



# North American League News

## Year-End Review 2022

This past year, the North American League (NAL) offered year-long series in five divisions – Adult Jumper Presented by SmartPak, Children’s Jumper Presented by EquiFit, Low Junior/Amateur Jumper presented by Horseflight, Children’s Hunter presented by Charles Ancona and Adult Hunter – with a division added for 2022-23 for Medium Junior/Amateur Jumpers.

The series includes classes at hundreds of horse shows across the United States and Canada. The NAL gives riders in these divisions a chance to ride in two year-end finals – the NAL West Coast Finals at the International Jumping Festival in San Juan Capistrano, CA in September and the NAL National Finals at the Capital Challenge Horse Show in Maryland in October.

The winners of this year’s Finals were presented with a number of awards including gift certificates generously donated by EquiFit, Horseflight, SmartPak, and The Clothes Horse; an NAL coolerette; and a trophy courtesy of the NAL. Every rider that competed in the NAL Finals received a gift bag with an assortment of gifts from the NAL. Topline Ribbon Wreaths also presented a ribbon shadowbox to the leader of each of the National and West Coast year-end standings.

This annual newsletter encompasses articles about each of the NAL’s five division winners from the West Coast Finals and the National Finals.

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# Adult Jumper Presented by SmartPak

National Finals at Capital Challenge Horse Show



## Lindsey Tomeu Takes the Title in the \$10,000 Adult Jumper Final Presented by SmartPak

Demonstrating their longtime partnership in the \$10,000 NAL Adult Jumper Finals Presented by SmartPak, Lindsey Tomeu of Wellington, FL, and her *Gold Lux* stopped the clock on the night's fastest time of 25.995 seconds.

"I leased her out in the barn while I continued to show my other horse, and now it's finally her time to be mine and shine," Tomeu said of the 16-year-old Irish Sport Horse mare. "She's just the best animal on the planet. My plan was not to leave anything on the table and to just run, to be honest. I knew she'd take care of me.

"Capital Challenge and the NAL Finals are great because they make everything special," she added. "The presentations, the ribbons, it's the start of the indoor season – everything is amazing, and they really put in an effort to make it special."

Tomeu also finished fourth of 23 entries aboard her other mount, Sweet Oak Farm's *Just Noble*, with a time of 26.877 seconds. Alexis Mierzwa of Winchester, VA, earned second place with her time of 26.299 seconds aboard her *Glynnwood Mer Calido*. Alyson Gurney of Washington, D.C., and her *Black Friday* took third in a time of 26.690 seconds.



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# Children's Jumper Presented by EquiFit

National Finals at Capital Challenge Horse Show

## Emma Brody Slices and Dices to Win \$10,000 NAL Children's Jumper Final Presented by EquiFit

Emma Brody of New York, NY, sliced and diced her way to victory against a field of 28 other competitors in the \$10,000 NAL Children's Jumper Finals Presented by EquiFit. She piloted her 14-year-old Danish Warmblood gelding *Nicarmargue* to the fastest double-clear time of 26.254 seconds.

"I've had my horse for two years now," Brody said. "He was my first jumper, and he's taken me through all the finals this year. I'm so excited. We've been working for this all year, and I'm thankful for my whole team that got me here.

"I came here last year in the ponies, and I love being indoors," she added. "I think it's so fun. I feel like 'rising to the challenge' is always amazing, and just being able to ride at such a great event is special enough."

Not far behind Brody was second-place finisher Maya Rahaim of Grosse Pointe, MI, with her time of 26.519 seconds aboard Renaud Farm LLC's *Whiskey Business*. Claiming third was Capri Truesdale of Greenwich, CT, who tripped the timers in 27.366 seconds with her *Remmits Delphi*.







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# Low Junior/Amateur Jumper Presented by Horseflight

National Finals at Capital Challenge Horse Show



## Charlotte Clivio Finishes Junior Career on Top in \$10,000 NAL Low Junior/Amateur Jumper Final Presented by Horseflight

In the \$10,000 NAL Low Junior/Amateur Jumper Finals Presented by Horseflight, Charlotte Clivio of Miami, FL, piloted her 13-year-old Holsteiner gelding *WT Scorsese* to the top of a 31-entry leaderboard with their winning time of 29.349 seconds.

“I knew that a few had gone clear before me and it was a fast jump-off,” Clivio said. “Last year, I did the NAL Children’s Jumper Final, and I went a little safe. This year, I wanted to give it my all. It’s my last junior year, so I just decided to leave it all out there.

“The course was really nice for my horse,” she added. “He has a big stride, so it was really just about keeping him together. He’s almost 18 hands, so being in that small indoor arena, I had to keep him managed and together. But it all worked out in my favor.”

Finishing in second place were Campbell Brown of Fayetteville, AR, and MMK Equestrian LLC’s *Diamond* with their time of 29.557 seconds. Katie Triantos of McLean, VA, earned third with her *Casilla* in a time of 30.855 seconds.



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# Children's Hunter Presented by Charles Ancona

National Finals at Capital Challenge Horse Show

## Isabella Fioretti Earns the \$10,000 NAL Children's Hunter Final Championship Presented by Charles Ancona

Fifteen-year-old Isabella Fioretti of Marietta, GA, claimed victory at her first Capital Challenge Horse Show with Arden Stromnes' 12-year-old Holsteiner gelding *Counselor*, earning a two-round score of 172.75 points in the \$10,000 Children's Hunter Finals Presented by Charles Ancona.

"I did not expect to win," Fioretti said. "This was definitely more of a trip for having a good first experience. I'm definitely still in a little bit of shock. It's just surreal going into this for the first time.

"I've been on 'Calvin' for about a year, and we've worked really hard to get here," she added. "I was incredibly nervous coming in today, especially for the second round coming in on top. Everyone in this class was a great rider, but Calvin is a great animal. When I get on him, I'm never scared or worried. He takes care of me all the time."

Claiming second in a field of 30 entries was Alexa Anastasio of Wayne, IL, with her score of 172 points aboard Ashley Vogel's *Legacy*. Fioretti's barn mate Ansley Sparks of Decatur, GA, finished third with a score of 170.5 points aboard her *Spectre 007*.



# Adult Hunter

## National Finals at Capital Challenge Horse Show

### Kathleen Mathews and Downtown Brown Star in the \$10,000 NAL Adult Hunter Final

Starring in the \$10,000 NAL Adult Hunter Finals with a winning two-round score of 174 points were hometown heroes Kathleen Mathews of Davidsonville, MD, and her *Downtown Brown*, a 14-year-old Hanoverian gelding she's had for nine years.

“Dewey’ is just a super horse,” Mathews said. “Every time we go in the ring, he just knows his job and never says no. He has always been such a good horse that I can rely on, and my plan was to trust that he was going to be there for me in the Finals. He really showed up to the plate.

“I started crying when I saw my mom walking over and she was crying,” she added. “This was the first horse that my family and I owned, and she knows just how much work we’ve put into him. He’s just a super special horse.”

With a total score of 172 points, Jodi Lennox of Clarkston, MI, and First Blue LLC’s *Better in Blue* earned second. Third-place honors went to Glenda Monkarsh of Las Vegas, NV, for her score of 169.5 points aboard her own *Monaco*.







# Adult Jumper

## Presented by SmartPak

### West Coast Finals at International Jumping Festival

#### Elizabeth Shapiro Takes Home the Title in the \$5,000 NAL Adult Jumper Final Presented by SmartPak

Showing great partnership and footspeed against a field of 17 competitors, Elizabeth Shapiro of Orange, CA, and her 8-year-old Holsteiner gelding *Quid Pro Quo 6* soared to victory in the \$5,000 NAL Adult Jumper Finals Presented by SmartPak.

“The class was actually really difficult,” Shapiro said after her winning round. “The track was really technical. I was just glad to make it clean and into the jump-off, and I’m super excited to have this win. *Quid Pro Quo 6* and I are actually #1 for USHJA right now, so we’re looking forward to Nationals. He’s such a great partner. I’m just super excited and super lucky to have him with me.”

Kerri McClellan of San Juan Capistrano, CA, and her 7-year-old Dutch Warmblood mare *Keep Calm L* finished in second place, while Emily Ryan of Westminster, CO, and her 9-year-old Oldenburg gelding *Silver Creek’s Masquerade* took third.



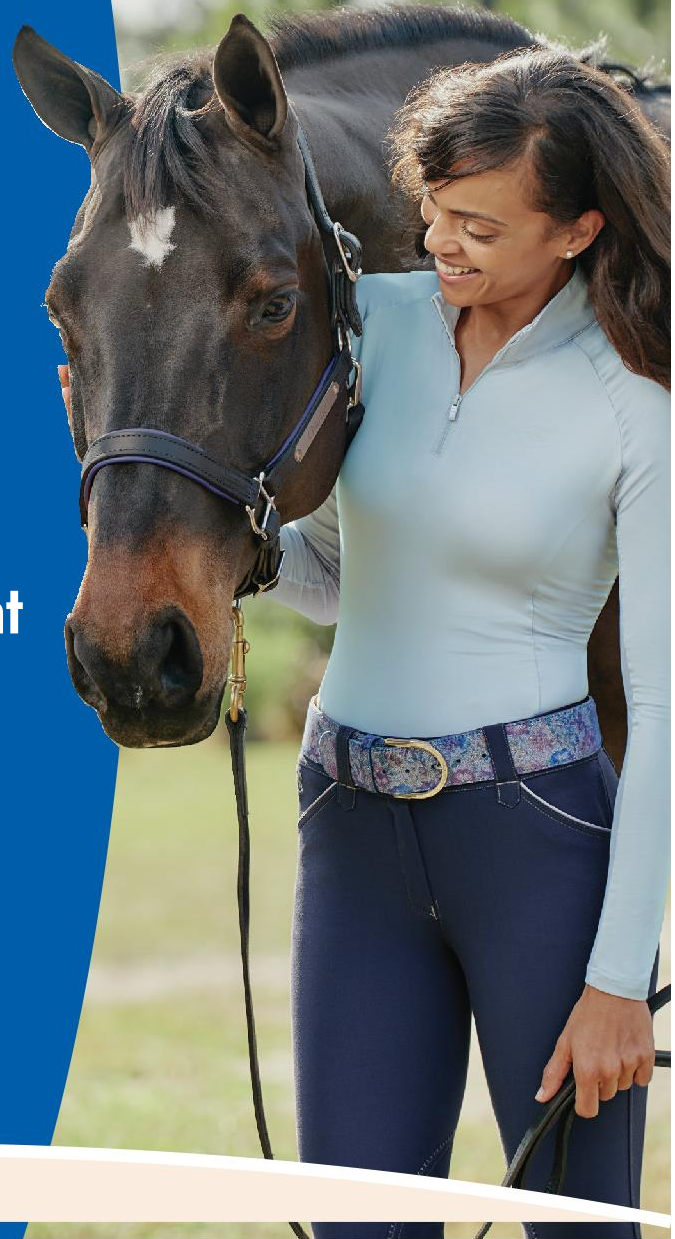
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# Children's Jumper Presented by EquiFit

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West Coast Finals at International Jumping Festival

## Makena Gerber Rides to Blue in the \$5,000 NAL Children's Jumper Final Presented by EquiFit

Twenty-seven entries vied for top honors in the \$5,000 NAL Children's Jumper Finals Presented by EquiFit. In the end, Makena Gerber of Carlsbad, CA, rode *CCF Savusavu*, Cross Creek Farms Inc.'s 11-year-old Holsteiner gelding to the win.

"This was actually the first 1.15m I've ever done," Gerber said. "My horse was amazing, and I'm so thankful to my barn for letting me ride him. He's actually my trainer's horse, and he's very competitive. This was only my second week showing him. He's just awesome."

Second-place honors went to Katie Durban of Atherton, CA, aboard Edesa Horse Promotion Inc.'s 11-year-old Warmblood gelding *Edesa's Montcler*. Sofia Popescu of West Vancouver, BC, was third with Ilan Ferder's 9-year-old Belgian Sport Horse gelding *For Big Cash Z*.



# Low Junior/Amateur Jumper Presented by Horseflight

## West Coast Finals at International Jumping Festival

### Jacque Cheikha Wins the \$5,000 NAL Low Junior/ Amateur Jumper Final Presented by Horseflight

In the \$5,000 NAL Low Junior/Amateur Jumper Finals Presented by Horseflight, Jacque Cheikha of Coto De Caza, CA, bested a competitive field of 28 entries aboard her relatively new “pocket rocket,” Noteworthy Horses’ 11-year-old Oldenburg mare *Quinarita*.

“It feels really nice to be the winner,” Cheikha said. “My partner and I just flew out there. She went nice and quick and clean, and it was just great. She came from Mexico and is a small thing at about 15.1 hands, but she’s quite fast and quite brave. She’s been my partner for a couple of months now, and she’s the most amazing horse I could ever ask for in my life.”

Katelyn Denby Edwards of Santa Monica, CA, and Mountain View West Farm LLC’s 12-year-old Belgian Warmblood mare *Kalina* earned second place. Finishing third were Tali Dejong of Golden, CO, and her 13-year-old Anglo-Arab gelding *Vaillant De Belle Vue*.





# Children's Hunter

## Presented by Charles Ancona

CHARLES ANCONA  
NEW YORK

West Coast Finals at International Jumping Festival

### Presley Wade Takes Victory in \$5,000 NAL Children's Hunter Final Presented by Charles Ancona

Standing out in a field of 14 entries for the \$5,000 NAL Children's Hunter Finals Presented by Charles Ancona were 13-year-old Presley Wade of Bakersfield, CA, and Leslie Steele's 10-year-old Zangersheide gelding, *Clyde 97*. The pair scored 85 points over each course in the two-round competition, topping the leaderboard with a total of 170 points.

"This win feels pretty good, especially considering the horse is fairly new to me," Wade said. "*Clyde* is a lease from Leslie Steele, and he's such a great horse. He's amazing for learning – super sweet and very forgiving of any mistakes."

Finishing in second place were last year's defending champions, Lauren Padilla of Palos Verdes Estates, CA, and Highland Farm LLC's 8-year-old Zangersheide gelding *Way Maker*, who scored a total of 165.5 points. Grayson Pacelli of Encinitas, CA, earned third with a score of 164.5 points aboard Town & Country Farms' 18-year-old Danish Warmblood gelding *Acoradus*.



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# Adult Hunter

## West Coast Finals at International Jumping Festival

### Amanda Reynolds Tops the Field in the \$5,000 NAL Adult Hunter Finals

With double scores of 83 for a total of 166 points, Amanda Reynolds of Upland, CA, and her 11-year-old RPSI stallion *Jetson* finished on top of the leaderboard in the \$5,000 NAL Adult Hunter Finals. Reynolds has had *Jetson* since he was a 4-year-old, and their partnership truly shined in the ring.

“This program means a lot to me,” Reynolds said. “This is one of the biggest wins that *Jetson* and I have ever had. We’ve really been through a lot together, and he’s a wonderful horse. He’s like a big puppy dog, so it was really fun to win with him.”

Tonia Cook Looker of San Dimas, CA, and Lexie Looker’s 8-year-old Dutch Warmblood gelding *Dot Com* earned second place with a total two-round score of 164 points. Alisha Goto of Oceano, CA, finished third with a score of 161 points aboard her 11-year-old Oldenburg gelding *Theo For You*.



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**\$5,000 Low Junior/Amateur Jumper Final Presented by Horseflight – West Coast**

Place	Horse	Rider
1	Quinarita	Jacque Cheikha
2	Kalina	Katelyn Denby Edwards
3	Vaillant De Belle Vue	Tali Dejong
4	Escapado S	Katelyn Denby Edwards
5	Skyfall	Lauren Dreyer
6	Shantonagh	Jenny Calandra
7	Eldorado SK	Krista Merassa
8	Satire	Emily Ryan

**\$5,000 Adult Jumper Final Presented by SmartPak – West Coast**

Place	Horse	Rider
1	Quid Pro Quo 6	Elizabeth Shapiro
2	Keep Calm L	Kerri McClellan
3	Silver Creek's Masquerade	Emily Ryan
4	Elegante	Rollin Sykes
5	Quaprice Normande	Meredith Shuhandler
6	Cubalibre Tuiliere	Jill Farinsky
7	Inspirada HPF	Katherine Leaffer
8	Lollypop	Izabella McNerney

**\$5,000 Children's Jumper Final Presented by EquiFit – West Coast**

Place	Horse	Rider
1	CCF Savusavu	Makena Gerber
2	Edesa's Montcler	Katie Durban
3	For Big Cash Z	Sofia Popescu
4	CCF Hibiscus Coast	Erica Cooper
5	HD Ivy	Piper Kriech
6	P Diddy	Tauren Price
7	Coco D'Avril	Kennedy Chang
8	Speiki 3	Allyn Marie Creel

**\$5,000 Children's Hunter Final Presented by Charles Ancona – West Coast**

Place	Horse	Rider
1	Clyde 97	Presley Wade
2	Way Maker	Lauren Padilla
3	Acoradus	Grayson Pacelli
4	Treasure Chest	Grayson Pacelli
5	Liv	Eloise Cotteleer
6	Ivy League	Sienna Slusser
7	All In	Miya Baudendistel
8	Clarity ES	Willow Nauber

**\$5,000 Adult Hunter Final – West Coast**

Place	Horse	Rider
1	Jetson	Amanda Reynolds
2	Dot Com	Tonia Cook Looker
3	Theo For You	Alicia Goto
4	Scirocco 91	Laura Owens
5	No Reservations	Casey Curtis

**\$10,000 Low Junior/Amateur Jumper Final Presented by Horseflight – National Final**

Place	Horse	Rider
1	WT Scorsese	Charlotte Clivio
2	Diamond	Campbell Brown
3	Casilla	Katie Triantos
4	Indira	Campbell Brown
5	Elinea VDL	Ella Witt
6	Lawfull Z	Sydney Lin
7	Dadullah	Darby Toben
8	Toy Soldier	Abigail Gordon
9	Carey Grant K	Parker Peacock
10	Ultimate Grace	Sophia Bruny
11	501 Mischief Managed	Katie Triantos
12	Super 10	Dawn Vileno

**\$10,000 Adult Jumper Final Presented by SmartPak – National Final**

Place	Horse	Rider
1	Gold Lux	Lindsey Tomeu
2	Glynnwood Mer Calido	Alexis Mierzwa
3	Black Friday	Alyson Gurney
4	Just Noble	Lindsey Tomeu
5	Escot 6	Charlotte Powers
6	Illuminati SSE	Tiffany Ann Avon
7	Comeback De La Manade	Olivia Reiskin
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9	Vindicator	Dylann Ephraimson
10	Gone Country	Alexis Mierzwa
11	Wender R	Stefani Green
12	Casper 389	Madison Smyth

**\$10,000 Children's Jumper Final Presented by EquiFit – National Final**

Place	Horse	Rider
1	Nicarmargue	Emma Brody
2	Whiskey Business	Maya Rahaim
3	Remmits Delphi	Capri Truesdale
4	Kybalia SMH/SVN	JJ Torano
5	G-Star	Sydney Lin
6	Empty Spaces	Hailey Guidry
7	Showtime	Sophia Tabasso
8	Celine H	Eva Mackenzie
9	Quickly Stated	Alexandra Sica
10	Colina SN	Hailey Guidry
11	Audacious Crown	Maddie Farrell
12	Ishtar	Clayton Farrell



**\$10,000 Children's Hunter Final Presented by Charles Ancona – National Final**

Place	Horse	Rider
1	Counselor	Isabella Fioretti
2	Legacy	Alexa Anastasio
3	Spectre 007	Ansley Sparks
4	Twenty Twenty	Allison Carter
5	Everglade VDL	Hailey Guidry
6	Candor	Talia Kirson
7	MTM Fashion	Audrey Frigerio
8	Joie De Vivre	Maya Mack Dishmon
9	My Wingman	Mairin Lanahan
10	Worthwhile	Cody Yurman
11	Clayton 35	Sarah Steele
12	Fiat	Lily Epstein

**\$10,000 Adult Hunter Final - National Final**

Place	Horse	Rider
1	Downtown Brown	Kathleen Mathews
2	Better in Blue	Jodi Lennox
3	Monaco	Glenda Monkarsh
4	Tangelina	Cara Garito
5	Mexicali Blues	Missy Chiles
6	If I Knew	Lindsay Schodowski
7	Speechless	Glenda Monkarsh
8	Vayrie Cool	Hannah Coon
9	Miles Ahead	Kate Howlin
10	Wiser	Ellie Laferty
11	Condor	Kate Ellis
12	Brewsky	Reagan Bugg