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# Denis Lynch Rules Longines Grand Prix of Hong Kong



Hong Kong – Denis Lynch (IRL) lived a moment he could hardly believe when he won the Longines Grand Prix of Hong Kong on Sunday, February 17.

#### "I never see myself as a favorite. This is a new horse for our stable so I am over the moon. I'm just very, very proud of this horse." ~ Denis Lynch

Lynch had the 12-year-old stable newcomer, Chablis, flying with a final round that clocked in at 39.35 seconds to top Frenchman Simon Delestre and Uccello de Will (47.07 seconds). The only other pair to have two clear rounds – Swiss rider Pius Schwizer and About A Dream - finished third with a rail in the jump-off and a time of 38.56 seconds.

It was a thrilling end to an exciting three days of action in front of a packed house inside the AsiaWorld-Expo.

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### Asia Horse Week Leaves its Mark on Hong Kong!



Asia Horse Week 2019 came to a close during the Longines Masters of Hong Kong and was heralded a huge success by world leaders in Equestrian sport. In only its second year, Asia Horse Week has quickly become one of the leading forums for meaningful and insightful discussion about the equine industry and sport.

The main themes explored during the two days of Asia Horse Week were horse welfare, clean sport, education, development and Chinese milestones.

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### Historic Horse Embryo Auction at Asia Horse Week



The Auction by ARQANA took place during the Longines Masters of Hong Kong with a collection of horse embryos that combined some of the best show jumping bloodlines in the world.

The President of leading French auction house ARQANA, Eric Hoyeau, led the sale on the ground from Asia Horse Week at the AsiaWorld-Expo in Hong Kong. Bids were also taken online and at the sales company's headquarters in Deauville, France.

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## In the Ring at the Longines Masters of Hong Kong



### Irish star Bertram Allen makes Longines Speed Challenge his own

Bertram Allen and Christy JNR scorched the sand and enchanted their fans on their way to winning the Speed Challenge at the Longines Masters of Hong Kong. The event was the second victory in the "fastest competition in the world" for the Irishman.

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### Japanese Rider Hikari Yoshizaw Wins The First Ever HKJC Asian Challenge

The Hong Kong Jockey Club's commitment to spreading equestrian sports locally and regionally was on show with the staging of the first-ever HKJC Asian Challenge, with Japanese rider Hikari Yoshizawa on Conrato rewarded with the lion's share of the HK\$250,000 in prize money offered as part of the new initiative.



"It's my first time to ride at this level and I am thrilled to win," said Yoshizawa. "This sort of support is huge for Asian riders like me, and you can see the support The Hong Kong Jockey Club gives to riders here. It's special and I'd like to thank them too."

It was an effort that again highlighted just how far the HKJC's support reaches in terms of training Hong Kong's emerging talents, and helping them to compete against the show jumping world's best, with the city's Raena Leung and Jacqueline Lai finishing second and third respectively.



### Vincent Capol lands Hong Kong's first prize

There was history made for Vincent Zi-Xiang Capol as the rising star joined forces with It's A Gamble to win the Hong Kong Jockey Club Asian Junior Grand Prix. The victory marked the first time a local rider has won an event in the seven editions of the Longines Masters of Hong Kong.

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### Roger Yves Bost adds DBS Trophy to his collection

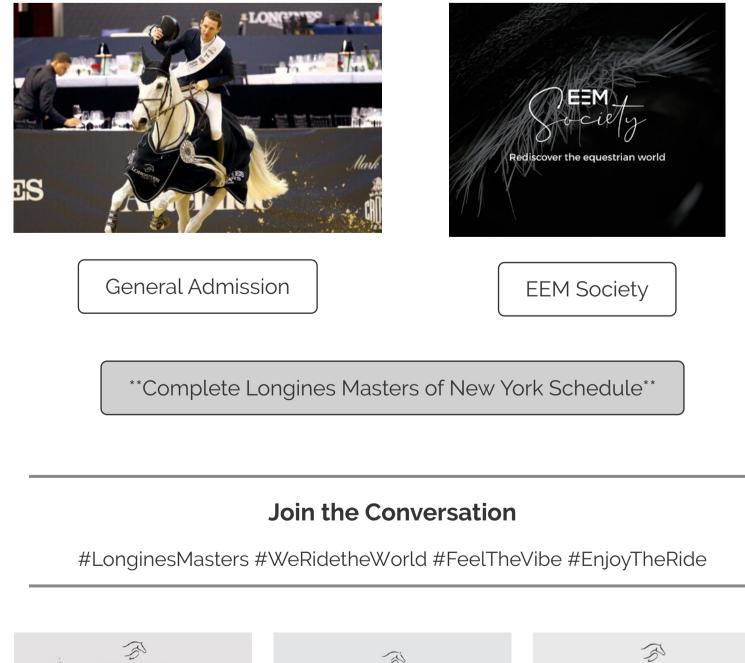
French Olympic team gold medalist Roger Yves Bost added yet another major prize to his evergrowing collection thanks to a cool ride and a fast horse in Castleforbes Talitha. The pair claimed the the DBS Trophy on the final day of the Longines Masters of Hong Kong.



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