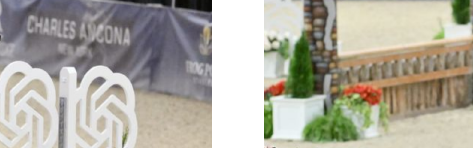
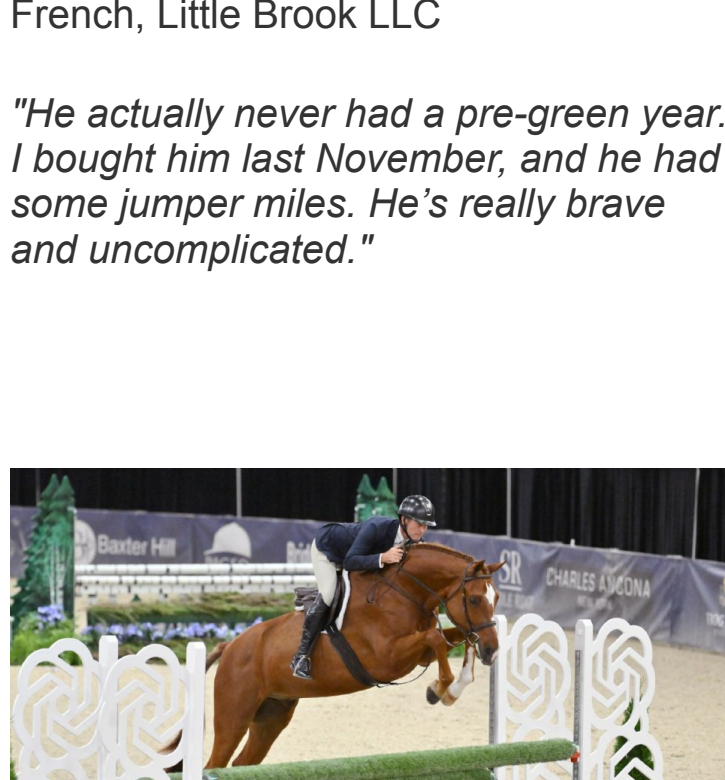


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A Picture-Perfect Roundup of Hunter Champions



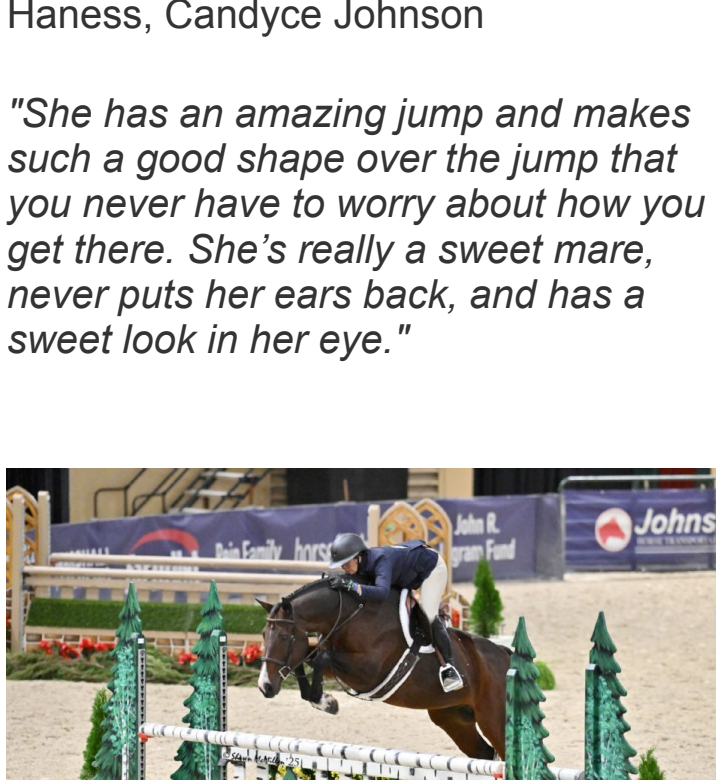
Green Hunter 3'6" Section A

Sponsored by Peter Pletcher and PJP Farm

Champion: Fidelio, Scott Stewart, Dr. Betsee Parker

Reserve Champion: Kaiden, John French, Little Brook LLC

"He actually never had a pre-green year. I bought him last November, and he had some jumper miles. He's really brave and uncomplicated."



Green Hunter 3'6" Section B

Sponsored by Lee Sadrian and the Kellogg Family

Champion: Crystal Blue, John French, Walkenbach Equestrian LLC

Reserve Champion: Baby Blue, Nick Haness, Candyce Johnson

"She has an amazing jump and makes such a good shape over the jump that you never have to worry about how you get there. She's really a sweet mare, never puts her ears back, and has a sweet look in her eye."

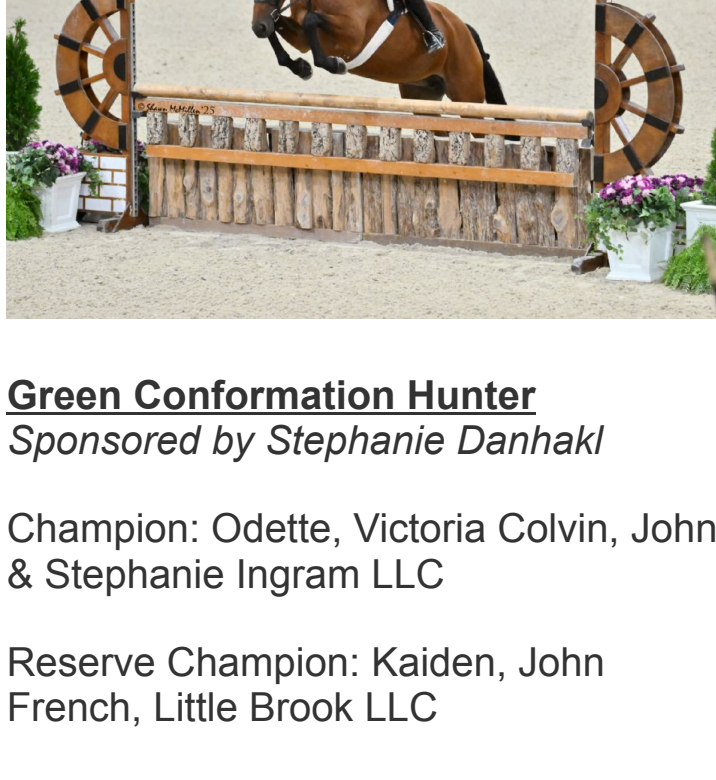


Green Hunter 3'9"

Champion: Navigator, Hunt Tosh, Ceil Wheeler

Reserve Champion: Dicobule PS, Victoria Colvin, John & Stephanie Ingram LLC

"I had high expectations for him and to be champion in his first indoor show was spectacular. He has a great stride and a ton of scope."



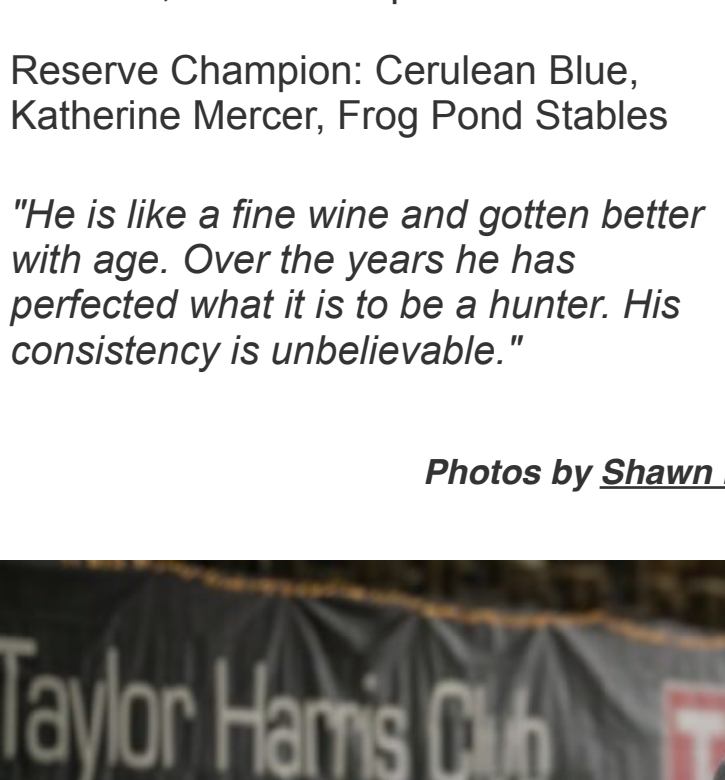
High Performance Hunter

Sponsored by Windsor Stables, Michael Britt-Leon, and Kelly Sims

Champion: Lafitte de Muze, Amanda Steege, Cheryl Olsten

Reserve Champion: Four Aces, David Wilbur, Marita Zuraitis

"Lafitte just has so much heart and desire, and he loves to be a show horse and a competitor. I think he keeps rising to the challenge of that."



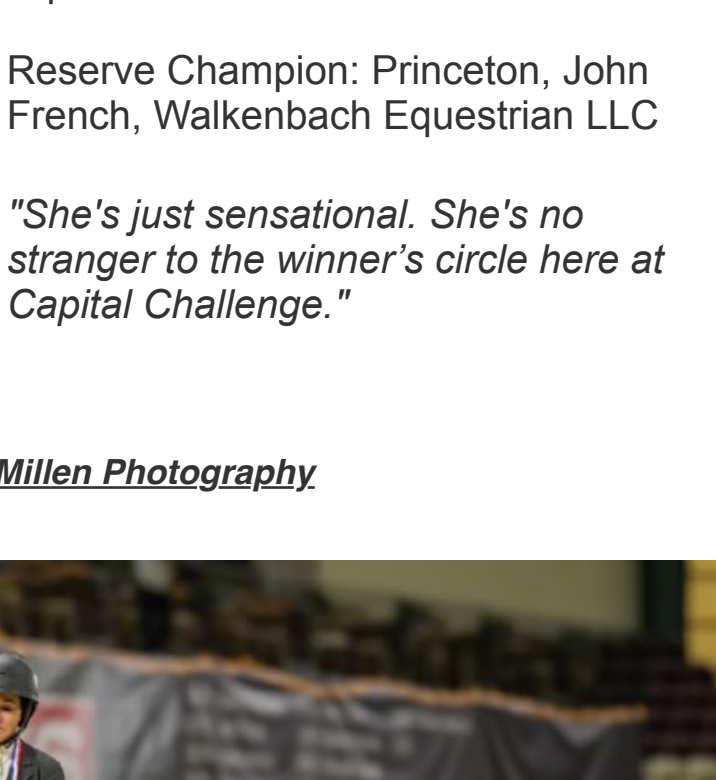
High Performance Conformation Hunter

Sponsored by Joie Gatlin

Champion: California Love, Scott Stewart, Dr. Betsee Parker

Reserve Champion: For Always, Scott Stewart, Dr. Betsee Parker

"He's still relatively young, but he just gets better and better. He's really scopey and fun, and he's probably one of the best-jumping conformation horses I've had."



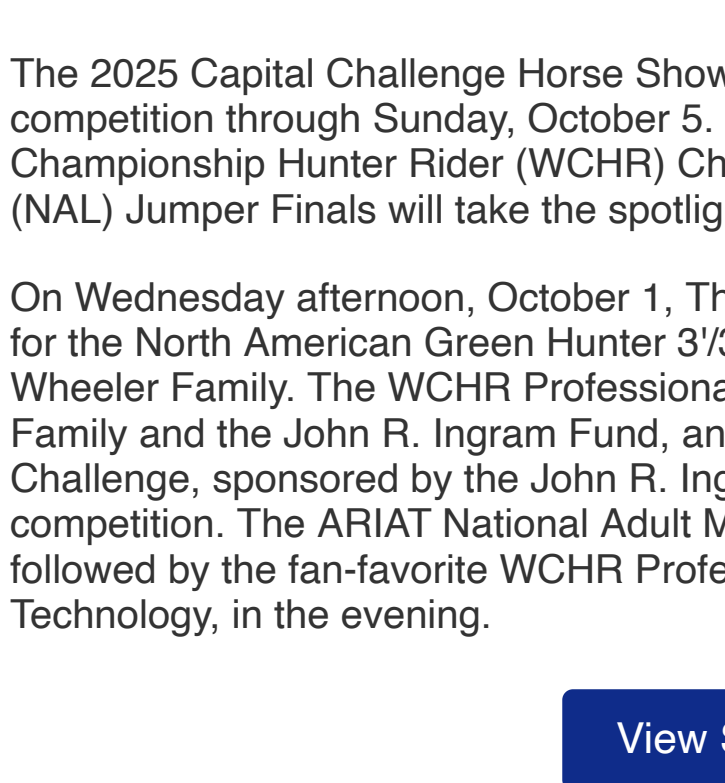
Green Conformation Hunter

Sponsored by Stephanie Danhaki

Champion: Odette, Victoria Colvin, John & Stephanie Ingram LLC

Reserve Champion: Kaiden, John French, Little Brook LLC

"I have only shown Odette twice, and she's a really lovely mare. She is very easy and goes in and wants to win."

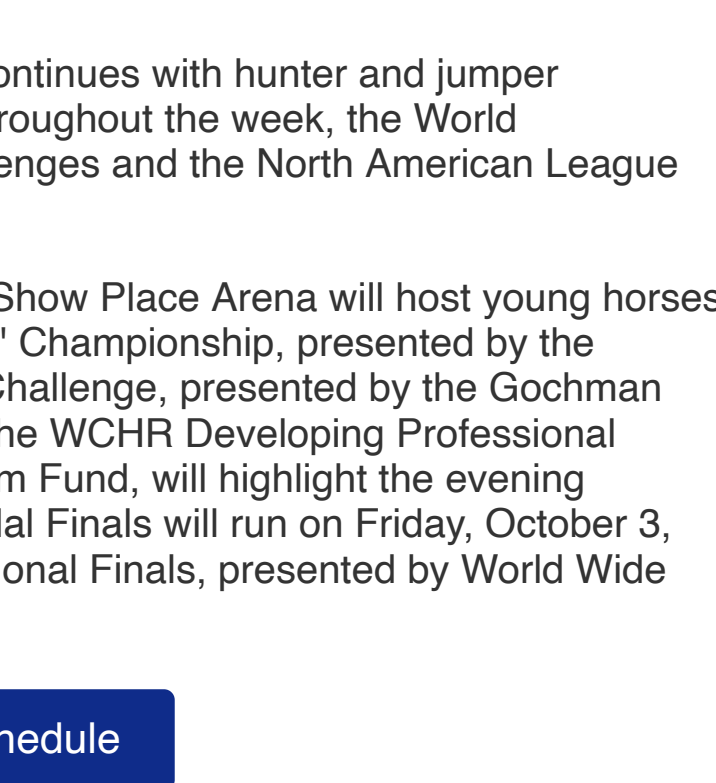


Performance Hunter 3'6"

Champion: Paisley Park, Geoffrey Hesslink, Andesite Equestrian

Reserve Champion: Cerulean Blue, Katherine Mercer, Frog Pond Stables

"He is like a fine wine and gotten better with age. Over the years he has perfected what it is to be a hunter. His consistency is unbelievable."



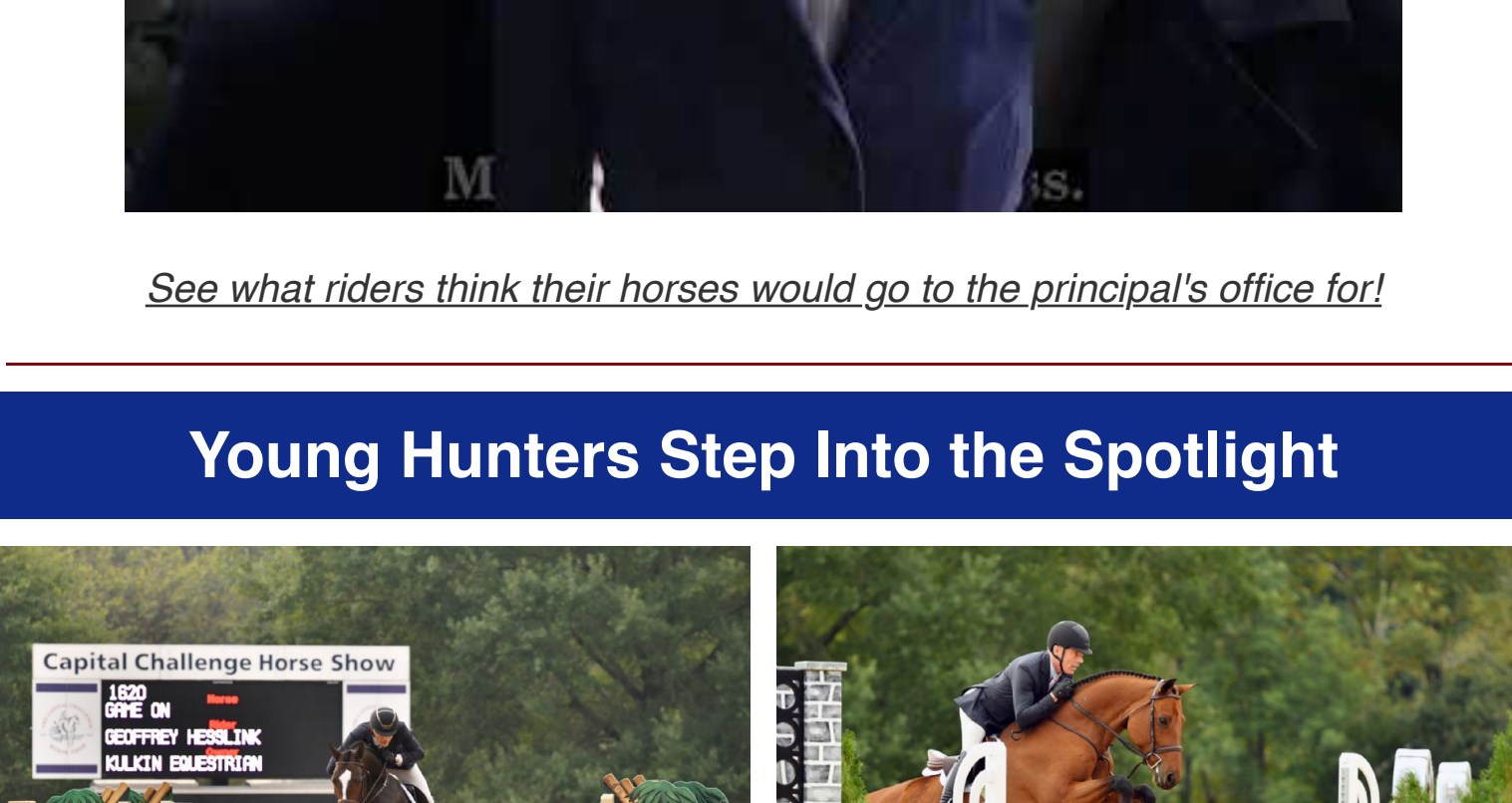
Performance Hunter 3'6"

Champion: Circa, Nick Haness, Wade Equestrian Farms LLC

Reserve Champion: Princeton, John French, Walkenbach Equestrian LLC

"She's just sensational. She's no stranger to the winner's circle here at Capital Challenge."

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Jennifer Jones and her own Record Year won the Professional World Champion under Saddle. [Photo by Flaxen Mane Media](#)

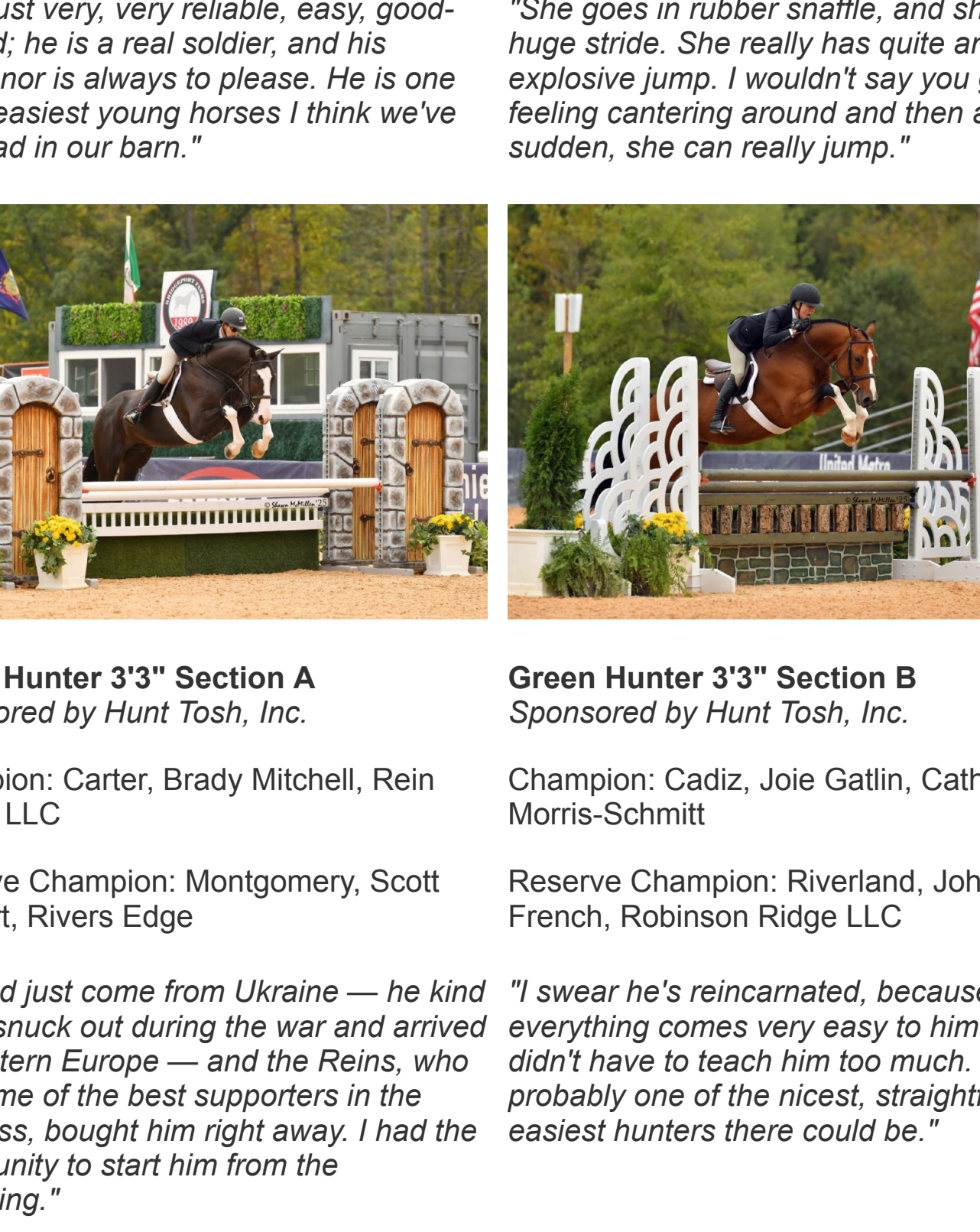
Upcoming Featured Classes

The 2025 Capital Challenge Horse Show continues with hunter and jumper competition through Sunday, October 5. Throughout the week, the World Championship Hunter Rider (WCHR) Challenges and the North American League (NAL) Jumper Finals will take the spotlight.

On Wednesday afternoon, October 1, The Show Place Arena will host young horses for the North American Green Hunter 3'/3"3" Championship, presented by the Wheeler Family, The WCHR Professional Challenge, presented by the Gochman Family and the John R. Ingram Fund, and the WCHR Developing Professional Challenge, sponsored by the John R. Ingram Fund, will highlight the evening competition. The ARIAT National Adult Medal Finals will run on Friday, October 3, followed by the fan-favorite WCHR Professional Finals, presented by World Wide Technology, in the evening.

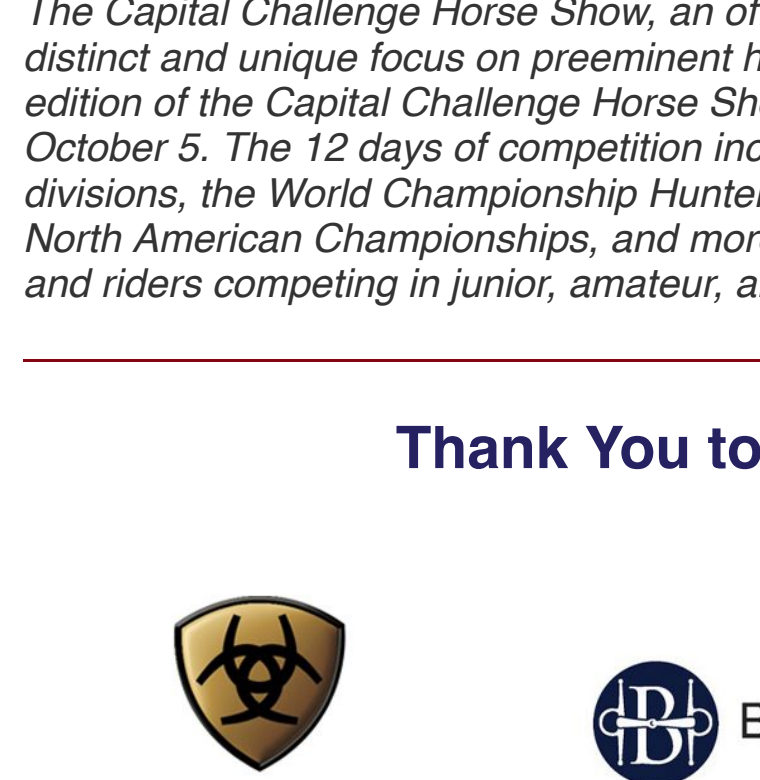
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Young Hunters Step Into the Spotlight



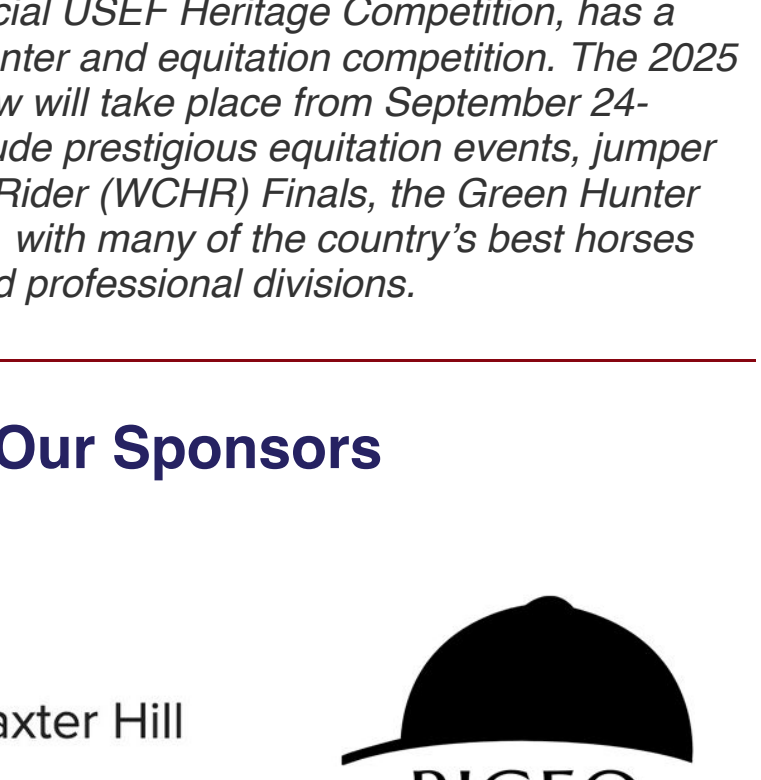
Green Hunter 3' Colts & Geldings

Sponsored by Boggs Hill/Mr. & Mrs. Tim Goguen

Champion: Game On, Geoffrey Hesslink, Kulkin Equestrian

Reserve Champion: Trend, Vivian Yowan, Kyle Owens

"He came to us literally a week ago. He is so athletic and natural, and I think he has the most spectacular jump for a young horse."



Green Hunter 3' 7 & Over

Sponsored by David Belford & Christopher Payne, New Hope LLC

Champion: Capaldi, Scott Stewart, Rivers Edge

Reserve Champion: Endgame, Jennifer Jones, Cece Williamson

"We have had Capaldi since he was four years old. He's really developing nicely, and I think he has the potential for the bigger jumps."



Green Hunter 3' 6 & Under

Sponsored by Jennifer & Roger Smith

Champion: South Coast, Nick Haness, West Coast Equine Partners LLC

Reserve Champion: Prospero, Jennifer Hannan, Stephanie Bulger

"He's just very, very reliable, easy, good-minded; he is a real soldier, and his demeanor is always to please. He is one of the easiest young horses I think we've ever had in our barn."



Green Hunter Mares 3' & 3'3"

Sponsored by Aquitaine Equine

Champion: Valentine, Daniel Geitner, Martin Schlaeppli

Reserve Champion: Rosewood, Scott Stewart, Rivers Edge

"She goes in rubber snaffle, and she has a huge stride. She really has quite an explosive jump. I wouldn't say you get that feeling cantering around and then all of a sudden, she can really jump."



Green Hunter 3'3" Section A

Sponsored by Hunt Tosh, Inc.

Champion: Carter, Brady Mitchell, Rein Family LLC

Reserve Champion: Montgomery, Scott Stewart, Rivers Edge

"He had just come from Ukraine — he kind of got snuck out during the war and arrived in Western Europe — and the Reins, who are some of the best supporters in the business, bought him right away. I had the opportunity to start him from the beginning."



Green Hunter 3'3" Section B

Sponsored by Hunt Tosh, Inc.

Champion: Cadiz, Joie Gatlin, Cathy Morris-Schmitt

Reserve Champion: Riverland, John French, Robinson Ridge LLC

"I swear he's reincarnated, because everything comes very easy to him. I really didn't have to teach him too much. He's probably one of the nicest, straightforward, easiest hunters there could be."

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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 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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