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Bluman Back on Top in \$32,000 Wölffer Estate CSI2* Grand Prix Qualifier at the 2026 Hampton Classic

Stenbeck-Werner Wins Grand Pony Hunter Championship

Bridgehampton, NY – August 28, 2026 – World #21 Mark Bluman (ISR) returned to the Hampton Classic winner's circle on Friday, piloting *S&L Eyes 4U* through the timers in 32.23 seconds to claim top honors in the **\$32,000 Wölffer Estate CSI2* Grand Prix Qualifier**.

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 S&L Eyes 4U won the \$32,000 Wölffer Estate CSI2 Grand Prix Qualifier © KindMedia*

Friday's \$32,000 Wölffer Estate CSI2* Grand Prix Qualifier saw 93 horse-and-rider combinations representing 12 countries present over the 16-effort, 1.45m course designed by Nick Granat. Although 24 went clear over the initial round, 11 advanced to the jump-off in Winning Round format (Israel's

Daniel Bluman and *Gemma W* elected not to return). Mark Bluman and S&L Farms' 8-year-old Selle Français mare sliced their way across the shortened track to put over a second between them and their fellow competitors, stopping the clock on the winning time of 32.23 seconds.

"I think I had basically the same plan as Kent (Farrington), just my second-to-last fence was a bit smoother than his," Bluman said. "I think he didn't find the forward distance, but I did, and I was able to continue going a little bit faster toward the last fence. It worked out today.

"This mare belongs to Sam and Libby Edelman," he continued. "She's only 8, and she's been great. I started riding her at the beginning of this year, and we're producing her slowly. She's actually won a couple of these ranking classes already, and she's going phenomenally. She's still young, so to end this weekend on such a high note is a good thing. I'll ride my other 2* horse, *S&L Hello Sunshine*, on Sunday."



Bluman and S&L Eyes 4U © KindMedia

World #1 Kent Farrington (USA) earned second with a time of 33.44 seconds aboard *Nikki Angel*, his and Robinson Ridge LLC's 8-year-old Anglo-European mare. Third went to Amanda Derbyshire (GBR) for her 33.75-second time aboard *Cornwall BH*, her and Gochman Sport Horse LLC's 18-year-old Holsteiner gelding.



L: World #1 Kent Farrington (USA) and Nikki Angel finished second. R: Amanda Derbyshire (GBR) and Cornwall BH took third. © KindMedia

Bluman now leads the **\$10,000 Longines Rider Challenge for the 2* division** with 150 points. Ariana Marnell (USA) and Derbyshire are tied for second with 135 points. The \$30,000 Longines Rider 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.

Other jumper highlights included the **\$1,500 1.10m Masters Jumper presented by Vicki Wilson & Kiwi Partners Equestrian**, which saw four clear rounds come out on top: Michelle Elgin/*Clearway's Ashfire*, Christian B. Currey/*A Lil Evil*, Michael Smith/*Quasi Top*, and Karen Arrigoni/*Ideal De La Couturelle*. Alissa Kinsey of East Hampstead, NH, and her *Toulouse VH Beeckhof Z* won the **\$1,500 1.10m Amateur Jumper presented by Henry & Julie Watson** (0/51.803).

In the **\$3,000 1.20m Junior Jumper presented by Pegasus Show Stables**, Baylee Rowan of Little Compton, RI, led the victory lap with Lauren Hough's *Django* (0/52.233). Jean Sheptoff of Littleton, MA, and Beyaert Farm Inc.'s *Chapka De Moyon* claimed top honors in the **\$3,000 1.20m Amateur Jumper presented by The Vogel Family** (0/53.454).

The Hampton Classic also featured several classes for Junior, Amateur-Owner and Pony hunters on Friday. Bringing home the **Grand Pony Hunter Championship** was Swede Ventures LLC's *Clovermeade Heartthrob*, ridden by Grace Stenbeck-Werner of North Salem, NY. The pair had several amazing performances in the Small Pony Hunter Division presented by Baxter Hill.

Kenzie Smith of Shoreham, NY, guided two Rivers Edge LLC mounts to the championships in the Medium Pony Hunter Division presented by Silver Tide Stables and Large Pony Hunter Division

presented by Marsia Holzer. *Paparazzi* earned the Medium Pony Hunter Championship, while *Sneak Preview* secured the Large Pony Hunter Championship and its associated Currey Challenge Cup sponsored by The Currey Family.



Grace Stenbeck-Werner and Clovermeade Heartthrob won the Grand Pony Hunter Championship © KindMedia

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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 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.

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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