

**In the News Continued**

has done nothing but win for us. The derbies are where this horse shines. He is so handy and loves the challenge of inside turns in the handy.”



Agneta Currey  
Photo by James Leslie Parker

In honor of her many years of dedication and hard work, the **Hampton Classic Horse Show**, August 26–September 2, is naming its famed Boutique Garden after longtime board member and former chairman Agneta Currey. Agneta is retiring from the Classic’s board of directors after more than 35 years of service including nearly three decades as chair. She will continue to serve as an honorary board member of the Hampton Classic. Agneta is particularly responsible for the development of the horse show’s stunning physical appearance through its grounds and decorations committee.



Jennifer Gates  
Photo by Ashley Neuhoﬀ

**Jennifer Gates**, owner of **Evergate Stables** and one of the United States’ top up-and-coming U25 riders, has begun a new training partnership with Olympic, FEI World Equestrian Games, and FEI World Cup Final veteran **Harrie Smolders** of the Netherlands. Jennifer graduated from Stanford University (Calif.) in June and will focus on her riding full time before entering medical school next year. She plans to compete on the Longines Global Champions Tour and at other top international shows. “Harrie is incredibly talented, and I’m looking forward to training with him,” Jennifer said. “It’s an exciting time for me to be graduating from college and shifting my focus

to training and competing full time this year. Harrie is not only a world-class competitor with an unparalleled ability to shape great riders, but also a wonderful horseman.”



Hugh Graham and Knock Out 3E  
Photo by Ben Radvanyi Photography

**Hugh Graham**, 69, of Schomberg, Ontario, proved that age is just a number by winning the \$50,000 Brookstreet Grand Prix at the **Ottawa National Horse Show**, held at Wesley Clover Parks in Ottawa, Ontario. Hugh claimed victory in a three-horse jump-off as he rode **Knock Out 3E**, a 12-year-old Canadian Sport Horse gelding bred and owned by **KingRidge Stables**, to a time of 41.86 seconds to take the top check. Hugh had an advantage in that he has known Knock Out 3E since he was a foal. In fact, Knock Out 3E was sired by **Jamestown**, one of Hugh’s former grand prix mounts. “We bred him, and we brought him along,” said Hugh, who was recently inducted into the **Jump Canada Hall of Fame**. “He’s been winning since he was a 6-year-old. He’s 11 now, and I feel he’s getting better. He’s become a really sweet horse; he just has his little idiosyncrasies. I’m excited about him!”

**The Virginia Horse Center Foundation** has announced the appointment of five new members to its board of directors for 2018/2019. Joining the board of directors are **Judith Heisley Bishop**, **Roxanne Booth**, **Steve Meadows**, **Lynn Rice** and **Jeffery Sterba**. “We are very excited to welcome these five individuals. They each bring a unique set of perspectives from their experience with different disciplines as equine professionals, owners or amateur competitors and from those gained as professionals outside of the horse world,” said **Gardner Bloemers**, president of the board. The Virginia Horse Center Foundation provides a world-class facility hosting regional, national and international equestrian events, and envisions a unique, bucolic landmark to honor and celebrate the timeless, special bond between mankind and the horse through safe, fair and spirited equestrian competition. For more information about the Virginia Horse Center, call 540-464-2950 or visit [www.vahorsecenter.org](http://www.vahorsecenter.org).

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