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## Wasserman Back on Top in \$32,000 Wölffer Estate 2\* Grand Prix Qualifier at 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Hampton Classic Horse Show

**Bridgehampton,** NY – August 29, 2025 – Stella Wasserman (USA) followed her victory in Thursday's \$5,000 Citarella CSI2\* Open Jumper with a bang on Friday, securing first and second place in the Hampton Classic's \$32,000 Wölffer Estate 2\* Grand Prix Qualifier with Myjorka (0/0/32.31) and Precious Dwerse Hagen (0/0/32.67), respectively.

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 highlight of the week is the \$400,000 Longines Hampton Classic 5\* Grand Prix, one of the world's premier show jumping competitions, on Sunday, August 31.



Stella Wasserman (USA) and Myjorka earned their second consecutive Hampton Classic win in Friday's \$32,000 Wölffer Estate 2\* Grand Prix Qualifier © KindMedia

The \$32,000 Wölffer Estate 2\* Grand Prix Qualifier featured 47 entries representing 12 nations over Nick Granat's 15-effort, winning-round course set at 1.45m on Friday. Wasserman and *Precious Dwerse* 

*Hagen*, her 10-year-old Belgian Warmblood mare, were the first of the top 12 combinations to return over the shortened track, setting the time to beat at 32.67 seconds.

Then she and *Myjorka*, her 10-year-old Hanoverian mare, returned to close out the class in 32.31 seconds, clinching their second consecutive victory at the Hampton Classic. *Precious Dwerse Hagen* brought home second place.



Wasserman and Myjorka © KindMedia

"Both horses are naturally very quick, and I'm very lucky to have that," Wasserman said. "I just try to stick to the plan that I go over with my coach. I know if I execute it to the best of my abilities, I have a really good shot at winning, and that's what happened today!

"Myjorka is just an exceptional horse," she added. "She gives it 150% every time she goes into the ring. I am beyond lucky to have a horse like her; she's truly unmatched."

Rounding out the all-American podium was Ariana Marnell, who piloted Alison Firestone LLC's 11-year-old Dutch Warmblood mare *Jikke-Cara* to a faultless score of 33.50 seconds. Fourth-place finisher Faleh Suwead Al Ajami (QAT) was the only other rider to go double-clear, tripping the timers in 33.87 seconds aboard *Equine America Zodiak Du Buisson Z*, HK Horses' 10-year-old Zangersheide gelding.

Although he was able to catch Wasserman and *Precious Dwerse Hagen*'s time in 32.56 seconds, Ireland's Daniel Kerins dropped a rail to finish fifth with a four-fault score aboard Gotham Enterprizes LLC's 12-year-old Hanoverian gelding *Malou Blue PS*.





L: Wasserman also finished second aboard Precious Dwerse Hagen. R: Ariana Marnell (USA) and Jikke-Cara took third. © KindMedia

With a total of 200 points, Wasserman now leads the \$10,000 Longines Rider Challenge for the FEI **2\* division**, which will be awarded on Sunday after the \$70,000 Hampton Classic **2\*** Grand Prix. Campbell Brown (USA) is in second with 149 points, while David Blake (IRL) sits third with 122 points.

Other morning jumper highlights included the \$1,500 1.10m Amateur Jumper presented by Sarah & Murray Kessler in Jumper Ring 2. Patricia Hurter of Harvard, MA, returned to the winner's circle with a clear speed score of 56.461 seconds, this time riding Amber Hill Farm LLC's *Quali Quanti*. In the \$1,500 1.10 Junior Jumper presented by The Samuels Family that immediately followed, Katherine Babun of Miami, FL, and First Blue LLC's *Amazing Z* won with a clear speed score of 49.972 seconds.

Competition continues throughout the day with various hunter and jumper divisions and the feature \$116,100 Douglas Elliman 5\* Grand Prix Qualifier presented by Longines, which will set the order for Sunday's \$400,000 Longines Hampton Classic 5\* Grand Prix.

For live show results, visit <u>HamptonClassic.com</u>. Photos from the event are <u>available via Dropbox</u> with credits to KindMedia (unless otherwise noted in the folder name).

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 continues throughout the weekend with seven 2\*/5\* classes. 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 31.

Other competition highlights include 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 are now being offered as two separate bonuses: \$10,000 for the FEI 2\* division and \$20,000 for the FEI 5\* division.

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 30).

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 31, are \$55 per seat and are available on the <u>Hampton Classic website</u>. Tickets for the Classic's new **Judge's Box Lounge**, which offers an elevated experience for watching Grand Prix Ring competition on Thursday-Sunday, August 28-31, are also available. Lounge tickets are priced at \$200 for Thursday, \$300 for Friday or Saturday, and \$600 for Grand Prix Sunday and are available on the <u>Hampton Classic website</u>.

For those who can't make it to the show grounds, <u>complimentary live webcasts</u> 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 <u>ClipMyHorse.TV</u>. 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 <a href="https://www.wvvh.tv">www.wvvh.tv</a>.

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