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Goutal-Marteau, Propp and Propp Find Their Rhythm in \$50,000 Kristen Baran Hunt Team Stake presented by Ellie Manko Libby

Adult Amateurs Shine in the Hunter Rings at 2024 Hampton Classic Horse Show

Bridgehampton, NY – August 29, 2024 – The new **\$50,000 Kristen Baran Hunt Team Stake presented by Ellie Manko Libby** debuted at the 49th annual **Hampton Classic Horse Show** on Thursday, with five teams of three horse-and-rider combinations tackling the hunt-and-go course designed by Show Jumping Hall of Famer Steve Stephens. With an average team score of 88.19 points, Brianne Goutal-Marteau of Annapolis, MD, and sisters Clara and Stella Propp of New York, NY, claimed victory aboard their rhythmic mounts.

The Hampton Classic, August 25-September 1, is one of the world's most prestigious horse shows, featuring competitors from young children in leadline to Olympic, World, and World Cup Champions. Rated USEF Premier-6 with designated FEI 5* and 2* show jumping classes, the Classic also has competitions for riders with disabilities.



\$50,000 Kristen Baran Hunt Team Stake presented by Ellie Manko Libby winners (l-r) Brianne Goutal-Marteau with Grand Remo, Clara Propp with Arezzo, and Stella Propp with Checkland © KindMedia

Course designer Steve Stephens, former Hampton Classic manager and 2008 Olympic course designer, presented 15 total entries with a 14-effort, 3'3" track for the new \$50,000 Kristen Baran Hunt Team Stake presented by Ellie Manko Libby, which was judged by two panels featuring Timmy Keys and Don Stewart and Rachel Kennedy and Bill Schaub. Each team consisted of one professional and two non-professional riders, with the professional's individual score counting for 50% and the non-professionals' scores each counting for 25% toward the final team score.

Goutal-Martreau and the Propp sisters rode several beautiful rounds with their Aquitaine Equine mounts, each earning more than 85 points individually. Goutal-Martreau posted the second-highest individual score (91 points) aboard the 13-year-old Dutch Warmblood gelding *Grand Remo*. Clara rode the 14-year-old Holsteiner gelding *Arezzo* to an 86.75-point score, while Stella earned 85.38 points aboard the 16-year-old Holsteiner gelding *Checkland*.

"I rode Stella's horse *Grand Remo*; we just wanted him to get another class in (the Aspinall Hunter Ring) and thought that this class would be really fun," Goutal-Martreau said. "Clara and I participated in a similar class this winter, and we loved the format. It's totally different; it brings something fresh and a new perspective to the hunters. The team aspect is so different from what the hunter world has seen, and being able to support and help each other and jump the same course is such a new, fun thing. We are very happy to have the opportunity to ride as a team again, and this is a really important addition that we wanted to be part of."



Goutal-Martreau and Grand Remo © KindMedia

"I rode my horse Lucas, show name *Arezzo*, because he is so brave," Clara said. "I thought this ring, which can be super spooky and hard, wouldn't phase him at all. I use him as my equitation horse, and he

used to be a hunter. We thought maybe if we pulled him back out for something like this, he would really like it. It was a lot of fun!”

“I rode my horse *Checkland* or Checkers, and I wanted to ride in today’s class because I couldn’t join Brianne and Clara in Wellington while I was in school,” Stella said. “I’ve never really gotten the opportunity to compete in a team format in any ring, so for me, this was something really exciting to try with my sister and trainer, both of whom I really respect and admire. Checkers was wonderful. I use him in the equitation as well, and we wanted to get him out here and change up the scenery for both of us.”



Clara Propp and Arezzo © KindMedia

Second place was awarded to Geoffrey Hesslink of Wellington, FL/*Spencer*, Lily Sonneborn of Washington, D.C./*Spoken*, and Maddie Tosh of Milton, GA/*Paisley Park* (all horses owned by Andesite Equestrian) for their team score of 85.35 points. Third went to Jennifer Ritucci of Franklin, MA/Kimberly McCaslin’s *Swoon*, Eric Aho of Sherborn, MA/his *Chinaro HS*, and Ashley McCaslin of Wellesley Hills, MA/Kimberly McCaslin’s *Sweet Caroline* for their team score of 83.00 points.

The Hunt Team Stake, the first hunt team competition ever held at the Hampton Classic, supports not just the horse show but also the Southampton Hospital Foundation, the EQUUS Foundation and the Center for Therapeutic Riding on the East End (CTREE).



Stella Propp and Checkland © KindMedia

The idea for this new competition came from equestrian advocate Kristen Baran and Andrew Lustig, a lifelong equestrian and former judge at the Hampton Classic. They saw it as an opportunity to introduce a novel, charitable event in hopes of strengthening the hunter industry.

“We want to elevate the hunters, make them more important in the horse show world, and give back to charity,” Lustig said. “That’s it; we kept the idea very simple. We hope to run this style class at five shows next year, and at each show, we’ll pick charities local to that area. In Wellington earlier this year, we supported the Boys & Girls Club of Wellington, and here we chose Stony Brook Southampton Hospital, CTREE and the EQUUS Foundation.

“Today featured a really, really good competition with very few mistakes,” he added. “It was a great class and very competitive. It was a tough course, but the horses jumped beautifully and the riders rode well. I was very proud.”

Other hunter highlights included the Adult Amateur divisions, where *Hush Money* once again took top honors with rider and owner Glenda Monkarsh of Las Vegas, NV. Monkarsh and her 7-year-old Hungarian Sport Horse gelding won the **Grand Adult Amateur Hunter Championship** for their successful performances in the **Adult Amateur Hunter 36-49** division.



Glenda Monkarsh and Hush Money won the Grand Adult Amateur Hunter Championship © KindMedia

Molly Welborn of Rome, GA, and her 12-year-old German Sport Horse gelding *Theory* earned the **Adult Amateur Hunter 18-35 Championship** and the Complement Trophy sponsored by Stephanie Bulger and MeadowView Farm. Riding to the **Adult Amateur Hunter 50+ Championship** was Hunt Team Stake sponsor Kristen Baran of Wellington, FL, and her 13-year-old Oldenburg gelding *First Watch*.

In the **\$2,500 Adult Amateur Hunter Classic presented by Firefly Farm, Park City**, a 13-year-old Dutch Warmblood gelding owned by Lexi Maounis and ridden by Devon Corrigan of Brewster, NY, brought home the tri-color and Robert Hoskins Perpetual Trophy.

For live show results, visit HamptonClassic.com. Photos from the event are [available via Dropbox](#) with credits to KindMedia (unless otherwise noted in the folder name).

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. Rated USEF ‘Premier-6’ for hunters and jumpers with designated FEI 2* and 5* 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 Thursday, August 29, with the **\$10,000 Citarella Open Jumper CSI2*** and **\$32,000 CSI5* Two-Phase** and continues throughout the weekend with eight 2*/5* classes featuring courses designed by Nick Granat. FEI competition also includes Friday’s **\$32,000 Wölffer Estate 2* Jumper Classic** and **\$70,000 Douglas Elliman 5* Grand Prix Qualifier**, Saturday’s **\$32,000 Open**

Speed Class CSI2* and **\$70,000 CSI5* Winning Round**. The Classic culminates with the **\$75,000 Hampton Classic 2* Grand Prix** and the **\$400,000 Longines Hampton Classic 5* Grand Prix** on Sunday, September 1.

Other competition highlights include the **\$30,000 Open Jumper Challenge**, **\$10,000 Stomp Capital 1.40m Open Jumper**, **\$10,000 Lugano Diamonds Junior/Amateur Welcome Stake**, **\$10,000 Hermès Equitation Championship**, **\$10,000 Junior/Amateur-Owner Hunter Classic**, **\$25,000 Agnetta & Brownlee Currey High Junior/Amateur Jumper Classic**, and the new **\$50,000 Kristen Baran Hunt Team Stake**.

Outside the show rings, families can enjoy unique shopping; hands-on activities, pony rides and petting zoo animals at the Kids Exhibition Tent; and many more fun activities during News 12 Long Island Kids Day (Saturday, August 31).

Daily admission to the Classic is \$20 per carload. Admission is free on Monday. Seniors and military are admitted free on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, as are those who bring three or more non-perishable food items for the Sag Harbor Food Pantry. Grandstand tickets for the Longines Hampton Classic Grand Prix on Sunday, September 1, are \$60 per person (including fees) for reserved bucket seating. Grandstand tickets are electronic only.

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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