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## DAILY UPDATE

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### Melissa Feller Captures Elusive Blue



*Melissa Feller led the class going into the second round and clinched the win with a score of 90.8.*

*Photos by Jennifer Wood Media, Inc.*

For years Melissa Feller knocked on the door of the ARIAT Adult Medal Finals. Two years ago she came close to capturing the title, earning a second. But this year Feller made certain she was leading the victory gallop aboard Tamber Bay as she posted top scores in both rounds and sealed the championship, finishing with a score of 181—nearly four points ahead of second-place finisher Tracey Mack-Gorin.

Riding a six-year-old horse took the pressure off the national final class and helped her stay cool and collected. Feller leased Tamber Bay from her friend Pam Mahoney, who usually shows the gelding in the Pre-Adults. She didn't have expectations with the green gelding.

Feller explained, "She wants to eventually do him in the equitation, and I didn't have a horse, so she let me lease her horse for the weekend."

Despite the lack of experience, Tamber Bay tackled the jumps and even the tough courses without a problem. Feller said, "He's a real good boy. He'll jump anything. He was a little starstruck in the indoor, but he didn't care about the jumps or anything like that."

One particularly tricky turn was an inside option in the second round. Only two of the top ten riders took the longer approach, so Feller knew that coming back on top she had to land off the in-and-out, cut right and roll back to fence 8 if she wanted to hold her lead. She said, "I was a little worried because he does like his left lead. Everyone was doing the inside turn, so I had to if I wanted to do well. I just hoped that he'd land right, and he did."

Feller has been training with Robert Beck for thirteen years and credits his training style with her success as well as the continued success of his students in the Ariat Adult Medal and THIS Children's Medal.

Feller believes Beck's emphasis on flatwork and equitation work at home has helped her. "He's firm on position. Our jumper and hunter riders do lessons with no stirrups all the time, work on counter cantering, all that flatwork, working on position and getting your horse round, no matter what you show. He makes us pretty well prepared."



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## Today's Events

INDOOR RING 7:30am

Small Pony Hunter  
Medium Pony Hunter  
Large Pony Hunter  
WCHR Handy Hunter Challenge

Evening Session 7:30pm

Leadline  
North American  
JRAO Jumper Challenge Cup

OUTDOOR RING 8:00am

Small Junior Hunter 15 & Under  
Large Junior Hunter 15 & Under  
Small Junior Hunter 16-17  
Large Junior Hunter 16-17  
Children's Hunter Pony



### Results: \$5,000 North American

#### Junior/Amateur-Owner Challenge Cup- Round 1

1. 195 ESO, KIRSTIE DOBBS: 0/57.454
- 2 327 CORAL Z, HAYLEY BARNHILL: 0/58.810
- 3 1001 MIANTA, MEG O'MARA: 0/59.642
- 4 199 ULTIMATE VDL, KALVIN DOBBS: 0/59.903
- 5 1028 LADINO, ZACHARY LIBES: 0/60.154
- 6 235 CAMONA O, SAM WRIGHT: 0/65.515
- 7 1183 SCOTCH, HAYLEY BARNHILL: 0/65.517
- 8 662 CONSTANTIN 28, OLIVIA CHOWDRY: 1/68.631
- 9 1110 LARONE, TRACEY WEINBERG: 4/55.690
- 10 1027 VIVE LA VIE, ZACHARY LIBES: 4/55.842

*Eso and Kirstie Dobbs had a stellar no-fault finish to win the \$5,000 North American Junior/Amateur-Owner Challenge Cup.*

*Photo by  
James Leslie Parker  
Photography*

# Scott Stewart Rides To Historic Finish

*Scott Stewart overcomes a fifth-placed start to finish as the WCHR Professional National Champion.*

**by Tricia Booker**



Scott Stewart has been a fixture in the Capital Challenge Horse Show's WCHR Professional Finals since the mid-1990s. And with three previous wins under his belt, Stewart is always a betting favorite.

But it had been seven years since the New Jersey-based professional had claimed the class, which determines the WCHR Professional National Champion. So when he stood fifth following the first two rounds after having a rail on his first mount, Fashion Farm's Blessed, he didn't hold out much hope.

"I was really relaxed because I didn't think I had a chance," he said laughing. "It's actually the best time I've had doing the class."

But Stewart slowly crept up the standings, and in the

fourth and final round where the riders negotiated a handy course, Stewart didn't hold back.

"Well, I thought I was pretty far behind, and I really had to go for it," he said. "I probably had the best draw of the evening for the handy portion—because I think he's an equitation horse—so I could cut the turns and take a chance and go for it."

His boldness was rewarded, as he topped a star-studded field in one of the closest finishes in the show's featured class, where the top six contenders in the WCHR Professional National standings face-off to determine the national champion. In the unique format, the riders bring a mount of their own and trade horses each trip according to a predetermined list, with no chance to school between rounds.

Stewart took the title with 357.32 points, followed by John French (352.98), Kelley Farmer (350.65), Hunt Tosh (339.65), Sandy Ferrell (330.49) and Tracy Fenney (319.99).

The fourth and final handy round shook up the final standings as the inside turns and the trot fence resulted in mistakes and consternation. Stewart's scores of 93, 92 and 96 from the three pairs of judges—Mindy Minetto, Steve Wall, Rob Bielefeld, Randy Mullins, Phil DeVita and Bob Crandall—propelled him to the top aboard Oscany Inc.'s 8-year-old Dutch Warmblood, Welcome.

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*Photos by Jennifer Wood Media, Inc.*

## 2010 WCHR Pro Final Results

1. Scott Stewart
2. John French
3. Kelley Farmer
4. Hunt Tosh
5. Sandy Ferrell
6. Tracy Fenney





# RESULTS

Friday, October 8

## 5. WCHR ADULT AMATEUR CHALLENGE

1. MUSIC STREET, LINDSEY EVANS-THOMAS
2. PATRON, DAWN FOGEL
3. LIMOGES, HILLARY JEAN
4. NORTHERN LIGHTS, TINA FUREY
5. EL RAYMOND, AMY BRUBAKER
6. COOL BOY, RACHEL BOGGUS
7. BOZEMAN, DOTTIE GRAY
8. NAIROBI NIGHTS, LAURA LEE MONTROSS
9. PARIS NORTH, CHIARA PARLAGRECO
10. PASSWORD, ALEXANDRA SKIFFINGTON
11. VALENTINO, SUE MINER
12. FLEET WEEK, DR.SUZANNE SMITH

## 87. SMALL JUNIOR HUNTER 16-17

1. CARETANO, HANNAH GOODSON-CUTT
2. FERN GULLY, TAYLOR ANN ADAMS
3. RED ROOSTER, HOLLY LABRY
4. WESLEY, ASHLEY PRYDE
5. CHA CHA, AMBER HENTER
6. HOLIDAY, CAROLINE GIBSON
7. RED PANDA, HAYLEY BARNHILL
8. RUBY, HOLLY LABRY

## 88. SMALL JUNIOR HUNTER 16-17 HANDY

1. CARETANO, HANNAH GOODSON-CUTT
2. FERN GULLY, TAYLOR ANN ADAMS
3. RUBY, HOLLY LABRY
4. PEYTON, TAYLOR ANN ADAMS
5. RED PANDA, HAYLEY BARNHILL
6. WESLEY, ASHLEY PRYDE
7. O.C., KAITLIN PORATH
8. PRINGLE, ASHLEY PRYDE

## 97. LARGE JUNIOR HUNTER 16-17

1. POETIC, MAGGIE BOYLAN

2. KUDOS!, AMBER HENTER
3. ENCHANTED, OLIVIA CHOWDRY
4. TRULY, ASHLEY PRYDE
5. VICTORY ROAD, ASHLEY PRYDE
6. SUPERMAN, HANNAH GOODSON-CUTT
7. WORD FOR WORD, HAYLEY BARNHILL
8. LE ROY BROWN, H. GOODSON-CUTT

## 98. LARGE JUNIOR HUNTER 16-17 HANDY

1. AZLAN, GABBI LANGSTON
2. VICTORY ROAD, ASHLEY PRYDE
3. GRIBALDI, TAYLOR ANN ADAMS
4. VANGUARD, TAYLOR ANN ADAMS
5. POETIC, MAGGIE BOYLAN
6. KUDOS!, AMBER HENTER
7. AND THEN SOME, EMMA KENNEDY
8. CORAZON, PATRICK MCGINNIS

## 111. SMALL PONY HUNTER

1. BALLOU, DAISY FARISH
2. ELATION, MEREDITH DARST
3. HI LITE, MADISON GOETZMANN
4. MISS AUSTRALIA, P.WRIGHT
5. MISTY BLUE PARIS, LUCY NYLAND-ELLIOTT
6. INGENUE, MCKAYLA LANGMEIER
7. ROSMEL'S BIT O'BLUE, KIRKLEN PETERSEN
8. SILVER RAIN, M. SCHAEFER

## 112. SMALL PONY HUNTER CONF.

1. ELATION, MEREDITH DARST
2. ROSMEL'S BIT O'BLUE, KIRKLEN PETERSEN
3. HI LITE, MADISON GOETZMANN
4. MISS AUSTRALIA, P.WRIGHT
5. FLASHBACK, MADELINE SCHAEFER

6. SNOWBIRD, ADDISON PIPER
7. SILVER RAIN, MADELINE SCHAEFER
8. RAFAEL, ASHTON ALEXANDER

## 115. SMALL PONY HUNTER U/S

1. FLASHBACK, MADELINE SCHAEFER
2. LANDS END EROS, ISABEL RYAN
3. LAND'S END LADY SLIPPER, A. HART
4. SNOWBIRD, ADDISON PIPER
5. ELATION, MEREDITH DARST
6. BALLOU, DAISY FARISH
7. BEAUMONT, DEVIN SEEK
8. WELLSPRING'S JUBILEE, E. SUMMERS



Sandy Ferrell rode Blessed to an 89.33 in the second round of the WCHR Professional Finals. (top)

Was it foreshadowing that Scott Stewart was holding up the No. 1 sign as the riders were introduced for the class? (left)

Photos by Jennifer Wood Media, Inc.



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# RESULTS



## 116. MEDIUM PONY HUNTER

1. CHACONNE, MCKAYLA LANGMEIER
2. HAPPILY EVER AFTER, MARTHA INGRAM
3. ROYAL T, EMMA MANDARINO
4. POSH, DEVIN SEEK
5. MACY GREY, MEREDITH DARST
6. ALL ABOUT ME, KIRKLEN PETERSEN
7. HAPPILY EVER AFTER, MADELEINE FLOCKS
8. TOPEKA KING, BARBARA ANN MERRYMAN

## 117. MEDIUM PONY HUNTER CONF.

1. EVER LUVIN, VICTORIA COLVIN
2. BRIGHTON UNDENIABLY, ASHLEY FOSTER
3. TOPEKA KING, BARBARA ANN MERRYMAN
4. MACY GREY, MEREDITH DARST
5. HIGHLANDS HEAVEN SENT, EUGENIE KILB
6. ROYAL T, EMMA MANDARINO
7. HAPPILY EVER AFTER, MARTHA INGRAM
8. HANDS UP, JORDYN ROSE FREEDMAN

## 120. MEDIUM PONY HUNTER U/S

1. CLEVERIST, DAISY FARISH
2. BLUE COWBOY, EMMA MANDARINO
3. SWINGTOWN, MITCHELL ENDICOTT
4. BRIGHTON UNDENIABLY, A. FOSTER
5. PARTY TILL DAWN, LILLI HYMOWITZ
6. SPORTSTER, MADISON GOETZMANN
7. ALL ABOUT ME, KIRKLEN PETERSEN
8. HIGHLANDS HEAVEN SENT, E.KILB

## 23. ARIAT NATIONAL ADULT

### MEDAL FINALS

1. TAMBER BEY, MELISSA FELLER
2. FERNWAY PARK, TRACEY MACK-GORIN
3. LION KING, DARBY MAZZARISI
4. PLACIDO, CHIARA PARLAGRECO
5. KROSUS 03, KRISTI SIAM
6. FOREVER BLUE, ASHLEY GRAY BILLMAN
7. PRINCE FERINAND, CAROLINE HUGHES
8. COOBRIILA, ALLYSON BLAIS

## 121. LARGE PONY HUNTER,

1. FOR THE LAUGHTER, VICTORIA COLVIN
2. CENTER FIELD, LOUISE GRAVES
3. MAPLESIDE MAGIC DANCER, SYDNEY HUTCHINS
4. FRANKLIN'S TOWER, RACHAEL TRAVELMAN
5. BLUE RIDGE SUNSET, ASHTON ALEXANDER
6. HIGH COTTON, ALLISON TOFFOLON
7. ONE MORE TIME, ANNA ROSSI
8. CEDAR SPRING PEN PAL, ALEXANDRA CROWN

## 122. LARGE PONY HUNTER CONF.,

1. CENTER FIELD, LOUISE GRAVES
2. FRANKLIN'S TOWER, RACHAEL TRAVELMAN
3. VANITY FAIR, VICTORIA COLVIN
4. ONE MORE TIME, ANNA ROSSI
5. SIMPLY HENRY, MARTHA INGRAM
6. MYSTIC PIZZA, EMMA KENNEDY
7. FIRST KISS, BRIANNA SIMS
8. TANTALLON'S OFF THE RECORD, EMMA

## MANDARINO

## 125. LARGE PONY HUNTER U/S,

1. FOR THE LAUGHTER, VICTORIA COLVIN
2. ALL THE BEST, KATHERINE STRAUSS
3. VANITY FAIR, VICTORIA COLVIN
4. LOVE AND LAUGHTER, VICTORIA PRESS
5. JUST MY STYLE, EMMA KENNEDY
6. CEDAR SPRING PEN PAL, ALEXANDRA CROWN
7. SIMPLY HENRY, MARTHA INGRAM
8. MYSTIC PIZZA, EMMA KENNEDY

## 126. N. AM JR/A-O CHALLENGE ROUND 1,

1. ESO, KIRSTIE DOBBS
2. CORAL Z, HAYLEY BARNHILL
3. MIANTA, MEG O'MARA
4. ULTIMATE VDL, KALVIN DOBBS
5. LADINO, ZACHARY LIBES
6. CAMONA O, SAM WRIGHT
7. SCOTCH, HAYLEY BARNHILL
8. CONSTANTIN 28, OLIVIA CHOWDRY
9. LARONE, TRACEY WEINBERG
10. VIVE LA VIE, ZACHARY LIBES

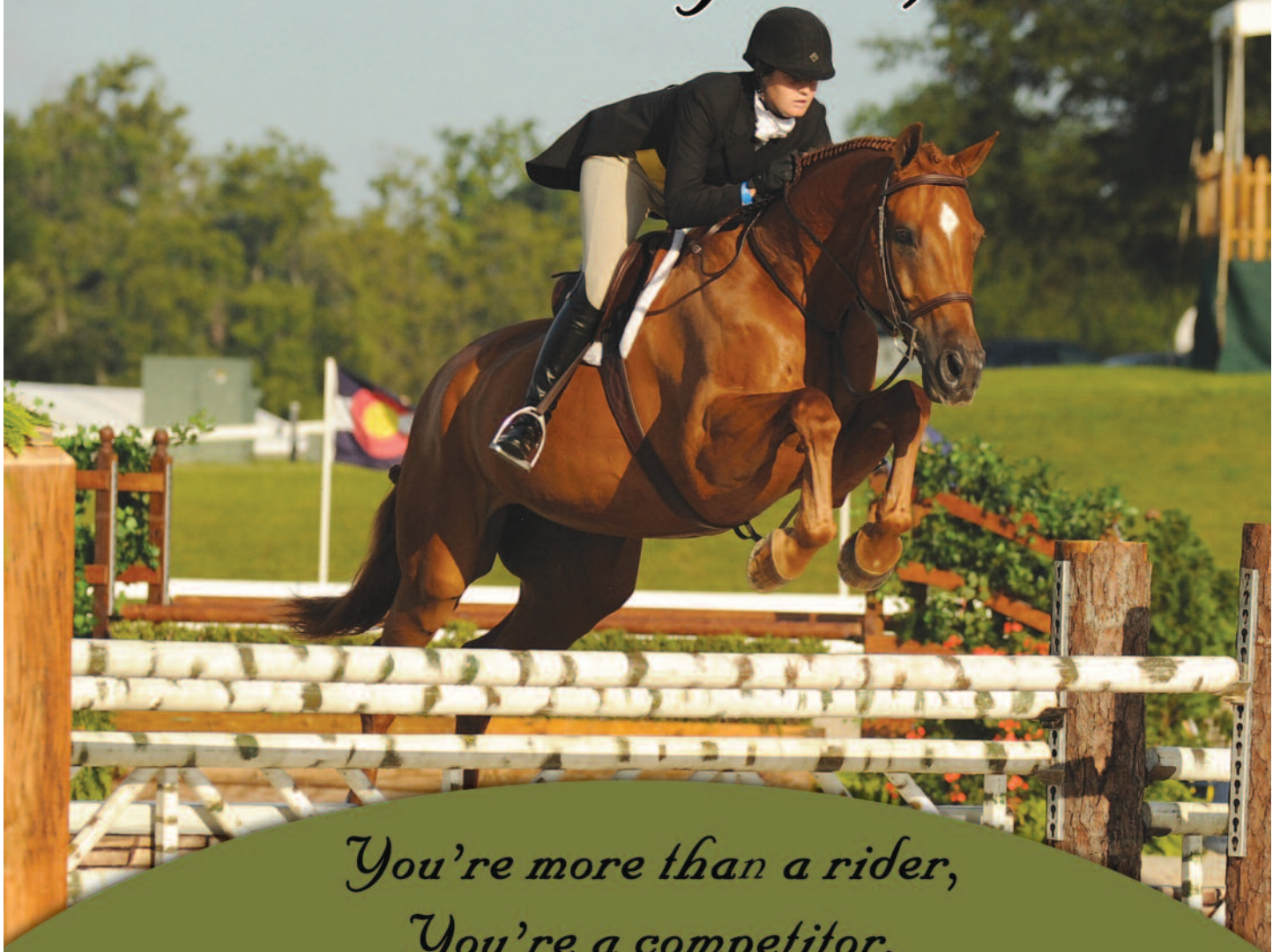
*John French and Stars Go Blue posted a 94.33 to win the High Score Award and the Far West Perpetual Trophy. (right)*

*Scott Stewart rode Welcome to his highest score of the night in the handy round. (far right)*

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# Lindsey Evans-Thomas Puts Icing on the Cake in the WCHR A/A Challenge

*Amy Brubaker collected the  
WCHR Adult Amateur National Title*

by **Tricia Booker**



Yesterday, Lindsey Evans-Thomas capped off an incredible show with the top call in the \$2,500 WCHR Adult Amateur Challenge, sponsored by Foxstone Stables.

Evans-Thomas, 48, Annapolis, MD, piloted Krista and Alexa Weisman's Music Street to the best scores in both rounds of the Challenge (177.33) for a seven-point victory over second-placed Dawn Fogel aboard Patron (170.49) and Hillary Jean riding Limoges (169.49).

After earning the adult amateur, 36-50, championship, the grand adult amateur championship and the EMO Trip of the Show awards the previous day, Evans-Thomas considered the WCHR Adult Amateur Challenge as the icing on the cake.

"After my day yesterday, I just went in the ring to have fun," she said. "I took my two kids [Ian, 9, and Evan, 11] out of school today, and I have amazing support here. I thought just whatever happened today, happened."

Evans-Thomas showed Music Street for the first time at the Middleburg Classic Horse Show in Virginia two weeks prior to the Capital Challenge, where the pair earned the reserve championship and Evans-Thomas secured her spot in the Challenge.

"After I showed him at Middleburg, the Weismans offered me the ride here," she said. "They're a very lovely family and supportive of everybody's riding, including their two daughters."

With a family and a full-time job producing TV commercials, Evans-Thomas has limited time to show and doesn't own a horse. So the WCHR program and the WCHR Adult Amateur Challenge class at the Capital Challenge are her primary goals. After two second-placed finishes in the Challenge in previous years, Evans-Thomas was thrilled to claim the title.

"It's a great class, and I encourage everyone to strive for it during the year," she said. "It's super fun to win, but it's also just great to be in this company at this level of competition. It's very rewarding to even be recognized."

Amy Brubaker, who now resides in India, returned to the Capital Challenge to collect the

WCHR Adult Amateur National title. The two-time defending WCHR Adult Amateur Challenge winner guided Jamie Donovan's EL Raymond to fifth place in the Challenge. Laura Lee Montross earned the reserve national championship after earning an eighth-placed ribbon in the Challenge. \*\*\*\*\*



*Music Street jumped to the top of the WCHR Adult Amateur Challenge with Lindsey Evans-Thomas in the irons.*

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