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WEEK 6

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A Spectacular Night of Hunters Returns to WEF 6 with \$100,000 in Prize Money

The \$100,000 WCHR Peter Wetherill Palm Beach Hunter Spectacular returns to Week 6 of the Winter Equestrian Festival on Saturday, February 18. The top Hunter horses and riders will go head to head under the lights in this prestigious class for \$100,000 in prize money.

Professionals, amateurs and juniors qualify all week long for a coveted spot in this exciting class with several special spots earned through 2022 WCHR

member events. Spectators gather to watch the exhilarating event at The Spectacular Hunt Gala in the International Club. Proceeds from the event benefit the WCHR Program. The cocktail hour opens at 5:30 p.m. with dinner served at 6:30 and the first horse on course at 6:35 p.m.

Don't miss your chance to reserve your table! For more information or to purchase a table or ticket, visit the USHJA tent adjacent to the Grand Hunter Ring.

Ward Sets Record in Back-to-Back Wins

USA's McLain Ward had a packed house on its feet at the end of a nine-horse jump-off in the CHF 406,000 Fidelity Investments® CSI5* Grand Prix during Week 5's 'Saturday Night Lights'. He and Callas had precision and speed in spades to tackle Frank Rothenberger's (GER) track and win the first CSI5* event of the WEF season.

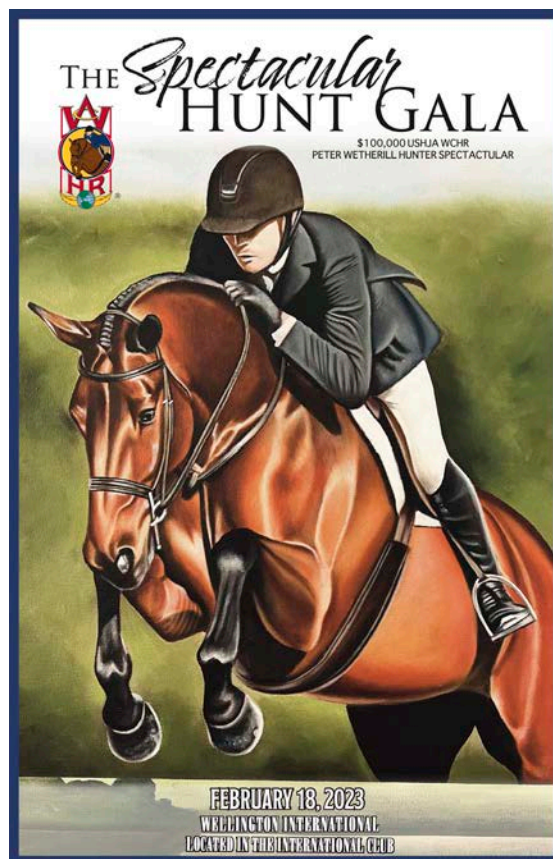
There's another leading lady coming up in Ward's impressive string of horses. He expertly piloted Callas, a 15-year-old Holsteiner (Casall x Coriano) to the first CIS5* victory of the mare's career on Saturday. Ward has been the number-one rider for Callas for about a year, but is no stranger to the mare's talent after scouting her for previous rider, U.S. Under 25 athlete Annabel Revers.

"She's been knocking on the door, so it's nice for us to break through and get a big win," said Ward of the Beechwood Stables owned mare.

Hot off his win on Saturday night, Ward delivered again, this time aboard Alanine De Vains. Ward topped a field of 67 in the CHF 75,000 CaptiveOne Advisors CSI5* 1.50m Classic to be the first rider to win the grand prix and 1.50m classic back-to-back at WEF since 2014.

The ride on the 13-year-old Selle Français mare (Allegreto x Adelfos) is a recent acquisition for Ward, who has a long-standing relationship with the mare's owners. Lindemann Barnett Sporthorses asked for his help in campaigning the horse for sale – a

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Gazelle Retired from Sport in Wellington International Ceremony



Kent Farrington's 17-year-old mount Gazelle was officially retired from sport on Saturday evening during the Fidelity Investments® CSI5* Grand Prix at Wellington International.

During their storied career together, Farrington and Gazelle – owned by Robin Parsky – enjoyed victories across the globe. Their trophy case includes: winner Grand Prix of Aachen in 2019, winner Rolex Grand Prix of Geneva in 2017, and twice winner of the Queen Elizabeth II Cup at Spruce Meadows in 2017 and 2016.

Gazelle (Kashmir van Shuttershof x Indoctro) and Farrington also led the victory gallop during the Fidelity Investments® Grand Prix in 2017, making it a perfect place for her sport story to end. "After 10 years of extraordinary accomplishments at the most prestigious show jumping events in the world, it was a difficult decision for Kent and me to have Gazelle leave her sporting career," said Parsky. "I am delighted to report that she is in terrific condition, and to be able to have her fans thank her and know how much we appreciate her, that is what we wanted. Thank you to all of Wellington and everyone here at WEF for helping us do this wonderful tribute to an incredible horse."

Throughout the mare's international career, Gazelle grossed over \$4 million in prize money and represented the U.S. at the Tokyo Olympic Games and the 2015 Toronto Pan American Games with Farrington in the irons. Gazelle was also honored with the International Horse of the Year title by the United States Equestrian Federation (USEF) in 2020.



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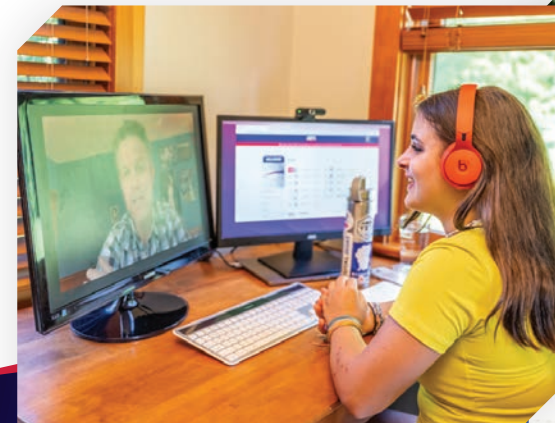
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Grooms Celebrated During WEF 5

WEF draws thousands of top horses and riders from around the world every season, and with every horse comes an individualized team working like a well-oiled machine to keep them going and feeling their best. To acknowledge these dedicated individuals, a \$3,000 Grooms' Class, sponsored by Double H Farm, was highlighted during WEF 5.

The event included entries from both hunter and jumper divisions, and were asked to bring a 'show-ring ready,' fully tacked and booted horse to the ring. Grooms and their horses were judged on overall cleanliness, appropriate use and fit of tack, tack cleanliness, application of boots/wraps, neatness of clipping, braiding job, overall presentation and their grooming box.

Hector Garcia, winner of the Hunter section was beyond thrilled to receive his blue ribbon this year and showcased a horse named Sandori, a 2016 Holsteiner gelding, owned by Shaw Johnson Price, and trained by Jennifer Hannan. Hannan, a top placing

hunter rider with multiple wins in the Green Hunters during WEF 5, spoke about Garcia, saying, "I think it's so important to get the grooms involved, and I think that it gives these guys such pride to bring forth everything that they've worked on for so long. Hector does an amazing job, he's learned a lot since coming here and we're so proud of what he's produced. He loves this horse and they're like the best of friends."

Ivan Barraza received the Grooms' award for the jumper section this year and could not have been happier after receiving his award. "I really like this class because I get to compete with the other grooms," he noted. "It's really fun to have the judges see which one of us has the best horse."

Barraza showcased a horse named Seville, a 2016 warmblood gelding, owned by Heritage Farm & Andre Dignelli and ridden by Winn Alden, a highly accomplished rider both in the jumper and hunter ring.



Hector Garcia, Hunter 1st Place



Ivan Barraza, Jumper 1st Place

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FARM STAND

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RING 11 (Pony Island)

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Harry's Lemonade
 Loopy's Crepes
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RING 9

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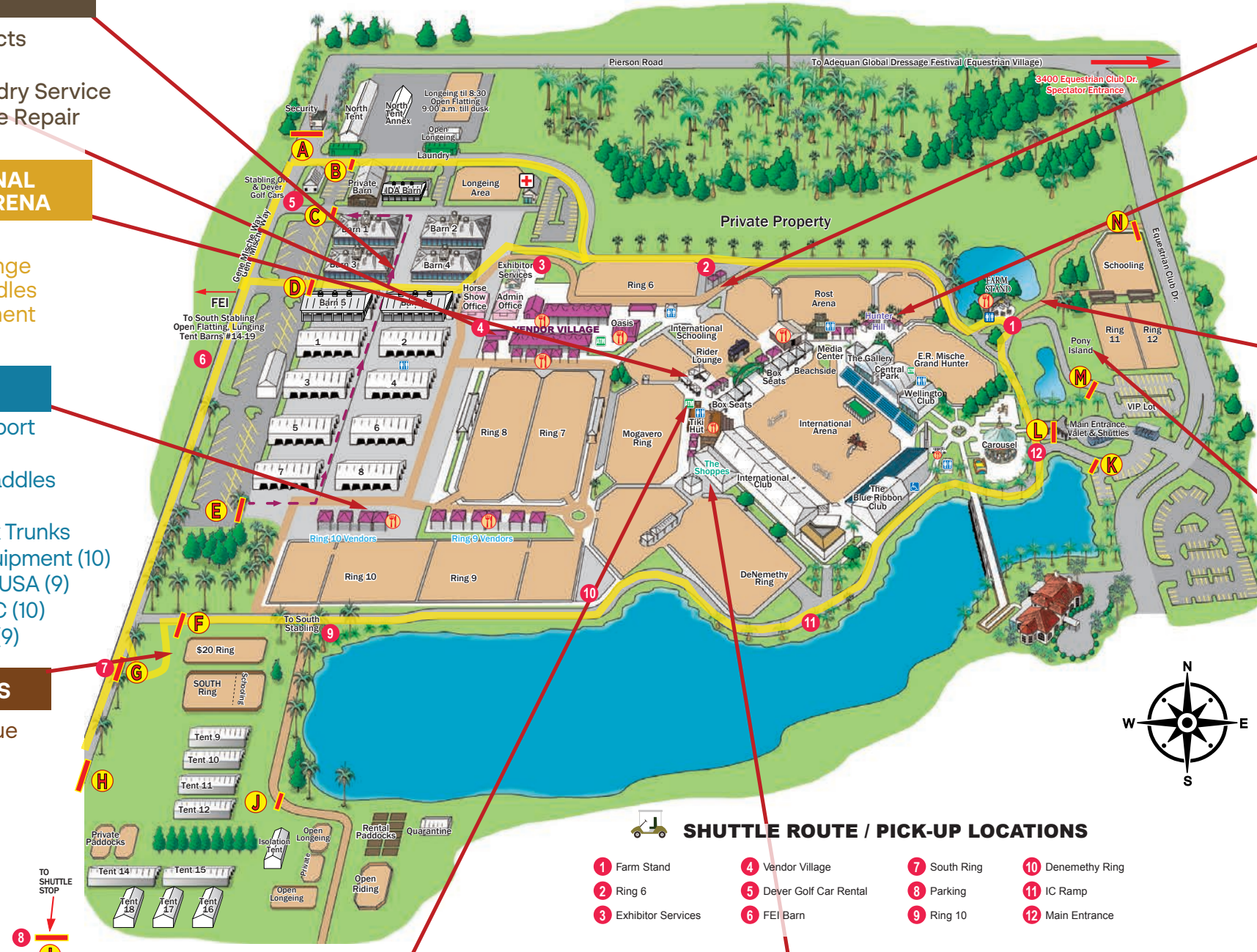
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The Champion Equine Insurance Hunter Style Award was presented to Forsini, ridden by Havens Schatt, owned by Hannah Toohey after they took reserve champion honors in the Platinum Performance 3' Green Hunter division.



Pacino Amiro, ridden by Bertram Allen (IRL) and owned by Aiden McGrory, earned the Champion Equine Insurance Jumper Style Award after winning the CHF75,000 Adequan® WEF Challenge Cup Round 5.



Winning groom and Callas' caretaker Irvin Perez was honored with the \$500 Grooms Award presented by Claire Stevenson of Double H Farm, after the CHF406,000 Fidelity Investments CSI5* Grand Prix during WEF 5.



Congratulations Bayaert Farm, based in North Salem, NY, on winning the WEF 5 VitaFlex Tack Room Award. Pictured: owner and trainer Mattias Tromp.

RIDER SPOTLIGHT: Catherine Pasmore

Born into an equestrian driven family, Catherine Pasmore has been passionate about horses and the sport of show jumping from a young age and dreamed of competing at the top level. Over the years, Pasmore has made a name for herself not only as a rider, winning an individual silver medal at the FEI North American Youth Championships and riding on several winning nations' cup teams for the USA, but also in horse sales. After closing out a successful year competing in Europe, she returned to the U.S. for the 2023 season, and we caught up with her at WEF.

How did you get into riding?

Horses have always been in my family. My grandmother rode dressage, and my grandfather was master of his hunt club. However, my mother was the one who started riding show jumpers. I was very lucky to be exposed to top professionals from a young age because of her.

What is the key to keeping your horses in shape for international competition?

I don't jump very much at home, mostly cavaletti exercises a few times per week. I like to do my jump school for a class a few days in advance, that way their muscles are not sore while traveling and they are fresh and ready to go when we arrive. I believe keeping the horses happy is key, so I try not to do the same thing two days in a row. I also spend a lot of time riding outside of the arena.

What are your goals for WEF 2023?

That's an ever-changing answer for me! I was supposed to wrap up my time here soon – I have been here since November already – but it looks like I might stay a little longer. I'm really hoping to be able to compete in the four-star grand prix during week ten. It's hard to leave the sunshine when you're getting pictures of snow back home!

Who is the horse you credit the most for your success?

I'm not sure if I can choose a single horse because every single one I've ridden has taught me an important lesson and made me a better horse person one way or another. For sure I was the most successful on Bonanza. Although that was a long time ago, I'm so grateful

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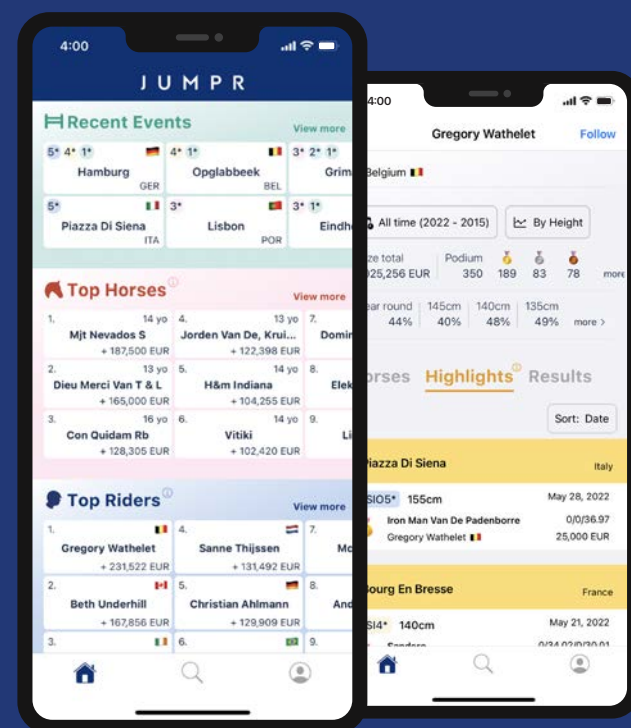
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Frosted in Blue was named the Younger Children's Hunter champion during WEF 4 with Chloe Zucker in the irons.



Lindsay Juge, riding Corabella EDM Z, took the tri-color in the Kingsland Adult Amateur Jumper 18-35 division.



Vistano was named champion of the Younger Children's Hunter (Sec B), ridden by Anna Frear.



Better In Blue earned the championship honor in the Karina Brez Jewelry Adult Amateur Hunter 36-49 division with Jodi Lennox in the tack.



Mattelyn Morrissey & Honey Bunches of Oats scored another tri-color at WEF with the championship in the Walk/Trot division.



Cora Turano & Wasn't Me took top call in the Short Stirrup Hunter division (Sec A).



Amanda Vecchio piloted Dinozo to a championship in the ProElite Low Child/Adult Amateur Training Jumper division.



Julianne Reed, riding Fools Gold, was champion of the Short Stirrup Hunter division during WEF 4.



Celebrating all season, Avery Furtwangler & McCool were champion of the Short Stirrup Hunter division during WEF 1.

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McLain Ward Sets Record in Back-to-Back Wins *continued from page 1*



task that Ward has kicked off to a good start.

"This is only the second class I've shown her in," he continued. "She should have won the class earlier in the week, but I made a mistake. She's very careful and very fast, so that plays into my hand with a jump-off like this."

While commenting on his recent string of successes, Ward expressed that one of the things he is most proud of in his operation is the management of their horses.

"We've worked really hard to build a great string of horses, and also to maintain them so that they last a long time," Ward expressed. "My top horses are 17 years old, 15 years old, and 14 years old. They are experienced, which gives you such an advantage, and their health is a great testament to my team. We have great owners that allow us to show these horses the right amount and not put too much pressure on them."

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that he gave me the opportunity to compete at some of the biggest shows in the world and represent the USA on many winning Nations Cup teams. Without that confidence as a rider, I don't know if I would have the resilience to keep pushing though the harder times that come along with any sport.

What is a piece of advice you like to carry with you?

I believe it was Jos Kumps who told me, "Experience will always beat talent." There is no way to rush the process, especially with horses. So, I try to enjoy the successes when they come but also learn something from every 'failure' and add that lesson to my toolbox for next time.

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