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Alexandria Smith Named Show Jumping Hall of Fame *Rider of the Month* for April

Lexington, KY–May 19, 2011–Alexandria Smith has been named the Show Jumping Hall of Fame *Rider of the Month* for April.

Smith competes in the West Conference Junior division of the Show Jumping Hall of Fame Jumper Classic Series aboard *Calira*. The month of April was successful for the pair, as they earned first place honors in a Series class at the Blenheim Spring Classic II, as well as third place during the Blenheim Spring Classic I, for a total of 215 points.

The Show Jumping Hall of Fame Jumper Classic Series honors one rider each month as the *Rider of the Month*. The honor goes to the one rider who earns the most points on one horse in Series competition that month.

“We’d like to congratulate Alexandria on receiving April’s *Rider of the Month* Award,” said George Morris, President of the Show Jumping Hall of Fame. “We wish her the best of luck as the Series continues.”

The Show Jumping Hall of Fame Jumper Classic Series saw competition at 5 events during the month of April, and will see classes at more than 100 horse shows before the Series culminates in the Year-End Championships at the National Horse Show in November.

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.

In the overall standings through April, Charlie Jacobs and *Leap of Joy* led in the amateur-owner standings in the East Conference while Christina Kelly and *Camirage* led in the junior division. In the West Conference, Phoebe Lang and *Ronaldo* led in the amateur-owner standings while Alexandria Smith and *Calira* led in the junior division.

The top three horse-and-rider combinations in each division are as follows:

<i>Rider</i>	<i>Horse</i>	<i>Points</i>	<i>Hometown</i>
East Conference amateur-owner division standings:			
Charlie Jacobs	Leap of Joy	645	Buffalo, NY
Emilie Martinsen	Gucci	640	Denmark
Jay Land	Nepal	275	Alpharetta, GA

East Conference junior division standings:

Christina Kelly	Camirage	735	Nicholasville, KY
Christina Kelly	Creata Van Ten Biesen	400	Nicholasville, KY
Katie Dinan	Belle Dame D	300	North Salem, NY

West Conference amateur-owner division standings:

Phoebe Lang	Ronaldo	215	Colorado
Samantha Harrison	Santika	110	LaCanada, CA
Audrey Coulter	Rodenburghs California	110	San Francisco, CA

West Conference junior division standings:

Alexandria Smith	Calira	215	Calgary Alberta, CA
Kilian McGrath	Ashtin's Obsession	150	Westlake Village, CA
Alicia Gasser	Don Francisco	110	Scottsdale, AZ

The Show Jumping Hall of Fame Jumper Classic 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 2011 Show Jumping Hall of Fame Series specifications and has prize money of at least \$1,000 is eligible to be part of the Series.

The Show Jumping Hall of Fame 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 conducts the Show Jumping Hall of Fame Jumper Classic Series, held under Grand Prix rules and specifications.

The Show Jumping Hall of Fame is located at the Kentucky Horse Park in Lexington, KY. Plaques honoring those who have been honored with induction into the Hall of Fame can be seen at the Horse Park's Rolex Stadium. Mementos and artifacts from the sport's history are on display as part of the Show Jumping Hall of Fame collection at the United States Hunter Jumper Association (USHJA) National Hunter Jumper Sport Museum at the Horse Park.

The Show Jumping Hall of Fame Jumper Classic Series is sponsored by the Lake Placid Horse Show Association, Stadium Jumping, Inc., and Taylor Harris Insurance Services.

For more information about the Show Jumping Hall of Fame, including Show Jumping Hall of Fame Jumper Classic Series, please visit the Show Jumping Hall of Fame website at www.showjumpinghalloffame.net.