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**Top Horses and Riders from Long Island Kick Off the 2022 Hampton Classic Horse Show**

*Bridgehampton, NY – August 29, 2022* – The **Hampton Classic Horse Show** opened Sunday for its exciting 46th edition, featuring the top horses and riders of the Long Island equestrian community during its Opening Day festivities.

The Hampton Classic, **August 28-September 4**, is one of the world's most prestigious horse shows, offering more than \$1 million in prize money during a full schedule featuring competitors at every level from young children in leadline to Olympic, World, and World Cup Champions. The Classic also has competitions for riders with disabilities.

“Local Day” at the Classic is traditionally reserved for the Long Island equestrian community, with classes open exclusively to horses stabled in Nassau or Suffolk County for at least 75 days since January of the calendar year. Many of the show's wonderfully decorated rings focused on local hunter and equitation riders leading up to Sunday afternoon's featured classes, the \$30,000 Hampton Classic 1.40m Jumper Challenge and the \$10,000 Marders Local Hunter Derby.

Claiming the day's top prize in the **Grand Local Hunter Championship** was Laura Bowery of Bridgehampton, NY, riding Denise Landman's 11-year-old Westphalian gelding *Capote*. The pair swept Section A of the Local Working Hunter Professional division, collecting the most points of every Local Hunter section and taking home the South Fork Perpetual Trophy. They also received the Eddie Horowitz Memorial Trophy for earning the overall **Local Working Hunter Professional Championship**.



*Laura Bowery and Capote won the Grand Local Hunter Championship during the Hampton Classic's Opening Day festivities. © KindMedia*

Bowery was also the Local Working Hunter Professional Section B Champion and both sections' Reserve Champion with Anne Byers' *Rocklyn*, Denise Landman's *Crème de La Crème* and Mare Eyfee LLC's *In Bocca Al Lupo*, respectively.

In the **Guaranteed Rate Local Non-Professional Hunter** division, Brett Lieb of Water Mill, NY, claimed top honors aboard Twin Oaks Stables, Inc.'s 15-year-old Dutch Warmblood gelding *Goodman*. Rounding out the adult hunter divisions, Stella Propp of New York, NY, rode *Catena 5*, a 12-year-old Holsteiner mare owned by Aquitaine Equine, to the **Health Rover Local Amateur-Owner Hunter Championship**.



*L: Brett Lieb and Goodman, Guaranteed Rate Local Non-Professional Hunter Champions. R: Stella Propp and Catena 5, Health Rover Local Amateur-Owner Hunter Champions. © KindMedia*



Junior Hunter and Children's Equitation riders also took the stage in the Classic's wonderfully decorated rings. Kenzie Smith of Shoreham, NY, and Derby Hill Farm LLC's 17-year-old Warmblood gelding *Escapade* earned the top prize in the **Miller & Associates Local Junior Hunter Championship**. Among the equitation riders vying for the blue in the Servpro Low Children's Equitation, Jos. M Troffa Medium Children's Equitation and The Knox School High Children's Equitation were Sadie Hisler of East Hampton, NY, and Wyatt Rofey of Riverhead, NY, who each won a class in their respective sections.



*Kenzie Smith and Escapade earned the Miller & Associates Local Junior Hunter Championship.* © KindMedia

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Each year approximately 50,000 people come to watch the nation's best equestrian athletes compete at the Hampton Classic. The Classic is rated USEF 'Premier-6' for both hunters and jumpers with FEI 2\* and 5\* classes. Ireland's Alan Wade serves as Grand Prix Ring course designer.

The Hampton Classic features more than 200 competitions in six spectacular show rings, the Agneta Currey Boutique Garden with more than 70 vendors, and a wide selection of dining options, all on its world-class 60-acre show grounds. Offering more than \$1 million in prize money, the Classic is highlighted by the **\$410,000 Hampton Classic 5\* Grand Prix** on Sunday, September 4.

The Hampton Classic's FEI competition begins Thursday, September 1, with the **\$10,000 Citarella Open Jumper CSI2\*** and **\$37,000 Hampton Classic 5\* Speed Stake** and continues throughout the

weekend with seven 2\* and 5\* classes. FEI competition also includes Friday's **\$37,000 Wölffer Estate 2\* Jumper Classic** and **\$74,000 Douglas Elliman 5\* Grand Prix Qualifier**, Saturday's **\$74,000 Hampton Classic 2\* Grand Prix** and **\$74,000 5\* LONGINES Cup** and the culminating **\$410,000 Hampton Classic 5\* Grand Prix** on Sunday, September 4.

The Hampton Classic continues to support several charitable organizations including Stony Brook Southampton Hospital, the Kevin Babington Foundation and Sag Harbor Food Pantry. Everyone who comes to the Classic on Tuesday and Wednesday with three or more non-perishable food items for the Sag Harbor Food Pantry will have their entire car admitted free.

Daily admission to the Classic is \$20 per carload (cash at the gate only). Admission is free on Monday; seniors and military are also admitted free on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Grandstand tickets for the \$410,000 Hampton Classic Grand Prix on Sunday, September 4, are \$55 per person for reserved bucket seating. Grandstand tickets are electronic only; E-Tickets are provided thanks to support from Green is the New Blue.

The Hampton Classic is pleased to continue its relationship with ShowNet by offering its services FREE to all exhibitors. Services include: Orders of Go; Live Ring Status; and Live Results.

For those who can't make it to the show grounds, complimentary live webcasts of all Grand Prix ring competitions air on the Hampton Classic website, produced by ClipMyHorseTV and courtesy of LONGINES. ClipMyHorseTV is also producing a live webcast of all Anne Aspinall ring competitions, available for free on the Hampton Classic website, thanks to Pacaso. In addition, WVVH-TV, Hamptons Television, broadcasts up to five hours of competition and highlights each day during the Classic. These broadcasts can also be seen online at [www.wvvh.tv](http://www.wvvh.tv).

For more information on the Hampton Classic Horse Show, please visit the Hampton Classic website at [www.hamptonclassic.com](http://www.hamptonclassic.com) or call 631-537-3177. Hampton Classic Horse Show, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) charitable corporation.