



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.

Past Winners

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



1951 Champion Victor Hugo-Vidal



1955 Champion Wilson Dennehy



1966 Champion Rita Timpanero



1967 Champion Conrad Homfeld



1974 Champion Robin Rost Fairclough



1979 Champion Mark Leone



1982 Champion Sandy Nielsen



1985 Champion Jenno Topping



1997 Champion Lauren Bass



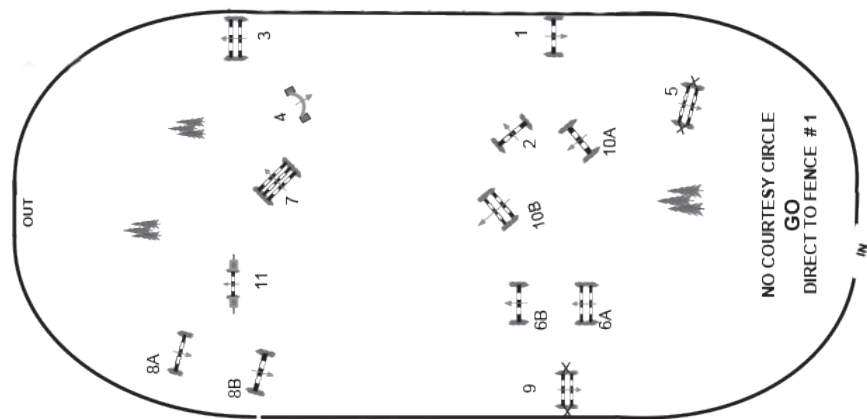
2012 Champion Meg O'Mara



2014 Champion Spencer Smith



2009 Champion Jessica Springsteen



2017 Course - Round 1

Gallery of Champions

The Judge's Box



Jack Towell

Jack Towell began his career as a hunter/jumper trainer at the age of 17. After graduating from Catawba College in Salisbury, North Carolina, Jack returned to the horse world and became one of the most successful trainers and developers of young riding talent in the country. Most recently, he was inducted into the National Show Hunter Hall of Fame in the Class of 2016!

Tammy Provost

Tammy Provost hails from Sheridan, Indiana where she runs her own Meadow View Farm. Tammy is a very successful rider and trainer. In her teaching career, she has coached many hunter, jumper and equitation riders to top placings. As a rider, Tammy has also seen great success at horse shows in the mid-west, the Florida circuit and the east coast indoors.



The Judge's Box

Daisy Farish is Flawless to Win the Neue Schule/USEF Junior Jumper Individual Championship



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Daisy Farish of Versailles, Ky., capped off a perfect week with a flawless performance on Alberto II, owned by Stoney Ridge Farm, LLC, to win the Neue Schule/USEF Junior Jumper Individual Championship. Farish celebrated her 17th birthday on Thursday by taking top honors in the first phase of the Individual Championship.

"This week has been surreal. My horse was so amazing and I'm so happy with him. I can't even believe it," said Farish. "This win means a lot to me, it's amazing. There are so many past winners who have gone on to do great things. It was also really special to finish on a score of zero. That meant a lot to me as well."

In the final phase of the Championship, scores were carried over from the previous two phases with top 60 percent qualifying for Phase III. The riders competed in reverse order of merit saving the best for last. Farish had a three day score of zero, 1.5 faults ahead of Hannah Loly of Rancho Santa Fe, Calif., on Ayma de la Demi Lune. Just behind Loly were Alexandra Piolet, 15, of Highland Park, Ill., riding 10-year-old Helene VE, owned by Co-Piolet, LLC and Coco Fath, 17, of Fairfield, Conn., aboard 11-year-old Dutch Warmblood Huckleberry, owned by Hillside Farm LLC, each carrying five faults.

Fath was the first of the top four to negotiate the Steve Stephens-designed course and knocked down a rail adding four faults to her score for a three-phase score of nine faults. Piolet was next and had one of only three clear rounds out of the field of 17 giving her a final score of five faults and securing at least a bronze medal.

Loly then entered the arena and had a rail down, which dropped her to third, but then shockingly went off course at the final fence. That costly mistake meant elimination for the 15-year-old and a break for Farish.

"I noticed that Hannah jumped the wrong last fence right before I went in. Andre [Dignelli] mentioned it to me to make sure that I wasn't too nervous thinking that I had to go clear. It took a little pressure off me, but I still wanted to jump clear," said Farish. "I tried to stay as calm as I could I was just trying to keep my cool not thinking about it too much and ride the course that I walked. My horse helped me in places that he didn't have too. I owe it to him. He was incredible."

Both Fath and Piolet benefitted from Loly's error. Fath moved up from fourth to third taking home the bronze medal and Piolet finished second to earn the silver medal.

Farish also won the William C. Steinkraus Style of Riding Award, sponsored by Karen Healey Stables. The award is presented to the Prix des States Junior Jumper Rider who best exemplifies the American style of equitation and the respectful, dignified, courteous and workmanlike manner of a true sportsman.

Sponsor Spotlight

DOVER SADDLERY

Dover Saddlery was founded in 1975 by Jim and David Powers, former members of the USEF 3-Day Event Team. Dover Saddlery quickly expanded beyond its retail store location in Wellesley, Massachusetts, and moved the mail order fulfillment center and administrative offices to Littleton, Massachusetts.



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It Is A Family Affair as Pony Hunters Vie For Top Honors



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Family Fun Day here at the Pennsylvania National Horse Show was evident both in the main show ring and around the concourse as children and their parents enjoyed story hour, crafts, a petting zoo while pony hunters of all sizes and colors vied for championship ribbons.

For little Alexa Lignelli, New York, NY, it truly was Family Fun Day, as, with her whole family watching, she and her ponies Iparty and Rollingwoods Knee Deep were named Pony Hunter Champion and Reserve Champion. For Iparty it was a repeat win, as she had won the title in 2016.

"My PapPap and Grandma were here to watch me," said 9-year-old Lignelli. "I thought I could win again. I believed! I have improved in all my lessons, really working on my position, holding my body, and my pace on the ponies. That was my goal, and I am really happy. Henry was Reserve and he really deserves it, he is such an amazing pony, and so is Rosie. "Yesterday we started out a little rough," said Lignelli's trainer Bill Schaub. "But she is the come-back kid. We sorted out what we needed to and we just took a deep breath and went for it"

Caroline Signorino, 12, from Basking Ridge, NJ, and Anisette, owned by Hannah Hoch, won the Medium Pony Hunter Championship. The pair won the Handy class on Friday and followed that up with another win in the Stake class on Saturday. "We are on a bit of a streak right now. I won at Capital Challenge," said Signorino. "I have been riding Annie for a year and she is very sweet and very easy to ride. You can fit in any distance. She has taught me a whole bunch. I play field hockey at school, but I love riding more."

Spellbound, owned by Stella Wasserman and 15-year-old catch rider Caroline Passarelli, High Falls, NY, took home the Large Pony Hunter Championship, the Grand Pony Hunter Championship, Best Junior Rider on a Pony, and the EMO High Five Award, given to the pony who receives the highest numerical score throughout the Pony Hunter division. Armando Celayo received the Grooms Award for his care of Spellbound. "This is incredible," said Passarelli. "The last time I was here was 2014 with my small pony when she was champion. I can't begin to thank Archie Cox and the Wasserman family for lending me this pony for the weekend. He is everything you could want in a pony. Stella Wasserman could not make it here to show him and so I got the opportunity, and he stepped up to the plate like he always does."