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**Bluman Triumphs in \$40,000 1.45m National Grand Prix presented by
The Lignelli Family for Second Consecutive Year at the 2026 Hampton
Classic**

Junior, Amateur and Open Jumpers Continue to Shine Across Various Divisions

Bridgehampton, NY – August 26, 2026 – Israel's Mark Bluman successfully defended his title in the **\$40,000 1.45m National Grand Prix presented by The Lignelli Family** at the Hampton Classic on Wednesday, leading the victory lap for the second consecutive year after stopping the clock in 33.057 seconds. This time, he blazed to the top of the leaderboard with *Ubiluc*, a 14-year-old Mecklenburg gelding owned by Daniel Bluman and Over The Top Stables LLC.

Celebrating 51 years of world-class equestrian competition in Bridgehampton, NY, the **Hampton Classic** features FEI CSI5* and CSI2* show jumping and USEF Premier hunter competitions with more than \$1 million in prize money, **August 23-30**.



Mark Bluman (ISR) and Ubiluc won the \$40,000 1.45m National Grand Prix presented by The Lignelli Family
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Nine of 19 horse-and-rider combinations successfully navigated Nick Granat's 15-effort course in Wednesday's \$40,000 1.45m National Grand Prix, and eight returned to jump off for top honors. Bluman and *Ubiluc* were just the second to challenge the shortened track, setting the time to beat at 33.057 seconds. Every entry that followed did their best to keep up, but even Bluman's second mount *Phelina De Septon*, who won the class in 2025, couldn't catch that score.

"He's my most seasoned horse," Bluman said of *Ubiluc*. "This was in preparation for next week's 5* in Canada. He's very seasoned, so we just took advantage of having a good time today. JJ (Torano) got very close to our time. He's an unbelievably young talent and there is a bright future ahead of him, but he still needs to work a little more to get to the old bucks!"

After stopping the clock in 33.622 seconds, JJ Torano (USA) earned second place aboard *I Am Inge*, the 10-year-old Holsteiner mare owned by Ilan Ferder with whom he earned double Silver medals in the 2026 North American Youth Championships (NAYC) Young Rider Final. Fellow American Ariana Marnell took third in 35.004 seconds aboard *Jikke-Cara*, Alison Firestone LLC's 12-year-old Dutch Warmblood mare.



Bluman and Ubiluc © KindMedia

Molly Ashe Cawley (USA) now leads the **\$30,000 Longines Rider Challenges** with 144 points. Bluman has moved into second place with 140 points. David Blake (IRL) sits third with 125 points. The Challenges will be awarded as two separate bonuses for the FEI 5* and 2* divisions following the \$400,000 Longines Hampton Classic 5* Grand Prix and \$70,000 Hampton Classic 2* Grand Prix on Sunday.

Prior to the National Grand Prix, the **\$5,000 Pranceau 1.35m Open Jumper** crowned Jonathan Corrigan (IRL) the victor for his fault-free, 31.647-second score aboard Kay Lawson's *Navarro O*. Other jumper highlights included the **\$3,000 Opal Group 1.30m Amateur Jumper**, won by Ellie Aronson of Atlanta, GA, and her *Che Tipa* (0/0/31.630), and **\$3,000 Maria Mendelsohn 1.30m Junior Jumper**, won by Violet Tatum of Los Angeles, CA, and North Run's *D&H Q Paravatti N* (0/0).



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Ellie Aronson and Che Tipa won the \$3,000 Opal Group 1.30m Amateur Jumper
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Violet Tatum and D&H Q Paravatti N won the \$3,000 Maria Mendelsohn 1.30m Junior Jumper © KindMedia

Juniors and Amateurs also starred in Jumper Ring 2, including Alexander Alston of New Albany, OH, who claimed top honors in the **\$3,000 1.20m Amateur Jumper** with North Run's *Undercover* (0/0/28.435). Baylee Rowan of Little Compton, RI, and Lauren Hough's *Django* earned victory in the **\$3,000 1.20m Junior Jumper presented by Clover Hill Show Stables & Turn A Blind Eye LLC** (0/0/27.265). The day concluded with the **\$5,000 1.05m Junior Jumper Classic** and **\$5,000 Purina 1.05m Amateur Jumper Classic**, won by Samantha Teller of New York, NY, aboard Megan McDermott's *Tizimin LS* (0/0/32.070) and Holly A. White of Pine Bush, NY, aboard her *Odessa* (0/0/32.062), respectively.

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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 27, with the **\$5,000 Citarella Open Jumper CSI2*** and **\$32,000 CSI5* BrainJuice Two-Phase** and continues throughout the weekend with seven 2*/5* classes featuring courses designed by Nick Granat (USA) and Anderson Lima (BRA). 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 30. The **\$30,000 Longines Rider Challenges** will also be presented on Grand Prix Sunday as two separate bonuses: \$10,000 for the FEI 2* division and \$20,000 for the FEI 5* division.

Other competition highlights include the **\$10,000 Stomp Capital 1.40m Open Jumper** (Tuesday), **\$40,000 1.45m National Grand Prix** (Wednesday), **\$10,000 Hunt & Go Stake presented by The Baran** (Thursday), **\$10,000 Harrods Junior/Amateur Welcome Stake** (Friday), **\$10,000 Hermès Equitation Championship** (Saturday), **\$30,000 Agneta & Brownlee Currey 1.45m Junior/Amateur Jumper Classic** and **\$10,000 Junior/Amateur-Owner Hunter Classic** (Sunday).

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 29).

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 30, are \$75 per seat and are available on the [Hampton Classic website](#). Tickets for the **Classic Club** (formerly the Judge's Box Lounge), which offers an elevated experience for watching Grand Prix Ring competition on Thursday-Sunday, August 27-30, are also available.

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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