



**SATURDAY - OCTOBER 21, 2023**

## Tentative Time Schedule

### HARRISBURG COLISEUM

501	Penn Nat. Amateur Jumper II.2.1	8:30 AM
532	Adult Jumpers II.2b	9:15 AM
522	Children's Jumpers II.2b	10:45 AM
543	\$10,000 Penn Nat. Low Jr Jumper Classic	12:45 PM
	<i>Penn. National Low Junior Championship</i>	
558	\$10,000 Penn Nat. Low Am. Jumper Classic	2:45 PM
	<i>Penn. National Low Amateur Championship</i>	
	<b>Set Course</b>	4:00 PM
	<b>Course Walk</b>	5:30 PM
	<b>Classic Leadline</b>	6:15 PM
	<b>Opening Ceremonies / Hall of Fame</b>	6:30 PM
555	\$100,000 Grand Prix de Penn National	7:00 PM
	<i>Caretaker Award</i>	
	<i>1.45M Jumper Championship</i>	
	<i>Leading Rider Award</i>	
	<i>Leading Lady Jumper Rider Award</i>	

### KEYSTONE ARENA

283	Children's Hunter 14 & Under U/S	8:00 AM
288	Children's Hunter 15 - 17 U/S	8:15 AM
282	Children's Hunter 14 & Under O/F	9:00 AM
	<i>Children's Hunter 14 &amp; Under Championship</i>	
287	Children's Hunter 15 - 17 O/F	10:30 AM
	<i>Children's Hunter 15 - 17 Championship</i>	
	<i>Grand Children's Hunter Championship</i>	
290	\$10,000 Penn Nat. Child Hunter Finals	12:00 PM
815	USEF/NCEA Medal Finals - Warm Up	2:00 PM

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## McLain Ward and Kyrланthe Capture Victory in Their U.S. Debut



McLain Ward debuted a new mare, Kyrланthe, at this week's Pennsylvania National Horse Show, and on Friday, October 20, the pair made the debut week a winning one in the \$30,000 1.30m Commonwealth Classic.

Kyrланthe was just recently imported to the U.S., and the PNHS in Harrisburg, PA, marks the 8-year-old mare's first show in America. However, with Ward in the irons, Kyrланthe looked every bit a seasoned veteran to the compact ring at the PA Farm Show Complex.

The duo was one of eight entries from Friday night's 23-horse starting field that navigated the first-round, Nicholas Granat-designed course without fault. From there, speed was the name of the game, and Kyrланthe immediately rose to the challenge.

"She's been so nice to ride and so willing to do what we're asking her," said Ward, who also finished second with Kyrланthe in Thursday night's \$15,000 1.30m Welcome. "Last night, I actually went in just wanting to make some neat turns, which she did beautifully. I had such confidence with her – even in the one day of showing her – that I thought, 'Eh, we'll give it a little go to-night,' and she responded beautifully."



When Ward and Kyrланthe returned to the ring for the jump-off, the time to beat had been set at 32.771 seconds by two-time defending champion of the class, Christian Coyle, this time aboard Gydine, owned by Christian Coyle Show Stables.

Kyrланthe made short work of that time, stopping the clock in 31.293 seconds to ultimately secure the win and relegate Coyle and Gydine to second place. Rounding out the top three with a time of 33.536 seconds were Laura Chapot and Kanjer P.

"She is a really exciting mare," said Ward of Kyrланthe, who had been previously competing in Europe with Willem Greve. "We brought her here to kind of learn what she was all about. She's a talented horse, I think she has a great brain, and she's going to have a great future. We have high hopes for her."

With the win in Friday night's \$30,000 Commonwealth Classic under his belt, Ward will now look to defend his title in Saturday's \$100,000 Grand Prix de Penn National aboard last year's winner, First Lady, and his second mount, Quimi Del Maset.



"[This show has] a great tradition," concluded Ward. "It always has a nice warm crowd here in the area since it's known for agriculture, and it's always nice to come here."

Following the conclusion of the class, Coyle and Gydine were awarded the 1.30m Jumper Championship, sponsored by Beyaert Farm, Inc., for their consistent performances throughout the week.

## Ariana Marnell and Babylon are Best Junior Hunters



Prior to this week, Ariana Marnell's Babylon had earned a Grand Hunter Championship at all but one of the four major indoor final horse shows. On Friday, October 13, Marnell and Babylon clinched what had previously alluded them: the Grand Junior Hunter Championship at the Pennsylvania National Horse Show in Harrisburg, PA.

On their way to the grand championship, Marnell and Babylon first earned the division championship in the Small Junior Hunter 16-17, sponsored by Hesslink Williams LLC. The duo not only swept all three of the division's over fences classes, they did so while never earning a score lower than 92.

"My weekend was amazing from the start," said Marnell. "In his first class, Babylon got a 94, which made me so happy. I was really excited that this week went so well. He's now been grand at all four indoors. That's awesome. I'm just really proud of him, and I'm happy that I rode well and could do that for him. I think he really deserves to win."

In addition to notching top results in the junior hunters with Marnell, Babylon has been ridden to great success and acclaim by Marnell's trainer, John French. French has had the ride on "Crumbles" since the now 8-year-old Oldenburg gelding was 3 years old, and Marnell is quick to credit French with the horse that Babylon is today.

"He definitely goes with some pace, and then you get there and give him his head and neck; that's when he jumps best," explained Marnell. "[He likes] a little bit of a gap. We were kind of joking this week, since John really taught him from the beginning, he doesn't know how to miss or chip. He doesn't know how because John never misses!"

While Marnell hails from Las Vegas, NV, and often has to commute back and forth to the East Coast, she has spent the past three weeks out east enjoying extra riding and time with her horses.

"This is such a nice thing that I've been able to take some lessons and get to spend time just hanging out with my horses and taking them on trails," said Marnell. "Both of the horses this week are staying at a layover farm. Their day ended with about a half-hour trail ride around there. I think it's really good for them, and I like spending that time with them."

In addition to their championship tricolors, Marnell and Babylon's score of 94 earned them the EMO Agency Junior Hunter High Five Award as the highest-scoring junior hunters.

Finishing as the reserve champions behind Marnell and Babylon in the Small Junior Hunter 16-17 division were Eleanor Rudnicki and Knowingly.

Also earning division championships in the 3'6" Junior Hunters, presented by Bikoff Equestrian, were Paige Walkenbach on Ever So Often, Clara Propp and Arabesque and Caroline Signorino and Drumroll.

## ADULT HUNTER ACTION



## PENNSYLVANIA NATIONAL HORSE SHOW HALL OF FAME

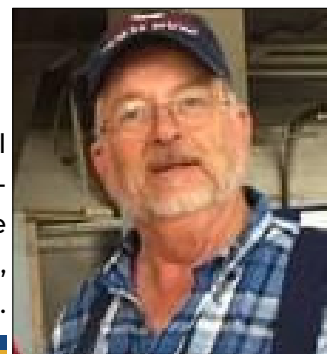


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### CLASS OF 2023

## JOE ALFANO



The Pennsylvania National Horse Show is proud to induct the show's long-time official farrier, Joe Alfano, into the PNHS Hall of Fame.

A Pennsylvania native, Alfano was inspired to learn the trade from his uncle, who shod horses throughout the hunter-jumper circuit and would allow him to tag along to help hold horses.

In 1966, Alfano began an apprenticeship under former PNHS farrier, Larry Bender, before being drafted into the U.S. Army. During his time at Fort Sam Houston, Alfano worked on many of the U.S. pentathlon horses before being sent to Vietnam. He served as the last official farrier of the U.S. Army and was discharged the day before the start of the Pennsylvania National Horse Show. Alfano arrived back home in Pennsylvania just in time to get to work at the show!

Alfano has now been the official farrier of the PNHS for more than 50 years. He takes immense pride in the trust that riders and owners have in him and his team. "People walk into that building and are glad to see my face, to know that I'm the one that's there if they need something done," said Alfano. "Being the PNHS farrier is one of my bucket list things; it's a great honor just to be here."

Throughout the years, Alfano has enjoyed the opportunity to work on some of the sport's most famous horses, including once getting to assist with Gem Twist. "So many of the top horses in the country, the Olympic horses, are there at the horse show," says Alfano. "If they need anything done, then I'm there."

Alfano's niece, Jennifer Alfano, has seen her fair share of success in the show ring at the PNHS, including the 2014 Grand Hunter Championship and the 2017 High Performance Hunter Championship aboard Candid, who is proudly shod by her uncle.

Says Jennifer Alfano, "Anything can happen. Horses can get hurt, pull a shoe, need it put back on when you're getting ready for a class. So, it's great to have somebody that's really good here!"

## MCLAIN WARD



The Pennsylvania National Horse Show is proud to induct renowned U.S. show jumper Mclain Ward into the PNHS Hall of Fame.

A lifelong horseman, Ward began riding at a young age with encouragement from his parents, Barney Ward and Kristine Lindsay, both of whom were industry professionals. In 1990, at just 14 years old, Ward became the youngest rider to win the USEF Show Jumping Derby, a win that was quickly followed by the USET Medal Finals title just a few weeks later. After turning professional, Ward became the youngest rider in U.S. show jumping history to reach the \$1 million mark in professional earnings at just 24 years old.

Ward is a five-time member of the United States Olympic Show Jumping Team, most recently helping to secure the team silver medal at the 2020 Tokyo Olympics aboard Contagious. Ward also helped Team USA to earn a silver medal in Rio de Janeiro in 2018 aboard HH Azur, and gold medals at both the 2004 Athens Olympics and the 2008 Beijing Olympics, both aboard the legendary Sapphire.

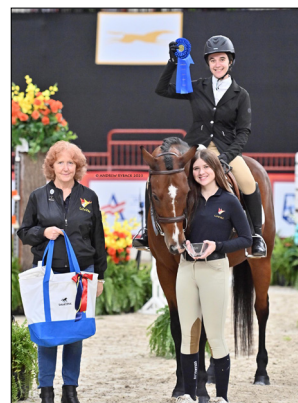
In addition, Ward was a member of the gold-medal winning U.S. Show Jumping Team at the FEI World Equestrian Games in Tryon in 2018 aboard Clint, marking the third WEG medal of his career. Just a year prior, Ward won the Longines FEI World Cup Final in Omaha aboard HH Azur in his 17th World Cup Final appearance.

Most recently, Ward rode HH Azur to victories in both the Rolex Grand Prix at CHI Geneva and the Rolex Grand Prix at the Dutch Masters - of the most esteemed grand prix events in the world.

At the 2022 Pennsylvania National Horse Show, Ward proved best in both offered grand prix classes, securing victory in the \$30,000 Beyaert Farm Grand Prix aboard Lezaro, as well as the win in the \$100,000 Grand Prix de Penn National aboard Robin Parsky's First Lady.

Ward owns and operates Castle Hill Farm in Brewster, NY, and Wellington, FL, with his wife Lauren and daughters Lilly and Madison.

# Riders Punch Their Tickets to LifeVac Therapeutic Riding Championships



Vendors have returned to the concourse of the Harrisburg Coliseum and beyond, offering a little bit of any and everything for the equestrian!

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