

DEVON DAILY

TUESDAY - MAY 31, 2022

Sara Kozumplik Reclaims Victory in \$50,000 Devon Arena Eventing Sponsored by Malvern Bank



One of the Devon Horse Show's most popular events, the \$50,000 Arena Eventing, sponsored by Malvern Bank, took center stage Sunday evening, welcoming some of the sport's top three-day event competitors and their mounts to the iconic showgrounds. Since its inception in 2017, the special class has been highly anticipated and supported by some of eventing's most esteemed riders. At the conclusion of two action-packed rounds of competition, it was the 2017 inaugural victor Sara Kozumplik and Rubens D'Ysieux who went home with the Devon blue and the lion's share of the prize money.

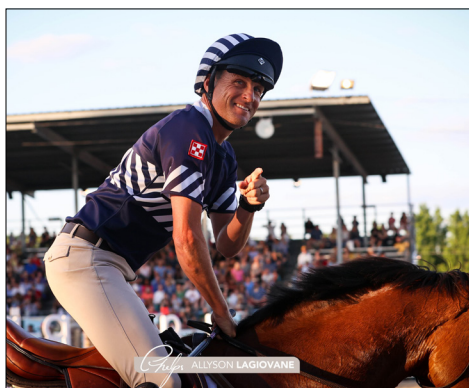
Loved by competitors and spectators alike, the unique class combines two of the three elements of eventing: cross-country and show jumping. A full stadium looked on as the combinations first took on the cross-country phase of the class, featuring a 27-obstacle course that spanned the entirety of the Dixon Oval as well as the Wheeler Ring. Including skinny jumps, brush jumps, box jumps and tables, the course built by Captain Mark Phillips gave the audience a taste of many of the traditional cross-country elements as well some show jumping oxers and verticals. Following round one, the top twelve athletes returned to the Dixon Oval to complete 15 more obstacles in a jump-off round.

First to return for the second round jump-off was Lisa Fergusson on her own 7-year-old Thoroughbred gelding, Honor Me. The pair, who carried 4 faults into their second round, set the pace for the remaining pack with a time of 86.461 seconds, but knocked another unfortunate rail in the jump-off. Olympian and reigning Devon Arena Eventing champion Boyd Martin was next aboard Fedarman B, a 12-year-old KWPN gelding owned by Annie Goodwin Syndicate. Riding carefully around the course, he jumped to the top spot with another clear ride and a time of 77.382 seconds.

Fellow Olympian Phillip Dutton was next aboard his first of two mounts, Hachi, a 10-year-old KWPN gelding owned by Limona Road Partners LLC. Dutton and Hachi accumulated just one time fault in the first round, but was still in a good position on the leaderboard going into the final phase. However, the pair had a rail down in the second round, finishing with five total faults in a time of 85.69 seconds. Erin Sylvester and Marnie Kelly's Campground entered the Dixon Oval with 4 faults in hand, and picked up 0.8 more faults along their 89.855-second round jump-off. Jennie Brannigan and her second mount of the evening, her own Connory, crossed the timers at 88.444 seconds and 8.4 faults.

Ema Klugman and Bendigo were next, bringing in just 0.8 faults from the first round. The pair produced a clear ride in the jump off and time of 83.893 seconds to put them in the second place position heading into the final few competitors. Her top position didn't last long, as Arielle Aharoni and Christina Aharoni's Dutch Times took the Dixon Oval by storm, flying into the new second place spot carrying only 0.4 faults from the first round and crossing the timers in 79.788 seconds.

Next to contest Phillips' shortened track was Amanda Beale Clement and Get Ready Syndicate LLC's Carlson 119, carrying 0 faults in the first round. They suffered two unfortunate knockdowns on course, landing them outside of top contention. Kozumplik and Rubens D'ysieux, a 17 year-old Selle Francais gelding owned by Rubens D'Ysieux Syndicate LLC, took to the Dixon Oval ready to take back their 2017 winning title, successfully producing a fast and careful round in 73.223 seconds to rocket them straight to the top of the leaderboard.



With only a handful left to go in the second round, Dutton re-entered the ring with Carlchen, a 14-year-old Oldenburg gelding owned by Caroline Moran. A partnership since 2019, Dutton and Carlchen most recently competed at the Fair Hill International April Horse Trials and CCI-S in the Open Preliminary division with a seventh place finish. The duo exited the Dixon Oval with 4 faults to their name and a time of 85.690 seconds to ultimately land them in sixth place at the end of the night.

Martin and his second mount of the evening, Fernhill Prezley, a 12-year-old Irish Sport Horse gelding owned by Nancy Hathaway, were last to enter the ring. Returning with no faults, Martin had one final shot to take back his first place spot on the leaderboard. Though Martin and Fernhill Prezley produced a clear effort, their time of 84.171 seconds ultimately gave the pair a third place finish to end the night, turning his reigning title over to Kozumplik. Martin settled for the second place finish on his other mount, Ferdarman B.

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John White Claims Carriage Pleasure Drive Championship

Carriage competitors made their debut at the 2022 Devon Horse Show on Sunday, eager to perform before the judges in hopes of taking home a Devon blue ribbon. At the conclusion of the final judging in the Champion Drive-Off, it was John White who took home the Carriage Pleasure Drive Championship.

The popular and time-honored discipline of driving has been part of Devon's history since 1896, while the Carriage Pleasure Drive has been an established flagship event for over 50 years, entertaining exhibitors and spectators alike on the Sunday before Memorial Day each year. Immediately following the initial inspection, competitors tackled a 4.5-mile drive through the picturesque neighborhoods of Devon, Pennsylvania, before returning to the showgrounds for the final judging. Immaculately turned out horses, carriages, whips and passengers gracefully paraded around the Dixon Oval in the hopes of claiming the coveted Devon blue ribbon.

After claiming the win in the Horse Unicorns and Four-In-Hands, White qualified for the Champion Drive-Off. Impressing the judge and topping the field of competitors, White was named the prestigious 2022 Carriage Pleasure Drive Champion. In addition to receiving the Third Susan Addis Challenge Trophy with his Heavy Dog Cart, he also claimed the champion ribbon and the Robert & Virginia Weaver Challenge Trophy. White wowed the crowd with his two front-facing Lipizzan horses from Hungary and two Kladruber horses from the Czech Republic.

Michael Pontz took first place in the Pony Single Harness Two-Wheeled Vehicles and was presented with the Martin Auctioneers Inc. Perpetual Trophy. Richard O'Donnell's win in the Double Harness-Pairs Tandems class marked his fourth consecutive year earning the Devon blue and fourth time etching his name on the Orleton Farm Challenge Trophy. O'Donnell also walked away with the Pleasure Drive Amateur Whip Award, as well as the Susie S. Buchanan Perpetual Trophy, for best exemplifying the traditions of carriage driving at the highest level.



Michael Pontz
Single Harness Two Wheel Vehicle Winner

"It's just an honor, it truly is. It's always been on our list and it's the first year I've done it, and we just had a fantastic time and it's incredible to be here and part of the whole Devon experience. We will definitely be back next year!"



John White
Carriage Pleasure Drive Champion

"It's great to be back to Devon. There's a lot of work in the driving, a lot of expense but you know, you set that aside. I've been about 56 years here at Devon. I was the president, secretary, treasurer, and the director. I love this place."

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Wendy Chapot Nunn Crowned Adult Amateur Jumper Champion and Olivia Sweetnam Claims Children's Jumper Championship



**Wendy Chapot Nunn & Cashe'
Adult Amateur Jumper Champion**

"It means everything. I never got to do the ponies here. My sister [Laura Chapot] got to do the ponies here. I did the parent/child class with my mom [Mary Chapot], I did the junior jumpers, I did the amateur jumpers, then I had kids. Devon has always been very special to me and our family, so it means a lot to be able to win this."

The week's Adult Amateur Jumper competition at the Devon Horse Show came to a head on Monday evening, featuring the \$7,500 NAL Adult Jumper Classic, sponsored by Moraga Farms. A total of 25 horse-and-rider combinations stepped foot in the Dixon Oval hoping to take home the Devon blue ribbon up for grabs as well as final points towards the Adult Amateur Jumper Championship and the Lawrence W Schwartz Memorial Perpetual Trophy. When the night wrapped up, it was Wendy Chapot Nunn on Cashe' who emerged victorious with the division's tricolor ribbon and their name added to the perpetual trophy.

With the stage set and riders ready to face-off, the \$7,500 NAL Adult Jumper Classic, sponsored by Moraga Farms, was next on the schedule. A course laid out by Olaf Petersen Jr. (GER) complete with 15 obstacles challenged the exhibitors one last time to produce clear, speedy rounds. Chapot Nunn and Cashe' had an unfortunate rail during their first round effort, but their points earned from winning the division's other two classes were enough to keep them on top of the leaderboard. Ten competitors returned for the 8-obstacle jump-off, with just four going clear. Brooke Treichler and her own Cheeky Monkey 2, a 10 year-old Oldenburg gelding, took on the track first, claiming the fastest time of the class with 38.998 seconds. Chapot Nunn and Mary Chapot's General Thompson, a 10-year-old American Warmblood gelding, tried to match her pace, but finished instead in 40.146 seconds for the red ribbon. Hope Batchelor and her own Byolga, a 16-year-old Dutch Warmblood mare, rounded out the top three at the conclusion of the class.

Returning to the winners circle, Chapot Nunn and Cache claimed their Adult Amateur Jumper Championship title, and were presented The Judy Hill Groves Memorial Challenge Trophy. After accumulating a total of 20 points, they were also awarded the Lawrence W Schwartz Memorial Perpetual Trophy for the win. Treichler and Cheeky Monkey 2 were awarded the reserve championship of the division following their performance in the classic with a total of 15 points.

The day prior, the Children's Jumper division concluded following two days of exciting competition in the Dixon Oval. A total of 20 horse-and-rider pairs put their best foot forward in three total classes hoping to accumulate points towards the division's overall standings. At the conclusion of the third and final leg of the championship, \$2,500 NAL/WIHS Children's Jumper Classic, sponsored by Westover Companies/Guntram Weissenberger, Jr., Olivia Sweetnam was presented with the tricolor ribbon for her stellar performances on Just Noble throughout the weekend. Sweetnam swept the division, winning all three classes and ultimately receiving the Leonard Tose Memorial Challenge Trophy with a total of 35 points.

After riding to a total of 11 points across the three classes, Emma Brody was presented with the reserve champion honors for her rides aboard her own Nicarmargue. In addition to their second place finish Sunday afternoon, Brody and the 14-year-old Danish Warmblood gelding also claimed fourth place earlier in the day in the \$1,000 Children's Jumper, sponsored by Dover Saddlery.



**Olivia Sweetnam & Just Noble
Children's Jumper Champion**

"They set it pretty big and I had won both classes before, and I put a little bit of pressure on myself because this is the final, and the classic, so I was a little bit nervous to be honest. I kind of just went for it. In the first round, the first couple of jumps I was a little conservative, which wasn't part of the plan, but I picked it up throughout the round and then [Just Noble] jumped beautifully. Then for the jumpoff I was really just hoping to go quick and double clear and then finish it off!"



Saratoga Horseworks

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“Saratoga Horseworks is very excited to provide the award coolers for the 2022 Devon Horse Show. Our commitment to providing the highest quality equine products aligns with the caliber of horses and riders that come to compete. Being a part of this iconic event is an honor,” shared Michael Libertucci, President of Saratoga Horseworks.



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Rebekah Robinson Wins Single Pair/Pony Championship



Memorial Day at the Devon Horse Show and Country Fair concluded with the naming of the Single/Pair Pony Driving championship winner and the recipient of The Joseph M Pierce Challenge Trophy, donated by Holly Ventures. After accumulating 21 points throughout the division it was Rebekah Robinson with Saltwood Kite, owned by Mr & Mrs. Collin F. McNeil, who walked away with championship honors.

Robinson, who was the reigning champion of the division from 2019’s competition, claimed first place in the Single/Pair Pony – Pleasure Turnout and took home the blue in the Single/Pair Pony – Scurry Driving competition on Monday evening in a blazing fast time of 55.195 seconds, outpacing the runner-up finisher by nearly twenty seconds.

Contributing to her championship title, Robinson also won Sunday’s Pony Single Harness – Four Wheeled Vehicles class, part of the Carriage Pleasure Drive. The reserve championship went to Leslie Bottaro and Cricket with 11 points.

Earlier in the day, Richard O’Donnell was named champion of the Horse Pairs division, also sponsored by Patriot Dealerships. O’Donnell took first place and the Orleton Farm Challenge Trophy in the Horse Double Harness-Pairs-Tandems class with his Spider Phaeton on Sunday, and returned on Monday to claim another blue ribbon in the Horse Pairs Pleasure Turnout and earn second in the Horse Pairs Scurry Driving for a total of 17 points. PJ Crowley III driving Bonterra Farm’s Brewster Peters Phaeton were awarded reserve honors with 14 points.



“I grew up not too far from here. I showed here in leadline and I showed here with my mom in the parent/child class, so this is my hometown favorite horse show. To do so well and be here is awesome.”

- Rebekah Robinson