

November 6th, 2010

It was an eventful Saturday at the Sacramento International Welcome Week Horse Show. The afternoon hosted the first annual \$25,000 Leone Equestrian Young Jumper Suitability Finals in the indoor arena. Sponsor and creator of the event, Rudy Leone said, "This was a super special and exciting conclusion. There was such incredible competition in the 7 year old class alone, if I had enough money I would buy them all!"

After three days of competition, the Overall Young Jumper Champion was Conexxion, owned by Signe Ostby, ridden by Maja Lindemann of Willow Tree Farm, Inc. Said Lu Thomas, owner of Willow Tree, "We couldn't be happier. Conexxion is such a phenomenal gelding whom we purchased from Ilan Ferder and Tal Milstein from Europe. He has such a beautiful temperament and such accuracy, he is going to be a great future horse for Signe's daughter Annie Laurie.

Other results include:

Winner of the \$5,000 4 year old Suitability – Arthur, owned by Leone Equestrians, Inc., ridden by Jan Humphrey

Winner of the \$3,000 5 year old Suitability – Colorado, owned by Meredith Hursh, ridden by Todd Gregory

Winner of the \$3,000 6 year old Suitability – Zwanssea, owned and ridden by Gwen Gordon

Winner of the \$3,000 7 year old Suitability – Washington, owned and ridden by Allison Kroff

That evening, The \$25,000 Welcome Week Grand Prix was full of excitement and disappointment as several of the 26 entires found Peter Holmes 1.45m course challenging in the first round. In the end, Lisé Quintero and Amber van Spieveld came out on top, going clean in the jump off with a time of 40.046, 1.7 seconds faster the closest competitor Jill Humphrey and Lou Bega.

Final results of the \$25,000 Grand Prix

	Horse	Owner	Rider	
1	127	Amber Van Spieveld	Rhys Farms LLC	Lise Quintero
2	363	Lou Bega	Leone Equestrians Inc	Jill Humphrey
3	217	Incadescent	Melanie Rapp	Macella O'Neill
4	190	Coral Reef Crystal Cove	Coral Reef Ranch	Vinton Karrasch
5	184	Cracky Z	Hester Equestrian Inc	Lauren Hester
6	153	Nec Plus Ultra MGC Lueze	Valleyfield Farm Partnership	Ellicia Edgar

7	209	Tao Tao 3	Alicia Jonsson Foster	Jill Humphrey
8	113	Absie	Sarah Ballou	Sarah Ballou
9	261	Lycos	A M A Marketing & Management	Justin Resnik
10	131	Bay Rose's Oberon 48	Bay Rose Llc	Missy Froley
11	229	Chesapeake	Llc Wild Turkey Farm	Mandy Porter
12	254	Condendro	Katherine Bechtel	Todd Gregory

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The Sacramento International Horse Show would like to announce and welcome its newest sponsors to its 2010 family. Von Housen Mercedes-Benz of Sacramento will play host to the \$5,000 Ride and Drive competition (Nov 12), providing the 2011 GLK350 for the 'drive' portion of the event. Phelps Media is the title sponsor of the SIHS High Jump (Nov 12). Phelps Media operates the equestrian news web site Phelpssports.com and is the premiere equestrian news source in the industry.

World Cup and Nations Cup rider Mandy Porter will give a jumping clinic on Saturday, November 13th @ 5 PM, bringing her vast experience as a rider and instructor to exhibitors and spectators at the Sacramento International. Mandy is the owner and trainer of ACP Enterprises in Del Mar, CA and has partnered with many outstanding horses in her career including, Wild Turkey Farm's Summer, the 2006 PCHA Grand Prix Horse of the Year, and San Diego, owned by Danielle Korsh, Mandy's mount for her third trip to the World Cup Finals in 2009.

On Friday, November 12th, @ 5 PM, Eventing Olympic Silver medalist(Hong Kong 2008) Gina Miles, a native of Davis, CA, shares her knowledge and love of the sport. A rider with extensive international experience, Gina, with partner McKinlaigh, has been fortunate to train with US coach Captain Mark Phillips and Olympian and Canadian team coach, Jim Wofford to name just a few. They also earned the individual Bronze and the team Gold Medal at the 2007 Pan American Games in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil and their numerous wins earned McKinlaigh the title of USEA Advanced Horse of the Year in 2006, 2007, and 2008.

The clinics are free with the price of admission to the show (\$15). Tickets can be purchased in advance through Ticketweb.com or at the gate. For more information visit our web site.