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Hampton Classic Horse Show Hosts Year-End Championships for Long Island Horse Show Series for Riders with Disabilities Presented by Dime Bank

Bridgehampton, NY – Aug. 30, 2021 – The 2021 Long Island Horse Show Series for Riders with Disabilities (LIHSSRD) Championship Finals Presented by Dime Bank were held at the Hampton Classic on Monday, with 12 riders competing for the prestigious year-end titles.

The day started with a breakfast in one of the VIP Chalets, where Grand Prix rider Lucy Deslauriers, alternate for the U.S. team for this summer’s Tokyo Olympic Games, presented ribbons to each rider who qualified to compete in the finals.

“I know for me, it takes so much effort from so many people to put all the pieces together for a show like this,” Deslauriers said. “For all the riders to qualify to be here, it was really an amazing thing.”



Lucy Deslauriers presented a medal to each of the 12 LIHSSRD riders © Kind Media

Afterward, judge Chris Wynne put each group to the test and awarded Champion and Reserve accordingly. He found the most enjoyable thing about the competition was seeing how much everyone enjoyed being with horses. “Sometimes in normal horse shows, it’s all about the competition, but to me, this looked like the young men and women who just loved riding their animals.”

The Leader/Sidewalker division was won by Julia Glenz of Long Beach, N.Y., riding Barely There, owned by HorseAbility Inc. “Bear” also took the Beginner Independent division championship with Kenzie Pu-Folkes of Great Neck, N.Y.

“I rode Bear in the very first show I ever did, and he’s very nice and sweet,” Glenz said. “It feels great to be champion with him.”



Julia Glenz and Barely There © Kind Media

“I’ve been with Bear for three years, and I wasn’t nervous at all,” Pu-Folkes said. “It was just another day in the ring for us.”

The Advanced Independent division champion was Noah Capps of Glen Cove, N.Y., riding Wall Street Tickertape.

“It’s such a privilege to be at the Hampton Classic, especially after missing last year with COVID,” said Katie McGowan, Executive Director of HorseAbility and one of LIHSSRD’s founding members. “I’m proud of our riders to be able to come here with some sense of normalcy, and we’re always so grateful to Shanette, Marty, and the whole crew at the Hampton Classic for all that they do to support us. They roll out the red carpet for these rockstar riders, and they always honor the riders for the competitors and athletes that they are.”

“We were thrilled to have so many familiar faces back, especially since we missed them all last year,” said Shanette Barth Cohen, Executive Director of the Hampton Classic. “I am so proud of everyone for qualifying to be here.”

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. The Hampton Classic features more than 200 classes in six 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. This year’s Hampton Classic features five FEI classes in its grass Grand Prix ring showcasing elite riders from around the world, including Olympic and World Equestrian Games veterans. There are also kid-friendly activities throughout the week including pony rides, petting farm animals, daily special attractions and more.

Daily admission to the Classic is \$20 per carload. Admission is free on Monday, and seniors are admitted free on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Grandstand tickets for the \$300,000 Hampton Classic Grand Prix on Sunday, September 5, are \$45 per person for reserved bucket seating, which are available for purchase on the Hampton Classic website.

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; Live Results; and Post Round Video.

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 providing a complimentary live webcast of all Anne Aspinall ring competitions and archive video, all available on the Hampton Classic website. 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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