

SHOW HIGHLIGHTS

Bond, Nichols and Leckie star in a sizzling season that is far from finished.

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The Del Mar International came wrapped up two weeks at the lovely Del Mar Horse Park on Sunday, Oct. 19. From prestigious medal finals to hunters on the grass field to incredibly competitive jumper classes, we saw some amazing rounds with horses and riders in top form.

The highlight event was the \$50,000 Grand Prix of the Pacific presented by EQ International Real Estate. The competition was fierce with 53 horse and rider combinations taking to the grass field for their shot at a share of the \$50,000 purse. Ultimately it was professional rider Ashlee Bond who took the championship aboard Donatello 141, owned by Little Valley Farms. This pair was top of the podium last year at Del Mar International as well!

In second place was Will Simpson riding Chacco P, owned by Will Simpson Stables Inc, and in third was Robert Blanchette aboard Chardonnay owned by RTS LLC.



Ashlee Bond had a fantastic week in the office, also winning the \$5,000 1.35m, the \$5,000 1.45m presented by Jett Martin Equine Spa, and the \$5,000 1.35m Speed Derby presented by Prestige Italia.



PCHA Child/Adult Jumper Championships

West Palms Events was honored to host the \$25,000 PCHA Child/Adult Jumper Championships during Del Mar International. Juniors and adult amateurs who show at the 1.10 level were eligible to compete, and the championship event was held over two rounds, Friday and Saturday, with both scores combined to determine overall winners.

Junior Erin Nichols, who also competes Young Rider level dressage, emerged victorious aboard her mare Hindee. In second place was Jennifer Elliott aboard Comtess, and in third was Caroline Bell aboard New Delhi VH Waterschoot Z. Congratulations to all ribbon winners in this great championship.

The \$5,000 USHJA National Hunter Derby presented by Fleeceworks was held in the main hunter arena on Friday morning. Taking the win out of 17 entries was Sean Leckie aboard C'est Moi owned by Breanne Karanikolas.

Second place went to Claire Archer riding her own Rimpoche, and third was won by Nina Alario riding Drop the Mic, owned by Sonja Petri.



Rider's Cup

The West Palms Events 2020 season will wrap up with the West Palms Classic November 12 - 15 and the Riders Cup November 19 - 22! Both are at the Del Mar Horse Park. The latter features the \$100,000 Grand Prix and it's the middle of a three-show circuit in which the leading rider from all the shows' big Grand Prix gets an extra \$50,000 bonus. The first in this series is the Desert International Horse Park STX Grand Prix Nov. 7; then the Riders Cup Grand Prix Nov. 22; and back to the DIHP Dec. 13.