

## SATURDAY - OCTOBER 14, 2017



**Equitation Riders & Trainers** Banquet Hall 12:15pm

Take a behind-the-scenes tour of the PNHS! Enjoy story hour, pony petting, arts

and crafts and mascots! **October 18 - Military Appreciation Day** 



## **Tentative Time Schedule**

57 Equitation Training Session	on
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- Small Pony Hunter U/S Medium Pony Hunter U/S Large Pony Hunter U/S 11 Set Course for Jumpers
- Award Presentations 224 NeueSchule/USEF Junior
  - Jumper Individual Phase III Small Pony Hunter
- Medium Pony Hunter
- Large Pony Hunter 14

Show your military ID and receive a FREE TICKET to Saturday's Grand Prix!

## Junior Hunter Champions Are Crowned



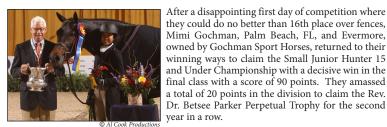
The Champion in the Large Junior Hunter 15 and Under Division was won by Augusta Iwasaki, Calabasas, CA, aboard Lyn Pedersen's Small Affair. Iwasaki, 13, and the 14-year-old Selle Francais gelding claimed victories in three of the four classes in the division. For their spectacular efforts, Iwasaki and Small Affair were presented with the Irene L. Armstrong Memorial Perpetual Trophy, donated by the Bedard Family. "He is just so much fun," said the diminutive Iwasaki. "I am so blessed

to be able to ride him. He is perfect. You always know he will never jump a bad jump. He wants to go in and do well. I have always wanted to be Champion at an indoor show so this is really exciting." Iwasaki has a little charm that is braided into the mane of the horse. "His name in the barn is 'Poker' so he has poker cards as his charm. All the horses I ride have charms," said Iwasaki with an impish grin.

Emma Kurtz, Hudson, OH, was named Champion in the Small Junior Hunter 16-17 Division with Enticement, owned by Rebekah Warren. The pair garnered 16.5 points for their performance the Division and received the Tindle Perpetual Trophy, donated by the Robert D. Haas Family. "I got the ride on her in June and we have been working with her all summer," said Kurtz. "She actually just got accepted to come here on Wednesday morning. It is really awesome to get in, and go in the ring and be so good.



She gives you the best feeling in the air. She just curls around herself and just jumps in great form all the time. My favorite part about her is that you get to the jump and just put your hands on her neck and she just jumps. It is an amazing feeling. I don't do that on any other horse I ride. I had no expectations coming in, but she was great."



The Large Junior Hunter 16-17 Championship was awarded to Chapman ET and owner/rider Raleigh Hiler from Sudbury, MA. The stunning grey took the tri-color with a division total of 17 points over the two days of competition. "This is unbelievable," said Hiler. "I don't really show my horse that often, so this is so cool. I have never won a championship at such a big show. They make such a big deal out of it that you feel so special. "I got him two years ago and he has been great," continued Hiler. "He is awesome. He is



pretty young, he is only 9, but he has been there, done that. I was really nervous going into the class, my heart was beating so fast, but after the first two jumps I settled in and it was fine. He is so fun to ride, his jump is unbelievable, so comfortable to the jumps and he jumps up so high. It is so smooth and easy for him." Hiler and Chapman ET were awarded the John Bryner Memorial Perpetual Trophy, donated by the Bedard Family for their winning performances over the two days of competition.

## Zone 7 Ends Decades Long Losing Streak Winning Team Gold

5:00a

12:15p

12:30p

12:45p

1:00p

1:45p

2:10p

3:25p 4:30p

6:40p

The team from Zone 7 ended a twenty-eight year losing streak to capture the gold medal in the Neue Schule/ USEF Prix des States Team Championship and Individual Championship Phase II at the Pennsylvania National Horse Show, presented by The Lindsay Maxwell Charitable Fund. Zone 5 won the silver and the bronze went to Zone 1.

The last time Zone 7 was represented on top of the podium was in 1988, before any of the members were even born. This year's winning team consisted of Briley Koerner 17, of The Woodlands, Texas, riding For Jef VD Wezelse, owned by Bks Horse Farms, LLC; Anna Beth Athey, 17, of Enid, Okla., aboard Cantero Da Lagoa; Carson Grisham, 15, of South Lake, Texas on Zeros, and Brian Moggre, 15, of Flower Mound, Texas, on Condero 3, owned by DDM Equestrian, LLC. Martien Van Der Hoeven was the Chef d'Equipe.

Following a modified Nations Cup format, the six teams and individual riders jumped the same course twice with one drop score permitted from each round. Five of the six teams as well as the individuals moved on to the second round. After Round, 1 four teams were in contention for the medals. Zone 2 was on top with a team total of eight faults. Zone 7 had a score of 12 faults and Zones 1 and 5 each had 16 faults.



Tension was palpable at the start of the second round as only eight faults separated the top four teams. That gap soon widened as the first two riders from Zone 2 knocked down several rails dropping the defending champions out of contention. Then Koerner, Zone 7's lead-off rider, went clear and Athey followed with only a single rail down catapulting the team into the lead. Athey was grateful for Koerner's flawless performance.

"I was a little nervous at the first round, but in the second round I knew Briley jumped double clear so I just needed to relax and get a good score for the team," said Athey. Briley always sets the tone and gets everyone confident and fired up to do well."

Koerner was one of only four riders to go double clear on Friday evening on the Steve Stephens-designed course. "It feels awesome! My horse just comes back each time wanting to produce a good round. You know he's going to jump for you. He just gives me a lot of confidence," said Koerner. "Going in we had a great team. Three of us were on the Young Riders team this year, so it was good to be back together on the same team again. It was a great feeling."





Grisham, going third in the rotation for Zone 7, clinched the gold for her team with her clear round. She was not even aware that her ride was so influential.

"It was such a great surprise," said Grisham. "I was really just trying to go in and have fun and try not to let my nerves get to me. To go in and have a clear round after having trouble yesterday in Phase 1 was just such a rewarding feeling."



nia's own Miracle Dog. Libre made headlines in

Pennsylvania after being rescued in the summer

of 2016 after being abused. The 16-month-old

Boston Terrier inspired many across the state,

including state Senator Richard Alloway, who proposed legislation to implement stronger

measures to prevent animal cruelty and penal-

ize animal abusers. Governor Tom Wolf signed

"Libre's Law" and Libre has remained a popular

Libre will be appearing here at the PHNS on

Grand Prix Saturday from 4 to 6 pm.

celebrity.



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.

Silent Auction items may also be viewed on the website at

www.PAnational.org. All bidding is on- site at the Silent Auction Booth (#26) during the ten-day horse show. Items will be available to the highest bidder immediately following the marquis event, the \$100,000 Prix de Penn National Grand Prix, Saturday evening, October 21