



FRIDAY - OCTOBER 20, 2023

Tentative Time Schedule

HARRISBURG COLISEUM

531	Adult Jumpers II2d	8:00 AM
521	Children's Jumpers II2d	9:30 AM
542	Low Junior Jumper II2b	11:00 AM
557	Low Amateur Jumper II2b	1:00 PM
500	Amateur Jumper II2a	2:30 PM
Therapeutic Riding Championships & Therapy Horse of the Year Award		
		3:30 PM
Set Course		
		4:00 PM
Course Walk		
		5:00 PM
552	\$30,000 Commonwealth Classic	
	1.30m Grand Prix II2a	6:00 PM

KEYSTONE ARENA

280	Children's Hunter 14 & Under O/F	7:30 AM
281	Children's Hunter 14 & Under O/F	9:00 AM
285	Children's Hunter 15 - 17 O/F	10:30 AM
286	Children's Hunter 15 - 17 O/F	12:00 PM
252	Amateur Adult Hunter 18-35 O/F	1:30 PM
	<i>PNHS Adult Amateur Hunter Champion 18-35</i>	
257	Amateur Adult Hunter 36-49 O/F	3:00 PM
	<i>PNHS Adult Amateur Hunter Champion 36-49</i>	
262	Amateur Adult Hunter 50 & Over O/F	4:00 PM
	<i>PNHS Adult Amateur Hunter Champion 50 & over</i>	
	<i>PNHS Grand Adult Amateur Hunter Champion</i>	
265	\$10,000 Harrisburg Adult Hunter Finals	5:30 PM

FOUNDATION FRIDAY

The Pennsylvania National Horse Show Foundation, a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt non-profit organization, provides support for therapeutic riding and equine rescue programs. The Foundation makes grants exclusively for charitable and educational purposes to acquaint, teach and train the public in therapeutic equestrian endeavors and to support equine rescue efforts.

Kelly Tropin Whitridge and Chablis Claim Their Third PNHS Grand Amateur-Owner Hunter Championship



Kelly Tropin Whitridge and Chablis have been partnered for nine years, and for four of those years, they have ridden away with the Amateur-Owner Hunter 18-35 division championship at the Pennsylvania National Horse Show.

Those odds are made even more impressive by the stiff competition each year in Harrisburg, PA, and by the fact that, for three of those years, Whitridge and Chablis have also clinched the Grand Amateur-Owner Hunter Championship – including on Thursday, October 19, 2023.

"[Chablis] is, in my objective opinion, the best horse ever," said Whitridge, who was presented with the Legend Has It Perpetual Trophy, donated by Rolling Acres Farm, for the grand championship. Chablis' groom, Leonardo Lachia, was also presented with the Prince Charming Award, donated by Caroline Moran, as the Grand Amateur-Owner Hunter Groom. "This is probably [Chablis]'s favorite venue. This is his fourth championship at Harrisburg, his third grand championship, and he was reserve twice as well."

While many riders may feel the pressure when returning to continuously defend their championship, Whitridge instead chooses to simply savor each moment.

"I think you can kind of pick how you want to think about it; I could focus on it being a lot of pressure to perform again, but instead I told myself to just be grateful," explained Whitridge. "I know I'm never going to have a horse like this again, so I really try to enjoy every second."

Whitridge's trainer, Peter Lutz, purchased Chablis when the now 15-year-old Württemberger gelding was just 4 years old, and Whitridge purchased him from Lutz two years later.

In addition to the Grand Amateur-Owner Hunter Championship, Whitridge and Chablis' results earned them the Amateur-Owner Hunter 18-35 Championship.



"Being here [at the PNHS] has been a lot of success with him, but also it reminds me of when I was a junior and did not have any success here," concluded Tropin. "It just reminds me, honestly, of how long and how hard I've worked to have a horse like this and perform well. Peter [Lutz] has been my trainer since I was 13 years old, and now I'm 32. We've come a long way. So, I think of the amazing moments but also the tough moments that made all of this possible."

In the Amateur-Owner Hunter 36 & Over division, the championship went to Margot Peroni and Just Apple.

On their way to the top honor in the closely contested division, Peroni and the 9-year-old Dutch Warmblood gelding earned a win and two fourth-place finishes over fences and a fourth place in the under saddle. Finishing as the reserve champions were Lee Kellogg Sadrian and Augustine.

"I'll probably cry again, but I've been coming here since I was a little kid on ponies; this is my first time being champion here," said Peroni, who grew up in Malvern, PA, and now resides in New Jersey. "To me, this has just been such a goal every single year. This has just always been something that we've worked toward all year long. I'm a very goal-oriented person, so having a show like this and getting to come here for so many years has been incredible. And I have to say, since Pat Boyle took over – the show has always been amazing – but he's taken it to that next step. The new schooling area is so amazing and having the double rings and being able to bring some of the younger horses, it's just been even more of a treat to be able to be here."

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2023 Therapeutic Riding Championships

Walk

Brendan Budd	Elaina Heikken	Chase Michelsen
Olive Bennett	Sara Kane	Addison Monk
Sophia Eck	Lucy Laws	Evelyn Orleski
Peyton Guresh	Laelin Matarrita	Maggie Wagman

Walk / Trot

Morgan Champagne	Megan Hose	Drew Schlasta
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Emily Estilow	Charlie Rosewag	

2023 Therapeutic Championship Qualifiers



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Meet the 2023 Therapy Horse of the Year - Rose from Reins of Rhythm!



Rose was rescued in 1997 as a long yearling after having been neglected. She was angry, scared and unapproachable. It took some time and work to gain her trust, but when the team at Reins of Rhythm did, she became the most reliable and trustworthy horse in the barn!

Reins of Rhythm volunteers have a saying when Rose is in the arena: "Just step back, and let Rose teach the lesson." She knows exactly what the child needs, when they need it and how to give it to them at just the right time. In her 14 years of work as a therapeutic horse, Rose has helped to provide mobility and independence to those with mobility limitations; she has encouraged children with a non-verbal diagnosis to speak. She has inspired confidence in even the most timid. She channels deep focus from youth with ADHD, and she has brought joy to children suffering from great loss, sadness and clinical depression. She has also taken time out of her busy schedule helping youth, to visit nursing homes, bringing joy and hope to residents of area nursing care facilities. Rose's impact on those she blesses reaches far beyond the riding arena and into their lives.



Rose still receives visits from previous riders who come back as adults to visit and share how their time spent with her made such a huge difference in their lives. She helped them grow into the adults they have become, inspiring them to be all they can be – to use their unique gifts and skills to make the world a better place – just like Rose did for them.

Congratulations to Rose for being named the Pennsylvania National Horse Show Foundation 2023 Therapy Horse of the Year!

Christian Coyle and Laura Chapot Claim Welcome Wins

As show jumping action heats up at the 2023 PNHS, Thursday evening's jumper wins went to Christian Coyle on Gydine in the \$15,000 1.30m Welcome and Laura Chapot with Chandon Blue in the \$30,000 1.45m Welcome.



Brad Wolf and Sebastian Shine in 3'3" Amateur-Owner Hunters

Brad Wolf is no stranger to the winner's circle, having won numerous championships at "Indoors," including the PNHS. However, on his way to claiming the 3'3" Amateur-Owner Hunter Grand Championship, sponsored by Fayetteville Farm, Wolf accomplished something he never had before.

"This is the first time in my career that I have ever won all four classes in the division at Indoors, so it's really special," said Wolf, who was awarded the Art Dunphy Perpetual Trophy, donated by Cathy Sacher, for the Grand Championship.

While Wolf earned the 3'3" Amateur-Owner Hunter 36 & Over division championship, the tricolor honor went to Martha Ingram and Private Practice in the 3'3" Amateur-Owner Hunter 18-35 division.

