SATURDAY, MAY 27, 2023 DEVON

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PONY HUNTER CHAMPIONSHIPS

Small Pony Champion: Kathryn Padilla & Celebration Reserve: Sienna Rossano & EMC Enjoy

Large Pony **Champion: Vivian Golden & Royalist** Reserve: Lily Epstein & Goldmark

Medium Pony

Champion: Katherine Mercer & On Your Mark Reserve: JJ Torano & Tristan

Grand Pony Champion: Vivian Golden & Royalist Reserve: Kathryn Padilla & Celebration

Kathryn Padilla and Celebration



Katherine Mercer and On Your Mark



Vivian Golden and Royalist

A full slate of pony competition was scheduled for Saturday to crown champion and reserve champion honors in several divisions. The small pony division kicked off the day at 8 a.m. in the Wheeler Ring. Riders are judged on the overall appearance of them and their mounts, as well as their ability to control and guide their partners through the course. The small pony division was followed by the medium pony and then the large pony divisions. Each division was a two round competition that featured a hunter stake round and a handy round. The horse and rider that accumulated the most points across both rounds would be crowned champion.

Top pony competition was on display all day, but a few riders and their mounts stood out amongst the field. Kathryn Padilla, Katherine Mercer and Vivian Golden took home champion honors in the Small, Medium, and Large Pony divisions respectively, and Golden was also crowned the 2023 Devon Grand Pony Hunter Champion aboard Royalist.

Padilla on what she is most excited for at Devon:

"I'm most excited for the Pony Hunt Teams. We're doing The Greatest Showman."

Golden on her performance:

"It was the last round, and I knew I needed to get second or higher to be overall champion and grand champion. So I just needed to go out there and do my best to make that happen."



JUNIOR HUNTER CHAMPIONSHIPS

<u>Overall Small Jr Hunter</u> Champion: Kat Fuqua & Consent Overall Large Jr Hunter Champion: Paige Walkenbach & San Pedro 15

Devon Grand Jr Hunter Champion: Kat Fuqua

The juniors were riding alongside the pony division in the Dixon Oval starting Saturday morning at 8:00am. The junior classes were split between the 15 and under and the 16-17 divisions, and then split even further into a small and large class for both age divisions. Similar to the ponies, the riders were challenged to a two round competition that included the stake and handy for each respective division. Expected to perform to top hunter standards, riders were judged on their ability to communicate their mounts throughout each round. Their mounts were judged on several key points including hunting pace, movement, style of jumping, and manners. An overall solid body of work was the goal to accumulate the most points across both rounds in order to take champion honors. After stellar rides all day, Kat Fuqua was crowned the Overall Small Junior Hunter Champion as well as the 2023 Devon Grand Junior Hunter Champion aboard Consent, while Paige Walkenbach rode San Pedro 15 to the Overall Large Junior Hunter Champion honor.

Two other awards were also given out on the day. Ariana Marnell and Babylon won the Angelo Award and Avery Glynn was given the Best Child Rider on a Horse Award on Day Won.

Marnell on Babylon:

"He was awesome. I felt a little pressure from last year because he was Grand Small [champion], so I just wanted to go out and be even better. He loves Devon.

Fuqua on what she liked in particular about the course: "I thought the whole course was great, but I really liked the third line. It was a bending ten and I didn't have to change anything or adjust, it was just nice and flowing."

Walkenbach riding the course:

"It was super fun. [San Pedro 15] is really green to the hunters; he just started last year. So I was a little nervous about how he would react, but he's an amazing boy and I'm so grateful."



Kat Fuqua and Consent, Overall Small and Grand Jr Champion



Paige Walkenbach and San Pedro 15, Overall Large Jr Champion



Ariana Marnell and Babylon, Angelo Award



Avery Glynn and Day Won, Best Child Rider on a Horse Award



Each year in May, thousands of volunteers come together to staff the Devon Country Fair. It has become one of the largest volunteer run fundraising efforts in the country with the proceeds benefitting Bryn Mawr Hospital.



Carlee McCutcheon and Coco Mercedes

\$20,000 SJHOF JUNIOR CLASSIC Sponsored by JET EQUESTRIAN

1st: Carlee McCutcheon & Coco Mercedes | 2nd: Alexa Elle Lignelli & Fayuri AWR | 3rd: Caroline Signorino & Hocus Pocus Van De Lucashoeve

Saturday was highlighted by the \$20,000 Show Jumping Hall of Fame Junior Classic under the lights in the famed Dixon Oval on the grounds of the Devon Horse Show. Thirty horse-and-rider combinations stood at the in gate and prepared to tackle the challenging course and try their hand at the coveted blue ribbon.

Competition kicked off as the sun was setting over the beautiful grounds

in Devon, Pennsylvania. The talented group of junior riders were put to the test on a unique course that spanned across every inch of the Dixon Oval. The atmosphere was second to none, as the grand stands were packed with fans excited to witness and exciting class of horse showing.

The class was set to a Table II, 2(a) format which included a first round that saw all thirty partnerships compete, followed by a jump-off for qualified contestants that laid a clear effort in round one. Amongst the field, a total of nine had clear first rounds to move on to the jump off. The first round course saw fifteen total obstacles, including seven oxer jumps, a double combination, a triple combination and an over water jump at the final obstacle. The jump-off track got a little more tactical, reducing the number of jumps but increasing the level of difficulty. In the jump off round, it was a race against the clock to see which combination could put forth a clear rider without sacrificing speed.

Sofia Cady and Zayna Rivzi were very comfortable on the course today, both going clear aboard two different mounts in the first round and advancing to the jump off. The other five jump off contenders were Alexa Elle Lignelli, Tessa Downey, Carolina Signorino, Carlee McCutcheon and Katherine Pugliese.

At the conclusion of the competitive class of junior riders, it was Carlee McCutcheon who continued her winning ways at Devon, this time aboard Coco Mercedes and emerged victorious.

McCutcheon on Coco Mercedes:

"I've been riding her since Wellington; McLain Ward has been helping me with her. She's the most incredible partner I've ever had in the jumper ring. She makes me so brave. She's incredibly fast so I knew this would be a good jump off for her."

PRICELESS PONY MEMORIES PHOTOS BY PHELPS MEDIA GROUP





Saturday, May 27 Kid's Crafts 11:00 am - 6:00 pm

The Devon Horse Show is truly a family affair and has something for everyone to enjoy. Picnic Grove hosted kids crafts all day Saturday to allow the younger crowd a place to enjoy fun activities. Horse show days can be long and tiring, and Devon wants to make sure everyone has a good time while attending their show.

Photo by: Brenda Carpenter Photography



Phillie Phanatic Visits Devon

There was a special guest that showed up Saturday at the Devon Horse Show. Only about a 30 minute drive from the Philadelphia Phillies Stadium, Phillie Phanatic made an appearance to interact with riders and fans. The Devon Horse Show makes it a top priority to have something for everyone to enjoy year in and year out.



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The Devon Horse Show Vendor Row



While you're on the grounds, be sure to check out all of our great vendors. The 2023 show has a total of 55 vendors on site this year ready to serve you with a variety of products to meet everyones needs.

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VENDOR SPOTLIGHT



Sow and Sew Boutique offers everything from clothes and accessories to home and garden decor, and even pet toys. They have a fully remodeled truck that is even equipped with a dressing room. With a boost from covid back in 2020, We've since filled our truck (and online store)

with unique and inclusive items that are created and backed by the community we live. A portion of our sales go toward local charities and other community programs. If you have some down time while at the horse show, be sure to check out Sow and Sew!

<u>The Engraver</u> is a full service engraving business specializing in nameplates for the equestrian industry. We have a complete line of personalized items suitable for everyone, from the individual, to horse show trophies and awards. Get your custom plates while at Devon!





<u>Wellington and Co. Antiques</u> is a privately owned company that pays homage to the history of the sporting horse and the equestrian lifestyle that specializes in the equestrian industry. They offer a rare and diverse collection of antiques representing all equestrian disciplines. With a long history in the antiques world as well as

the hunter/jumper horse show world, we combine our love of antiques and horses to bring you the finest selection of equine-related antiques and art.

<u>Hats By Katie</u> is the perfect place to grab a hat on those hot and sunny horse show days! Katie will create a custom hat in any color combination you desire to compliment your outfit, turnout, or a particular carriage. Kentucky Derby, Royal Ascot, Breeders Cup, or Keeneland are a specialty.

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