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Great Charity Challenge Distributes \$1.7 Million to Local Non-Profit Organizations

An entire community came together to #BeTheChange and celebrate the 14th annual Great Charity Challenge sponsored by Fidelity Investments® (GCC) on Saturday, February 4, 2023. What is annually the biggest Saturday Night Lights of the Winter Equestrian Festival, Wellington International welcomed back supporters and enthusiasts. The goal of the evening: to inspire and empower others to get involved in their communities. As Wellington International transformed into Candy World, riders and horses represented their favorite sweets in their efforts to build a Path to a Sweeter Future for Our Palm Beach County Neighbors in Need!

Determined to show that unity amplifies impact, the GCC is an exciting show jumping event that combines equestrian sports and philanthropy, bringing hope to more than 50 Palm Beach County charities every year. Each team is made up of 3 riders ranging from the young, futures of the sport, to

top Olympians. Riders put it all on the line that night, racing to bring funds to their paired Palm Beach County organization.

Held for the past 13 years, the GCC has transformed into an inspiring community movement that has distributed a stunning \$19.4 million to 300+ non-profit organizations. Each year the excitement grows and empowers more people to join the movement.

Children and their pets, as part of this year's Pet Parade and Costume Contest, had something to add to the already electric atmosphere of the night. As expected, they did not disappoint! Thanks to matching sponsor the Wedell Family Foundation and title sponsor, The Postage Stamp Farm Foundation, \$50,000 was distributed to 15 pre-selected wonderful organizations! Spirit Award grants of \$2,500 were also awarded again this year to four organizations who are the event's biggest cheerleaders in the community and on social media!

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Victory is Sweet for Conor Swail in MARS Equestrian CSI4* Grand Prix

Victory was sweet for Count Me In and Ireland's Conor Swail in the CHF216,000 MARS Equestrian™ CSI4* Grand Prix, the featured event on the expansive grass derby field at Equestrian Village during the Winter Equestrian Festival (WEF) Week 4 on Saturday.

The pressure was on for Swail riding Count Me In, a 2007 Hanoverian gelding (Count Grannus x Sherlock Holmes) owned by Sandy Lupton & Mannon Farm. The first to crack the code on the opening round track designed by Anderson Lima (BRA), Swail was the trailblazer again in a five-horse jump-off.

"I'm lucky to have Crosby," said Swail, currently ranked fifth in the world on the FEI rankings. "He's a very fast horse. I was trying to give it a good go and put the other riders under enough pressure and hope that they would make mistakes. It was a tough track but fair, I thought. I have an amazing horse and I hope his good form continues. This was our first time out this year and I must say I thought he felt fabulous."

Count Me In has been enjoying

a much-deserved break since a successful outing at the CHI Geneva 5* in December. After spending a month in the paddock at Swail's home base in Ireland, Count Me In came out strong to post a time that would lead the field by six full seconds. They stopped the clock at 38.53 seconds.

U.S. Olympic team gold medalist Laura Kraut chased Swail down on Confu but came up short to finish second for the St. Bride's Farm. Third went to Ashlee Bond (ISR) with the fastest four-fault performance riding Garfield for owner Stal Horn and Aurora Farms.

When Swail returned for the prizegiving ceremony, Count Me In entered the ring with an obvious show of confidence. "He does have a bit of nervous energy when we're competing because he has so much quality, but he's such a relaxed guy when he comes back in again," said Swail. "He is the horse of a lifetime for me and he's changing my career, so hopefully we'll get another few years together."

Swail has returned to Florida to



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Great Charity Challenge
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Thanks to returning supporters and new partners and sponsors, 34 organizations benefitted from the main event and an additional 37 grants were distributed to worthy non-profits. Fitting with this year's focus, The Doyle Family Foundation Volunteer Initiative promoted volunteerism by awarding 11 \$4,000 grants to organization's whose volunteers vouched on their behalf. Partnerships, such as the one between the GCC and United Way,

Creek Equestrian, came in the ring representing "Dylan's Candy Bar" and finished with a time of 91.622 seconds. Their speed and team spirit paid off for Caridad Center, the largest free healthcare clinic in Florida that offers comprehensive medical, vision, and dental care for the uninsured and underserved children and families of Palm Beach County. They earned the top prize of \$100,000. The sliding scale for the balance of the proceeds, down to 34th place winning a minimum of \$15,000, ensured that everyone was a winner.



how much more excitement and support can surround the event," added Anne Caroline Valtin, GCC Executive Director. "Thanks to Wellington International's commitment to covering all costs associated with the event, one hundred percent of the funds

raised go straight back to work in our community, creating long-term impact. This is what makes the GCC unique and so impactful. We simply can't thank our donors and sponsors enough for coming together to be the change each and every year."

“Fidelity Investments is committed to making a difference in the communities where we work and live and we are proud to be the presenting sponsor of the Winter Equestrian Festival and the 14th edition of the Great Charity Challenge. To date, this important event has distributed over \$19.4 million to more than 300 charities in the Palm Beach community.”

— Dave Cvercko
Regional Head of Fidelity's Central South Investor Centers

are what truly make this event a reality. Along with the resources to make donations simple, United Way also contributed manpower for this year's event, speaking to the importance of taking action, as well as donating.

"This year we embraced the value of the incredible partnerships the GCC has made over the years. Our goal was to empower individuals to get involved locally and provide them with the key resources to do so. I really believe this messaging speaks to the true magic of this event," commented Kelly Arani, Event and Marketing Coordinator. "This year we also set out to be a resource for those looking for volunteer work in the Palm beach community. The GCC has always been an incredible network of giving individuals and deserving organizations, so we were excited to find a new way to serve these organizations."

The winning team of riders: Campbell Brown, Abby Funk and Emma Hechtman, sponsored by team sponsor Frog Pond Stables and supporting sponsor Little

"We are absolutely thrilled to have been a part of tonight's event," said Lisa Kronhaus, Director of Development and Communications at Caridad Center. "The Great Charity Challenge is such a conglomeration of charities in Palm Beach County, and we are so honored to have been selected. This win tonight allows us to expand our social services and programs at the largest free clinic in Florida. We are absolutely thrilled to be able to serve the community. We serve the uninsured and the underserved in this county and we are thrilled to do this work every day."

Madison Schwarz, Manager of Development and Communications at Caridad Center echoed Kronhaus' gratitude by saying, "This \$100,000 is a life changing amount of money for our clinic. It might not seem like a substantial amount but I promise you this will go directly to the underserved and uninsured here in Palm Beach County. This wonderful team of young women here – even before they competed – I fell in love with them and their heart."

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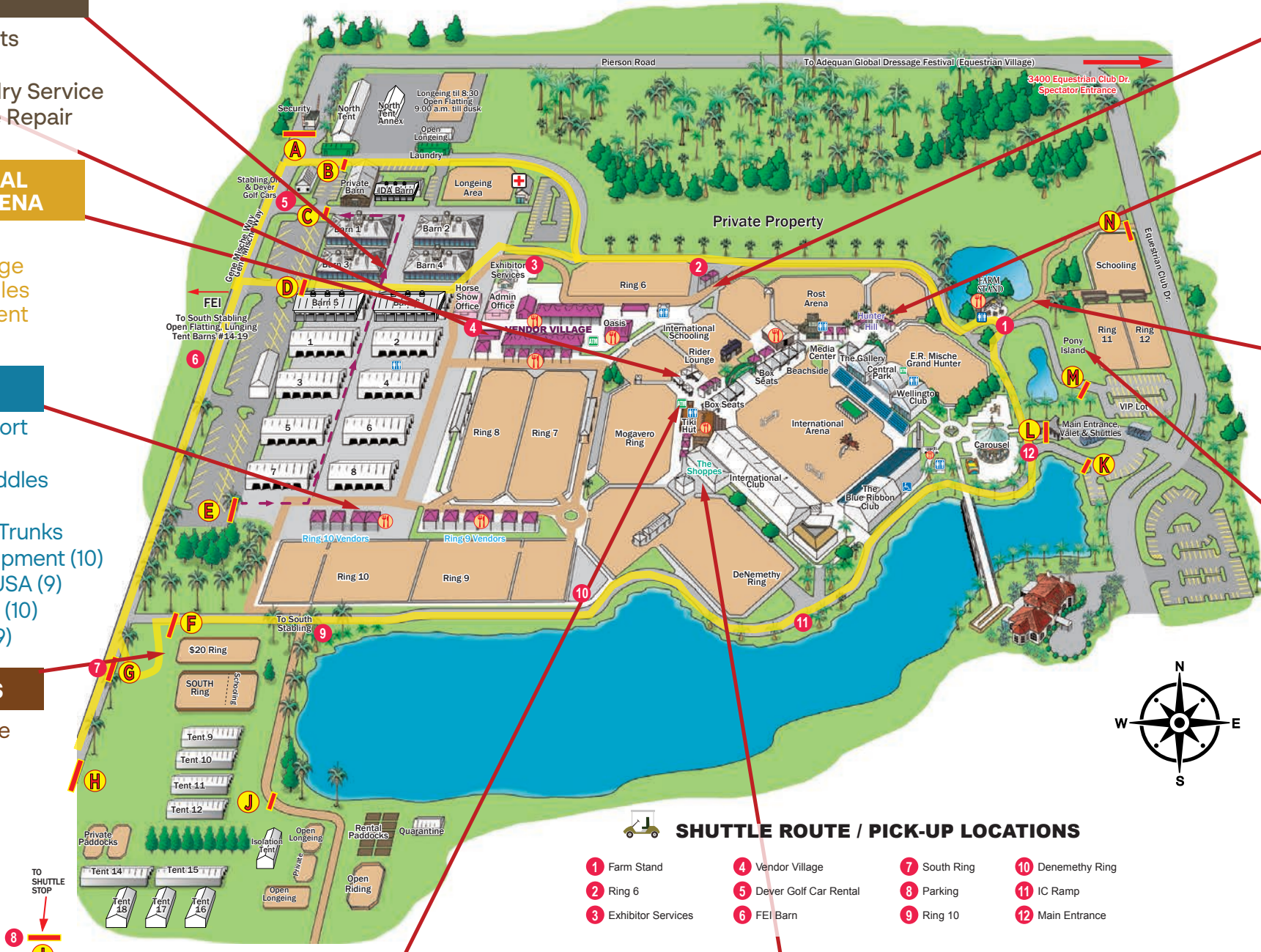
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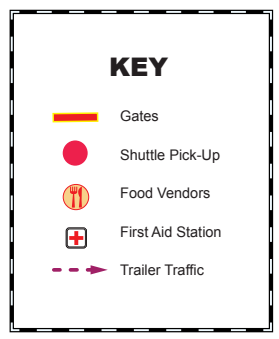
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HUNTER FEATURE

John French and Milagro Capture \$25,000 USHJA International Hunter Derby



Forty-seven top hunter combinations took to the \$25,000 USHJA International Hunter Derby, presented by Perfect Products, but ultimately the top honors were awarded to John French and eight-year-old Hanoverian gelding Milagro.

The hunt & go format consolidates two rounds into one with both a classic and a handy element. Two judging panels were responsible for producing each pair's combined score after a course that consisted of four possible high options and utilized both the expanse of the ring to allow riders to open their horses stride and incorporated a series of rollbacks and inside turns to demonstrate handiness across the second half.

Entering in one of the final few positions with three international hunter derby wins already tucked neatly under their belts since December, French and Kent Farrington, LLC's Milagro proved they are still very much in top form and overtook the lead one final time with a score of 371.50.

"He stands out in the hunter derbies because he has a lot of scope, he is slow in the air

so I can make the tight turns on landing easily, he is very brave, and I never have to worry he's going to look at anything," French gushed of the gelding.

As no stranger to the victory gallop, once French got through the first half of the course, which he expressed had a few tests for himself, he knew that Milagro's exceptional form and athleticism would take care of the rest.

"I always worry a bit about trot fences, but I went very slow and he did it nicely," he described. "After that I took a breath because I knew the hard parts for me were over and he would be able to do the final high option, which he cleared with a couple feet to spare."

Like many others in the afternoon's event, French was grateful to use the class as preparation for World Champion Hunter Rider (WCHR) Week during WEF 6.

"This is a great opportunity to bring our horses into this ring," he continued. "I showed a couple of my first-year horses in today's class so I could get them into this arena, and I now know better how to prepare them for next time.

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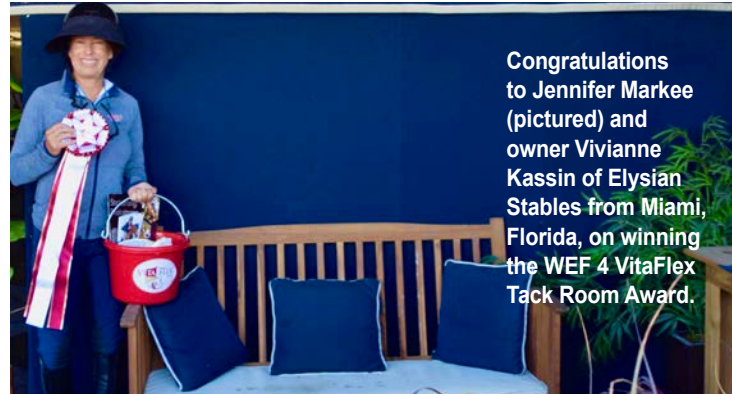
Brazil's Eduardo Menezes riding Origi van de Zeshoek, owned by Enrique Gonzalez, earned the Champion Equine Insurance Jumper Style Award as well as the win in the Wellington Equestrian Realty CSI4* 1.45m during WEF 4.



Remy Paulos braved a wet Parade of Champions to claim his moment in the spotlight after jumping to champion in the Karlsruood Itty Bitty Jumper division with Wishbone during WEF 4.



The Champion Equine Insurance Hunter Style Award was presented to Cynthia Griffith and her own Verkade, after they took the championship in the IDA Development Adult Amateur Hunter 50 & Over division.



Congratulations to Jennifer Markee (pictured) and owner Vivianne Kassin of Elysian Stables from Miami, Florida, on winning the WEF 4 VitaFlex Tack Room Award.



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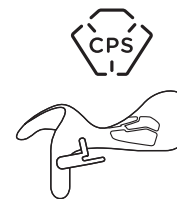


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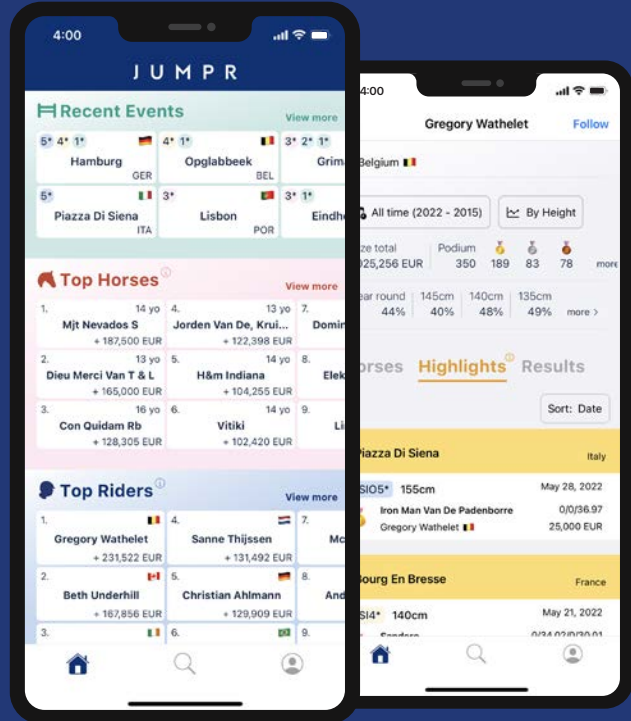
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