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2010 Sacramento International Horse Show

Rancho Murieta, CA - The final night of the Sacramento International Horse Show had something for everyone, a clinic, a crowd-pleasing "human" high jump, a Parade of Champions, and of course, the FEI World Cup qualifier, The \$75,000 Grand Prix of Sacramento.

Just before the evening's events started, 3-time World Cup competitor, Mandy Porter, shared her knowledge and insight with clinic participants and the week's Show Champions were honored in the Parade of Champions.

The jumping events of the night kicked off with the Human High Jump, where 5 brave competitors squared off to see which among them could jump the highest over one of the Grand Prix jumps. All 5 managed to clear the obstacle with no problem through the 1.30m height. In the third and fourth rounds several did not manage to jump cleanly, and by the time the jump height was 5'5", the two remaining were Skylar Brittner and Portland's Trevor Peterson. It took two rounds at the 5'5" height and in the end, jump crew member Skylar Brittner was victorious.

Saturday's marquee event, The \$75000 Grand Prix of Sacramento, found a field of 21 starters taking to the course built by FEI Course Designer, Guillerme Jorge. Judges for the class were Ms. Linda Allen, Ms. Pamela Arthur, and Mr. Adrian Ward. Six countries were represented in the class roster and at the conclusion of Round 1, there were 4 clean rounds well within the time allowed of 77 seconds.

After a brief course adjustment for the jump-off, the first to return was Melisimo, owned by Morgan Hill Partners, with Michelle Spadone in the irons. They had a unfortunate rail at the first fence and ended the jump-off with 4 faults in a time of 39.87. Next up was Horseworks Etc, Inc entry, Green Sleeps Vioco and Mark Watring. With a rail down midway through, Mark picked up the pace to insure he was the faster of the 4 fault rounds in 38.45. Going third, were the winner's of last nights High Jump class, Helen McNaught and Caballo. Caballo was careful yet efficient and was the first clean jump-off round in a time of 39.69.

Entering the ring as the final round in the jump-off were Harley Brown and Cassiato, owned by the Oak Park Group, LLC. With a clean round they were guaranteed at least 2nd, but Harley, currently standing 8th the the West Coast World Cup standings, wanted a win. As they approached the last fence clean, it appeared he may not have the time to beat Helen but as he cleared the final fence and broke the timers he had won the class in a time of 39.06. just .63 faster than Caballo.

After an awards presentation, spectators were invited to meet all the riders at an autograph signing party hosted by Purina Mills, and to dance to the sounds of Hip Service to complete the evening.

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