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**Margaret Bopp Named Show Jumping Hall of Fame *Rider of the Month* for May**

Lexington, KY–June 20, 2011–Margaret Bopp has been named the Show Jumping Hall of Fame *Rider of the Month* for May.

Bopp competes in the East Conference Amateur-Owner division of the Show Jumping Hall of Fame Jumper Classic Series aboard *Nerval De La Batia*. The month of May was successful for the pair, as they earned first place honors in a Series class at the Garden State Horse Show, as well as second place during the second week of the Old Salem Farm Spring Horse Shows, earning a total of 260 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 are pleased to award Margaret with May's *Rider of the Month* Award,” said George Morris, President of the Show Jumping Hall of Fame. “We applaud her success in the Series, and wish her the best of luck as it continues.”

The Show Jumping Hall of Fame Jumper Classic Series saw competition at 17 events during the month of May, and will see classes at more than 100 horse shows before the Series culminates with a \$50,000 Year-End Championship at the Alltech National Horse Show in Lexington, KY, 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 Alltech National Horse Show.

In the overall standings through May, 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 Kilian McGrath and *Ashtin's Obsession* 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>
<b>East Conference amateur-owner division standings:</b>			
Charlie Jacobs	Leap of Joy	645	Buffalo, NY
Emilie Martinsen	Gucci	640	Denmark
Sophie Coppedge	Whisky	410	Wellington, FL
<b>East Conference junior division standings:</b>			
Christina Kelly	Camirage	735	Nicholasville, KY
Katie Dinan	Belle Dame D	490	North Salem, NY
Victoria Colvin	Waminka	425	Loxahatchee, FL

**West Conference amateur-owner division standings:**

Phoebe Lang	Ronaldo	215	Colorado
Karl Cook	Cappucino	150	Woodside, CA
Samantha Harrison	Santika	110	LaCanada, CA
Paris Sellon	Orlando LA	110	Los Angeles, CA
Audrey Coulter	Rodenburghs California	110	San Francisco, CA

**West Conference junior division standings:**

Kilian McGrath	Ashtin's Obsession	325	Westlake Village, CA
Alexandria Smith	Calira	215	Calgary Alberta, CA
Alicia Gasser	Don Francisco	140	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](http://www.showjumpinghalloffame.net).