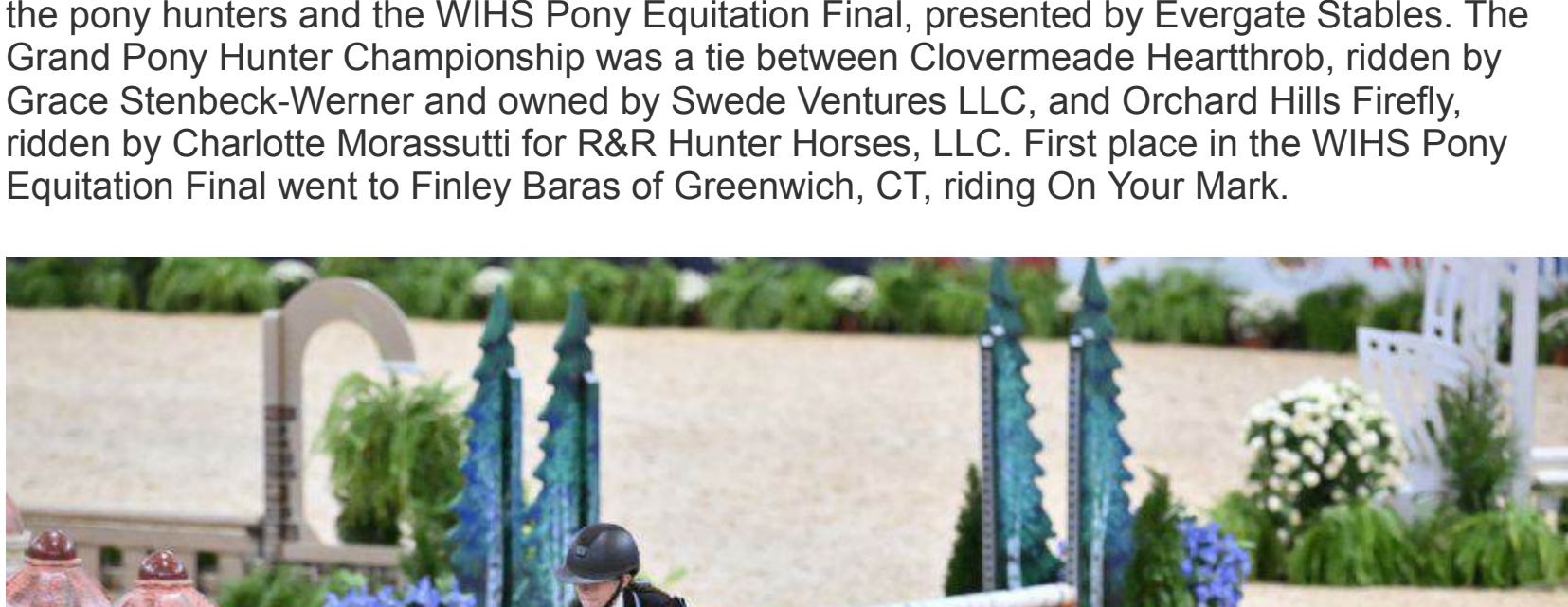




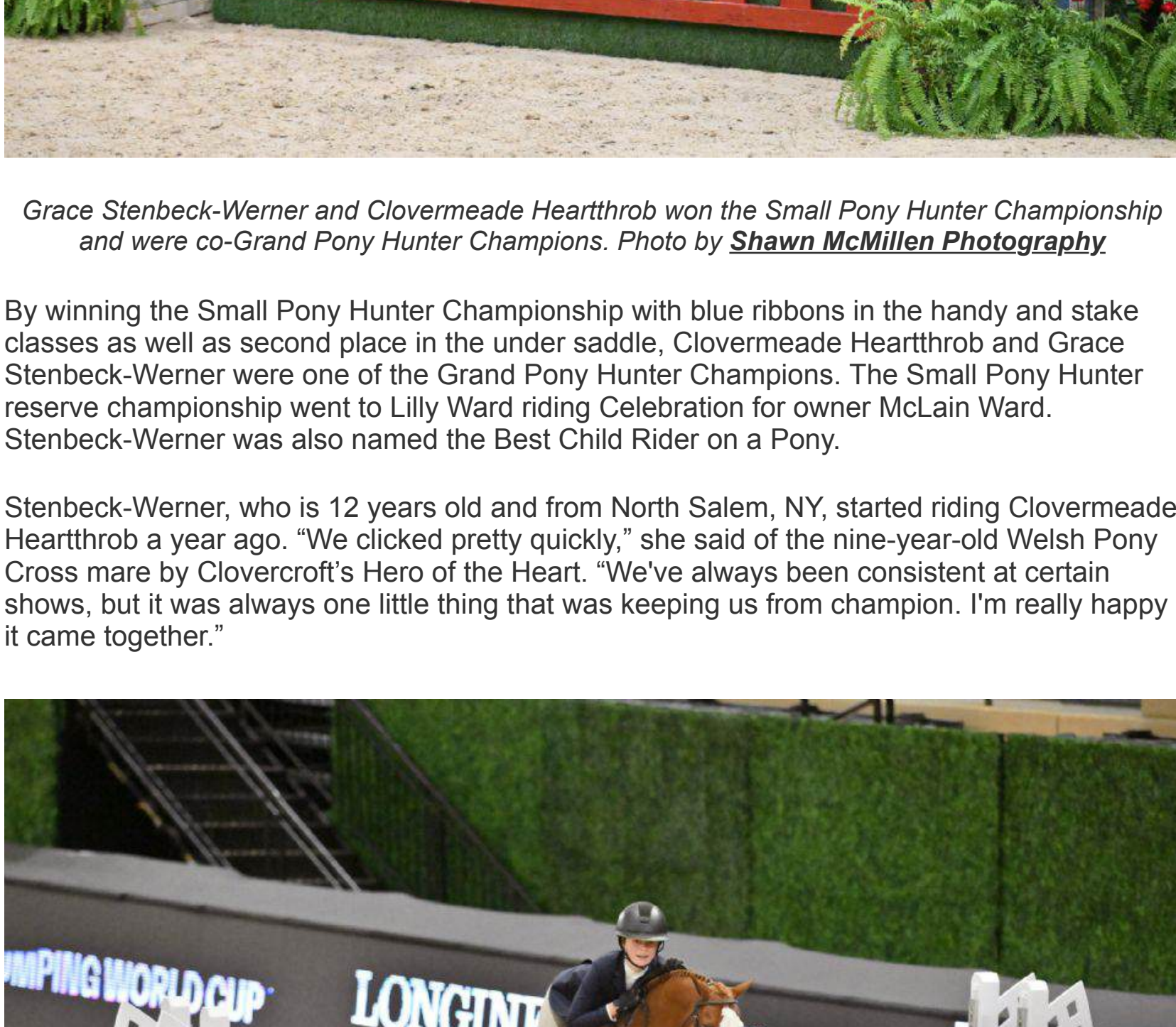
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October 26, 2025 – Upper Marlboro, MD – Competition for the 2025 Washington International Horse Show (WIHS), presented by MARS Equestrian™, closed on Sunday, October 26, with the Grand Pony Hunter Championship was a tie between Clovermeade Heartthrob, ridden by Grace Stenbeck-Werner and owned by Swede Ventures LLC, and Orchard Hills Firefly, ridden by Charlotte Morassutti for R&R Hunter Horses, LLC. First place in the WIHS Pony Equitation Final went to Finley Baras of Greenwich, CT, riding On Your Mark.



Grace Stenbeck-Werner and Clovermeade Heartthrob won the Small Pony Hunter Championship and were co-Grand Pony Hunter Champions. Photo by [Shawn McMillen Photography](#)

By winning the Small Pony Hunter Championship with blue ribbons in the handy and stake classes as well as second place in the under saddle, Clovermeade Heartthrob and Grace Stenbeck-Werner were one of the Grand Pony Hunter Champions. The Small Pony Hunter reserve championship went to Lilly Ward riding Celebration for owner McLain Ward. Stenbeck-Werner was also named the Best Child Rider on a Pony.

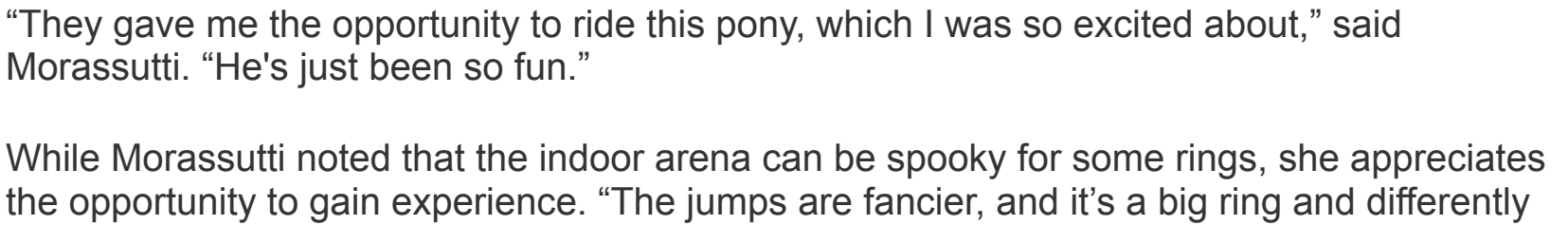
Stenbeck-Werner, who is 12 years old and from North Salem, NY, started riding Clovermeade Heartthrob a year ago. "We clicked pretty quickly," she said of the nine-year-old Welsh Pony Cross mare by Clovercroft's Hero of the Heart. "We've always been consistent at certain shows, but it was always one little thing that was keeping us from champion. I'm really happy it came together."



Charlotte Morassutti catch-ride Orchard Hills Firefly to the co-Grand Pony Hunter Championship. Photo by [Shawn McMillen Photography](#)

Orchard Hills Firefly and Charlotte Morassutti had the exact same ribbons as their co-grand champion, winning the handy and stake classes and second under saddle for the Medium Pony Hunter Championship. Reserve champions in the Medium Pony Hunters were Finley Baras and On Your Mark, owned by Sweet Oak Farm.

Morassutti, who is also 12 years old, traveled from her hometown of Toronto, Ontario, Canada, to get the catch ride on Orchard Hills Firefly, a 12-year-old Welsh/Thoroughbred gelding by Orchard Hills Snap Dragon. They competed together twice this past winter in Ocala, FL, and she was tapped to ride at WIHS when his owner, Hilton Westcott, couldn't come.

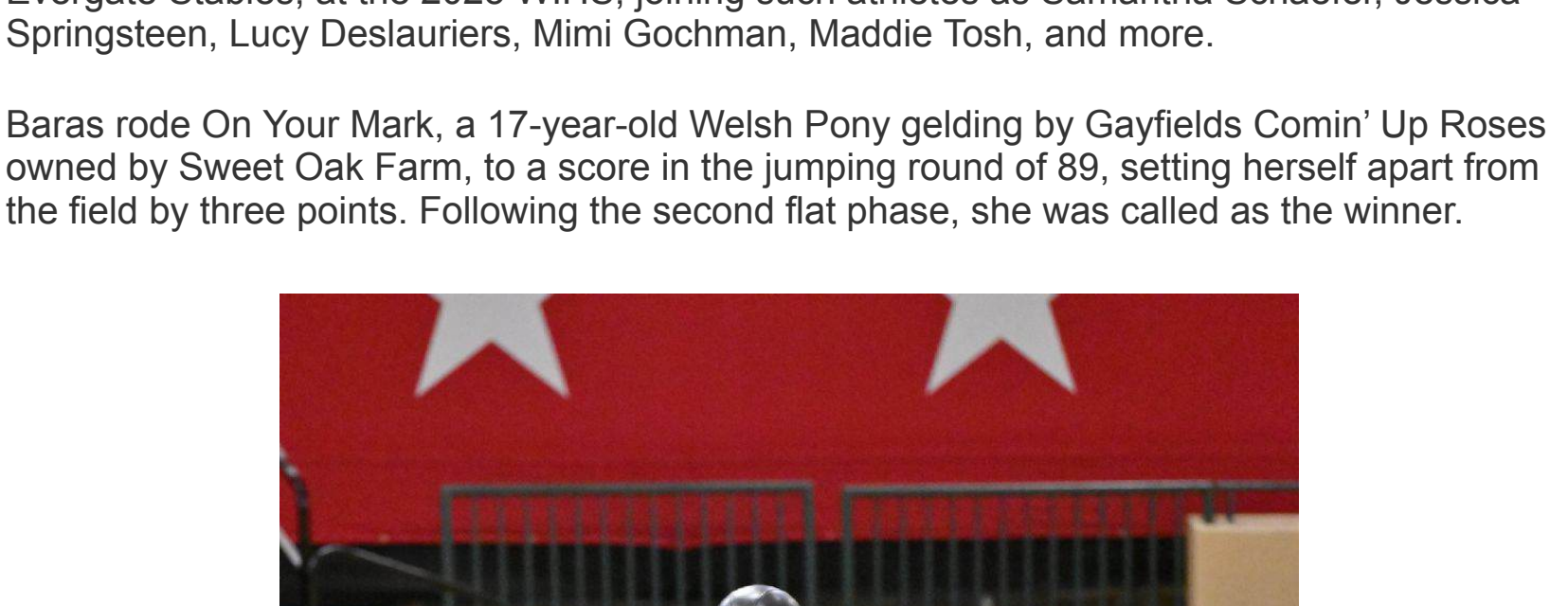


Charlotte Morassutti and Orchard Hills Firefly in their presentation with WIHS Executive Director Sue Harada, trainers Samantha Schaefer and Kate Conover, and groom Joel Morales Ochoa. Photo by [Shawn McMillen Photography](#)

"They gave me the opportunity to ride this pony, which I was so excited about," said Morassutti. "He's just been so fun."

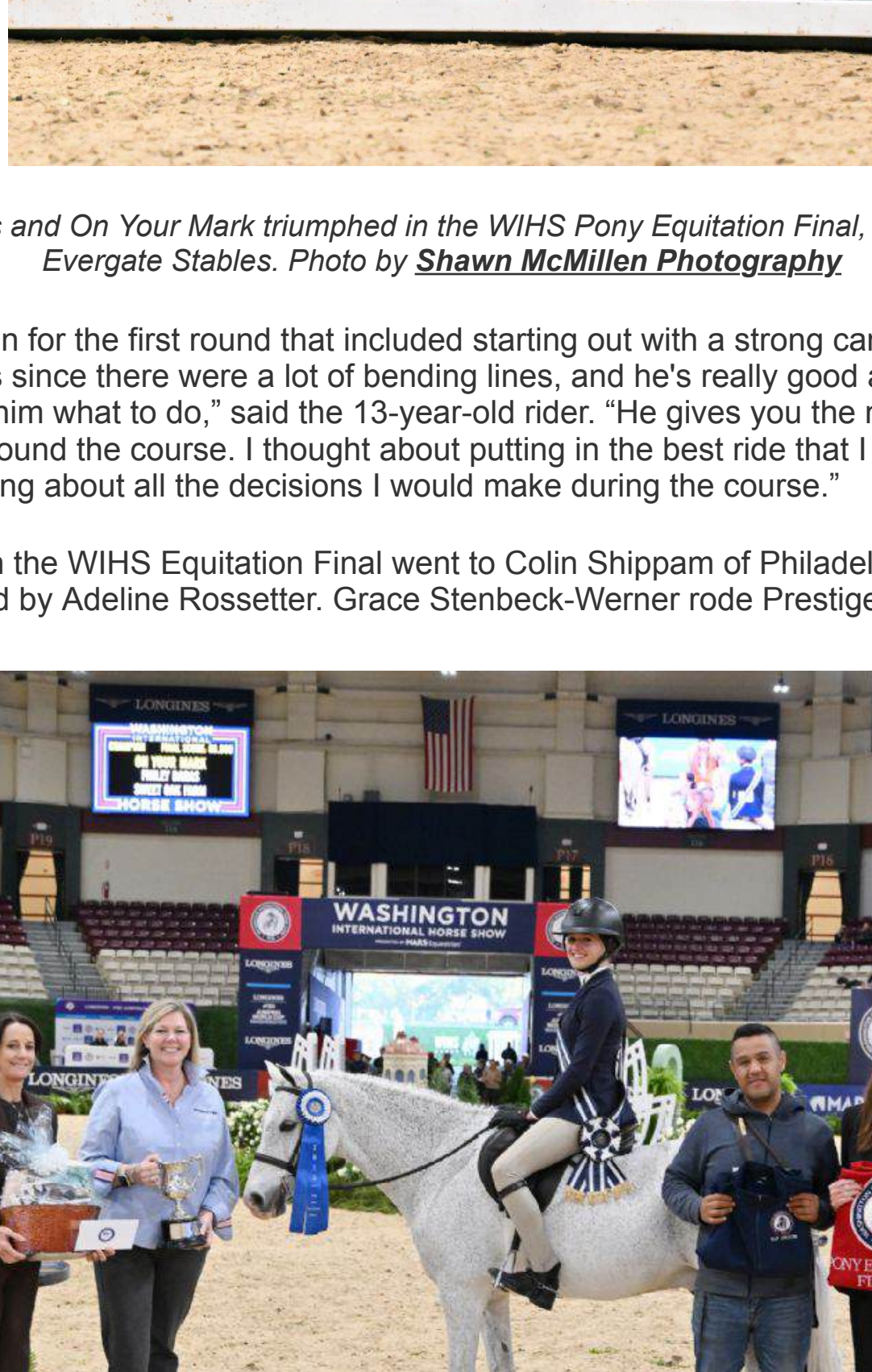
While Morassutti noted that the indoor arena can be spooky for some rings, she appreciates the opportunity to gain experience. "The jumps are fancier, and it's a big ring and differently shaped," she said. "It's so cool to ride in."

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Finley Baras of Greenwich, CT, added her name to the list of prestigious riders on the Jane Marshall Dillon Memorial Perpetual Trophy for the WIHS Pony Equitation Final, presented by Evergate Stables, at the 2025 WIHS, joining such athletes as Samantha Schaefer, Jessica Springsteen, Lucy Deslauriers, Mimi Gochman, Maddie Tosh, and more.

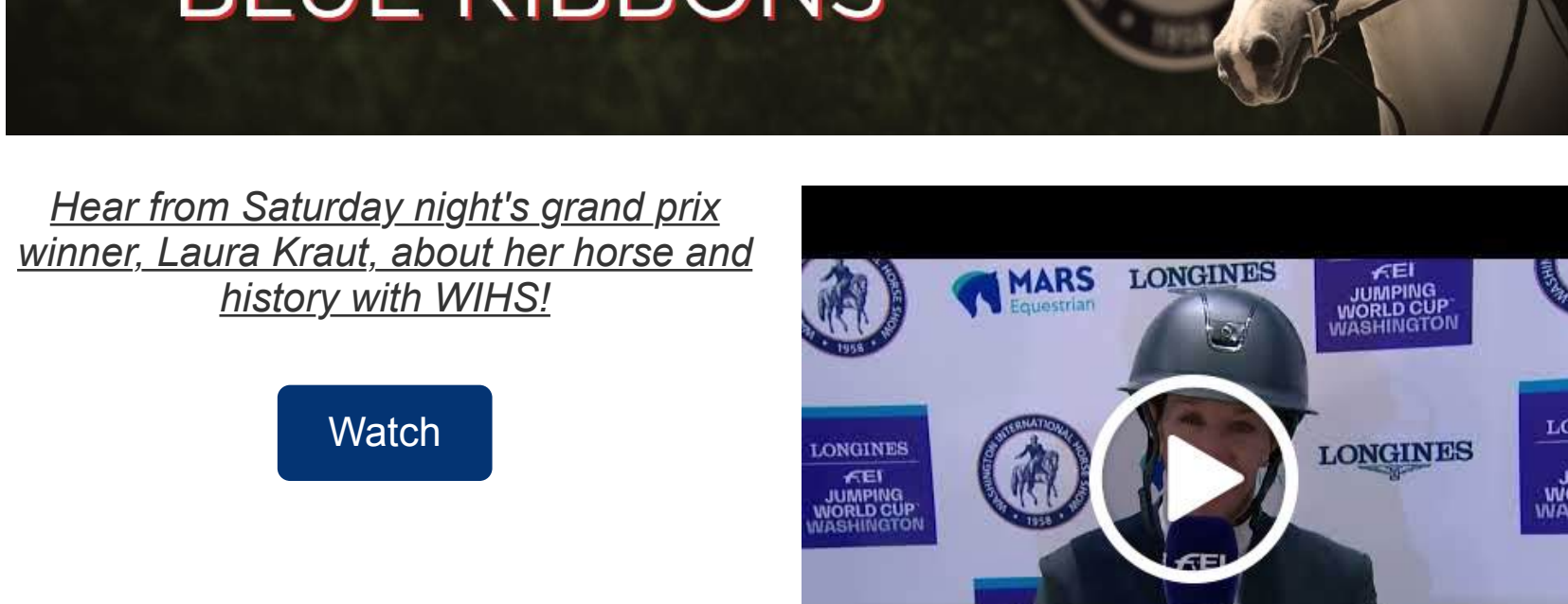
Baras rode On Your Mark, a 17-year-old Welsh Pony gelding by Gaynes Comin' Up Roses owned by Sweet Oak Farm, to a score in the jumping round of 89, setting herself apart from the field by three points. Following the second flat phase, she was called as the winner.



Finley Baras and On Your Mark triumphed in the WIHS Pony Equitation Final, presented by Evergate Stables. Photo by [Shawn McMillen Photography](#)

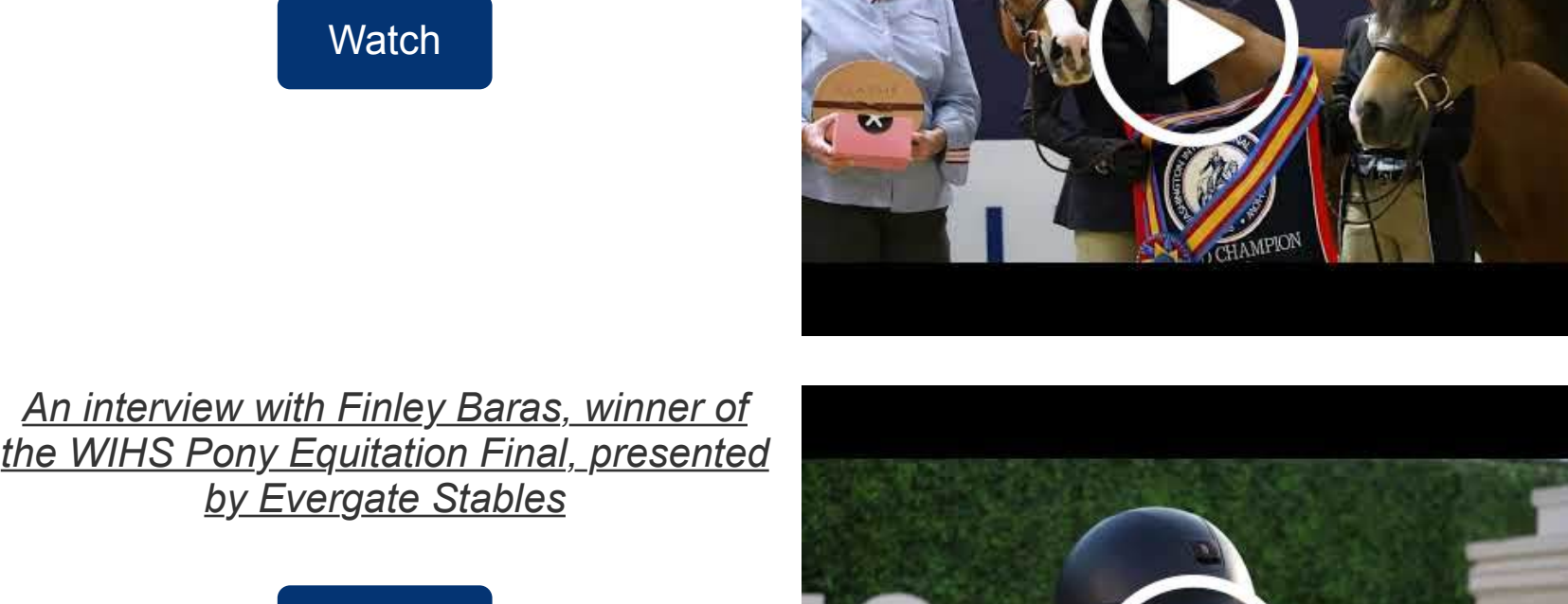
Baras had a plan for the first round that included starting out with a strong canter. "I thought about my tracks since there were a lot of bending lines, and he's really good at just listening whenever I tell him what to do," said the 13-year-old rider. "He gives you the most amazing feeling going around the course. I thought about putting in the best ride that I could, being calm, and thinking about all the decisions I would make during the course."

Second place in the WIHS Equitation Final went to Colin Shippam of Philadelphia, PA, riding Farewell, owned by Adeline Rossetter. Grace Stenbeck-Werner rode Prestige to third place.



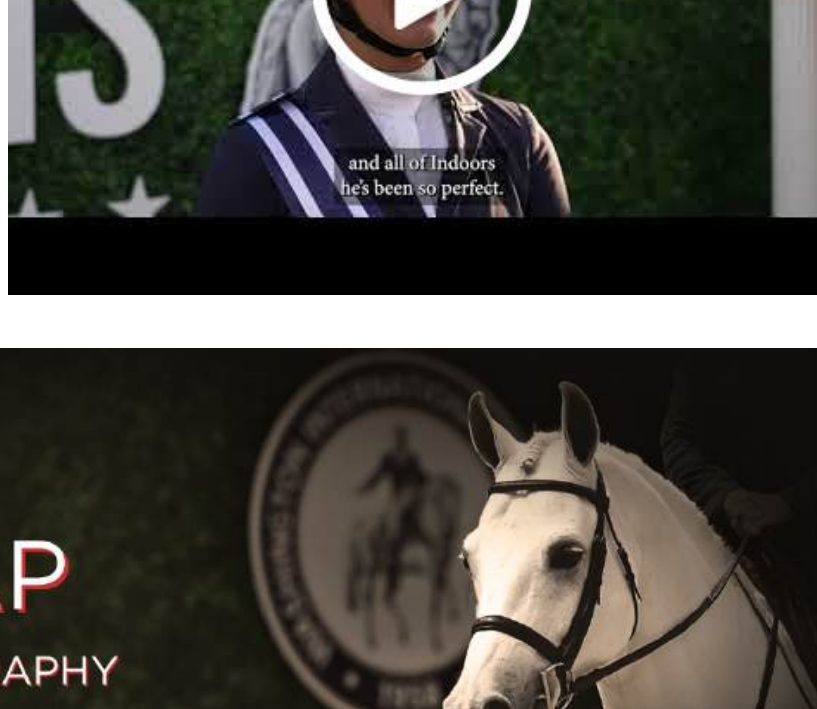
Finley Baras and On Your Mark in their winning presentation. Photo by [Shawn McMillen Photography](#)

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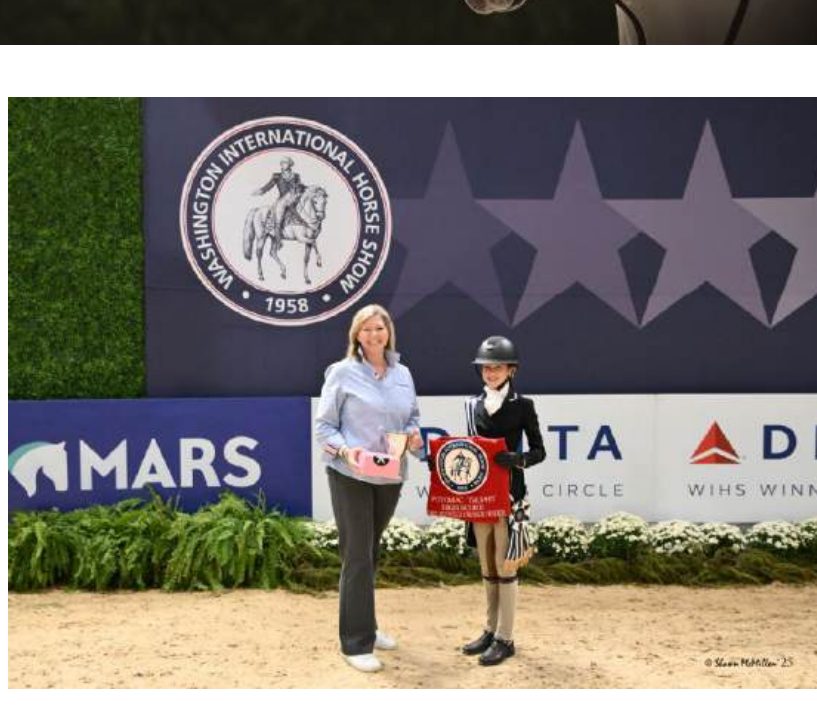
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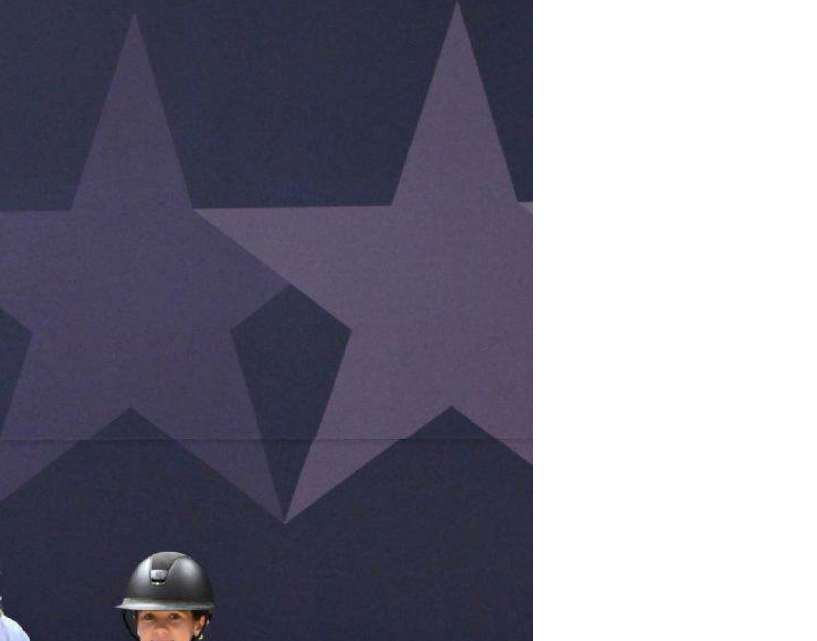


[An interview with Finley Baras, winner of the WIHS Pony Equitation Final, presented by Evergate Stables](#)

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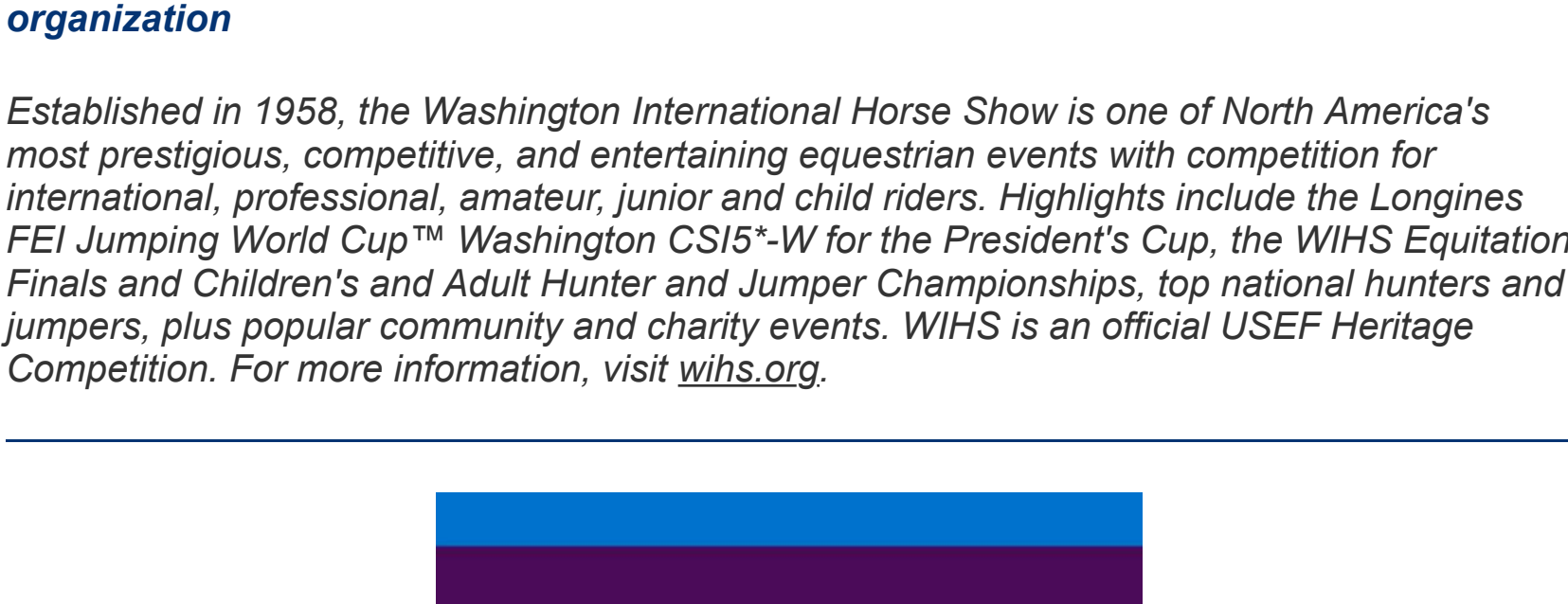
Charlotte Morassutti and Special Gift were the Large Pony Hunter Champions.



Prestige and Grace Stenbeck-Werner were presented with the Potomac Trophy as the High Point Owner/Rider.



The Gochman Style of Riding Award was presented to Hayden Hunter of Fort Mill, SC.



WIHS thanks everyone who made the show such a huge success in 2025 and looks forward to welcoming everyone to the 68th edition on October 19-25, 2026.

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