

World Championship Hunter Rider Spectacular Classics

February 16-21, 2021

The Hunter Classics listed in this section will only be held during the WCHR Spectacular week. The long-standing tradition of the WCHR Program to self-fund events continues, as each horse competing in any WCHR Professional, Junior, or Amateur Owner Hunter Section, 3'6" or higher, will pay a \$100 nomination fee per section. One hundred percent of the nomination fees, in addition to a contribution from the USHJA WCHR Program, will create the purse for 1st through 12th place in the USHJA WCHR Hunter Spectacular of Palm Beach.

Leading Hunter Rider Award: A plaque will be awarded to the rider who achieves the single highest numerical score in any one class within any WCHR hunter section during WCHR Spectacular week. *

High Score Awards: A jacket will be awarded to the riders who achieve the single highest numerical score in any one class, within their respective hunter section, in each of the nine WCHR categories: Professional, Developing Professional, Amateur Owner 3'6", Amateur Owner 3'3", Adult Amateur, Junior 3'6", Junior 3'3", Children's and Pony. *

* Should a tie occur between two or more riders for high score within a category or for the Leading Hunter Rider, duplicate awards will be mailed. Riders must be 2021 WCHR members to be eligible for a high score award and are only eligible for an award in their declared category.

The courses for all classics will consist of a minimum of ten (10) obstacles of at least six (6) different types.

All riders must be current WCHR members to compete in any of the following hunter classics:

**See additional membership requirements below for class #199*

199. WCHR Peter Wetherill Palm Beach Hunter Spectacular

No entry fee

Open to Professionals, Amateurs, and Juniors who are current members in good standing of the USEF, USHJA and WCHR. Trainers must also be current members in good standing of USEF, USHJA and WCHR. Riders may qualify a maximum of two (2) horses for this class.

Invitations will be extended to:

1. The winning rider of the 2020 WCHR Palm Beach Hunter Spectacular. Invitee may ride the horse of their choice* but must designate the height at which the horse-and-rider combination is eligible and will compete. ***Amateur Owner riders must compete on a horse that either they or a member of their family owns per HU136.**
2. The Champion and Reserve Champion rider of the 2020 WCHR West Coast Hunter Spectacular. **For the 2021 Peter Wetherill Palm Beach Spectacular only, the WCS invites will be extended to one rider from the Northwest Region and one rider from the Southwest Region that accumulated the highest regional points in 2020 from the: Professional, Amateur Owner 3'6", or Junior 3'6" categories.** The Invitee may ride the horse of their choice* but must designate the height at which the horse-and-rider combination is eligible and will compete. ***Amateur Owner riders must compete on a horse that either they or a member of their family owns per HU136.**
3. The 2020 WCHR Junior and Amateur Owner 3'6" National Champions. Invitees may ride the horse of their choice* but must designate the height at which the horse-and-rider combination is eligible and will compete. ***Amateur Owner riders must compete on a horse that either they or a member of their family owns per HU136**

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4. The winning rider of the WCHR Professional Challenge **AND** the WCHR Professional Finals at the 2020 Capital Challenge Horse Show, and the 2020 WCHR Professional National Champion. Invitees may ride the horse of their choice but must designate the height at which the horse-and- rider combination is eligible and will compete.
5. The 2020 WCHR Developing Professional National Champion **AND** the winner of the Developing Professional Challenge at the 2020 Capital Challenge Horse Show. Invitees may ride the horse of their choice but must designate the height at which the horse-and-rider combination is eligible and will compete.
6. The Champion and Reserve Champion horse-and-rider combinations of the WCHR hunter sections 3'6" or higher during the 2021 WCHR Spectacular week. If the Champion or Reserve Champion horse-and-rider combination from any section declines to participate then WCHR may choose to invite the 3rd and 4th place horse-and-rider combinations of that same section to compete. To be eligible to compete, a horse must have finished the section as one of the top four point earning horses over fences.

A horse must be ridden by the same rider throughout the entire hunter section (exception: under saddle classes) to be eligible to compete in the 2021 WCHR Hunter Spectacular of Palm Beach. Qualifying to compete in the WCHR Hunter Spectacular is based on the horse-and-rider combination; no horse or rider substitutions allowed.

Those riders who pre-qualify for the WCHR Hunter Spectacular through a bye (see #1-5 above) must utilize that bye through entering a horse of their choice (see rules in #1-5 above) and then may qualify one additional horse out of the eligible hunter sections. When a rider with one (1) bye qualifies two (2) horses out of the eligible hunter sections the horse with fewer points in their hunter section must be used for the bye. In the case that a rider pre-qualifies with two (2) byes he must utilize both of those byes. In the event that a rider has two (2) byes, he may not qualify any additional horse out of the eligible hunter sections.

When qualifying from more than one section, the qualifying horse-and-rider combination will compete in the Spectacular from the section from which they have the highest number of points on the championship chart. In the case of an equal amount of points in more than one (1) section, the horse-and-rider combination will compete in the Spectacular from the section from which they first qualified.

The Spectacular will count for HOTY points and money won (where applicable) in the section from which the horse qualified or in the case of a bye, in the section declared at the time of entry, for which the horse must be eligible and that corresponds to the height jumped in the Spectacular. The two-round stand- alone Hunter Classic point scale will be utilized when awarding National HOTY bonus points. See HU173.9(b).

In the case of a bye, HOTY points and money won will only be awarded towards a declared Hunter section for HOTY points if the horse competes in the declared section a minimum of five (5) times during the competition year.

In fairness to all potential entrants, declarations from Professionals to show in the WCHR Hunter Spectacular, whether utilizing a bye or qualifying from one (1) of the following hunter sections: Green 3'6", Green 3'9", Green Conformation, Regular Conformation, Performance Working Hunter 3'6" and High Performance Working Hunter, Young Hunter 3'6" must be made with USHJA staff at the USHJA/WCHR tent and in the Horse Show office by noon on Friday February 14, 2021. Declarations from Juniors and Amateurs must be made within one (1) hour of the conclusion of each rider's last eligible section. (i.e., Juniors after the final Junior Hunter Section and Amateurs after the final Amateur Owner Hunter Section). This will allow WCHR to extend timely invitations to the next eligible rider should someone decline to participate.

This class will be conducted under USEF General Rules and drug testing procedures. Horse-and-rider combinations will compete at the respective height of the section from which they qualified or in the case of invitees, at any one respective height for which they are eligible.

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This is a two (2) round classic. The first round is scored as a classic hunter round. The second round includes elements that allow the horse and rider to demonstrate brilliance, rideability and handiness. No trot fences will be permitted. Both of rounds will be judged by a minimum of three judging panels consisting of two judges each. The open numerical scoring system will be utilized with each panel's score announced and then averaged to determine a final average numerical score for each horse. The top twelve (12) horses will be called back for a second round from low to high score within their respective heights. The height section including the horse with the highest first round average score shall return last. Each round of the Spectacular is to count 50%. The final average score from Round One (1) will be added to the final average score from Round Two (2) to determine the overall total final score.

In case of a tie in either the first or second round: Panel One's score is the tie-breaker. In case of a tie in the overall standings: Panel One's second round score is the tie-breaker.

There will be one course walk, for both rounds, before the start of the first round. There will be no further course walks. All horses entered in the class must jog for soundness before the start of the class to be eligible to compete. The designated jog area, time and order will be determined by management and conducted prior to the course walk. Once the Jog order is posted, no further substitutions may be made. All horses must be presented at the Official Jog with their actual competition number and wearing a conventional hunter bridle and noseband. Proper attire is required (riding clothes or proper attire than an exhibitor would wear to compete in a model class.) The jog will be officiated by a minimum of one large R license judge and one large R licensed steward. Show management may reserve the right to deviate from the appointed jog time if deemed necessary.

An Officials Meeting will be held prior to the Riders Meeting. Judges, Course Designer, Steward, and Competition Manager are required to meet prior to the start of the class to review the specifications and judging system.

A Riders Meeting will be held prior to the start of the class to answer any questions regarding the course and class specifications. The meeting will be conducted by a USHJA /WCHR Representative assisted by management, a large R licensed Steward, one officiating Judge and the Course Designer.

Formal attire is required.

Winner receives: Cooler, Dark Continent Perpetual Trophy, and Let's Dance Perpetual Trophy
1st-12th place – 30%, 22%, 13%, 8%, 6%, 5%, 4%, 3%, 3%, 2%, 2%, 2% and ribbons

The Mark Gregory Perpetual Trophy shall be awarded to the best conditioned horse in the first round of the WCHR Hunter Spectacular.

The Charlie Weaver Perpetual Award shall be awarded to the highest scoring conformation horse of the first round of the WCHR Hunter Spectacular.

\$5,000 Peggy Cone Memorial WCHR Adult Hunter Classic (NAL)

Sponsored by Carol Cone. Established by Carol Cone in memory of her sister Peggy. Peggy Cone was an accomplished songwriter, singer, performer, and equestrian. Peggy passed away from liver cancer in February 2001.

Entry Fee: \$150

All riders must be current WCHR members to compete in this hunter classic.

Invitations will be extended to:

1. The 2020 WCHR Adult National Champion **AND** the winner of the 2020 WCHR Adult Challenge **AND** the eight (8) 2020 WCHR Adult Regional Champions.
2. All horse-and-rider combinations that have competed in at least two (2) over fences classes of a 3' Adult Amateur Hunter section during the 2021 WCHR Hunter Spectacular week.

A horse must be ridden by the same rider throughout the entire hunter section (exception: under saddle classes) to be eligible to compete in the WCHR Peggy Cone Classic. Riders may only compete on one horse for this class.

Fence heights of 3'0", spreads not to exceed the height of the fence.

The WCHR Peggy Cone Classic is held in a two (2) round format. A minimum of twelve (12) horses will be invited back for a second round.

Both rounds are to be judged by a minimum of one (1) judging panel consisting of two (2) judges, using the open numerical scoring system where the two (2) panels' scores are announced and then averaged for a final average numerical score. The top twelve (12) horses will be called back for a second round. Each round of the classic is to count 50%. The final average score from Round One (1) will be added to the final average score from Round Two (2) to determine the overall total final score.

Formal attire is requested, but not required.

Winner receives cooler.

Ribbons 1st-12th

\$1,500, \$1,100, \$750, \$350, \$300, \$200, \$200, \$150, \$150, \$100, \$100, \$100

Zone HOTY Hunter Classic bonus points will be awarded for the Peggy Cone Adult Hunter Classic.

\$5,000 WCHR Amateur Owner/Junior Hunter 3'3" Hunter Classic

Entry Fee \$150

All riders must be current WCHR members to compete in this hunter classic.

**Class may be split if there is a minimum of 15 entries in each section.*

Invitations will be extended to:

1. The 2020 WCHR Amateur Owner 3'3" National Champion **AND** the winner of the WCHR Amateur Owner 3'3" Challenge at the 2020 Capital Challenge Horse Show **AND** the eight (8) 2020 WCHR Amateur Owner 3'3" Regional Champions.
2. All horse-and-rider combinations that have competed in at least two (2) over fences classes of the Amateur Owner 3'3" Hunter section during the 2021 WCHR Hunter Spectacular week.
3. The 2020 WCHR Junior 3'3" National Champion **AND** the eight (8) 2020 WCHR Junior 3'3" Regional Champions.

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4. All horse-and-rider combinations that have competed in at least two (2) over fences classes of the Junior Hunter 3'3" Hunter section during the 2021 WCHR Hunter Spectacular week.

A horse must be ridden by the same rider throughout the entire hunter section (exception: under saddle classes) to be eligible to compete in the WCHR Junior/Amateur Owner 3'3" Hunter Classic. Riders may only compete on two (2) horses for this class.

Fence heights of 3'3"

The WCHR Junior/Amateur Owner 3'3" Hunter Classic is held in a two round format. A minimum of twelve (12) horses will be invited back for a second round.

Both rounds are to be judged by a minimum of one (1) judging panel consisting of two (2) judges, using the open numerical scoring system where the two (2) panels' scores are announced and then averaged for a final average numerical score. The top twelve (12) horses will be called back for a second round. Each round of the classic is to count 50%. The final average score from Round One (1) will be added to the final average score from Round Two (2) to determine the overall total final score.

Formal attire is requested, but not required.

Winner receives cooler.

Ribbons 1st-12th

\$1,500, \$1,100, \$750, \$350, \$300, \$200, \$200, \$150, \$150, \$100, \$100, \$100

National and Zone HOTY Hunter Classic bonus points will be awarded for the Junior/ Amateur Owner 3'3" Hunter Classic.

\$2,500 Florida Children's Hunter Horse 14&U Classic (NAL)

Entry Fee: \$125

All riders must be current WCHR members to compete in this hunter classic.

Invitations will be extended to:

1. All horse-and-rider combinations that have competed in at least two (2) over fences classes of the Children's Hunter Horse 14&U section during the 2021 WCHR Hunter Spectacular week.

A horse must be ridden by the same rider throughout the entire hunter section (exception: under saddle classes) to be eligible to compete in the WCHR Children's Hunter Horse 14&U Classic.

Fence heights of 3'0", spreads not to exceed the height of the fence.

The WCHR Children's Hunter Horse 14&U Classic is held in a two (2) round format. The first round will be comprised of the final over fences class from the Children's Hunter Horse 14&U section. The top twelve (12) horses will be invited back for a second round.

Both rounds are to be judged by a minimum of one (1) judging panel consisting of two (2) judges, using the open numerical scoring system where the two (2) panels' scores are announced and then averaged for a final average numerical score. The top twelve (12) horses will be called back for a second round. Each round of the classic is to count 50%. The final average score from Round One (1) will be added to the final average score from Round Two (2) to

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determine the overall total final score.

Formal attire is requested, but not required.

Winner receives cooler.

Ribbons 1st-12th

\$750, \$550, \$375, \$130, \$125, \$125, \$115, \$115, \$115, \$100

Zone HOTY Hunter Classic bonus points will be awarded for the Children's Hunter Horse 14&U Hunter Classic.

\$2,500 Florida Children's Hunter Horse 15-17 Classic (NAL)

Entry Fee: \$125

All riders must be current WCHR members to compete in this hunter classic.

Invitations will be extended to:

1. All horse-and-rider combinations that have competed in at least two (2) over fences classes of the Children's Hunter Horse 15-17 section during the 2021 WCHR Hunter Spectacular week.

A horse must be ridden by the same rider throughout the entire hunter section (exception: under saddle classes) to be eligible to compete in the WCHR Children's Hunter Horse 15-17 Classic.

Fence heights of 3'0", spreads not to exceed the height of the fence.

The WCHR Children's Hunter Horse 15-17 Classic is held in a two (2) round format. The first round will be comprised of the final over fences class from the Children's Hunter Horse 15-17 section. The top twelve (12) horses will be invited back for a second round.

Both rounds are to be judged by a minimum of one (1) judging panel consisting of two (2) judges, using the open numerical scoring system where the two (2) panels' scores are announced and then averaged for a final average numerical score. The top twelve (12) horses will be called back for a second round. Each round of the classic is to count 50%. The final average score from Round One (1) will be added to the final average score from Round Two (2) to determine the overall total final score.

Formal attire is requested, but not required.

Winner receives cooler.

Ribbons 1st-12th

\$750, \$550, \$375, \$130, \$125, \$125, \$115, \$115, \$115, \$100

Zone HOTY Hunter Classic bonus points will be awarded for the Children's Hunter Horse 15-17 Hunter Classic.

\$2,500 Florida Small/Medium Children's Hunter Pony Classic

Entry Fee: \$125

All riders must be current WCHR members to compete in this hunter classic.

Invitations will be extended to:

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1. All horse-and-rider combinations that have competed in at least two (2) over fences classes of a Small/Medium Children's Hunter Pony section during the 2021 WCHR Hunter Spectacular week.

A pony must be ridden by the same rider throughout the entire hunter section (exception: under saddle classes) to be eligible to compete in the WCHR Small/Medium Children's Hunter Pony Classic.

Fence heights of 2'0"

The WCHR Small/Medium Children's Hunter Pony Classic is held in a two round format. The first round will be comprised of the final over fences class from the Small/Medium Children's Hunter Pony section. The top twelve (12) ponies will be invited back for a second round.

Both rounds are to be judged by a minimum of one judging panel consisting of two judges, using the open numerical scoring system where the two panels' scores are announced and then averaged for a final average numerical score. The top twelve (12) horses will be called back for a second round. Each round of the classic is to count 50%. The final average score from Round One will be added to the final average score from Round Two to determine the overall total final score.

Formal attire is requested, but not required.

Winner receives cooler.

Ribbons 1st-12th

\$750, \$550, \$375, \$130, \$125, \$125, \$115, \$115, \$115, \$100

Zone HOTY Hunter Classic bonus points will be awarded for the Small/Medium Children's Hunter Pony Classic.

\$2,500 Florida Large Children's Hunter Pony Classic

Entry Fee: \$125

All riders must be current WCHR members to compete in this hunter classic.

Invitations will be extended to:

1. All horse-and-rider combinations that have competed in at least two (2) over fences classes of a Large Children's Hunter Pony section during the 2021 WCHR Hunter Spectacular week.

A pony must be ridden by the same rider throughout the entire hunter section (exception: under saddle classes) to be eligible to compete in the WCHR Large Children's Hunter Pony Classic.

Fence heights of 2'6"

The WCHR Large Children's Hunter Pony Classic is held in a two (2) round format. The first round will be comprised of the final over fences class from the Large Children's Hunter Pony section. The top twelve (12) ponies will be invited back for a second round.

Both rounds are to be judged by a minimum of one (1) judging panel consisting of two (2) judges, using the open numerical

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scoring system where the two (2) panels' scores are announced and then averaged for a final average numerical score. The top twelve (12) horses will be called back for a second round. Each round of the classic is to count 50%. The final average score from Round One (1) will be added to the final average score from Round Two (2) to determine the overall total final score.

Formal attire is requested, but not required.

Winner receives cooler.

Ribbons 1st-12th

\$750, \$550, \$375, \$130, \$125, \$125, \$115, \$115, \$115, \$100

Zone HOTY Hunter Classic bonus points will be awarded for the Large Children's Hunter Pony Classic.

\$2,500 Florida Small Pony Hunter Classic

Entry Fee: \$125

All riders must be current WCHR members to compete in this hunter classic.

Invitations will be extended to:

1. All horse-and-rider combinations that have competed in at least two (2) over fences classes of the Small Pony Hunter section during the 2021 WCHR Hunter Spectacular week.

A pony must be ridden by the same rider throughout the entire hunter section (exception: under saddle classes) to be eligible to compete in the WCHR Small Pony Hunter Classic.

Fence heights of 2'3".

The WCHR Small Pony Hunter Classic is held in a two (2) round format. The first round will be comprised of the final over fences class from the Small Pony Hunter section. The top twelve (12) ponies will be invited back for a second round.

Both rounds are to be judged by a minimum of one (1) judging panel consisting of two (2) judges, using the open numerical scoring system where the two (2) panels' scores are announced and then averaged for a final average numerical score. The top twelve (12) horses will be called back for a second round. Each round of the classic is to count 50%. The final average score from Round One (1) will be added to the final average score from Round Two (2) to determine the overall total final score.

Formal attire is requested, but not required.

Winner receives cooler.

Ribbons 1st-12th

\$750, \$550, \$375, \$130, \$125, 125, \$115, \$115, \$115, \$100

National and Zone HOTY Hunter Classic bonus points will be awarded for the Small Pony Hunter Classic.

\$2,500 Florida Medium Pony Hunter Classic

Entry Fee: \$125

All riders must be current WCHR members to compete in this hunter classic.

Invitations will be extended to:

1. All horse-and-rider combinations that have competed in at least two (2) over fences classes of the Medium Pony Hunter section during the 2021 WCHR Hunter Spectacular week.

A pony must be ridden by the same rider throughout the entire hunter section (exception: under saddle classes) to be eligible to compete in the WCHR Medium Pony Hunter Classic.

Fence heights of 2'6".

The WCHR Medium Pony Hunter Classic is held in a two (2) round format. The first round will be comprised of the final over fences class from the Medium Pony Hunter section. The top twelve (12) ponies will be invited back for a second round.

Both rounds are to be judged by a minimum of one (1) judging panel consisting of two (2) judges, using the open numerical scoring system where the two (2) panels' scores are announced and then averaged for a final average numerical score. The top twelve (12) horses will be called back for a second round. Each round of the classic is to count 50%. The final average score from Round One (1) will be added to the final average score from Round Two (2) to determine the overall total final score.

Formal attire is requested, but not required.

Winner receives cooler.

Ribbons 1st-12th

\$750, \$550, \$375, \$130, \$125, \$125, \$115, \$115, \$115, \$100

National and Zone HOTY Hunter Classic bonus points will be awarded for the Medium Pony Hunter Classic.

\$2,500 Florida Large Pony Hunter Classic

Entry Fee: \$125

All riders must be current WCHR members to compete in this hunter classic.

Invitations will be extended to:

1. All horse-and-rider combinations that have competed in at least two (2) over fences classes of the Large Pony Hunter section during the 2021 WCHR Hunter Spectacular week.

A pony must be ridden by the same rider throughout the entire hunter section (exception: under saddle classes) to be eligible to compete in the WCHR Large Pony Hunter Classic.

Fence heights of 3'0".

The WCHR Large Pony Hunter Classic is held in a two (2) round format. The first round will be comprised of the final over fences class from the Large Pony Hunter section. The top twelve (12) ponies will be invited back for a second round.

Both rounds are to be judged by a minimum of one (1) judging panel consisting of two (2) judges, using the open numerical scoring system where the two (2) panels' scores are announced and then averaged for a final average numerical score. The top twelve (12) horses will be called back for a second round. Each round of the classic is to count 50%.

The final average score from Round One (1) will be added to the final average score from Round Two (2) to determine the overall total final score.

Formal attire is requested, but not required.

Winner receives cooler.

Ribbons 1st-12th

\$750, \$550, \$375, \$130, \$125, \$125, \$115, \$115, \$115, \$100

National and Zone HOTY Hunter Classic bonus points will be awarded for the Large Pony Hunter Classic.

USHJA Contact Information

If questions arise that cannot be answered from the class specifications provided, one of the following USHJA representatives must be contacted to resolve any questions regarding the judging procedures or class specifications:

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