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Lauren Hester Named Show Jumping Hall of Fame *Rider of the Month* for August

Lexington, KY–September 12, 2011– Lauren Hester of Rancho Santa Fe, CA, has been named the Show Jumping Hall of Fame *Rider of the Month* for August.

Hester competes in the West Conference Amateur-Owner division of the Show Jumping Hall of Fame Jumper Classic Series aboard *Wender*. The month of August was successful for the pair, as they earned first place honors in a Series class at The Showplace August Festival as well as seventh place at the Showpark Summer Classic, earning a total of 170 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 proud to honor Lauren with our August *Rider of the Month* Award,” said George Morris, President of the Show Jumping Hall of Fame. “Her victory is a testament to her skill, and we wish her the best of luck as the Show Jumping Hall of Fame Jumper Classic Series continues.”

The Show Jumping Hall of Fame Jumper Classic Series saw competition at 12 events during the month of August, 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 August, 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, Steven Turilli and *Raphael IV* 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
Tracey Weinberg	Larone	575	Lovettsville, VA

East Conference junior division standings:

Christina Kelly	Camirage	1,035	Nicholasville, KY
Katie Dinan	Belle Dame D	600	North Salem, NY
Kalvin Dobbs	Ultimate VDL	535	Carmel, IN

West Conference amateur-owner division standings:

Steven Turilli	Raphael IV	300	Lonetree, CO
Olivia Chowdry	Constantin 28	225	Golden, CO
Paris Sellon	Orlando LA	220	Los Angeles, CA

West Conference junior division standings:

Alexandria Smith	Calira	465	Calgary, Alberta CAN
Paige Coles	Outtrigger	410	Wellington, FL
Alicia Gasser	Don Francisco	390	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.