

### **Horse Nation Gala Returns to Huntington Beach**

West Palms Events continues its partnership with Horse Nation Foundation for the third consecutive year for their annual Grand Prix Gala, to be held at the Huntington Beach Summer Classic on Aug. 12, 2017 at the Huntington Central Park Equestrian Center. The Grand Prix Gala raises funds to support HNF's mission to help children in need experience the incredible healing power of horses.

"We are very excited to partner with Horse Nation Foundation for their Third Annual Grand Prix Gala," said Adrienne Karazissis of West Palms Events. "They have an incredible program and we're honored to support such a great local cause at our Huntington Beach Horse Show Series."

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### **NAL West Coast Finals to SJC**

The North American League is moving the NAL West Coast Finals from Las Vegas, NV to San Juan Capistrano. The 2017 Finals will be held during the International Jumping Festival, hosted by Blenheim EquiSports, Sept. 20-24.

The 2017 NAL West Coast Finals feature the \$5,000 Adult Jumper Presented by SmartPak, \$5,000 Children's Jumper Presented by EquiFit, \$5,000 Low Junior/Amateur-Owner Jumper, \$5,000 Adult Hunter and \$5,000 Children's Hunter.

"Moving the NAL West Coast Finals to San Juan Capistrano is a great opportunity for those who have not yet competed in the Finals and have always wanted to," said Annette Longenecker of Ryegate Show Services, which administers the North American League. "With this move to a bigger horse show in a more accessible area, we are making the Finals available to an even larger number of riders. We invite all riders to join the NAL today to give themselves a chance to compete in the Finals this year."

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The NAL Finals join several other championship events at the International Jumping Festival including a \$30,000 Grand Prix; the USEF Show Jumping Talent Search Finals West, Young Jumper Championships - West and Young Jumper Futurity - 4-year-old Regionals. There will also be lots of opportunities for NAL riders to compete in other classes while competing at the Festival.

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### Menlo Up For Another Honor

Menlo Charity Horse Show is nominated by the National Show Hunter Hall of Fame for induction in both the Horse Show of the Year and Hunter Derby of the Year categories for 2017.

Set for Aug. 8-13 this summer, the show welcomes the votes of its many fans. To vote, you must be a member of the NSHHF and do so by March 17. For information about joining, email [showhunterhalloffame@gmail.com](mailto:showhunterhalloffame@gmail.com).

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### USHJA Zone Championship Dates & Locations

Zone 10 hunter/jumper shows will host United States Hunter Jumper Association championships as follows:

- Horse of the Year Hunter Championship, Menlo Charity Show, Aug. 8-13
  - Stirrup Cup Championship, Gold Coast Labor Day, Burbank, Aug 31-Sept. 3.
  - Horse of the Year Jumper & Age Group Equitation North Championships, Sonoma Horse Park Season Finale, Petaluma, Sept. 20-24
  - Medal Challenge North, Let's Show Fall Festival, Elk Grove, Oct. 5-8.
  - Medal Challenge South, Gold Coast October, Burbank, Oct. 19-22
  - Horse Of The Year Jumper & Age Group Equitation South Championships, National Sunshine Series II, Thermal, Nov. 7-12.
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