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Saturday night, immediately following the \$100,000 Grand Prix de Penn National presented by The Lindsay Maxwell Charitable Fund will be The Ben Gallaher Country Music Finale, a live concert that will be held in the main competition arena. Ben Gallaher is a Sony Nashville recording artist, singer, songwriter and a Central Pennsylvania native. Gallaher's special performance is presented by L.B. Smith Ford Lincoln and will begin at approximately 10 p.m.

Tentative Time Schedule

8:00a	94 Green Conformation
8:40a	95 Green Conformation
9:25a	104 Regular Conformation
10:00a	105 Regular Conformation
10:40a	91 Green Conformation U/S
11:00a	101 Regular Conformation U/S
11:35a	152 A/O Hunter 3'3" 18-35
12:30p	153 A/O Hunter 3'3" 18-35 Handy
1:20p	162 A/O Hunter 3'3" 36 & Over
2:15p	163 A/O Hunter 3'3" 36 & Over Handy
3:05p	151 A/O Hunter 3'3" 18-35 U/S
3:15p	161 A/O Hunter 3'3" 36 & Over U/S
3:25p	Set for Jumpers
3:55p	203 \$5,000 Open Jumper, II.1
5:10p	216 \$3,000 U-25 Jumper, 238.2.2
7:15p	Exhibition
7:30p	\$40,000 Pennsylvania Big Jump, 238.2.2
9:00p	Tack Room Award Presentation
9:25p	277 \$1,500 Amateur Owner Jumper, II.1

Andrew Kocher Takes Top Two Spots in \$10,000 Dash For The Cash



Andrew Kocher was just hoping to have a couple of clear rounds in the \$10,000 Dash for the Cash. The State College, PA, resident never thought those rounds would be good enough for first and second place in the Wednesday night Open Jumper class, sponsored by Geraldine Nesbitt.

"I was just hoping to come here and be respectable and maybe get some ribbons," said Kocher. "It's a big deal for me to win here because this was one of the first really big shows that I ever attended. I have been showing here since I was a kid, but I never won. This is really exciting!"

Aaron Vale set the mark for the field of 17, going clear on Finou 4 in a time of 62.409 seconds. Kocher went next on his first mount Ciana, owned by Eagle Valley Partners, LLC, and beat Vale's time going clear in 58.818 seconds. "Ciana just started jumping in the bigger grand prix classes this year," said Kocher. "She felt sharp, sharp tonight. She is still a little green and I didn't know how she would react to the lights and everything so I pulled the reins once or twice, but she nearly won the class anyway. She was amazing."



Olympic veteran Bezie Madden riding Coach and Christine McCrea on Wannick WH both rode clear but not fast enough to catch the top two. Irish Olympic veteran Kevin Babington came close to dethroning Kocher with Super Chilled going clear in 61.643, which was good enough for third place. Kocher could only beat himself with his second mount Zantos II, owned by MKO Equestrian, LLC, on the Bernardo Cabral-designed course and did, by going clear in 57.534 seconds.



"This is the horse I plan on riding in the big class on Saturday, the \$100,000 Prix de Penn National," said Kocher. "My plan was to go in there and have a nice round and not get into any trouble, but this horse has only really has one gear - fast. This was slow for him. He could have gone five seconds faster, but his going slow is faster than most horses. Hopefully, I'll get lucky again on Saturday!"

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Pony Up for Pink

Thursday Oct. 20

All breast cancer survivors receive FREE admission today!



The Pennsylvania National Horse Show presented by the Lindsay Maxwell Charitable Fund is proud to support Breast Cancer Awareness with our first 'Pony Up for Pink' event today.

All breast cancer survivors will receive free admission today as we honor their strength. Throughout the week riders have also been able to purchase Pink armbands to show their support of the PA Breast Cancer Coalition.



This evening's Special Attraction will feature a lively wheel barrow race with some of your favorite local celebrities. The "Celebrity Challenge" race will be a night to remember. Big overalls... little hats... and we couldn't forget the stick pony! This event will take place between 6:30 pm and 7:00 pm.



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The show jumping world lost a legend this year. Frank Chapot, two-time Olympic silver medalist and long time friend of the Pennsylvania National Horse Show, passed away at the age of 84.

"Frank was a fixture at the PNHS for eons" said co-manager Ralph Alfano. "He was instrumental in bringing the Medal Finals to Harrisburg all those years ago. As well as the Prix de States, long before it became the Junior Jumper Championships that it is today."

Frank won the Grand Prix in Harrisburg in 1972 and was the resident course designer from 1977 through 1986 and then once more in 1988. Frank and his daughter Laura are the only father/daughter duo to claim PNHS Grand Prix victory.. 33 years apart. After his stint as course designer, Frank stayed on as a 'special consultant' for many, many years.



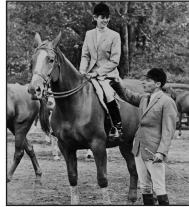
Frank aboard his 1972 winning mount Good Twist

In the more recent history, both Frank and Mary Chapot would come to Harrisburg to judge the Junior Jumpers during Junior Weekend before putting on his trainer hat for his own horses. Mary still holds that position today.

The Pennsylvania National Horse show family remembers Frank and would like to extend heartfelt thanks and sympathy to his family.



Frank in a 2004 Olympic Tribute here in Harrisburg with three members of his Gold Medal winning team. (L to R - Alan Keeley, McLain Ward, Chris Kappler, Beezie Madden, Frank Chapot, Liz Shorb, Rick Hornberger)



Frank with his wife Mary at a 1968 horse show

Best Regards and Jennifer Hannan Take the \$15,000 USHJA Pre-Green Hunter Incentive Stake



Hannan and Best Regards, a seven year old Holsteiner stallion, took the top honor for their spectacular round over fences for which the judges gave the pair a score of 89 points. A total of 18 horses competed in the class from both the 3' and 3'3" divisions of Pre-Green Hunters. Hannan and Best Regards jumped the 3' course and took home a check for \$3,900.00 for their winning efforts. "We imported him this winter, in fact he got out of quarantine in March," said Hannan. "So he has just started his career as a hunter and he is a dream of a hunter. He does everything. He has learned his job so easily and he is an angel around the barn. His score of 89 made me so happy. It is a nice way to end his pre-green season. He will be moving up to the first year green conformation division next year. He has a wonderful owner and it was really nice for her to see this. I think that the Incentive Fund is a great program. It is so nice to have that extra zero on the check. It steps everything up a bit. I think that is quite important. And that they can have the class at a venue like this, and that it is showcased is so important for the pre-green horses."

The USHJA offers The Pre-Green Incentive Program to horses of any age that are eligible to compete as a pre-green hunter under Federation rules. Horses must be enrolled in the USHJA Pre-Green Incentive Program and pay the annual enrollment fee to participate in the Pre-Green Stake classes and to be eligible for the Pre-Green Championship.

The 3'3" Pre-Green Hunter Champion was Walk The Moon and Daniel Geitner for owner Lynn Seithel. The pair won three over fences classes, were second in the other and were second in the hack to claim the tri-color with a total of 40 points. Reserve Champion was Helen Lenahan's Girl Crush, ridden by Kristy Herrera.



The 3' Pre-Green Hunter Championship was awarded to Redfield Farm's Eermette and Cassandra Kahle. Serena and Peter Pletcher, riding for owner Melanie Jeanes, were Reserve Champion.

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