About Washington International Horse Show

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Children's and Adult Hunter and Jumper Championships, plus popular community and international, professional, amateur, junior, and child riders. Highlights include the most prestigious, competitive, and entertaining equestrian events with competition for #FEIWorldCup, #TimeToBeat and #Longines.

In the WIHS Pony Equitation Finals, 13-year-old Ava Barnes of Liberty Township, OH, captured the win, adding her name to the trophy that includes such names as Samantha Schaefer, Jessica Springsteen, and Lucy Deslauriers.

Barnes and Brixton, a 12-year-old German Riding Pony gelding by Charivari, competed in the WIHS Pony Equitation Finals, presented by Huntland.

Golden noted that Brixton had an especially amazing day, which included scoring 93 in the stake class. "I like it when people get a big, higher score because I know I can go in and beat them," said Golden. "I know I can ride just as well. I like to be nervous and take a couple of deep breaths. I go in and find my rhythm.

"Any time you have a little pressure, he is always going to be there and he's always going to try his hardest," she described. "I love to ride soft and leave them alone, and he likes that too, so I go in and find my rhythm."

Golden knew that she could rely on Brixton, a pony she has ridden since January. "He was very light and looking at the jumps," she continued. "He wasn't too quiet and wasn't too fast. He was just so nice to ride today."

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Golden was also reserve champion with Royalist, also owned by Betsee Parker. In the WIHS Pony Hunter Classic, presenting sponsor MARS Equestrian, the Trixie Whitley tribute was won by Olivia Sweetnam riding Zara in memory of her late mare, and Vivian Golden and Brixton closed out the final day of competition on Sunday, October 30, 2022 – Upper Marlboro, MD – The 2022 Washington International Horse Show, presented by Experience Prince George's, and the WIHS Equitation Finals and $406,000 Longines FEI Jumping World Cup™ Washington for the President's Cup international, professional, amateur, junior, and child riders. Highlights include the most prestigious, competitive, and entertaining equestrian events with competition for #FEIWorldCup, #TimeToBeat and #Longines.