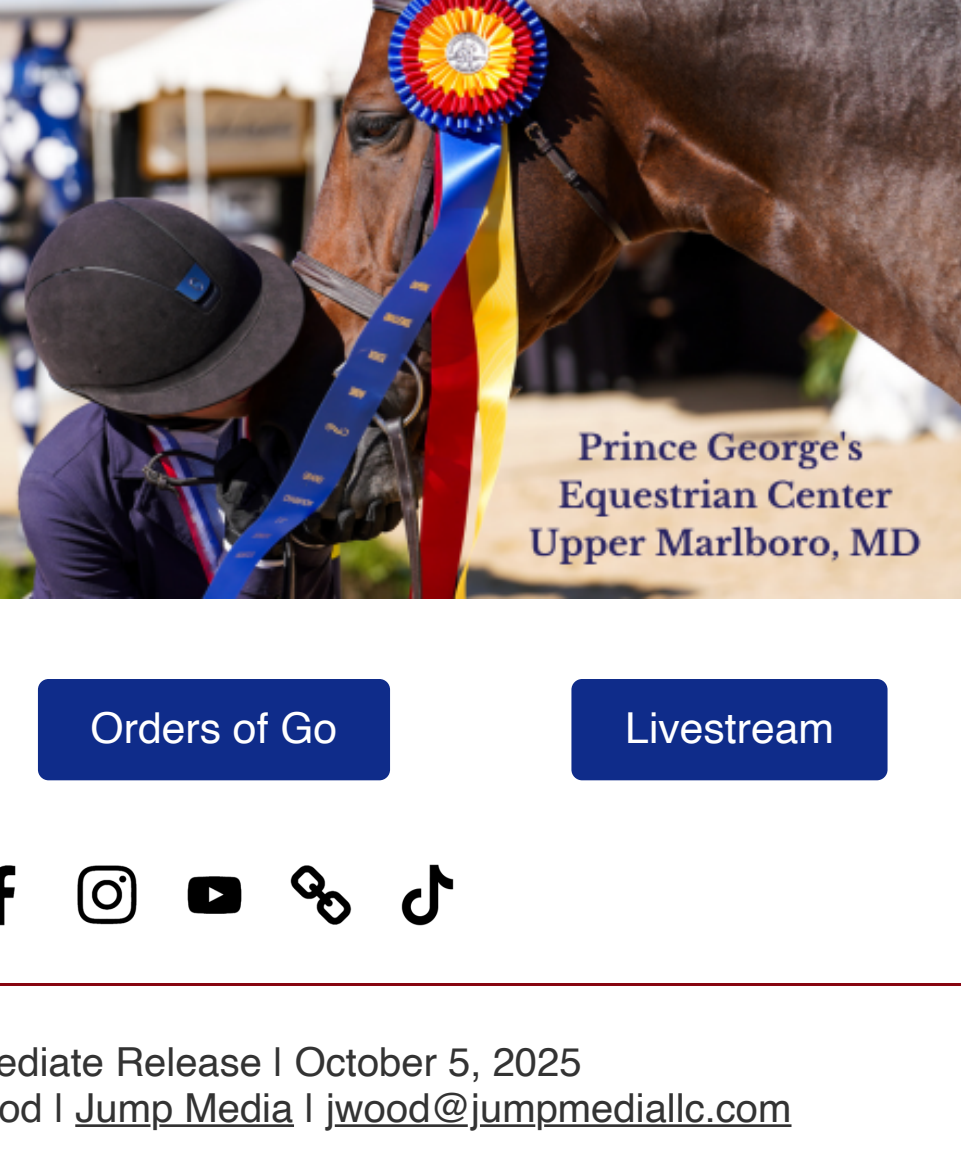


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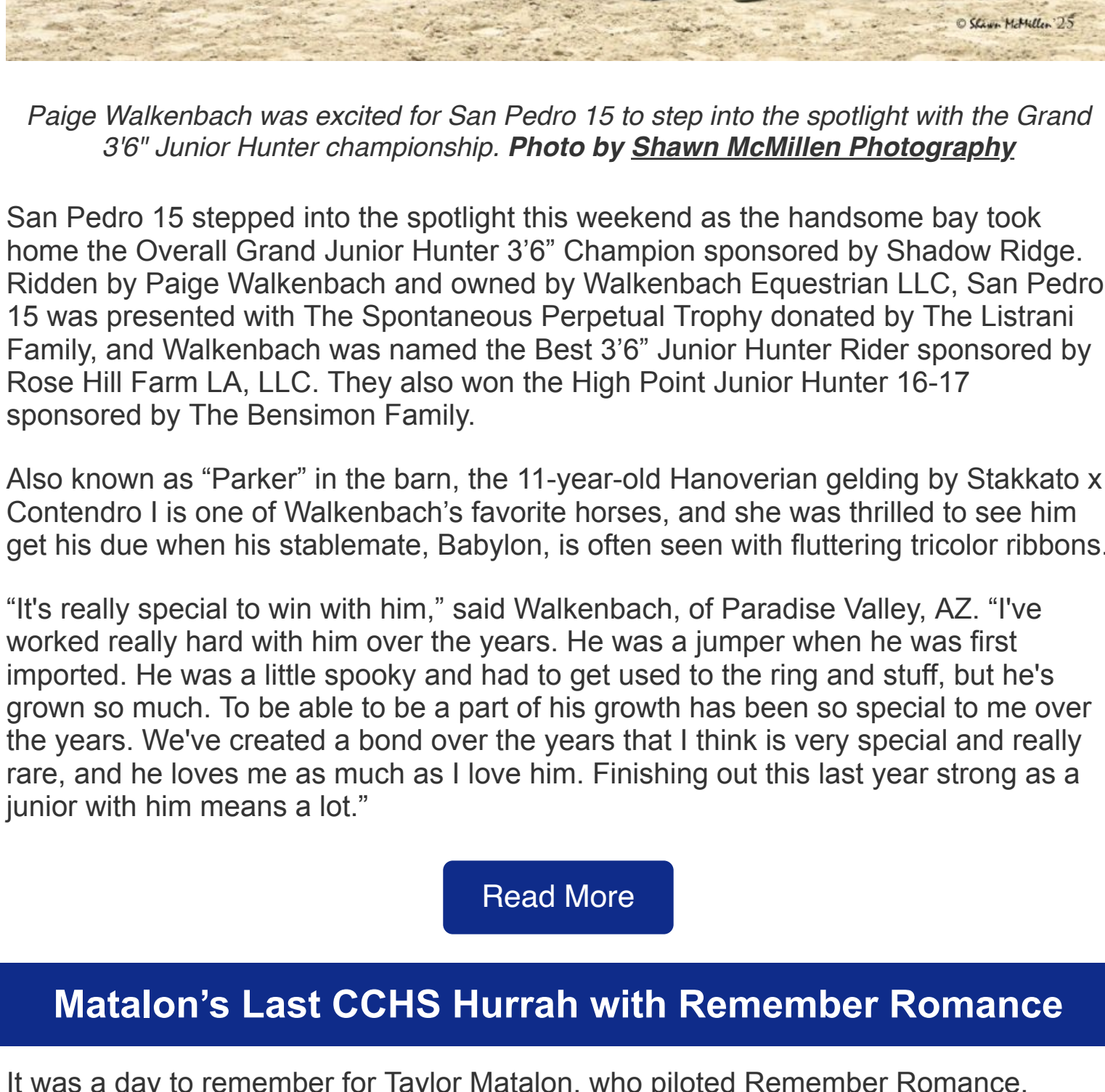
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Flowers for San Pedro and Walkenbach

Upper Marlboro, MD – On Sunday, October 5, competition came to a close at the 2025 Capital Challenge Horse Show. Paige Walkenbach and San Pedro 15 received the Grand 3'6" Junior Hunter Champion honors, while Taylor Matalon and Remember Romance won the Grand 3'3" Junior Hunter Championship. Luciana Gonzalez So piloted Opportunity Mars to the Grand Children's Hunter Championship.



Paige Walkenbach was excited for San Pedro 15 to step into the spotlight with the Grand 3'6" Junior Hunter championship. *Photo by Shawn McMillen Photography*

San Pedro 15 stepped into the spotlight this weekend as the handsome bay took home the Overall Grand Junior Hunter 3'6" Champion sponsored by Shadow Ridge. Ridden by Paige Walkenbach and owned by Walkenbach Equestrian LLC, San Pedro 15 was presented with The Spontaneous Perpetual Trophy donated by The Listrani Family, and Walkenbach was named the Best 3'6" Junior Hunter Rider sponsored by Rose Hill Farm LA, LLC. They also won the High Point Junior Hunter 16-17 sponsored by The Bensimon Family.

Also known as "Parker" in the barn, the 11-year-old Hanoverian gelding by Stakkato x Contendo I is one of Walkenbach's favorite horses, and she was thrilled to see him get his due when his stablemate, Babylon, is often seen with fluttering tricolor ribbons.

"It's really special to win with him," said Walkenbach, of Paradise Valley, AZ. "I've worked really hard with him over the years. He was a jumper when he was first imported. He was a little spooky and had to get used to the ring and stuff, but he's grown so much. To be able to be a part of his growth has been so special to me over the years. We've created a bond over the years that I think is very special and really rare, and he loves me as much as I love him. Finishing out this last year strong as a junior with him means a lot."

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Matalon's Last CCHS Hurrah with Remember Romance

It was a day to remember for Taylor Matalon, who piloted Remember Romance, owned by Matalon Equestrian, to the championship in the Junior Hunter 3'3" 16-17 division. With a third place over fences and fifth under saddle, Matalon and "Rex" returned on day two to win both over fences classes and clinch the tricolor. The top ribbons also earned them the Grand Junior Hunter 3'3" Championship. Matalon was also named the Best Junior 3'3" Rider Award sponsored by Deer Creek Farm LLC.

Matalon and Rex made the most of their last Capital Challenge together as the 17-year-old from Roswell, GA, will move up to the 3'6" for her final junior year. She has ridden Rex for two years, and 2024 was highly successful with a championship at the Pennsylvania National Horse Show as well as USEF Horse of the Year honors.



Taylor Matalon and Remember Romance won the Grand 3'3" Junior Hunter Championship together at their final Capital Challenge. *Photo by Shawn McMillen Photography*

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Gonzalez So Takes Advantage of an Opportunity

Luciana Gonzalez So made a winning debut at Capital Challenge Horse Show when she and Opportunity Mars, owned by Katie Kantrovitz, led the Children's Hunter 15-17 division after winning both over fences classes. This also secured 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. Gonzalez So was also given the Best Children's Hunter Rider Award sponsored by Wild Sky Farm and The Nelson Family.

Gonzalez So is 16 years old and from Los Angeles, CA. She started riding three years ago but show jumping runs in the family; her uncle Patricio Pasquel is a five-star rider who competed in the Tokyo Olympic Games for Mexico.



Luciana Gonzalez So and Opportunity Mars won the Grand Children's Hunter Championship in their first time at CCHS. *Photo by Shawn McMillen Photography*

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Gallery of Champions



Small Junior Hunter 15 & Under

Sponsored by *Robert and Sandra Bierman*

Champion: Adler, Alice Goodwin, Alice Goodwin

Reserve Champion: Your Welcome BC, Anna Tyler, Donald Stewart



Large Junior Hunter 15 & Under

Sponsored by *Boxwood Farm South*

Champion: Unprecedented, Ava Barnes, Ava Barnes

Reserve Champion: Circa, Wade Equestrian Farms LLC, Presley Wade



Junior Hunter 3'3" 15 & Under Section

Sponsored by *Hesslink*Williams*

Champion: Southland, Epic Sporthorses, LLC, Darya Davoudi

Reserve Champion: Chaperone, Kelly Sims, Bridget Harris



Junior Hunter 3'3" 15 & Under Section B

Sponsored by *Hesslink*Williams*

Champion: Ciao, Bridget Harris, Bridget Harris

Reserve Champion: Sundown, Charlotte Rossetter and Pamela Wright, Kenzie Smith

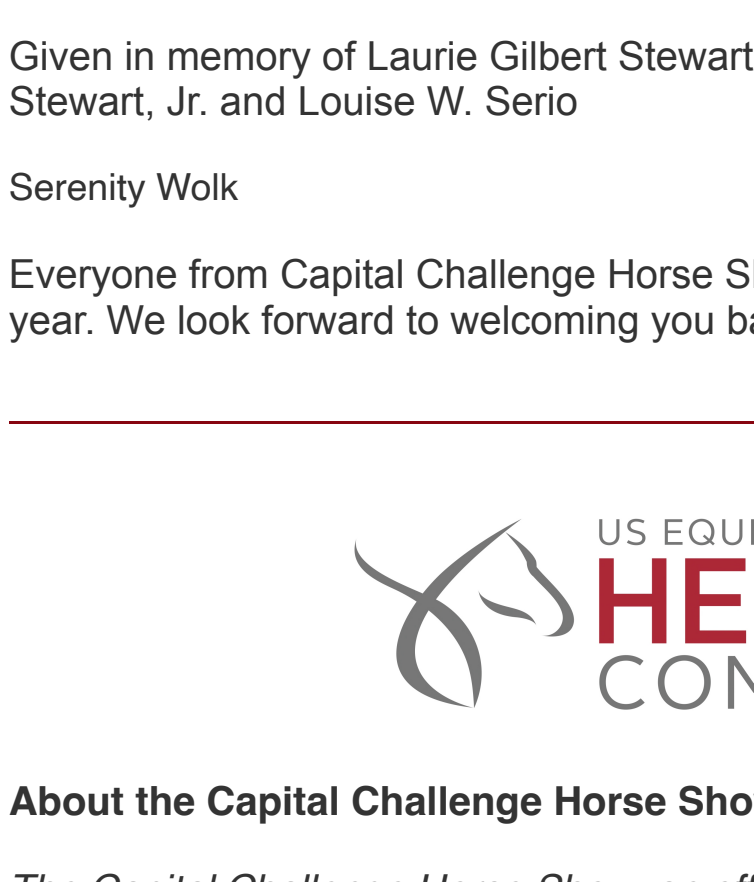


Junior Hunter 3'3" 16-17

Sponsored by *The Nolan Family*

Champion: Remember Romance, Matalon Equestrian, Taylor Matalon

Reserve Champion: Souvenir, Lydia Callard, Lydia Callard



Children's Hunter 14 & Under

Sponsored by *Mr. & Mrs. Garry Duffy and Little Brook Farms, Inc.*

Champion: Cheers!, Castellrock LLC, Isabelle Castellanos

Reserve Champion: Cassino Royale, Mateo Gomez, Mateo Gomez



Children's Hunter 15-17

Champion: Opportunity Mars, Katie Kantrovitz, Luciana Gonzalez So

Reserve Champion: Chazeaux, Seventh Stall LLC, Serenity Wolk

Photos by Shawn McMillen Photography

Leading Hunter Trainer sponsored by South Haven Farm

Tom Wright

High Point Junior Hunter 15 & Under sponsored by Courtyard Farm

Unprecedented, Ava Barnes, Ava Barnes

High Point Junior Hunter 16-17 sponsored by The Bensimon Family

San Pedro 15, Walkenbach Equestrian LLC, Paige Walkenbach

MARSHALL + STERLING 3'6" Junior Trip of the Show

Primrose, Frog Pond Stables, Katherine Mercer

MARSHALL + STERLING 3'3" Junior Trip of the Show

Sweet Caroline, Kimberly McCaslin, Ashley McCaslin

Best MARSHALL + STERLING Children's Trip of the Show

Tie: Opportunity Mars, Katie Kantrovitz, Luciana Gonzalez So

Cheers!, Castellrock LLC, Isabelle Castellanos

WCHR Junior 3'6" Challenge sponsored by Saddle Ridge

Babylon, Walkenbach Equestrian LLC, Paige Walkenbach

WCHR Junior 3'3" Challenge sponsored by Over the Hill Farm

Positano, Northern Ridge Stables LLC, Natalia McCarthy

WCHR Children's Hunter Challenge sponsored by Meadowview Farms, presented with the Applegate Family Perpetual Trophy, donated by The Applegate Family

Biarritz, Laura Van Rooyen, Grier Van Rooyen

WCHR Pony Challenge sponsored by Sweet Oak Farm, presented with the Foxlair Poker Trophy

On Tour, Charlotte Kelly, Kenzie Smith

Stewart-Warner Cup for Junior Rider

Given in memory of Laurie Gilbert Stewart and Mary Warner Brown by Donald E. Stewart, Jr. and Louise W. Serio

Elizabeth Rinehart

Stewart-Warner Cup for Children's Rider

Given in memory of Laurie Gilbert Stewart and Mary Warner Brown by Donald E. Stewart, Jr. and Louise W. Serio

Serenity Wolk

Everyone from Capital Challenge Horse Show says thank you for another wonderful year. We look forward to welcoming you back next on September 23-October 4, 2026!



About the Capital Challenge Horse Show

The Capital Challenge Horse Show, an official USEF Heritage Competition, has a distinct and unique focus on preminent 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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