

HAPPENINGS



MONDAY - OCTOBER 16, 2023

Tentative Time Schedule

HARRISBURG COLISEUM

120	Green Conformation Model	7:30 AM
126	High Performance Conformation Model	8:00 AM
142	Green Hunter 3'6" O/F	8:30 AM
143	Green Hunter 3'6" Handy O/F	9:30 AM
121	Green Conformation O/F	10:30 AM
122	Green Conformation Handy O/F	11:00 AM
137	Green Hunter 3'9" O/F	11:30 AM
138	Green Hunter 3'9" Handy O/F	12:15 PM
127	High Performance Conformation O/F	1:00 PM
128	High Performance Conf. Handy O/F	1:45 PM
132	High Performance Hunter 4' O/F	2:30 PM
133	High Performance Hunter Handy O/F	3:15 PM

Evening Session - Hunt Night

	Opening Ceremony / PNHS Hall of Fame	4:45 PM
800	Field Hunters 35 & Under	5:00 PM
801	Field Hunters Over 35	6:00 PM
	Parade Of Fox Hounds	7:00 PM
803	Gentlemen's Hunter Under Saddle	7:15 PM
802	Ladies Hunter Under Saddle	7:25 PM
400	Ladies Side Saddle Under Saddle	7:35 PM
401	Ladies Side Saddle Hack	7:45 PM
806	Leading Ladies Rider Award	8:00 PM
402	Ladies Side Saddle O/F	8:20 PM
403	Ladies Side Saddle Championship	8:45 PM
804	Hunt Teams	9:00 PM
805	Hunt Night Championship	

KEYSTONE ARENA

148	Green Hunter 3'0" O/F Sec A	12:00 PM
149	Green Hunter 3'0" O/F Sec A	
1480	Green Hunter 3'3" O/F Sec B	1:30 PM
1490	Green Hunter 3'3" O/F Sec B	
153	Green Hunter 3'3" O/F Sec A	3:00 PM
1530	Green Hunter 3'3" O/F Sec B	
	Clear Ring	5:00 PM
156	Green Hunter 3'3" U/S Sec A	5:30 PM
1560	Green Hunter 3'3" U/S Sec B	5:45 PM

Carlee McCutcheon Made Her Way to the Top in 2023 Dover Saddlery/USEF Hunter Seat Medal Final



Following two rounds of jumping and one final test, a field of 206 entries was narrowed down to one 2023 Dover Saddlery/USEF Hunter Seat Medal Final winner: Carlee McCutcheon aboard Chacco Star.

Second place went to Medal Final first-timer Noah Nelson aboard Quite Cassini, and Kate Hagerty finished in third riding Magic Moment.

Beginning at 7 a.m. on Sunday, the nation's best equestrian riders entered the Harrisburg Coliseum to take on the first-round track designed by Alan Lohman and one of the day's judges, Timmy Kees. From there, Kees and fellow judge Jack Towell narrowed the field down to the top 25 to return for the second round.

Going into round two, McCutcheon sat in the 14th spot after what she said, "wasn't my smoothest first round."

"I went pretty early this morning, and I usually like to go early so I don't get in my head," explained McCutcheon, who trains with Max Amaya and TJ O'Mara of Stonehenge Stables. "I ended up getting a little in my head anyway, but Chacco was great. I could have ridden the track a bit better, but he was phenomenal. He's the best partner I could ask for. I was just looking to come back in a good spot for the second round, and I was very pleased with my second round. We took a chance with an inside turn, and I knew I could trust him. The harder the course is, the better he is."

McCutcheon and Chacco Star's test shot them from 14th to second place heading into additional testing of the top six – and the pair only further rose to the challenge from there.

Among other questions, the test asked riders to trot a fence, counter canter two fences and demonstrate a hand gallop down and over the final fence before immediately coming to a halt. With Chacco Star, McCutcheon not only answered every question, she did so exceptionally well.

In the first counter-canter, the winning duo landed the lead and held it through the turn, and later in the course, McCutcheon seamlessly executed a flying change to the counter lead. After the pair established a strong hand gallop down to the final oxer and then nailed a definitive halt, the crowd gave a loud cheer of approval for the test they had just watched.

"I just wanted to do something a little special, so I tried to hold the counter-canter from the first jump, and it worked out well," explained McCutcheon. "[Chacco] was just super. I couldn't ask anything more of him."

McCutcheon has been partnered with the 15-year-old Oldenburg gelding, owned by Kennedy McCauley, for going on two years, and the pair has seen great success together in that time.

"He's truly the best partner I could ask for," said McCutcheon, Aubrey, TX. "I'm just so grateful to everyone that has allowed this partnership to come together. He's amazing. He's one of a kind for me. I don't think I could do this with anybody else. He just makes me so brave. I know he can do any test, so I'm never overly nervous for any tricky questions that the course may ask."

Trainer O'Mara added, "To really see the hard work that me and Max have put in with her pay off today, and to see her partnership with Chaco really develop and flourish after each round, really brought tears to my eyes when they announced her as the winner. It was very emotional for me. My sister, [Meg O'Mara] won this in 2012, and then I won in 2016; Carly was one of my first equestrian kids that I've gotten the pleasure to train. She came to us two years ago. I helped her here at the Medal Final in 2021, and each year she's gotten better and better with it."

For the win, McCutcheon was presented with the Adrian Van Sinderen Memorial Perpetual Trophy, and for Chacco Star's own performance, the gelding was awarded the Best Equitation Horse title and the Doris H. Clark Memorial Perpetual Trophy, donated by Missy Clark.

The Best Equitation Horse Award is a great honor, particularly among a field of horses as impressive as those in Sunday's Medal Final.

"The quality of the riders is unbelievable, but also the quality of these horses," said Towell. "These horses are amazing animals, amazing. They've got the stride, the scope – it blows me away just watching them. Not that these kids don't ride great, but you're only as good as your horse."

- continued on reverse

PNHS TEAM NIGHT

FRIDAY OCTOBER 20

REGISTER to WIN!

Largest Overall Group
Largest Non-Equestrian Group
Best Team Spirit
Group that Traveled Furthest

Barn Mates... IEA Team... 4H Club...
Soccer Team... Scout Troop... Groups of ANY KIND!

"The vehicles are the catalyst," added Kees. "The level of instruction, the caliber of the horses and the capability of the kids – it's all amazing to watch. I've seen it for a long time, and it just keeps getting better and better."

For Kees and Towell, the real differentiator of the top three was the final test.

"Everybody can have a wonderful first round, but the test in the end is what separates them. That's exactly how it was done today, and it worked out great," said Kees.



For Nelson, the test was undoubtedly what helped him shoot up the leaderboard. The 18-year-old was brought back for the final test in sixth place, but not unlike McCutcheon, he nailed each element while others faltered ever so slightly.

"I really liked the test; it was very well put to together, and I'm very grateful for everything," said Nelson, who trains with Ken and Emily Smith at Ashland Farms. "Pretty much in March, I started the equitation, and I was introduced to Ashland. I owe everything to them. They taught me practically everything I know about the eq. Today, I was just hoping to put some good rounds down – just make myself happy, do the best I can and just have fun."

"I was very confident on Cassini; he's competed here and was second in 2019 with Jordan Allen. I owe everything to him," concluded Nelson.

For third place finisher Hagerty, her podium finish was earned aboard Magic Moment, a newer mount for the 17-year-old from Terrebonne, OR.

"I've had him since August, and he's new to the equitation," said Hagerty of the 12-year-old Dutch Warmblood gelding, owned by the Hagerty Family. Hagerty's biggest jump up the standings came in the second round, when she moved from 21st to fifth. "My first round was good, but I didn't come back with a lot of expectations, so I think that let me go in and go for it and be as risky as I could be. [Magic Moment] was so good and did everything I asked, so I'm really happy with how he was today."

HARVEST
SEASONAL GRILL & WINE BAR

LET US INTRODUCE YOU TO FARM-TO-TABLE FOR EVERYONE WITH A

Complimentary Flatbread

WITH PURCHASE OF ENTRÉE, ENTRÉE SALAD, OR SANDWICH

VALID OCTOBER 12TH - NOVEMBER 12TH, 2023. LIMIT ONE PER GUEST/CHECK ONE TIME ONLY. CANNOT BE COMBINED WITH ANY OTHER OFFERS/DISCOUNTS/HAPPY HOUR. DINE-IN ONLY

JUNIOR WEEKEND



Champions Crowned in Pony Hunters, Sponsored by Ponies & Palms Show Stables



Ella Endzweig's success in the Small Pony Hunters is no secret, thanks to Secret Crush, a 10-year-old Welsh Pony Cross, owned by Jill Shulman. On Saturday, October 14, Endzweig rode Secret Crush to both the Small Pony Hunter Championship and the Grand Pony Hunter Championship, sponsored by Mr. & Mrs. Gary C. Duffy and Little Brook Farm.

On their way to the dual championship tricolors, Endzweig and Secret Crush, or "Belle," first earned two second place ribbons and a win over fences – an exponential improvement from their last Pennsylvania National Horse Show appearance.

"I was hoping to go better than last year," explained 12-year-old Endzweig, of Palm Beach, FL. "I'm pretty sure my highest score last year was like a 71. Even the first round on her, I was just happy that I got like 20 points higher!"



The next division championship of the day in the Pony Hunters, sponsored by Ponies and Palms Show Stables, went to Medium Pony Hunter Clev-erist, ridden by Grace Stenbeck-Werner and owned by Ellie Sadrian.

In the Large Pony Hunters, for the second year in a row, the championship honor went to Vivian Golden and Brixton, owned by Dr. Betsee Parker.