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## **First Hunter Champions Crowned During Local Day at 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Hampton Classic Horse Show**

***Bridgehampton, NY – August 25, 2025*** – The **Hampton Classic Horse Show** kicked off its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations on Sunday with several hunter divisions reserved for Long Island residents in what is commonly referred to as “Local Day.” Among the first champions crowned in the beautifully manicured hunter rings was *Rocklyn*, the 14-year-old Zangersheide gelding owned and ridden by Anne Byers who brought home the **Grand Local Hunter Championship**.

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.

*Rocklyn* is no stranger to the Hampton Classic winner’s circle with Byers (Locust Valley, NY) and trainer Laura Bowery (Bridgehampton, NY). On Sunday, Byers once more showcased the gelding’s skill to win the **Local Amateur-Owner Hunter Championship presented by Amara Equestrian** with a near-sweep of the division. Their standout performances earned them the most points of every Local Hunter division and, ultimately, the title of Grand Local Hunter Champion.



*Anne Byers and Rocklyn won the Grand Local Hunter Championship for their standout performances in the Local Amateur-Owner Hunter presented by Amara Equestrian © KindMedia*

Bowery secured her own tricolor ribbon with Mare Eyfee LLC's 8-year-old Holsteiner mare *Margaux*, claiming top honors in the **Local Professional Hunter Section A Championship presented by Barbara Borg & Yvetta Rechler Newman**. In the **Local Professional Hunter Section B presented by Barbara Borg & Yvetta Rechler Newman**, First Blue LLC's 6-year-old Belgian Warmblood mare *Lady In Blue* earned the Championship with Meghan Knapic of Smithtown, NY, in the irons.

Other hunter champions included Louisa Dorrell of New York, NY, and her 13-year-old Warmblood mare *Cupcake* in the **Atlantic Equine Local Junior Hunter** division. *Broad Street*, a 12-year-old gelding owned by First Blue LLC and ridden by Adriana Forte of Water Mill, NY, secured the **Local Non-Professional Hunter Championship**.



*Louisa Dorrell and Cupcake won the Atlantic Equine Local Junior 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 begins 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 [Hampton Classic website](#). 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 [Hampton Classic website](#).

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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