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## Pennsylvania National HORSE SHOW

**\*\* 2017 Show Dates - October 12-21 \*\***

From the edge-of-your-seat thrill of the jumper divisions to the rhythmic, graceful and flowing courses of the hunter and equitation divisions, the Pennsylvania National Horse Show has consistently managed to set the bar of equestrian competition to which other horse shows seek to meet.



**MEDAL  
DRAW**

**Equitation Riders  
Banquet Hall  
12:45pm**

### Tentative Time Schedule

5:00a	57	Equitation Training Session
1:00p	1	Small Pony Hunter U/S
1:15p	6	Medium Pony Hunter U/S
1:30p	11	Large Pony Hunter U/S
1:40p		Set Course for Jumpers
2:15p		Award Presentations
2:40p	224	NeueSchule/USEF Junior Jumper Individual Phase III
3:55p	4	Small Pony Hunter
5:00p	9	Medium Pony Hunter
6:10p	14	Large Pony Hunter



### Take a behind-the-scenes tour of the PNHS!

Enjoy story hour featuring award-winning author, Cynthia Sudor, pony petting, arcade games, horse carousel, selfie stations with map, popcorn machine, and mascots.

### First Time Is A Charm For Junior Hunters

Brett Burlington, 17, of Miami, FL, and the Popish Farm entry, Due West, were awarded the Championship in the Large Junior Hunter 16-17. They amassed a total of 26 points over the two days of competition to earn the title during the prestigious Junior Weekend of competition. Bergen Sanderford and Happenstance took the Reserve Champion title with 24 points.



"I've never done the junior hunters at Harrisburg before or at any of the other indoor shows and neither has he, so it was definitely a very nice first time for us," said Burlington. "I don't think we came in with any kind of expectations. I knew he would be good and do his job but we were very pleased with how it went."

I was actually pretty nervous today, which is weird because I don't usually get nervous for hunter rounds. I thought it was a good course, there were some single oxers and a bending line which usually spices things up. It was good for him because sometimes he can get a little bored. It kept him paying attention. I have been riding him on and off for a couple of years, but pretty consistently for this past year. He is just really great to ride. He is so simple. The less you do the better it is."

Emma Kurtz of Hudson, OH, rode Evermore to the Championship in the Junior Hunter 15 and Under and then returned a few trips later to take the Reserve Championship with Wisdom. "I don't think I've ever had a show where they both have been winners like this together," said a smiling Kurtz. "They are both incredible horses. Evermore is a baby so I have to package him a bit more, and Wisdom I just have to kick and go. They are both really easy but they are just very different rides. They are both amazing."

Small Junior Hunter 16-17 Championship was won by Boss and Katherine Dash of Yarrow Point, WA, with Reserve going to Buggy Malone and Giavanna Rinaldi, Wayne, IL. Both horses had stellar rounds in the first day of competition, but has less than perfect rounds in the final class, with Buggy Malone scoring a 70 to stay on top in the race for Champion and Boss scoring a 68 but still managing to rely on their previous wins to capture Reserve.

Sophie Gochman, New York, NY, was so happy with her mount Garfield, as they took the Large Junior Hunter 15 and Under Championship. This was Gochman's first time winning a major championship indoors on a horse, having graduated onto Garfield from her winning string of ponies. "This was really exciting because this is my first indoors on a



horse. I was definitely not expecting this, I just wanted to get around," said Gochman. "It is a big surprise. Garfield is 15 or 16 so he has been doing this forever. You can just loop the reins and get a good pace and he helps you find the distances. He is just a really good horse to ride. My goal was just to have fun to have good rounds but definitely not to be champion. He was so confident that I wasn't nervous. All my butterflies went away. I just rode him like I usually do and had fun."

Champion honors were also presented to Junior Hunters jumping 3'3". Small Junior Hunter-Champion went to Emma Hansen and Easy Time with Reserve awarded to Wish List and Laurel Bennett. Large Junior Hunter was Color Up and Lauren Watts. Reserve Champion went to Lauren Childs and Credit.

### Zone 2 Defends Title to Take Team Gold

The team from Zone 2 took home the team gold for the second consecutive year with the best possible score to win the Neue Schule/ USEF Prix des States Team Championship. Zone 4 won the silver and the bronze went to Zone 5.

The Zone 2 team consisted of Madison Goetzmann riding Wrigley, Katherine Strauss aboard All In, Lauren Fischer on Tosca du Feugre and Eliza Month with Calumpi. The formidable foursome captured the title with three out of the four going double clear on the Steve Stephens designed course to finish with a zero fault score.

Ralph Caristo served as the Zone 2 Chef d'Equipe and was especially pleased with the victory. Caristo has held the position for many years, but he was unable to make the trip in 2015. "I had to judge last year so Krista Freundlich substituted for me and she did a fantastic job," said Caristo. "This is what we strive for. The girls really rose to the occasion. I told them to just go in there and have fun. They had enough experience so they knew what to do, and they did it."

"I had so much confidence in my horse and Ralph Caristo gives all of us so much confidence, so I didn't feel too much pressure," said Goetzmann on riding last. "I felt like I had a great team behind me and my horse was absolutely amazing. I thought it was an excellent course. There was a tight time allowed and a few wide oxers coming out of short turns. You really had to understand how to ride the track and be able to ride efficiently and smooth in the indoor ring because we are used to riding in a big outdoor ring throughout the season."



"It's a huge adjustment riding indoors," said Strauss. "Things come up quicker; you have to adjust to the way the lines ride. Maddie and I have been in this class many times before on the same horses so we were expecting those turns and the way this ring rides. It felt great coming here with such a great team."

It was the first time Fischer and her mare had competed in the Championship and she was thrilled with their inaugural run. "I am really proud of my mare. It was her first time doing anything like this. She really came out on top and gave me two nice clear rounds. I thought the course was challenging,



the time allowed was definitely a factor. You really had to know your horse for this course."

Month, who had a less successful night than her teammates, also thought the course was challenging. "The oxers were pretty wide," said Month. "It was crucial for you to keep pace but keep a connection to your horse. I think it tested a lot of us. I feel so lucky to be part of such an awesome team."

The Championship culminates today with the top 60% from Phases I and II for the Individual Overall phase.

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## Backstage at PNHS

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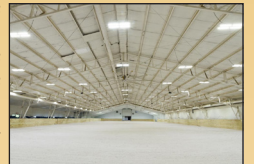


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