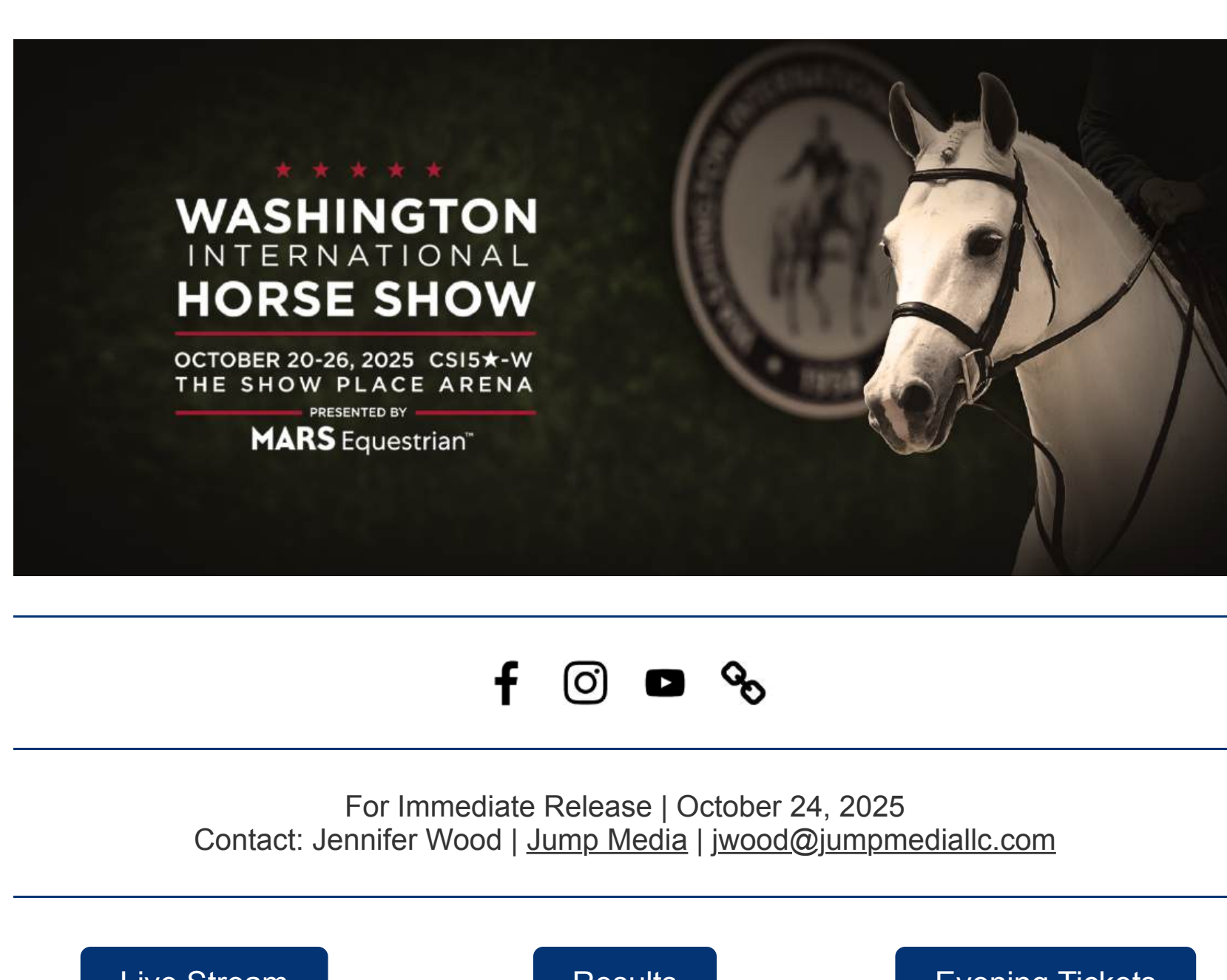


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MAVERICK TAKES FLIGHT WITH CORRIE 9

Upper Marlboro, MD – October 24, 2025 – MARS Barn Night, presented by Walkenbach Equestrian, packed a full slate of entertainment and competition in a full house of spectators on Friday, October 24, at the 2025 Washington International Horse Show, presented by MARS Equestrian™. Starting the night off with a blazing-fast win in the \$63,000 FEI Accumulator Costume class was Rodrigo Pessoa (BRA) and Corrie 9, owned by Artemis Equestrian Farm LLC. The class was followed by special awards, a stunning exhibition by Sylvia Zerbini and her 12 Arabian horses in "Grande Liberté," and the WIHS Shetland Pony Steeplechase, sponsored by Artemis Farm.

Earlier in the day, the grand junior hunter champions were crowned, along with the winner of the \$10,000 1.20m-1.25m Junior/Amateur Jumper Classic and the champion of the division.

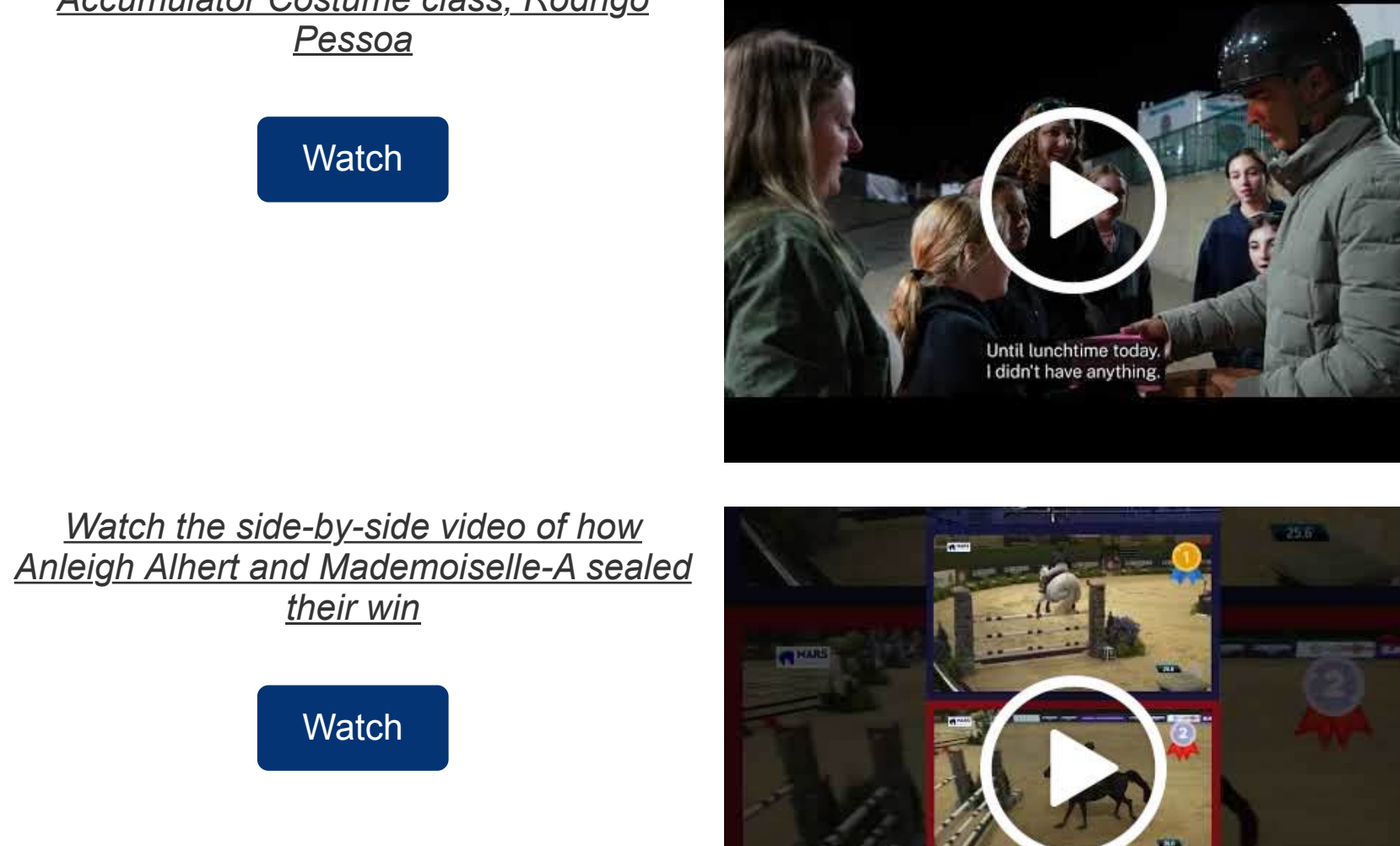


Rodrigo "Maverick" Pessoa and his "little fighter jet" Corrie 9. Photo by [Shawn McMillen Photography](#)

Twenty-three costumed riders and their horses took to the course in the \$63,000 FEI Accumulator Costume class designed by Nick Granat (USA), and they accumulated points for every jump cleared. Eight were clear over the entire course, including the final joker jump, for 65 points. The fastest over that course was Rodrigo "Maverick" Pessoa riding Corrie 9 in 47.32 seconds. "Mr. Incredible" Daniel Coyle and Incredible, owned by Coyle and Ariel Grange, were second-fastest in 47.51 seconds. Finishing third with a time of 49.13 seconds was McLain "American Flag" Ward and First Lady, owned by Robin Cleary Parsky.

Pessoa only chose his outfit earlier in the day while sightseeing with his daughter Lucia and a friend in downtown Washington, D.C. Noting that Corrie is "like a little fighter jet," he chose an appropriate costume.

Continuing to describe his mount, Pessoa said, "She's very, very careful and very fast as well. She's always game. She had a fun schedule this week and jumped a bit lower than normal. With a third place last night and winning today, I was super pleased with her. Going in the ring, you know that you always have a chance with her."



Rodrigo Pessoa and Corrie 9 in their winning presentation. Photo by [Shawn McMillen Photography](#)

Despite not having a horse for the grand prix, Pessoa made the decision to attend as it's a "traditional horse show on the calendar." He added, "The facility is really good. We still wanted to come and compete. The atmosphere tonight at Barn Night was great. It's always a pleasure to compete here."

Action at the 2025 Washington International Horse Show will come to a head tomorrow on Saturday, October 25, as the venue comes to life in anticipation of the evening's \$340,000 Longines FEI Jumping World Cup™ Washington CSI®-W, presented by Maryland Sports Commission. Daytime competition will highlight the pony hunters before the junior and amateur riders once again vie for the win in the junior/amateur jumper classes. The country's best junior equitation riders will close out daytime competition with the final jumper round of the WIHS Junior Equitation Final, and the top 10 work-off will start the evening session competition. Outside of The Show Place Arena from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., a variety of activities will take place during Kids' Day, presented by Delta, including face painting, pony rides, horseless jumping, crafts, and more.

BEHIND THE BLUE RIBBONS

Hear from the winner of the FEI Accumulator Costume class, Rodrigo Pessoa

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Watch the side-by-side video of how Anleigh Ahlert and Mademoiselle-A sealed their win

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See Faith Schuttemeyer's Ride Review as she explains her winning WIHS Equitation Final Hunter Phase round

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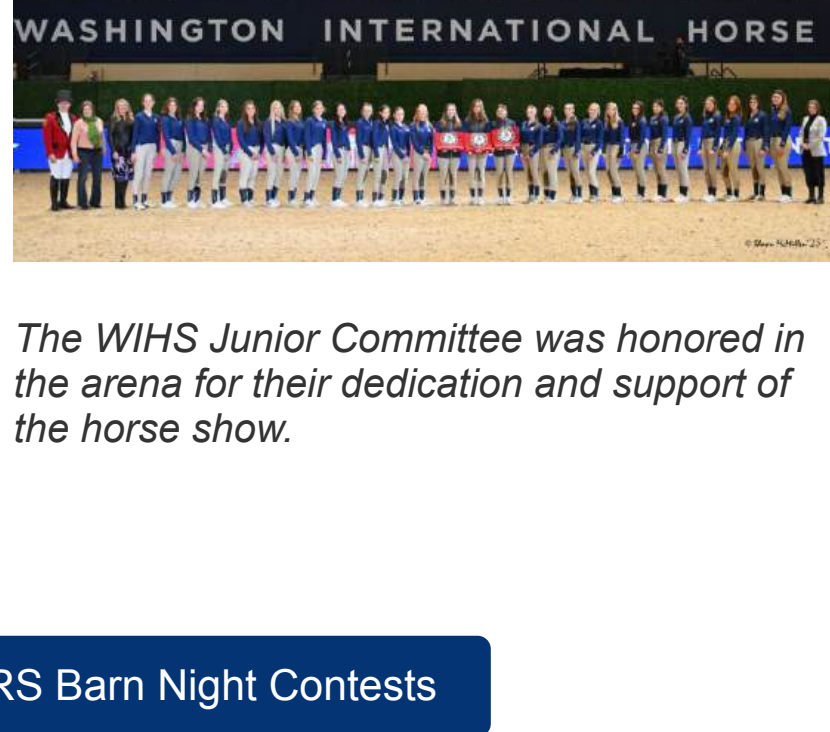


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Mr. Incredible Daniel Coyle and Incredible finished second in the Accumulator class.



McLain "American Flag" Ward and First Lady sped to third place in the Accumulator class.



Kaitlyn Link and Sundown, owned by Charlotte Lasseter and Pamela Wright, won the Grand Junior 3'3" Hunter Championship.



Brooke Hagerty rode Casino Cash, owned by The Hagerty Family, to the Grand Junior 3'6" Hunter Championship.



MTM Enchanted, owned by Kevin Eufemia and ridden by Madison Ramsey, won the Large Junior 3'3" Hunter Championship.



Elizabeth Rinehart and her own Bond won the Small Junior 15 & Under Hunter Championship.



The championship in the Small Junior 16-17 Hunters went to Corzico Melloni Z and Emma Brody, riding for Brody Sporthorses.

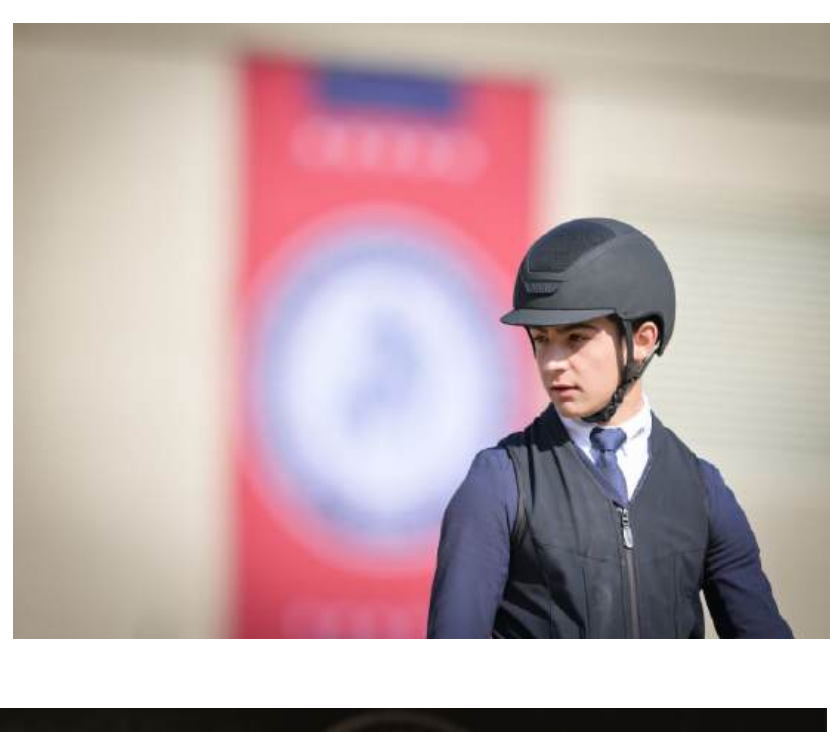


JJ Torano rode Tiara for VBK Equine LLC to the Large Junior 15 & Under Hunter Championship.

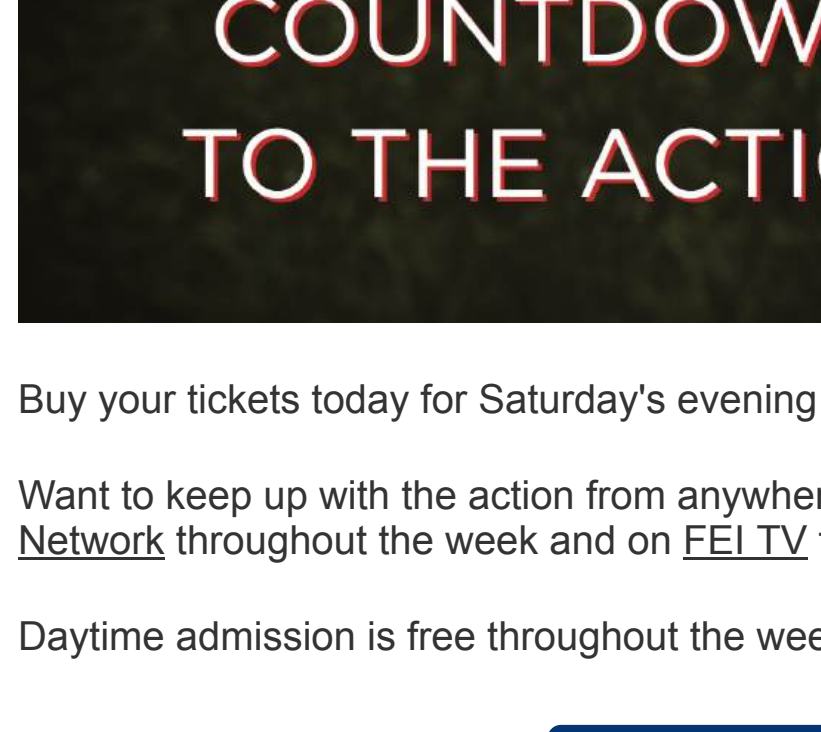
Read About the Day's Junior Hunter Champions



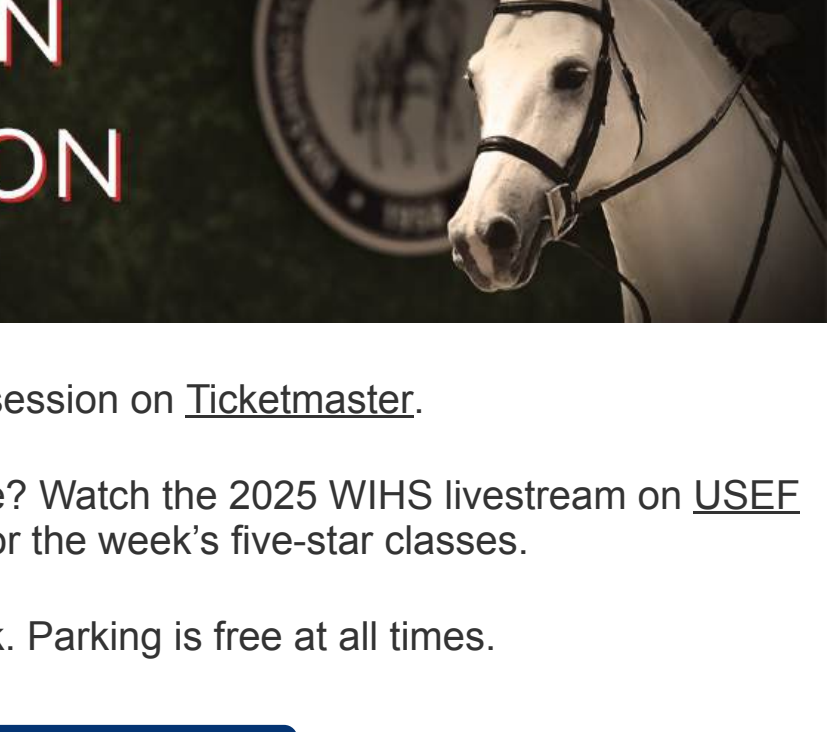
Anleigh Ahlert and Mademoiselle-A sped to victory in the \$10,000 1.20-1.25m Junior/Amateur Jumper Classic.



Following a flawless weekend, Eloise Eisner and Toy Solier were named the 1.20m-1.25m Junior/Amateur Jumper champions.



Faith Schuttemeyer and Quinten vd Rollebeek won the WIHS Equitation Final Hunter Phase.



Clara Polinsky of Monkton, MD, won the Safest Ride Award on Hunter, owned by Imogen Weaver, in the WIHS Shetland Pony Steeplechase.

Find Out More About the Day's Competition



Victoria Roemer was named as the recipient of the 14th Laura Pickett Award.



The Kind Wins Award was presented to Isla Pippin.

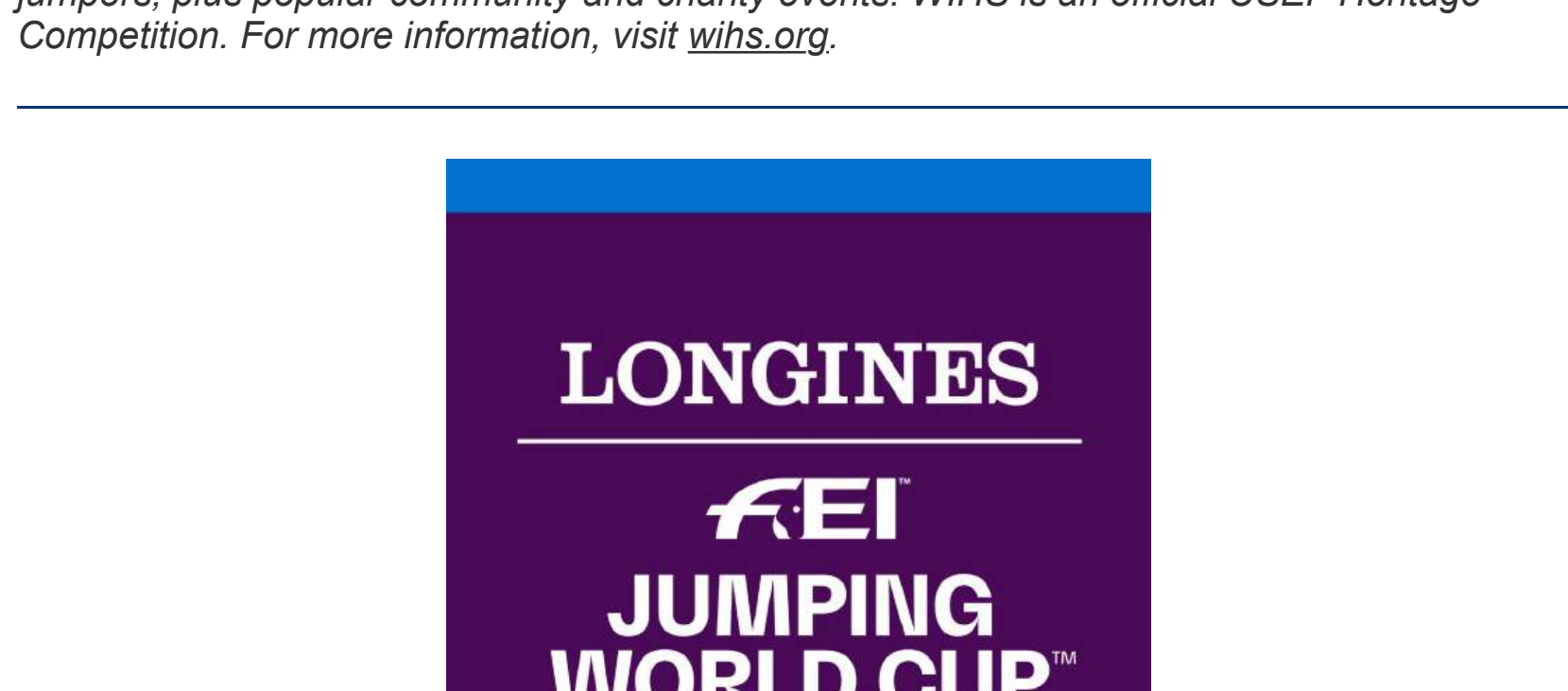


Sylvia Zerbini gave a stunning display of horsemanship in her Grande Liberté exhibition with 12 Arabians.

See Who Won the MARS Barn Night Contests

PHOTO OF THE DAY

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