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Goutal-Marteau Earns Top Honors in \$30,000 The Wellington Jumper Challenge at 50th Annual Hampton Classic Horse Show

Knapic Wins \$10,000 Marders Local Hunter Derby

Bridgehampton, NY – August 24, 2025 – Early spectators of the 50th annual **Hampton Classic Horse Show** caught a glimpse of its world-class field of entries in the Grand Prix Ring on Opening Sunday, with 43 horse-and-rider combinations representing nine countries contesting the afternoon's **\$30,000 The Wellington Jumper Challenge**. Eleven returned to jump off for top honors in the winning-round format, with Brianne Goutal-Marteau (USA) and *S & L Marlon VD Heffinck* claiming the ultimate prize on a faultless score of 40.482 seconds.

Celebrating 50 years of world-class equestrian competition in 2025, the Hampton Classic Horse Show takes place in Bridgehampton, NY, **August 24-31**, featuring FEI CSI5* and CSI2* show jumping and USEF Premier hunter competitions with more than \$1 million in prize money. The highlight of the week is the \$400,000 Longines Hampton Classic 5* Grand Prix, one of the world's premier show jumping competitions, on Sunday, August 31.



Brianne Goutal-Marteau (USA) and S & L Marlon VD Heffinck won Sunday's \$30,000 The Wellington Jumper Challenge © KindMedia

Sunday's \$30,000 The Wellington Jumper Challenge featured a 15-effort, 1.40m course designed by Nick Granat (USA), allowing many of the world's top riders to set the tone for the rest of their week at the Hampton Classic. Of the ten who went double-clear, none proved better than Goutal-Martreau, who was the last to return to the ring aboard S & L Farms' 13-year-old Belgian Warmblood stallion. The pair tripped the timers in 40.482 seconds, 1.4 seconds faster than second-place finisher Sam Walker (CAN).

"I have a horse who rode a bigger stride than Sam's," Goutal-Martreau said. "My horse was fast everywhere; I was able to take advantage of his big stride from jumps one to two to three. Our whole team is so excited to be here for the Classic's 50th anniversary. It's just great to be back."

Walker earned second for his 41.838-second time aboard *Funny Star Semilly*, Ilan Ferder's 10-year-old Selle Français gelding. Rounding out the podium in 41.846 seconds was Uma O'Neill (NZL) aboard O'Neill Show Jumping LLC's 14-year-old Belgian Warmblood stallion *Luigi D'Eclipse*.



Goutal-Martreau and S & L Marlon VD Heffinck © KindMedia

The afternoon also featured 49 entries in the **\$10,000 Marders Local Hunter Derby**, which saw two beautiful 3'3" courses designed by Lynn and Sarah Mullins of Reno, NV. After the 12 highest-scoring competitors from the 11-effort, first-round classic course returned to showcase their handy skills in the nine-effort second phase, First Blue LLC's *Lady In Blue* came out on top with Meghan Knapic of Smithtown, NY, in the irons. Laura Bowery of Bridgehampton, NY, piloted Fancy Pants Equestrian LLC's *Cloud 9* to second-place honors, while Goutal-Martreau took third with Aquitaine Equine's *Remedy*.



Meghan Knapic rode Lady In Blue to victory in the \$10,000 Marders Local Hunter Derby © KindMedia

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Each year, approximately 50,000 people – including many A-list celebrities – come to watch the nation’s best equestrian athletes compete at the Hampton Classic Horse Show. Rated **USEF ‘Premier-6’** for hunters and jumpers with designated **FEI 2* and 5*** jumping classes, 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 showgrounds.

FEI competition begins on Thursday, August 28, with the **\$5,000 Citarella Open Jumper CSI2*** and **\$32,000 CSI5* Two-Phase** and continues throughout the weekend with seven 2*/5* classes. FEI competition also includes Friday’s **\$32,000 Wölffer Estate 2* Grand Prix Qualifier**, **\$116,100 Douglas Elliman 5* Grand Prix Qualifier**, Saturday’s **\$62,500 5* Winning Round**, and culminates with the **\$70,000 Hampton Classic 2* Grand Prix** and **\$400,000 Longines Hampton Classic 5* Grand Prix** on Sunday, August 31.

Other competition highlights include the **\$30,000 The Wellington Jumper Challenge**, **\$10,000 Stomp Capital 1.40m Open Jumper**, **\$40,000 CME Group 1.45m National Grand Prix**, **\$10,000 Hunt & Go Stake presented by The Baran**, **\$10,000 Hermès Equitation Championship**, **\$25,000 Agneta & Brownlee Currey 1.45m Junior/Amateur Jumper Classic**, and **\$30,000 Longines Rider Challenges**, which are now being offered as two separate bonuses: \$10,000 for the FEI 2* division and \$20,000 for the FEI 5* division.

Outside of the show rings, families can enjoy unique shopping in the Agneta Currey Boutique Garden and on Stable Row; hands-on activities, pony rides and petting zoo animals at the Kids Exhibition Tent; and many more fun activities during Kids Day (Saturday, August 30).

Daily entry to the Hampton Classic is \$25 per carload which includes grandstand seating on all days except Grand Prix Sunday. Admission is free on Monday. Admission is also free on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday for Seniors, members of the Military and those who bring three or more non-perishable food items for local food pantries.

Tickets for **reserved grandstand seats** for Grand Prix Sunday, August 31, are \$55 per seat and are available on the [Hampton Classic website](#). Tickets for the Classic's new **Judge's Box Lounge**, which offers an elevated experience for watching Grand Prix Ring competition on Thursday-Sunday, August 28-31, are also available. Lounge tickets are priced at \$200 for Thursday, \$300 for Friday or Saturday, and \$600 for Grand Prix Sunday and are available on the [Hampton Classic website](#).

For those who can't make it to the show grounds, [complimentary live webcasts](#) of all Grand Prix and Aspinall Ring competitions air on the Hampton Classic website. Produced by ClipMyHorse.TV, the Grand Prix Ring livestreams are sponsored by Longines and the Aspinall Ring livestreams are sponsored by [ClipMyHorse.TV](#). 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.

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