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Show Jumping Hall of Fame Jumper Classic Series Sizzles As New Leaders Rise To The Top Of The Standings

Tampa, FL—July 31, 2008—The competition for top positions in the 2008 Show Jumping Hall of Fame Jumper Classic Series has remained fierce through its seventh month! The 2008 Series is shaping up to be one of the most competitive years ever! The Series will see classes at more than 100 horse shows across the country before culminating in Year-End Championships at the Syracuse Invitational Sporthorse Tournament featuring the 125th National Horse Show in Syracuse, NY.

The Series hosts separate divisions for junior and amateur-owner riders in two Conferences—the East Conference and the West Conference. Series standings are used to help determine junior and amateur-owner entries for the National Horse Show.

Through the end of July, Whitney Weeks and Subliem led the amateur-owner standings in the East Conference while Victorial Birdsall and Jerremy led the junior division. Josephina Nor and Chello Z lead the amateur-owner standings in the West Conference while Lucy Davis and Mister Mind led the junior division.

Show Jumping Hall of Fame Jumper Classic Series East Conference – Amateur-Owner Division

Whitney Weeks of Southport, CT, and her mount Subliem led the East Conference amateur-owner standings with a total of 810 points. The pair enjoyed a win during the I Love New York Horse Show in Lake Placid, NY. Marley Goodman of Wellington, FL, held the second place position with U-2 with 605 points, and Paige Johnson of The Plains, VA and Kadean R held the third place position with 560 points.

Show Jumping Hall of Fame Jumper Classic Series East Conference – Junior Division

In the junior division Victoria Birdsall of Topsfield, MA, and Jerremy lead the Standings with 855 points. The pair made the jump to first after impressive wins at the Showplace Spring Spectacular II and Horse Shows By The Bay I and II. In second was Clementine Goutal of New York, NY, aboard Rastella with 845 points. In third were Jennifer Waxman of Chagrin Falls, OH and Shakira with 670 points.

Show Jumping Hall of Fame Jumper Classic Series West Conference – Amateur-Owner Division

In the Western Conference's amateur-owner division, Josephina Nor of Rancho Santa Fe, CA, and Chello Z held the first place position with 435 points. The pair moved to the top of the standings after wins at Showpark Summer Festival and the Showpark Racing Festival. In second was Eduardo Vazquez of Garza Garcia Nuevo, Mexico and Quincy 79 with 190 points. In third was Maggie Lang of Albuquerque, NM, and Mexx with 179 points.

Show Jumping Hall of Fame Jumper Classic Series West Conference – Junior Division

In the Western Conference's junior division, Lucy Davis of Los Angeles, CA, and Mister Mind held the top position with 270 points after a win at the Oaks Blenheim June Classic I. In second was Mavis Spencer of

Santa Monica, CA, and Winea Van't Vennehof with 260 points. In third was Sophie Benjamin of Rancho Santa Fe, CA, and Marga with 205 points.

The 2008 Show Jumping Hall of Fame Jumper Classic Series is sponsored by the Lake Placid Horse Show Association, *Practical Horseman*, Langer Equestrian Group, Inc., RV Sales of Broward, and Taylor Harris Insurance Services.

The Show Jumping Hall of Fame and Museum at Busch Gardens in Tampa, FL was established in 1987 and formally opened in 1989. It was organized to promote the sport of show jumping and to immortalize the legends of the men, women and horses who have made great contributions to the sport. The Show Jumping Hall of Fame also conducts the Show Jumping Hall of Fame Jumper Classic Series, held under Grand Prix rules and specifications.

The Series is designed to give amateur-owner and junior riders an opportunity to compete at higher levels and serves as a proving ground for many riders who aspire to someday represent the United States in international competition.

Any horse show offering a class that meets all the criteria set forth in the 2008 Show Jumping Hall of Fame Series specifications and has prize money of at least \$1,000 is eligible to be part of the Series.

For more information about the Show Jumping Hall of Fame Jumper Classic Series as well a schedule of events, please visit the Show Jumping Hall of Fame website at www.showjumpinghalloffame.net.

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