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**Long Island Horse Show Series for Riders with Disabilities Presented by Dime Bank Celebrates 15 Years of Finals at the Hampton Classic Horse Show**

*Bridgehampton, NY – August 29, 2022* – The 2022 Long Island Horse Show Series for Riders with Disabilities (LIHSSRD) Presented by Dime Bank returned to the Hampton Classic on Monday for its 15th annual Championship Finals, with ten riders competing for the prestigious year-end titles.

The day started with a breakfast in one of the VIP Chalets, where Grand Prix rider Carly Anthony presented ribbons and gift bags to each rider who qualified to compete.

“It’s quite an honor to be part of this Championship Final,” Anthony said. “Congratulations to everybody who made it this far. This is a huge accomplishment, and what a privilege it is to be here at the Hampton Classic showing off all that hard work and talent.”

Afterward, the judges tested each rider at the walk, trot and canter according to their respective levels, selecting Champion and Reserve accordingly. First to claim top honors were Lila Glenz of Long Beach, NY, and HorseAbility Inc.’s *Barely There*, who competed in the **Leader/Sidewalker division**.



*Lila Glenz and Barely There won the LIHSSRD Leader/Sidewalker Championship. © KindMedia*

“Bear” also defended his championship from last year with Julia Glenz of Long Beach, NY, this time claiming the prize in the **Beginner Independent division**. Julia and *Barely There* have been partners since her first horse show, and she was thrilled to bring home another championship with him.



*Julia Glenz and Barely There won the LIHSSRD Beginner Independent Championship. © KindMedia*

In the **Advanced Independent division**, Lucian Rodriguez of Hackenstown, NY, and Gold Coast Equestrian’s *Simon Says* rode to the top of the pack.

“Thank you to Shanette and everyone at the Hampton Classic for having us here all 15 years,” said Katie McGowan, Executive Director of HorseAbility and one of LIHSSRD’s founding members. “It’s quite amazing – I mean, look at that view (of the Grand Prix ring)! What could be better than that, other than

watching our riders competing for our championships? Congratulations to our riders and their families for making it here, and thank you to our farms, sponsors, committee members and, of course, our horses for making this wonderful day happen.”



*Lucian Rodriquez and Simon Says won the LIHSSRD Advanced Independent Championship. © KindMedia*

“I can’t believe it’s been 15 years,” said Shanette Barth Cohen, Executive Director of the Hampton Classic. “It feels like just yesterday that I saw so many of our riders’ faces for the first time, and I’m really excited to host this event every year. Today was a great day of sport, and congratulations are in order for everyone who qualified to be here. We hope to see everyone again next year.”

For live show results, visit [ShowNet.biz](http://ShowNet.biz).

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).

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