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Rinehart Stars in \$10,000 Hermès Equitation Championship at the 2026 Hampton Classic

Champions Crowned in Amateur-Owner Hunter Divisions

Bridgehampton, NY – August 29, 2026 – Thirteen equitation riders stepped into the Hampton Classic Grand Prix Ring on Saturday for the **\$10,000 Hermès Equitation Championship**, which saw two 1.10/1.20m courses designed by Nick Granat over 12 numbered jumps. After the top riders of the initial round returned over the second course, the judges named Elizabeth Rinehart of Carmel, IN, the victor, awarding her 180 total points for her efforts aboard *Charlie Brown*.

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**.



Elizabeth Rinehart and Charlie Brown won the \$10,000 Hermès Equitation Championship © KindMedia

Rinehart and Charlotte Rossetter's 10-year-old Hanoverian gelding were the first to present over the initial round in the \$10,000 Hermès Equitation Championship and set an early lead with their score of 88

points. Violet Tatum of Los Angeles, CA, was the only one to jump ahead of them, earning 89 points aboard North Run's 12-year-old Dutch Warmblood gelding *Tanzanite De Semilly*.

Rinehart then put in a smooth, efficient trip as the penultimate rider in the second round, earning 92 points and catapulting back into the lead with a two-round total of 180 points. Tatum kept her cool under pressure as the last to return, but a 90-point second-round score put her just behind Rinehart with 179 points.



Rinehart and Charlie Brown © KindMedia

"I've known my horse, *Charlie Brown*, for a while," Rinehart said. "I'm really confident in him, and he really knows what he's doing. I just wanted to go in and have a smooth round, and I knew he would be right there with me. I was a little nervous coming back, but Charlie really gives me a lot of confidence every time we enter the ring. I really liked riding here in the Grand Prix Ring because there was a lot of room to get a good canter and find the jumps after the gallop, which is also one of Charlie's specialties. It was really fun to come out here and enjoy the space today."

Rinehart trains with McKenzie Canard of Spring Hollow LLC, while Tatum trains with North Run's John Brennan and Missy Clark.

Rounding out the podium in third place was Natalie Gannett of Hingham, MA, who earned 165 total points aboard her 9-year-old Dutch Warmblood gelding *More Special*. Gannett is a student of Max Amaya and Stonehenge Stables.



*L: Violet Tatum and Tanzanite De Semilly placed second. R: Natalie Gannett and More Special took third.
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Bringing home the **Grand Amateur-Owner Hunter Championship** for their near-sweep of the Human Touch Amateur-Owner 3'3" Hunter 36+ division was Stephanie Danhagl of Haverford, PA, and her *Tufton Avenue*.

Sophie Gochman of West Palm Beach, FL, joined Danhagl in the winner's circle with her *Colter* in the Amateur-Owner 3'6" Hunter 18-35 presented by Kristin Regan and her *Charlie Be Good Z* in the Amateur-Owner 3'3" Hunter 18-35 presented by Kristin Regan. She and *Charlie Be Good Z* also earned the associated Breitling Trophy sponsored by Stephanie Bulger & MeadowView Farm for their efforts.

John Ingram of Nashville, TN, piloted his and Martha Ingram's *Odette* to the Amateur-Owner 3'6" Hunter Championship 36+ presented by Nancy Rogers. Ingram was also awarded the Patricia Raynes Trophy as the Best Amateur Hunter Rider (as determined by the judges).



Stephanie Danhagl and Tufton Avenue won the Grand Amateur-Owner Hunter Championship © KindMedia

Following their Grand Pony Hunter Championship performances throughout the week, Grace Stenbeck-Werner of North Salem, NY, and Swede Ventures LLC's *Clovermeade Heartthrob* returned to secure victory in the **\$2,500 Pony Hunter Classic**. Stenbeck-Werner also earned the Horse Haven Trophy sponsored by The Gaynor Family & C. Gaynor Construction as the Best Junior Rider on a Pony (as determined by the judges).

For live show results, visit HamptonClassic.com. Photos from the event are [available via Dropbox](#) 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 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 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 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 Stable Row and hands-on activities, pony rides and petting zoo animals at the Kids Exhibition Tent.

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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