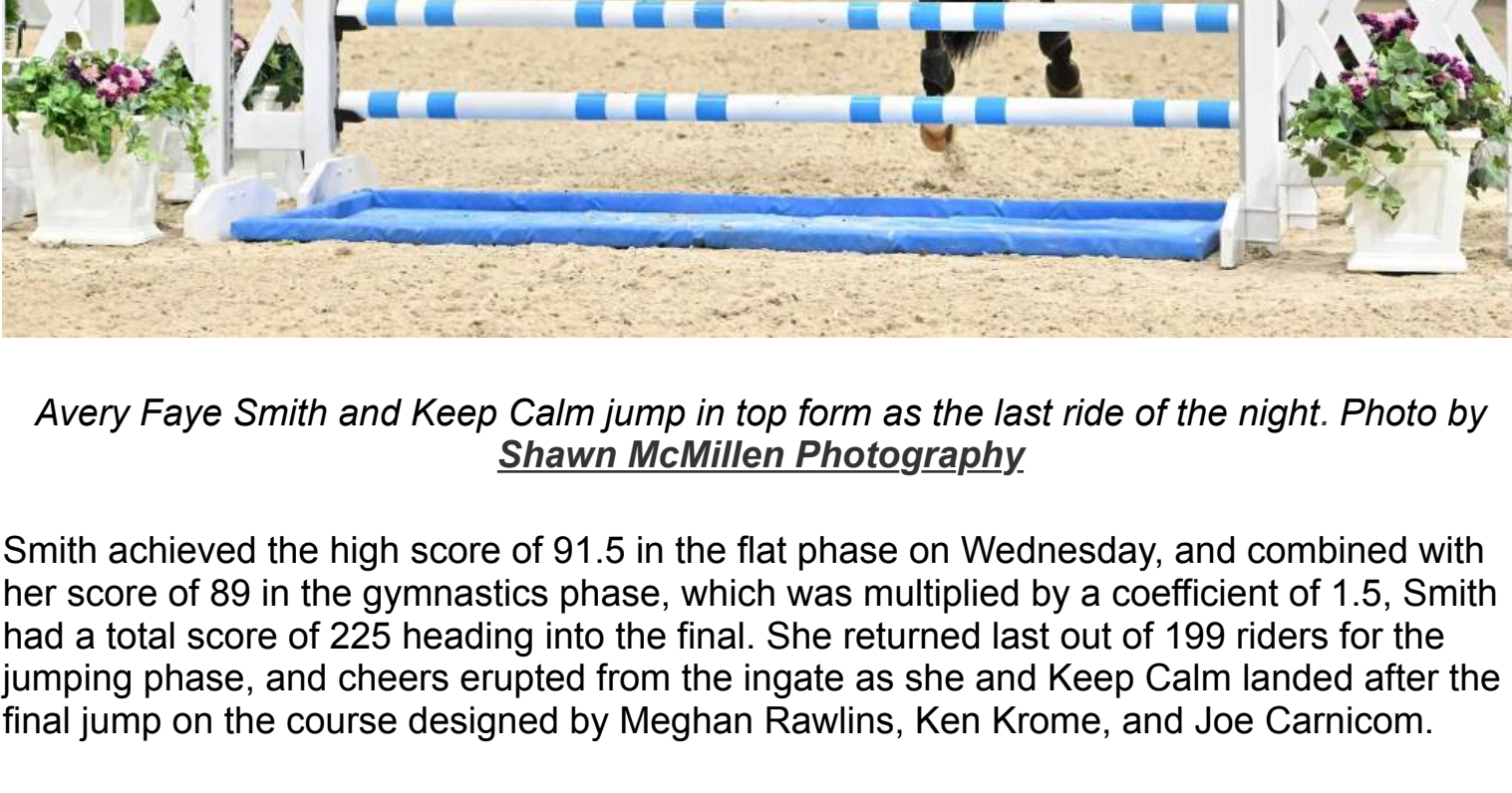
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Avery Faye Smith Stays Steady to Win Marshall+Sterling Insurance/United States Hunter Jumper Association (USHJA) 3'3" Jumping Seat Medal Final - East

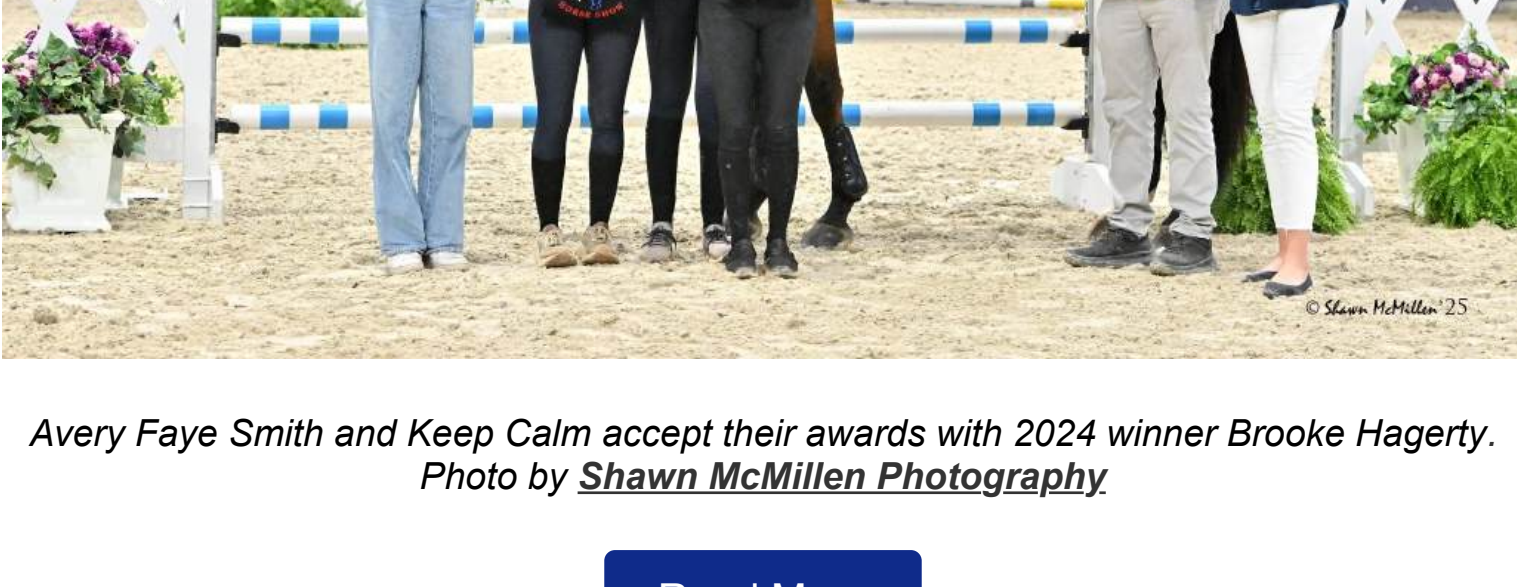
September 26, 2025 – Upper Marlboro, MD – On the final day of the Marshall+Sterling Insurance/United States Hunter Jumper Association (USHJA) 3'3" Jumping Seat Medal Final - East, Avery Faye Smith and Terrapin Hill Farm's Keep Calm finished what they started, securing the championship after taking top honors in both the flat and gymnastics phases. Their win capped off the third day on Friday, September 26, of the Equitation Showcase, presented by [BIGEQ.com](#), during the 2025 Capital Challenge Horse Show at Prince George's Equestrian Center in Upper Marlboro, MD.

"I was super, super nervous. I really, really wanted to win, especially with it being my third time competing in this class, and especially because I won the first two phases," admitted Smith. "All day I was pacing around the barn and just trying to find things to do. I was really nervous, but I performed well under pressure tonight, so it worked out."

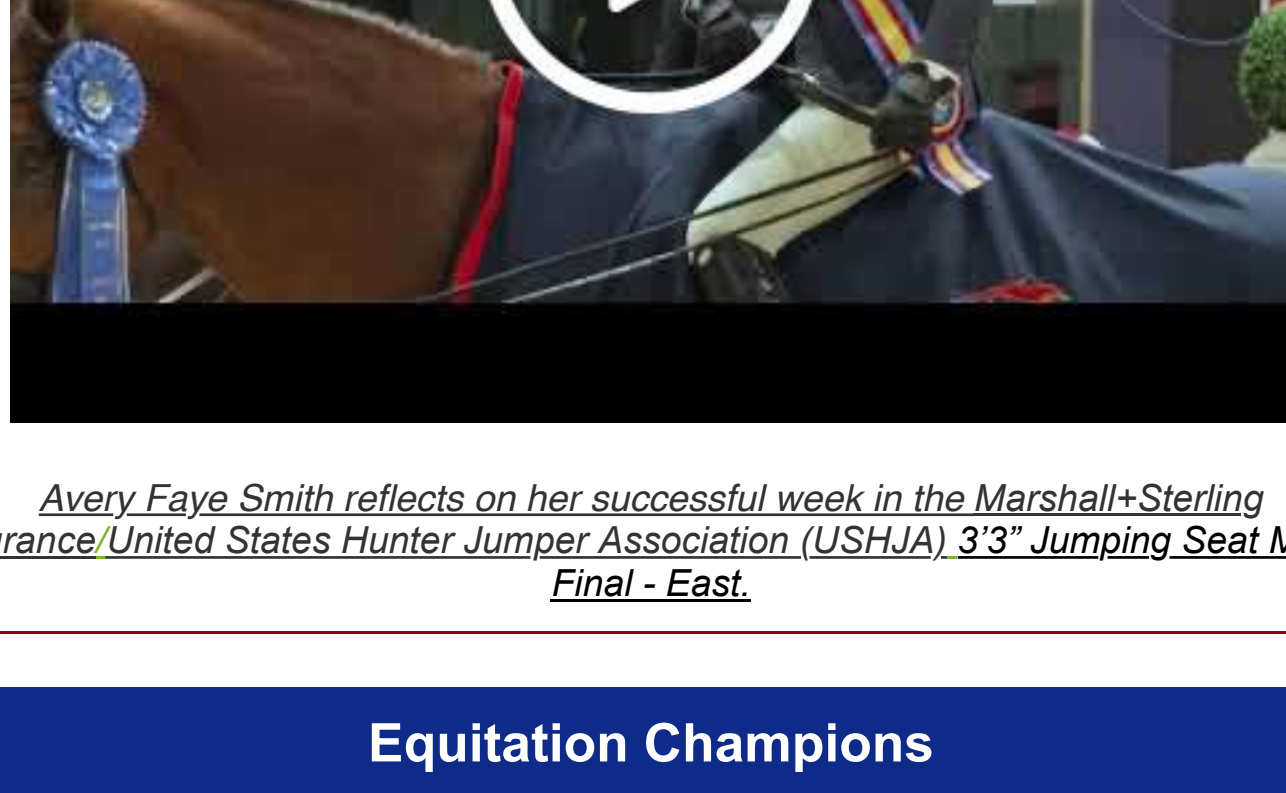


Avery Faye Smith and Keep Calm jump in top form as the last ride of the night. Photo by [Shawn McMillen Photography](#).

Smith achieved the high score of 91.5 in the flat phase on Wednesday, and combined with her score of 89 in the gymnastics phase, which was multiplied by a coefficient of 1.5, Smith had a total score of 225 heading into the final. She returned last out of 199 riders for the jumping phase, and cheers erupted from the ingate as she and Keep Calm landed after the final jump on the course designed by Meghan Rawlins, Ken Krome, and Joe Carnicom.

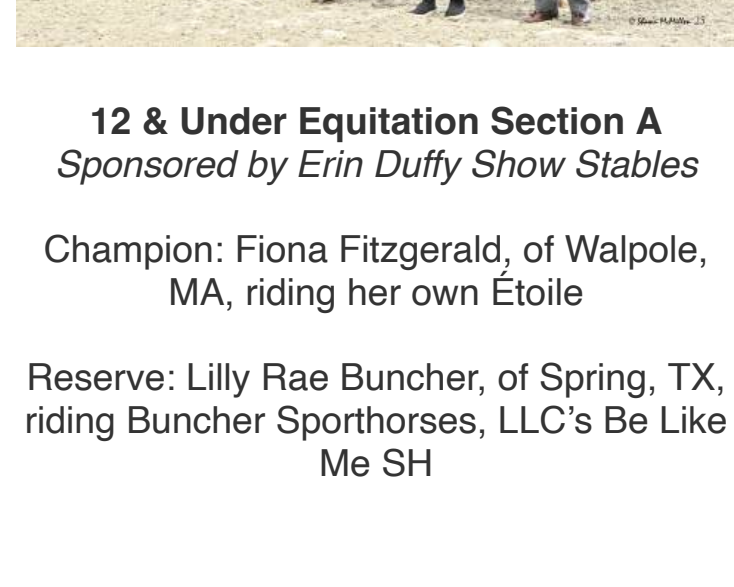


Avery Faye Smith and Keep Calm accept their awards with 2024 winner Brooke Hagerty. Photo by [Shawn McMillen Photography](#).

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Avery Faye Smith reflects on her successful week in the Marshall+Sterling Insurance/United States Hunter Jumper Association (USHJA) 3'3" Jumping Seat Medal Final - East.

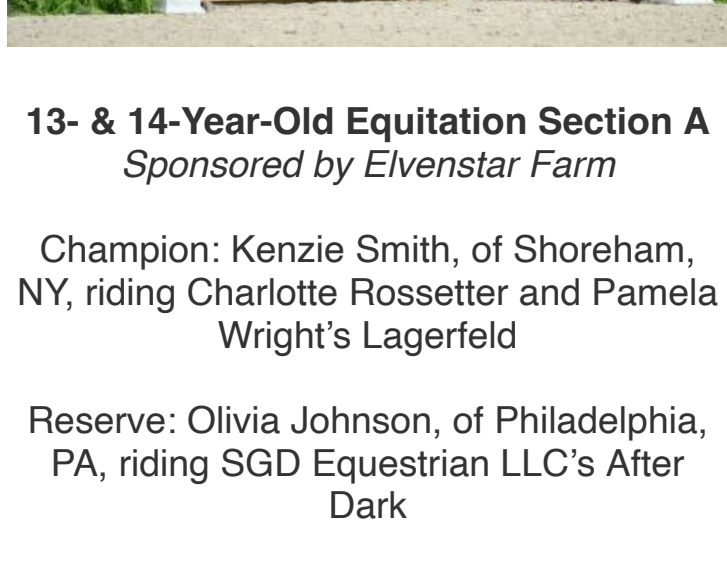
Equitation Champions



12 & Under Equitation Section A
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Champion: Fiona Fitzgerald, of Walpole, MA, riding her own Etolie

Reserve: Lilly Rae Buncher, of Spring, TX, riding Buncher Sporthorses, LLC's Be Like Me SH



13- & 14-Year-Old Equitation Section A
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Champion: Kenzie Smith, of Shoreham, NY, riding Charlotte Rossetter and Pamela Wright's Lagerfeld

Reserve: Olivia Johnson, of Philadelphia, PA, riding SGD Equestrian LLC's After Dark



15-Year-Old Equitation Section A
Sponsored by Fairy Tale Farms

Champion: Lilly Herzog, of Pepper Pike, OH, riding Sadie Leon's Qwantreau

Reserve: Mimi Maddock, of New York, NY, riding Vandenburg Equine LLC's Smokeshow 8



16-Year-Old Equitation Section A
Sponsored by Victoria Colvin, LLC

Champion: Isabella Salas, of Oakton, VA, riding her own Cactus

Reserve: Hailey Eynon, of Rolling Hills Estates, CA, riding MZ Farms LLC's Castolino 5



17-Year-Old Equitation Section A
Sponsored by Ashland Farms

Champion: Avery Faye Smith, of Wilsonville, OR, riding Terrapin Hill Farm, LLC's Keep Calm

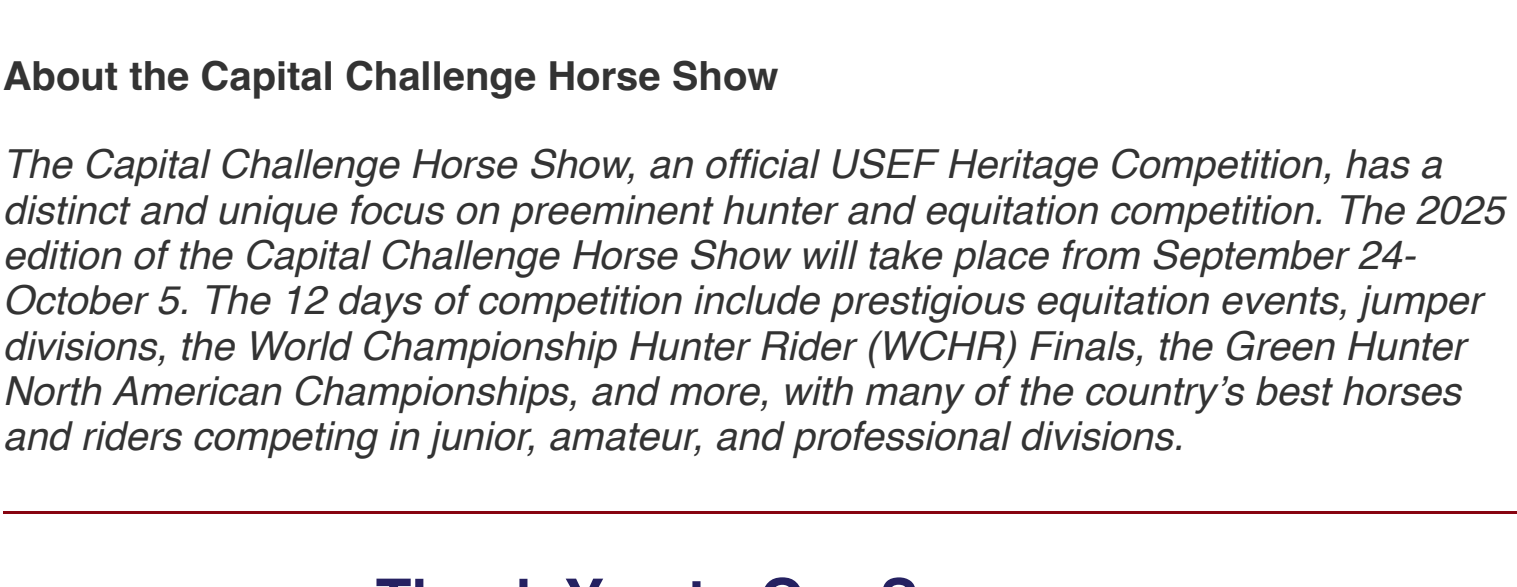
Reserve: Olivia Aul, of Woodinville, WA, riding her own Iggy Pop



Adult Amateur Equitation Section A
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Champion: Kate Hagerty, of Bonneville, OR, riding The Hagerty Family's All In Z

Reserve: Hannah Klinedinst, of Dallas, TX, riding Equestrian Closet, LLC's MTM Brando



Adult Amateur Equitation Section B
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Champion: Reilly Canard, of Philomont, VA, riding Charlotte Rossetter's Jinter Van Het Hagehot

Reserve: Sinead Fennelly, of Schaumburg, IL, riding Ryan Sassmannshausen's Thunder Mountain



About the Capital Challenge Horse Show

The Capital Challenge Horse Show, an official USEF Heritage Competition, has a distinct and unique focus on preeminent hunter and equitation competition. The 2025 edition of the Capital Challenge Horse Show will take place from September 24-October 5. The 12 days of competition include prestigious equitation events, jumper divisions, the World Championship Hunter Rider (WCHR) Finals, the 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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