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**Shulman Desiderio Leads the Way in \$30,000 Open Jumper Challenge
presented by BrainJuice at 2024 Hampton Classic Horse Show**

Bowery Finishes 1-2 in \$10,000 Marders Local Hunter Derby

Bridgehampton, NY – August 25, 2024 – The 49th annual **Hampton Classic Horse Show** commenced Sunday with spectators at the Grand Prix Arena catching a glimpse of the FEI division to start later in the week. Israel's Sydney Shulman Desiderio topped a field of 41 entries representing eight countries in the afternoon's **\$30,000 Open Jumper Challenge presented by BrainJuice**, posting a double-clear score of 37.744 seconds aboard *Villamoura*.

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.



Sydney Shulman Desiderio (ISR) and Villamoura won the \$30,000 Open Jumper Challenge presented by BrainJuice © KindMedia

Course designer Nick Granat (USA) presented competitors with a 14-effort, 1.40m track in the initial round for Sunday's \$30,000 Open Jumper Challenge presented by BrainJuice, which narrowed the field of 41 entries to 15 in the jump-off. Shulman Desiderio was one of the earliest riders to return and blazed into the top spot with Jill Shulman's 15-year-old Selle Français mare in 37.744 seconds. She also placed fifth in 39.335 seconds aboard *Django Semilly*, Eloise Eisner's 11-year-old Selle Français gelding.

"I'm really excited to be here, and it was a great start to our week," Shulman Desiderio said. "I give a lot of credit to my team at Back Country Farm, the business I run with my mom, Jill Shulman. We've been prepping for the Hampton Classic for the last month. We gear up to this; it's the end of our summer show season. They're amazing, and there is no better way to start with a win. The horses also know it's a special location and really rise to the occasion in this massive ring."

"With a horse like *Villamoura*, very rarely do I go full-tilt and not end up on the podium," she added. "I can probably count on one hand how many times I've been beaten after going as fast as I can. I really thought I put it all on the table today and tried to make the others catch me, and I think going early actually changed the rhythm of the class since it was such a fast time to beat. *Villamoura* couldn't have performed better. I've had her for almost nine years now, and I know her so well. We've done everything together, from 5* grand prix and Nations Cups to speed and winning-round classes, which she excels in. She performed beautifully today, and it was so much fun."



Shulman Desiderio and Villamoura © KindMedia

Zayna Rizvi (USA) piloted *Excellent*, a 15-year-old Dutch Warmblood gelding owned by Peacock Ridge LLC, into second place with a faultless score of 38.129 seconds. Rounding out the top five were

Christian Coyle (IRL) in third with his 12-year-old Belgian Warmblood mare *Ma Pomme De Tamerville* (0/0/38.901) and Peter Lutz (USA) in fourth with Lovsta Stuteri's 9-year-old Dutch Warmblood mare *Katriona*.

The Hampton Classic's Opening Day also featured 41 horse-and-rider combinations in the **\$10,000 Marders Local Hunter Derby** designed by Lynn and Sarah Mullins. Competitors presented over a 10-effort course before the top pairs returned for an eight-effort handy round. Laura Bowery of Bridgehampton, NY, earned the highest scores in both rounds and finished in first and second, respectively, aboard Fancy Pants Equestrian LLC's *Cloud 9* (189 total points) and Mare Eyfee LLC's *Margaux* (185 total points).



Laura Bowery and Cloud 9 won the \$10,000 Marders Local Hunter Derby © KindMedia

"I love this class," Bowery said. "It's such a fun class, and I really gear up for it. The three horses that I chose to enter today are derby experts, and I really like doing derbies with them. My second-placed horse (Margaux) and fifth-placed horse (*In Bocca Al Lupo*) are both owned by Stephanie Bronfman, and I'm super proud of them. They are amazing. The horse I won on (*Cloud 9*) is one of my sister's clients. I usually ride him a little bit at shows here and there. This week, we really tried to win this class and trained him quite a bit with this on our mind. I think everyone is really happy with the result."



Bowery and Cloud 9 © KindMedia

Brianne Goutal-Marteau of Annapolis, MD, claimed third with a total of 172.5 points aboard Eva Mackenzie's *Iladin Du Rouet*.

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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. 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* Speed Stake** 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 Agneta &**

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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