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Lignelli Flies to Win \$10,000 Stomp Capital 1.40m Open Jumper for Second Consecutive Year at the 2026 Hampton Classic

Esposito and Casamigos Secure Grand Children's Hunter Championship

Bridgehampton, NY – August 25, 2026 – Alexa Elle Lignelli (USA) has always had good luck in the Hampton Classic Grand Prix Ring, earning several top finishes across multiple divisions over the years. She added to that record again on Tuesday, when she piloted *XO Onermie* to victory in the **\$10,000 Stomp Capital 1.40m Open Jumper** for the second consecutive year. The pair finished on a fault-free score of 64.279 seconds.

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**.



Alexa Elle Lignelli (USA) and XO Onermie won Tuesday's \$10,000 Stomp Capital 1.40m Open Jumper
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Course designer Nick Granat set a winding 14-effort speed track for Tuesday's \$10,000 Stomp Capital 1.40m Open Jumper, which saw only eight of its 22 entries finish clear. Mark Bluman (ISR) and *Phelina De Septon* set an early time to beat of 65.174 seconds, but Lignelli and her 12-year-old Belgian Warmblood mare were able to shave nearly a second off that time, securing the win in 64.279 seconds.

"It's so great to be back for a second year in a row," Lignelli said. "We had a good plan to start and switched it a little bit based on the rides that went in the beginning. It's always great to watch people in these Open classes that are really skilled in what they do. I'm a student, actively working and an amateur, so it's great that I can watch. I also recognize I'm not riding as much as the professionals, so I'm really grateful when it works out.

"My sister competed earlier and did eight strides in the last line, and I did nine," she continued. "I think my horse is just so fast, and with Diego [Perez Bilbao] as my trainer, we really just make adjustments as we go. This horse has had great luck with this class – with Amanda Derbyshire three years ago and me last year. I love these speed rounds with her. She's so ready to go every single time."

Bluman ultimately landed in second place aboard Mario Deslauriers Inc.'s 11-year-old Belgian Warmblood mare. Third went to Ariana Marnell (USA), who stopped the clock in 68.650 seconds aboard *Jikke-Cara*, Alison Firestone LLC's 12-year-old Dutch Warmblood mare.



Lignelli and XO Onermie © KindMedia

David Blake (IRL) currently leads the **\$30,000 Longines Rider Challenges** with 125 points. Molly Ashe Cawley (USA) sits second with 84 points, while Peter Lutz (USA) is third with 80 points. The 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, August 30.

Other jumper highlights included the **\$5,000 1.30m Open Jumper presented by Lutz Manfredi**, won by Amanda Derbyshire (GBR) and P Stables LLC's *Iniesta* (0/55.410); **\$3,000 1.30m Junior Jumper presented by Katie Robinson**, won by Violet Tatum of Los Angeles, CA, and Tatum Equestrian LLC's *Flotylla* (0/0/30.701); and **Platinum Performance/USEF Show Jumping Talent Search 3* presented by Chatwood Farms**, won by Tatum and North Run's *Tanzanite De Semilly*.

Joining the winner's circle from Jumper Ring 2 were Isabella Carmona De Sousa of Sag Harbor, NY, and her *Griffin* in the **\$1,250 1.0m Junior Jumper presented by Kay Lawson at Douglas Elliman** (0/52.700); Holly A. White of Pine Bush, NY, and her *Odessa* in the **\$1,250 1.0m Amateur Jumper presented by Kristin Regan** (0/50.231); Estella Waldman of Palm Beach, FL, and Southside Equestrian LLC's *Ka-Chow* in both classes of the **Hampton Classic Pony Jumper Division presented by Gotham North**; and Erin Rose Wheatley of Hamilton with her *Koko Kanu* (0/0/24.849) and Sage Chambers of New York, NY, with Vandervail Ltd.'s *In Harmony* (0/0/33.187) in their respective **Itty Bitty Jumper classes presented by SB Garson Management LLC**.

The many horses and ponies of the **Children's Hunter** divisions also starred in the Hampton Classic's hunter rings throughout the day. Following their Local Junior Hunter championship performance on Sunday, August 23, Elsie Esposito of Westhampton, NY, and Northern Ridge Stables LLC's *Casamigos* returned to claim the **Grand Children's Hunter Championship** and associated Virginia Hunt Trophy. Their outstanding rounds in the Children's Hunter Horse 14 & Under earned them the division championship and its associated Alamo Trophy sponsored by Scarlett Lee Aylsworth.



Elsie Esposito and Casamigos won the Grand Children's Hunter Championship © KindMedia

Other division champions included Wrenn Warren of Marietta, GA, riding First Blue LLC's *Blue 42* in the **Children's Hunter Horse 15-17**; Ava Ventorino of Armonk, NY, riding her *Limoncello* in the **Children's Small Pony Hunter**; Vivian Lucas of New York, NY, riding Oceans Edge Farm's *Enchanted* in the **Children's Medium Pony Hunter**; and Ella Falco of Bridgehampton, NY, riding Dachis Sporthorses LLC's *Scamander* in the **Children's Large Pony Hunter**.

Claiming top honors in the **\$2,500 Children's Hunter Horse Classic** was Hannah Hutter of Reno, NV, aboard Hutter Equestrian's *Cingsley*. The pair brought home the Seconds At Last Trophy sponsored by Stephanie Bulger & MeadowView Farm for their efforts. In the **\$2,500 Children's Small/Medium Pony Hunter Classic**, Lainey Carey of Sagaponack, NY, and Omri Adut's *Hopscotch* emerged victorious. Alexandra Talmage's *Blue Me Away*, ridden by Lily Amit of Brooklyn, NY, earned the title in the **\$2,500 Children's Large Pony Hunter Classic**.



L-R: Winning their respective Children's Hunter Classic sections were Hannah Hutter with *Cingsley*, Lainey Carey with *Hopscotch*, and Lily Amit with *Blue Me Away*. © 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 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. 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 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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