



SUNDAY - OCTOBER 14, 2018



DOVER SADDLERY / U.S.E. F. HUNTER SEAT MEDAL FINAL

Equitation classes judge the rider, not the horse. The rider must demonstrate good seat and hands and sufficient management of the horse to perform the required tests in a smooth controlled and accurate manner. Riders are tested with technical questions such as changes of lead, combinations, counter-canter, bending lines, narrow jumps and rollbacks.

The annual Dover Saddlery/USEF Hunter Seat Medal Finals are held at the Pennsylvania National Horse Show each year. Riders must qualify to be invited to compete and they represent almost every state in the United States. Nearly one-third of the winners of this prestigious title have gone on to become members of the USA Olympic or World Championship Team.

Previous Winners

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| 1937 Muriel Arthur | 1978 Hugh Mutch |
| 1938 Arthur Platt, Jr. | 1979 Mark Leone |
| 1939 Carol J. Adler | 1980 Joan Scharffenberger Laarakkers |
| 1940 William C. Steinkraus | 1981 Laura Tidball Balisky |
| 1941 Janet A. Meade | 1982 Sandra Nielsen |
| 1942 George McKervey III | 1983 Laura O'Connor |
| 1943 Dorothy Ritterbush | 1984 Francesca Mazella Rivera |
| 1944 Lois Lisanti | 1985 Jenno Topping |
| 1945 Albert Torek | 1986 Mia Wood |
| 1946 Ann Ritterbush | 1987 Karen Nielsen Kuehler |
| 1947 Elaine S. Watt | 1988 Cheryl Wilson |
| 1948 Barbara Pease | 1989 Ray Texel |
| 1949 Nancy Jane Imboden | 1990 Nicole Shahinian Simpson |
| 1950 Ronnie Mutch | 1991 Laura Bowden Steffee |
| 1951 Victor Hugo-Vidal | 1992 Jennifer Clarkson Killin |
| 1952 George H. Morris | 1993 Melanie A. Walters |
| 1953 Cynthia A. Stone | 1994 Keri Potter |
| 1954 Margaret McGinn | 1995 Meredith Taylor Amoroso |
| 1955 Wilson Dennefeldy | 1996 Hillary Schlusemeyer Simpson |
| 1956 Michael O. Page | 1997 Lauren Bass |
| 1957 Michael Del Balso | 1998 Kent Farrington |
| 1958 Susan White | 1999 Emily Williams |
| 1959 Wendy Hanson | 2000 Sarah B. Willeman Richter |
| 1960 Mary Mairs Chapot | 2001 Randy Sherman |
| 1961 Bernard Traurig | 2002 Maggie Jayne |
| 1962 Carol Altmann Molony | 2003 Lauren Van Eldik Kuykendall |
| 1963 Stephanie Steck | 2004 Megan Young |
| 1964 James Kohn | 2005 Brianne Goutal Marteau |
| 1965 Chrystine Jones Tauber | 2006 Maggie McAlaray |
| 1966 Rita Timpanero | 2007 Kimberly McCormack |
| 1967 Conrad Homfeld | 2008 Kels Annabelle Bonham |
| 1968 Brooke Hodgson | 2009 Jessica Springsteen |
| 1969 Fred Bauer | 2010 Hayley Barnhill |
| 1970 James Hulick | 2011 Schaefer Raposa |
| 1971 Joy Slater | 2012 Meg O'Mara |
| 1972 Katie Monahan Prudent | 2013 Lillie Keenan |
| 1973 Buddy Brown | 2014 Spencer Smith |
| 1974 Robin Rost | 2015 Kelli Cruciotti |
| 1975 Cynthia Hankins | 2016 TJ O'Mara |
| 1976 Frances Steinwedell Carvin | 2017 Taylor St. Jacques |
| 1977 Elizabeth Sheehan | 2018 |



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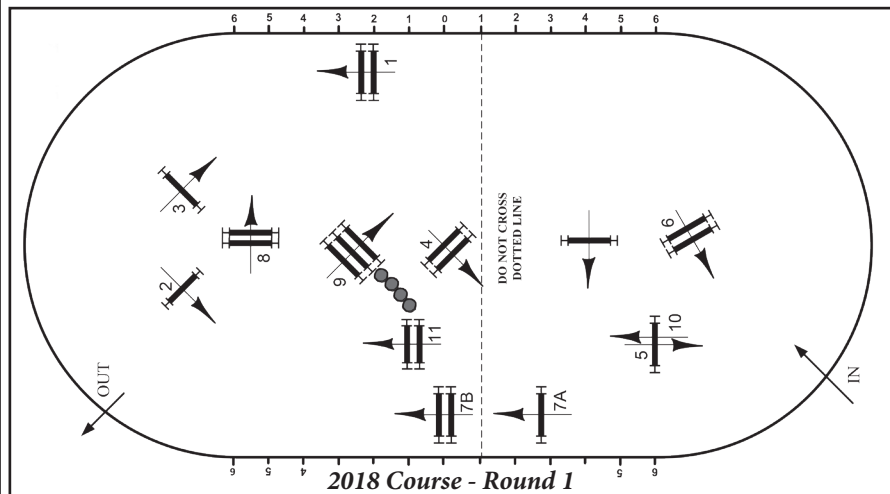
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BARREL RACING



Friday Oct. 19th
POLO



Saturday Oct. 20th
DYNAMO DOGS



The Judge's Box



Robin Rost Brown

Robin is a successful trainer and has coached many students to several national championships. "I am thrilled to have the opportunity to officiate at this prestigious event! Since winning the Medal Finals (in 1974) I have dreamed of judging this class. This class is special, as it is one of the oldest finals and it allows so many young riders to compete on a national stage. Best of luck to all!"

Geoff Teall



Geoff is an active "R" judge and travels extensively throughout North America and Europe conducting clinics. "It is such an honor, as well as a huge responsibility, to judge the Dover USEF Medal Finals. I am looking forward to a great day working with Robin Brown and having the opportunity to watch so many great young riders. I hope everyone takes the time to enjoy the process and the class itself."

The Judge's Box

Sophie Gochman Crowned the 2018 Neue Schule/USEF Junior Jumper Individual Champion



You could hear a pin drop in the main arena as Sophie Gochman and Carola BH, rode towards victory in the 2018 Neue Schule/USEF Jr. Jumper Champion title. The pair posted a combined total, over three days of competition, of six faults to win the title at the 73rd Pennsylvania National Horse Show.

Gochman will take home a little extra hardware this week, a gold medal in the Neue Schule/USEF Jr. Jumper Individual Championship, the AHSA National Show Jumping Individual Championship Perpetual trophy, and a bronze medal in the Neue Schule/USEF Jr. Jumper Championship Team competition.

Until Gochman entered the ring, Madison Goetzmann and Prestigious, Goetzmann's 11-year-old bay Westphalian gelding, lead the field with a total of 8 combined faults. However, it was not enough to hold the lead resulting in a silver medal finish by a slim two faults. On the heels of Goetzmann, and earning the bronze medal, was Lily Gottwald with her own Gaston Van T Steentje. The 12-year-old Belgian Warmblood gelding, added a time penalty in the final phase resulting in a combined total of 8.5 faults for the three days of competition.

Still riding high after earning the bronze in the team challenge, Sophie Gochman and Carola BH, the 11-year-old Dutch Warmblood mare owned by Gochman Sport Horse LLC., was ecstatic to be crowned the 2018 Neue Schule/USEF Jr. Jumper Individual Champion.

"I haven't really processed it yet," said Gochman. "I came in here thinking a top 10 finish would be great because it's such a challenging competition. It's a nations cup format which I think is great for junior riders to experience. It's an honor to win it. I never thought it would really happen – it's crazy!"

Looking back on a successful week, Gochman reflected on her first team experience. "This was my first time not competing as an individual (at the Pennsylvania National Horse Show) and I was the anchor," said Gochman. "I was so excited as there are not a lot of team competitions for horseback riding. It's such a great opportunity to bond with other people, you're rooting for a team and that's a really fun aspect."

While Gochman is no stranger to the winners circle, her presence in the hunters this year was scarce as she turns her focus to the jumpers and equitation.

"I've slowly stopped doing the hunters to focus on jumpers and equitation," said Gochman. "You can jump higher, faster, and pursue more international opportunities and I felt that's what I connected with more. Bunny (Carola BH) is kind of sassy when you get on, she's so eager and excited to be out there and jumping."

The 2018 recipient of the William C. Steinkraus Style Award, donated in 2005 by Karen Healey, was awarded to Madison Goetzmann. The award is given to a recipient competing in Prix des States Junior Jumper competition who exemplifies the American style of equitation and sportsmanship.



Amazing Things Come in Small Packages

Surrounded by her family, Alexa Lignelli, New York, NY, took both Small Pony Hunter Champion and Reserve Champion with her ponies, Rollingwoods Knee Deep and IParty. Lignelli had won the championship last year with IParty.

"I love the ponies, my whole family loves the ponies, and we're going to stay in the pony hunters for a long time," said 10-year-old Lignelli. "We want to stay there as long as possible. My mom is very helpful and she always gives me words of wisdom. She knows everything about me and my ponies and she's always a great help. I'm so grateful for the team we have," continued Lignelli. "I also want to thank my grandparents for coming to the show to watch me ride."



First time champion at the PNHS, Tessa Downey of Huston, Texas, was all smiles as she exited the ring with her pony, Anisette, sporting the tri-color ribbon and navy blue cooler, proclaiming the title of Medium Pony Hunter Champion.

"My goal was to jog in every class and I did, which was super exciting," said 13-year-old Downey, who won the Marshall & Sterling/USEF Pony Medal Final in August. "I feel really happy about it (having two big wins this year). The goal was just to do well and Anisette exceeded that goal, it's amazing."

His Way, owned by 16-year-old Josephine Rose of Dayton, Ohio, took home the Large Pony Hunter Championship, her first win at the PNHS.

"I am on cloud nine, this is incredible," exclaimed Rose. "I've had this pony since he was a green and I've only been here one time so it was just amazing. He is such a good guy," said Rose about His Way. "He loves treats. He always has taken care of me and he is not spooky at all."

Grand Champion Pony Hunter was awarded to Downey and Anisette. The pair was presented with the Francus E. Armstrong Memorial Challenge Trophy for their spectacular performances in the Medium Pony Hunter division.

The Pony Hunter Sportsmanship award was given to Calder Trotz of Memphis, Tennessee. This award is given to the rider who exhibits the highest degree of exemplary personal conduct with respect to good sportsmanship.

The EMO Agency Pony Hunter High Five Award, sponsored By EMO Agency, is awarded to the pony and rider who have the highest score in their division. This year the award went to Alexa Lignelli and Rollingwoods Knee Deep for receiving a high score of 90 points.

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