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## Haas Sets the Pace in \$25,000 Agneta & Brownlee Currey Junior/Amateur Jumper Classic presented by FarmVet and The Currey Family at 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Hampton Classic Horse Show

Smith Wins \$10,000 Junior/Amateur-Owner Hunter Classic

Bridgehampton, NY – August 31, 2025 – The second of six riders to jump off for top honors in Sunday's \$25,000 Agneta & Brownlee Currey Junior/Amateur Jumper Classic presented by FarmVet and The Currey Family, Elena Haas (USA) set the time to beat with her faultless score of 34.670 seconds aboard her 11-year-old Irish Sport Horse gelding Ogue BT Special. Only two other riders posted double-clear scores, but when they couldn't catch Haas's time, she took her place in the winner's circle.

Celebrating 50 years of world-class equestrian competition in 2025, the **Hampton Classic Horse Show** takes place in Bridgehampton, NY, **August 24-31**, featuring FEI CSI5\* and CSI2\* show jumping and USEF Premier hunter competitions with more than \$1 million in prize money. The week culminates in the \$400,000 Longines Hampton Classic 5\* Grand Prix, one of the world's premier show jumping competitions, on Sunday, August 31.



Hampton Classic course designer Nick Granat tested the 30 junior and amateur entries with a 16-effort track in Sunday's 1.45m Jumper Classic, where only six moved on to the jump-off and three walked away without faults. Haas and *Ogue BT Special* proved uncatchable with their 34.670-second time, while 2025 Gotham North/North American Youth Championships presented by USHJA (NAYC) Young Rider team gold medalist Ariana Marnell (USA) claimed second place in 35.263 seconds aboard Marnell Sport Horses' 12-year-old Belgian Warmblood gelding *Navaar*.

Third went to NAYC Junior team bronze medalist Rylynn Conway (USA), who tripped the timers in 38.481 seconds with her NAYC partner, Conway Equestrian LLC's 12-year-old Oldenburg mare *Capella Y*.

"We've had perfect riding conditions, and I thought the course today was great," Haas said. "This is such a competitive division, but I think that the course asked a lot of very good questions and really suited my horse. I've had him for two years now, and I just really trust and rely on him, especially when I'm faced with a bigger track like this. I felt very confident going in. The jump-off also really suited him; I could be neat in the beginning and really pick up a good gallop to the last few jumps, which is more his style."



Haas and Ogue BT Special © KindMedia

Marnell and *Navaar*'s second-place finish, combined with their victory in Friday's \$10,000 Junior/Amateur Welcome Stake, earned them the **1.40m Junior/Amateur Jumper Championship**. Haas and *Ogue BT Special* brought home the Reserve Championship.

Conway also received an additional award following the Jumper Classic: the 2025 **Show Jumping Hall of Fame Style of Riding Award**. The annual Style of Riding Award is presented to the Junior Jumper rider who best exemplifies the American style of equitation in the opinion of the judges.



Rylynn Conway earned the Show Jumping Hall of Fame Style of Riding Award © KindMedia

The morning competition also featured 33 horse-and-rider combinations in the Aspinall Hunter Ring for the \$10,000 Junior/Amateur-Owner Hunter Classic, which featured a two-round course designed by Lynn and Sarah Mullins and judged by Mark Bone and Michael Tokaruk. Kenzie Smith of Shoreham, NY, closed out her successful week in the hunter rings with a 178-point victory aboard Charlotte Rossetter and Pamela Wright's 10-year-old Zangersheide gelding *Sundown*.





Kenzie Smith and Sundown won the \$10,000 Junior/Amateur-Owner Hunter Classic © KindMedia

"The course was really nice and good for *Sundown*," Smith said. "The bending lines rode well, and I'm very proud of him."

Holland Park, a 6-year-old Westphalian gelding owned and ridden by Irene Neuwirth of Culver City, CA, took second with 177 points. Becky Gochman of Wellington, FL, finished third with 171.5 points aboard Gochman Sport Horse LLC's 11-year-old Holsteiner gelding *Forever Romance*.

The **Grand Hunter Championship** was awarded after the Hunter Classic, going to Lilly Herzog of Pepper Pike, OH, and Frog Pond Stables' *Cerulean Blue* for their complete sweep of the Large Junior Hunter 3'6" 15 & Under division. Herzog was also named the Best Junior Hunter Rider in the opinion of the judges. Darwin Alexis received the **Hunter's Groom Award** and a check for \$500 from Aden Brook for his top-notch care of *Cerulean Blue*.

"He was so perfect all week," Herzog said of the 8-year-old Oldenburg stallion. "He was such a steady Eddie; he's always just so reliable. It's very exciting to be here and win, especially since this is my first time at the Hampton Classic."



Lilly Herzog and Cerulean Blue won the Grand Hunter Championship. Darwin Alexis earned the Hunter's Groom Award. © KindMedia

Additionally, Scott Stewart of Flemington, NJ, was named the week's **Leading Hunter Rider** and awarded the Charlie Weaver Trophy for his efforts in multiple divisions.

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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 began on Thursday, August 28, with the \$5,000 Citarella Open Jumper CSI2\* and \$32,000 CSI5\* Two-Phase and continued throughout the weekend with seven 2\*/5\* classes. FEI competition also included 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 31.

Other competition highlights included the \$30,000 The Wellington Jumper Challenge, \$10,000 Stomp Capital 1.40m Open Jumper, \$40,000 CME Group 1.45m National Grand Prix, \$10,000 Hunt & Go Stake presented by The Baran, \$10,000 Hermès Equitation Championship, \$25,000 Agneta & Brownlee Currey 1.45m Junior/Amateur Jumper Classic, and \$30,000 Longines Rider Challenges, which were offered as two separate bonuses for the first time: \$10,000 for the FEI 2\* division and \$20,000 for the FEI 5\* division.

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