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Located in Wilmington, Ohio, the World Equestrian Center features more than 200,000 square feet of climate-controlled riding space, making it one of the largest indoor/outdoor equestrian sport venues in the world. The state of the art facility features premium footing, permanent stabling and onsite accommodations as well as more than 30 weeks of AA rated Hunter / Jumper competition.

Dedicated to offering great sport and good fun in a family friendly environment, the World Equestrian Center promises their exhibitors an experience built on three core values: Quality. Class. Distinction.

In 2018, the World Equestrian Center will debut a brand-new location, providing world-class equestrian competition and equestrian-inspired country club living, adjacent to the fabulous Golden Ocala Golf & Equestrian Club in Ocala, Florida.

This year, WEC is offering an expanded Fall Series which includes four weeks of USEF AA rated horse shows culminating in the WEC Invitational - October 24 - 29. After the Invitational, World Equestrian Center kicks off 18 weeks of 'AA' horse shows, starting with the WEC Fall Horse Show II from Nov. 29 - Dec. 3, 2017 and culminating with the Wilmington Spring Classic, April 25-29, 2018.

Tentative Time Schedule

8:00a	154	Amateur Owner Hunter 3'3" 18-35
8:50a	155	Amateur Owner Hunter 3'3" 18-35
9:50a	164	Amateur Owner Hunter 3'3" 36+
10:45a	165	Amateur Owner Hunter 3'3" 36+
11:55a	132	Amateur Owner Hunter 18-35
12:55p	133	Amateur Owner Hunter 18-35 Handy
1:55p	142	Amateur Owner Hunter 36+
2:45p	143	Amateur Owner Hunter 36+ Handy
3:35p	141	Amateur Owner Hunter 36+ U/S
3:50p	131	Amateur Owner Hunter 18-35 U/S
4:05p		Therapeutic Riding Championship
4:35p		Set for Jumpers
5:05p	28	\$10,000 Show Jumping Hall of Fame Amateur Owner Jumper Classic
6:10p	204	\$7,500 Open Jumper, II.2(a)

Evening Session

7:45p 211 \$35,000 Keystone Classic Speed Stake



FOUNDATION FRIDAY

FOUNDATION FRIDAY is a day dedicated to highlighting the work of the Pennsylvania National Horse Show Foundation. This afternoon's performance will include two Therapeutic Riding Championship classes for qualified riders as well as the PNHS Foundation "Therapy Horse of the Year" award presentation.

The Pennsylvania National Horse Show Foundation is a 501(c)(3) organization established in 1999 for the purpose of supporting projects and programs which focus on the education and training of persons in equestrian endeavors. Goals include the support of therapeutic riding programs and the education of equestrian experience for safe and fun riding practices. Applications for grants are accepted throughout the year with action upon requests awarded in September.



This is the second year for the Therapeutic Riding Championship and Therapy Horse of the Year award. This year's Therapeutic Riding Championship will include riders who worked hard this summer to qualify by showing at local Pennsylvania horse shows. All riders who participated in the designated classes at one of these shows were invited to ride at the Pennsylvania National Horse Show. "We are excited to give these riders a venue as special as the Pennsylvania National Horse Show to showcase their skills. A highlight of our Championship will be honoring a Therapy Horse of the Year," said Rebecca Kinsley of the PNHS Foundation.

The PNHS Foundation is building upon its goals in order to raise awareness of the Foundation within the horse community. In 2016, the Foundation donated to twenty-five individual programs totaling more than \$20,000.

2016 Therapy Horse of the Year



Zipped In Black, better known as Zip, is a 19 year old Appaloosa working as a therapy horse at All Riders Up Therapeutic Riding in Garnet Valley, PA.

Zip exhibits all the characteristics of a good therapy horse. He is responsive to leg and voice commands; is well-mannered; and is accepting of unusual situations and differently-abled riders. As the 2017 Therapy Horse of the Year, Zip goes above this and exhibits a unique ability to divine exactly what each individual rider needs from him on any given day. What makes Zip so extraordinary is that he possesses all these traits while he himself is totally blind.

Despite his own limitations, Zip is the go to horse at All Riders Up and accepts riders large and small, young and old, able bodied and challenged. He has an innate awareness of the rider's ability and offers his own form of quiet confidence and reassurance.

**Congratulations to Zip for being named the Pennsylvania National Horse Show Foundation
2017 Therapy Horse of the Year.**



Exhibitors and spectators are invited to stroll the concourse and to view Silent Auction items at participating vendors as well as at the PNHS Merchandise Booth on the upper concourse at the horse show.

Items will be available to the highest bidder immediately following the \$100,000 Prix de Penn National Grand Prix, Saturday evening, October 21.

**The Silent Auction booth is located near SECTION 26
Friday 12:00 - 4:00 pm and Saturday 10:00 am - 2:00 pm**





The Show Jumping Hall of Fame and Museum, formally opened in 1989, was organized to promote the sport of show jumping and to immortalize the legends of the men, women and horses who have made great contributions to the sport. The focus of this noble institution is to encourage broader interest and participation in show jumping, as well as to educate devoted equestrians and novice horse lovers alike, by sharing the sport's legends, lore and landmark achievements. Enshrinement in the Show Jumping Hall of Fame is a great honor bestowed upon those few whose contributions to the sport have set them apart. For more information including a full list of inductees and how you can donate please visit www.showjumpinghalloffame.net



1992 Inductee Mary Mairs Chapot



2002 Inductee Harry R. Gill



2013 Inductee Steve Stephens

The Show Jumping Hall of Fame Series is a program for both Junior and Amateur Owner Jumper riders. Series standings are kept in two conferences: East and West. The year-end finals for the Eastern Conference is held at the National Horse Show in Kentucky and the Western Conference at the Las Vegas National Horse Show. Riders earn points throughout the series and a weekly standings is calculated.

Alfano Returns To Her Winning Ways



Professional hunter rider Jennifer Alfano, who had fractured her left knee in a fall while competing at the Devon Horse Show the previous year, returned to the Pennsylvania National Horse Show, presented by the Lindsay Maxwell Charitable Fund, in winning form as she and her Candid took the High Performance Hunter Champion title.

Based out of Buffalo, New York, but originally from Harrisburg, PA, Alfano and Candid won three of the over fences classes in the division and placed second in the other. They took fourth place in the hack and second in the model, giving them the points needed to be named Champion.

Jennifer Alfano runs SBS Farms with Susie Schoellkopf, one of the foremost show hunter training operations in the country, and compete in the country's most prestigious horse shows. "He was so good, I am so excited," said Alfano. "I was a little nervous, Kristy [Herrera] has still been showing him quite a bit because I love watching her ride him. I have actually only shown him twice this summer. Which just dawned on me the night before, and I got nervous about it. Because he is my own horse it makes it more special, but I also get nervous because he is my own. But he was so, so good. I have always loved coming to this horse show, it is my hometown. When I was little, this horse show was such a big deal. It is always fun to come home. Candid was actually Grand Hunter Champion here when he was a First Year horse. He loves it here."

Thursday at the PNHS was "Pony Up For Pink" day, in support of Breast Cancer Awareness with many of the riders, including Alfano, sporting pink armbands to show their support of for the PA Breast Cancer Coalition.

Green Conformation Hunter Champion and recipient of the Wild Air Farms Challenge Trophy was Private Life, owned by Dr. Betsee Parker and ridden by Scott Stewart. This was a hard-fought battle for Championship for Stewart, as the pair won the first over fences class then had trouble in the second and only scored a 45. The second day of competition was a return to form as they were fourth and then won the final class with a score of 92.

"The Championship came down to the last class," admitted Stewart. "I knew I had to win it. I made a few mistakes in the other classes, myself not the horse, and I knew it going in. Sometimes the pressure is good for me. Private Life is only a six-year-old, and he has had a light schedule but has been very successful. He was awesome today. He is the easiest horse to ride. It is so easy it is hard. He is always pretty right-on, they are usually my mistakes."

Stewart received the Elizabeth M. Solter Memorial Perpetual Trophy as Leading Hunter Rider. This is the third time Stewart has won the award. Stewart also won the EMO High Five Award for receiving the highest score in the Professional Hunter divisions, a 92, given in the last class with Private Life.

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A Special Pennsylvania National Horse Show Offer



Katie Dinan Captures First Open Jumper Victory



Katie Dinan, 24, of Wellington, Fla., and Dougie Douglas, owned by Grant Road Partners, LLC., bested an 11 horse jump-off in a field of 38 to win the \$40,000 Pennsylvania National "Big Jump", sponsored by Wilmington Trust - A Division of M & T Bank. It was her first open jumper class victory at the Pennsylvania National Horse Show (PNHS), presented by The Lindsay Maxwell Charitable Fund.

"It's great to have a win here," said Dinan. "This is my 15th Harrisburg in a row and it's my first time winning an open jumper class here. I was second in the grand prix one year, but it's nice to win a class. It's nice for Dougie because I think he deserves a result like this. He's a super horse and he has such a big heart. It's a real thrill to ride him."

The jump-off yielded five clear rounds with mere fractions of a second separating the top three. Nicole Walker (CAN) had the first clear in 35.76 seconds on Falco van Spieveld. Paulo Santana (ESA) and Taloubet, took over the lead stopping the clock in a speedy 33.60, which looked unbeatable. Local rider Callan Solem of Glenmoore, Pa., went clear in 35.82 on VDL Wizard, owned by Horseshoe Trail Farm, LLC, for fifth place. Olympic team gold medalist Ben Maher (GBR), going second to last on Tic Tac, owned by Jane Forbes Clark, just missed taking over the top spot going clear in 33.84 seconds. Final rider Dinan blazed around the Bernardo Cabral-designed course in 33.28 seconds to dethrone Santana.

"I turned so fast into the last fence that I did eight strides instead of seven, which was more than my perfect plan, but his turning was so good and he was so on it that it ended up being faster than if I had stuck to the plan," said Dinan. "I was thrilled. Dougie was amazing. He gave me everything. He helped me out a little bit in the first round and in the jump-off he was really on it."

Most riders would be upset with losing, not so with Santana, if it meant losing to Dinan.

"I don't mind at all losing to Katie," said Santana. "She is such a sweetheart. I love her so much."

The "Big Jump" is the first of three FEI events contested at PNHS. FEI Open Jumping action continues on Friday evening with the \$35,000 Keystone Class and culminates with the marquee event, the \$100,000 Grand Prix de Penn National, on Saturday.