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Mawhinney Soars to the Top in \$25,000 Agneta & Brownlee Currey Junior/Amateur Jumper Classic presented by FarmVet and the Currey Family

Torano Wins \$10,000 Junior/Amateur-Owner Hunter Classic at 2024 Hampton Classic Horse Show

Bridgehampton, NY – September 1, 2024 – Making short work of Nick Granat’s 15-effort, 1.40m initial course and shortened jump-off in the **\$25,000 Agneta & Brownlee Currey Junior/Amateur Jumper Classic presented by FarmVet and the Currey family** on Sunday, Caroline Mawhinney of Wellington, FL, soared to the top of the leaderboard in a double-clear time of 30.884 seconds riding *Stella Levista*.

The **Hampton Classic** 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.



Caroline Mawhinney and Stella Levista won the \$25,000 Agneta & Brownlee Currey Junior/Amateur Jumper Classic presented by FarmVet and the Currey family © KindMedia

Sunday's \$25,000 Agneta & Brownlee Currey Junior/Amateur Jumper Classic, a member event of the Show Jumping Hall of Fame Jumper Classic Series, featured 38 horse-and-rider combinations, with 14 advancing to the jump-off. Friday's \$10,000 Lugano Diamonds Junior/Amateur Welcome Stake winners Olivia Sweetnam (Wellington, FL) and *HDB Quality* put the pressure on with their 31.783-second jump-off time, but Mawhinney and her 16-year-old Hanoverian mare sliced and diced their way through the timers in 30.884 seconds for the win.

"I know my horse *Stella Levista* well; she's amazing and so naturally quick across the ground," Mawhinney said. "In this jump-off, I had a bit of an advantage because all the lines were really forward for me, so I never had to slow down my pace. I just let her cruise, and she's so naturally amazing that I have a lot of trust in her. Olivia's time was definitely hard to beat. I'm thankful for my whole team for this – my parents, my amazing groom Alana, my trainer Jessica Mendoza and of course my amazing *Stella* for being the best horse."



Mawhinney and Stella Levista © KindMedia

Sweetnam and Sweet Oak Farm's 11-year-old Westphalian mare finished second for their own speedy time, with Sophie Gochman of West Palm Beach, FL, earning third in 33.262 seconds aboard SMG Sport Horse LLC's 13-year-old Selle Français mare *Gabbie BH*.

Sweetnam also brought home the **1.40m Junior Jumper Championship** and Swan Creek Perpetual Trophy sponsored by Alvin R. Topping for her consistent podium finishes throughout the week, with Mawhinney earning the Reserve Championship. In the **1.40m Amateur Jumper Championship**, Gochman claimed top honors while Stella Wasserman of Austin, TX, came in reserve.



L: Olivia Sweetnam and HDB Quality were second in the Classic and won the 1.40m Junior Jumper Championship. R: Sophie Gochman and Gabbie BH were third in the Classic and won the 1.40m Amateur Jumper Championship. © KindMedia

Adding to her successful week, Sweetnam was also awarded the **Show Jumping Hall of Fame Style of Riding Award** as the Best Junior Jumper Rider in the opinion of the judges.

Many of the jumper riders split their time between the Grand Prix Arena and Aspinall Hunter Ring on Sunday as they also showed their hunter horses in the **\$10,000 Junior/Amateur-Owner Hunter Classic**. Course designer Lynn Mullins challenged the field of 25 entries with a winding 9-effort track in the first round and a new 10-effort track for those who returned to the second round. With a total score of 179 points, JJ Torano of Wellington, FL, and Isalou Inc.'s *Laskano* walked away with the win. A \$500 cash prize was also awarded to *Laskano*'s groom for their top-notch care and hard work, courtesy of Aden Brook.



JJ Torano and Laskano won the \$10,000 Junior/Amateur-Owner Hunter Classic © KindMedia

Second went to Brett Lieb of Sag Harbor, NY, and his *Mysteryland* for their 173-point score. Mimi Gochman of West Palm Beach, FL, was third with 172.5 points aboard Gochman Ventures LLC's *Daydream*.

The Classic's final hunter champions were also crowned during the presentations, including **Grand Hunter Champion Colter**, owned by Sophie Gochman and ridden by Scott Stewart of Flemington, NJ. Professional groom Jose Hernandez Cruz earned the Hunter Groom's Award for his top-notch care of *Colter*.



Scott Stewart and Colter won the Grand Hunter Championship, with Jose Hernandez Cruz earning the Hunter Groom's Award © KindMedia

Nick Hanness of Temecula, CA, was named the **Leading Hunter Rider** and presented with the Charlie Weaver Perpetual Trophy. His student, Violet Tatum (Pacific Palisades, CA), was named the **Best Junior Rider on a Horse** in the opinion of the hunter judges and presented with the Kathy Scholl Perpetual Trophy.

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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 Agnetta 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 began Thursday, August 29, with the **\$10,000 Citarella Open Jumper CSI2*** and **\$32,000 CSI5* Two-Phase** and continued throughout the weekend with eight 2*/5* classes featuring courses designed by Nick Granat. FEI competition also included 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 culminated 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 included 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**.

For those who couldn't make it to the show grounds, [complimentary live webcasts](#) of all Grand Prix and Aspinall Ring competitions aired on the Hampton Classic website. Produced by ClipMyHorse.TV, the Grand Prix Ring livestreams were sponsored by Longines and the Aspinall Ring livestreams were sponsored by [ClipMyHorse.TV](#). In addition, [WVH-TV](#), Hamptons Television, broadcasted up to five hours of competition with highlights of each day during the Classic.

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