

2024 \$100,000 Conceal Grand-Prix Eventing Showcase at Bruce's Field Presented by Taylor, Harris Insurance Services

March 1 & 2, 2024
Bruce's Field
931 Powderhouse Rd Aiken. SC

Attendee Survey

Conceal.io CEO Gordon Lawson (R) and Luke Taylor, of Taylor, Harris Insurance Services (L) present the first place check and trophy to the 2024 \$100,000 Conceal Grand-Prix Eventing Showcase at Bruce's Field, presented by Taylor, Harris Insurance Services to Will Coleman after his incredible performance on Chin Tonic HS, owned by Hyperion Stud

Photo by Christine Quinn Photography

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AIKEN, SOUTH CAROLINA: On behalf of the Aiken Horse Park Foundation and the 2024 \$100,000 Conceal Grand-Prix Eventing Showcase at Bruce's Field, presented by Taylor, Harris Insurance Services (GPE), thank you to everyone who attended the 6th installment of #AnEventLikeNoOther

The GPE or the "Aiken Showcase" is truly a labor of love for all involved. There is a very small team of incredibly dedicated and talented individuals that have come together year after year to see this one of a kind event grow bigger and better.

In the very beginning stages of the GPE, the Organizing Committee chaired by Phillip Dutton came up with this vision for the future of the showcase:

Our Vision for Grand-Prix Eventing at Bruce's Field is to showcase the best of the sport of eventing. It will demonstrate the highest quality and innovation in competition, attracting top horses and riders internationally. Its prestige and format will make it the ideal venue to provide an engaging event drawing a wide variety of spectators from all over. Highlighting the history and character of Aiken throughout the event and involving many local charities of Aiken will exhibit our pride in our community, and fulfill the mission of making the horse park a central fixture which "promotes Aiken's equestrian way of life" and supports the community's civic, educational and charitable endeavors. We feel showcase events like this have an important role in the sport of Eventing, allowing for greater visibility and sponsorship opportunities outside of the equestrian world. Our goals for the future include our desire to help grow the sport as a whole as well as growing this event so that the Grand-Prix Eventing showcase, Bruce's Field and the Aiken community remains the destination that equestrian riders and supporters come to visit, train, and enjoy during the winter months.

With each consecutive year, the entire team behind "An Event Like No Other" strives to fulfill this vison and reach for new heights! We are incredibly grateful to all the sponsors, competitors, officials, volunteers, staff, vendors, and spectators that have made the 2024 Showcase the best one yet.

Read on to relive all the action and excitement from the #GPE2024

If you attended the 2024 \$100,000 Conceal Grand-Prix Eventing Showcase at Bruce's Field, presented by Taylor, Harris Insurance Services in any capacity, we would be extremely thankful if you took 2 minutes to fill out our survey linked below.

Attendee Survey

1st Place Will Coleman & Chin Tonic HS owned by Hyperion Stud

2nd Place Will Coleman & Off The Record owned by the Off The Record Syndicate 3rd Place Boyd Martin & Fedarman B owned by the Annie Goodwin Syndicate

4th Place Liz Halliday & Cooley Nutcracker owned by Ocala Horse Properties & Deborah Halliday 5th Place Monica Spencer & Artist owned by Monica & Andrew Spencer

Full Results



Thank you Eventing Nation

For the second year in a row, the \$100,000 Conceal Grand-Prix Eventing Showcase at Bruce's Field, presented by Taylor, Harris Insurance Services, has partnered with Eventing Nation as the event's official Media & Press Services. The EN team has once again done an incredible job, and you can find their extensive coverage of #AnEventLikeNoOther at the link below:

Eventing Nation GPE Landing Page



Equiratings brought a whole new perspective

A new addition to the 2024 \$100,000 Conceal Grand-Prix Eventing Showcase at Bruce's Field, presented by Taylor, Harris Insurance Services, the Equiratings team provided us with stats and stories all throughout the event! Take a listen to their deep dive Preview & Review shows, flip through the Show Case Form Guide, and check them out on social media for all the inside scoops!

PREVIEW SHOW - REVIEW SHOW - FORM GUIDE

Relive the action

Since 2021 all the action from #AnEventLikeNoOther has been brought to you by Horse & Country TV. If you weren't able to join us in person, or if you simply want to watch your favorite rounds again, visit their site for on demand replays!

Horse & Country TV GPE Landing Page

SPECIAL AWARDS

Leading Lady Rider Sponsored by <u>Ruby Throated Sparrow</u>

Liz Halliday & Cooley Nutcracker

The Leading Lady Rider Award, sponsored by Ruby Throated Sparrow and presented by Elisabeth Harpham, went out to the queen of the GPE herself, Liz Halliday. With all 3 of her horses finishing in the

top 10, it was just a question of which horse would come out on top! Liz and Cooley Nutcracker, owned by Ocala Horse Properties and Deborah Halliday, came in 4th overall and claimed the honor.

Groom's Award Sponsored by Triple Crown Feed

Erin Jarboe and Hayley Burlock

The Triple Crown Feed Groom's Award was presented to Erin Jarboe and Hayley Burlock. Both grooms for Will Coleman were two of the hardest working individuals all weekend. Coleman's two rides, 2nd place Off The Record, and 1st place Chin Tonic HS, looked immaculate, healthy, and fit. No small feat after Friday's torrential downpour! The industry would be nowhere without the hardworking grooms behind the scenes, and we're so grateful to Triple Crown Feed for sponsoring this award

Annie Goodwin Rising Star Grant

Isabelle Bosley

We were thrilled to recognize Isabelle Bosley as the inaugural recipient of the Annie Goodwin Rising Star Grant. The Annie Goodwin Rising Star Grant provides financial support for young professional equestrians establishing the early years of their business and wishing to continue their equestrian education and competition. "Izzy" was one of 27 applicants and was selected amongst other reasons, for her outstanding character, commitment to the sport, strong ties to the Aiken community, and willingness to help others in their own journey to the top of equestrian sport. We were honored to have Putter Goodwin present to present the award and wish Izzy all the best in her future endeavors!

Annie Goodwin Sportsmanship Award

Austin O'Connor

One of the most sentimental honors given out at #AnEventLikeNoOther is the Annie Goodwin Sportsmanship Award. Voted on by his fellow competitors, Austin O'Connor was the 2024 recipient with Putter Goodwin there to present the trophy. O'Connor traveled across the pond to team up with Carlson 119, owned by Micheal Dell'Angelo, Reese Dell'Angelo, & Elizabeth Bales, and exemplified the extraordinary horsemanship and sportsmanship worthy of the award's namesake. Congratulations Austin and thank you for making the trip over for #GPE2024

High Point Thoroughbred Award Sponsored by Rebecca T. Newell & William L. Griffin

> Top Rookie Presented by Phillip Dutton

Monica Spencer & Artist

Monica Spencer was one busy lady this past weekend. Not only did she and the beautiful Artist come in 5th place overall, they were also the recipients of the High Point Thoroughbred Award, sponsored by Rebecca T. Newell & William L. Griffin, and the Top Rookie award presented by GPE Organizing Committee Chair, Phillip Dutton. Congratulations Monica and thank you for competing at #AnEventLikeNoOther



Photo by Sally Spickard for Eventing Nation

Richard Picken Show Jumping Style Award

Will Coleman & Chin Tonic HS

Friday evening following show jumping, the Richard Picken Show Jumping Style Award was given to Will Coleman & Chin Tonic HS. In honor of the late Richard Picken, the award recipient is selected by FEI 4* Course Designer and Canadian Olympian, Michel Vaillancourt. The trophy was presented by Joanie Morris, Beth Morris, Evie Dutton, and Michelle Koppin.

2024 RIDE FOR CHARITY

FULL TEAM RESULTS

In addition to the Team Competition portion of the #RideForCharity fans were also able to get in on the action with the "Online Fan Vote!" For \$5 per vote, fans could vote as many times, for as many teams as they wished. 100% of the proceeds go directly back to these very deserving causes! Thank you to all who participated!

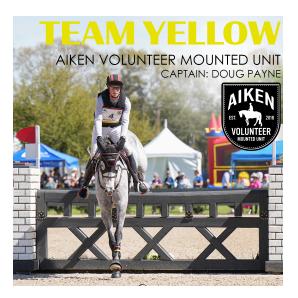




TEAM RED GREAT OAK EQUINE ASSISTED PROGRAMS

Captained by Colleen Loach Sydney Elliott Waylon Roberts

Great Oak provides equine assisted activities that promote the physical, emotional, and psychological health of individuals with disabilities. At Great Oak, we change lives. Our programs are the catalyst for unbridled personal growth and awareness. We share our knowledge to empower individuals and their families.



TEAM YELLOW AIKEN VOLUNTEER MOUNTED UNIT

Captained by Doug Payne Arden Wildasin Sara Kozumplik

ADPS deploys volunteer personnel to supplement other components of the department in a non-law enforcement capacity as deemed necessary by the Director of Public Safety. Mounted volunteers can be an effective tool in operations, ceremonial details, and other areas of public relations. The volunteers of the unit are civilian volunteers. Participation as a volunteer does not confer law enforcement authority upon the civilian volunteers. It is the policy of the Department to utilize trained mounted horse volunteers in specific capacities as designated by the Director.

TEAM ORANGE TRI DEVELOPMENT CENTER

Captained by Liz Halliday

Dani Sussman Buck Davidson Shannon Lilley

We make sure that individuals' strengths and abilities are recognized. People with disabilities are vital and integral members of our society. They are supported as members of the community, rather than clients of programs or consumers of services. Opportunities to grow and achieve are offered in natural settings on a systematic and timely basis. Everyone is treated with dignity and respect.



TEAM GREEN AIKEN COUNTY PONY CLUB

Captained by Emily Hamel Will Coleman Austin O'Connor Sharon White

Aiken County Pony Club (ACPC) was founded in 1998 by Sporting Days owner Joannah Glass, and has grown in leaps and bounds over the past 20+ vears. ACPC is incredibly lucky to be based in one of the most exceptional equestrian locations in the world - Aiken, SC, with access to Olympic coaches, notable equestrians and horse trainers, and exceptional facilities. Each member plays an important role in our club, and we have riders of all abilities - from those learning to ride to those with Olympic dreams (and every one in between). Our club is part of a greater network of equestrians and sportspeople through the Regional and National Pony Club Organizations. Through Pony Club our members compete in Pony Club competitions (known as rallies), which require the kids to work together as a team, in the spirit of great horsemanship.



TEAM BLUE HITCHCOCK WOODS FOUNDATION

Captained by Phillip Dutton Will Faudree Bobby Meyerhoff Allison Springer

The Hitchcock Woods Foundation is solely responsible for the preservation and management of the Hitchcock Woods, which is the largest privately-owned urban forest in the country. Its 2,100 acres and 70 miles of sandy trails have been a haven for pedestrian and equestrian users since the early 1800's.



TEAM PURPLE BATTLEFRONT OUTDOORS

Captained by Boyd Martin Monica Spencer Matthew Grayling

To provide outdoor adventures and therapeutic events to the men and women who serve at home and abroad.

2024 GPE THROUGH THE LENS

Crowd favorites Boyd Martin & Fedarman B take a victory lap following their clear cross-country round

We were honored to host the Culver Academies Horsemanship Program at #AnEventLikeNoOther

Everyone was having fun at the Thursday night Rider Welcome Party

Austin O'Connor & Carlson 119



Phillip Dutton & Possante

Doug Payne & members of the Aiken Volunteer Mounted Unit

Students from Culver Academies posing for a photo opportunity during the awards ceremonies

Liz Halliday & Cooley Nutcracker

Boyd Martin greeting representatives from Battlefront Outdoors

Phillip Dutton & Mary Katherine Phillipp from the Hitchcock Woods Foundation

Culver Academies Mounted Drill

Boydie & Rockin' Rod's Aussie Kids Corner was a big hit!

Colleen Loach & Ann Villa, Executive Director of Great Oak Equine Assisted Programs

Allison Springer, turnin' & burnin'!!!

Will Coleman & Chin Tonic HS

New Zealander Monica Spencer waves to the crowd after a fantastic cross-country run!

The Eudora Farms petting zoo was very popular

#RideForAnnie

Priscilla Heyward giving Allison Springer some instructions during the "Cowboy Up, Eventers!" demo. The Western disciplines have quickly become a crowd favorite at #AnEventLikeNoOther

Will Coleman & Off The Record

The Taylor, Harris Insurance Services table in the VIP tent was a very popular place to be!

Will Faudree letting his Texas roots show during the "Cowboy Up, Eventers!" barrel demonstration!

Culver Academies Mounted Drill

Phillip broke out the cowboy hat and boots again!

Who doesn't love a day with cuddly animals

Dr. Ben Mitchell of Southern Equine Services

Will Coleman & Chin Tonic HS give the crowd some love in their post cross-country victory gallop!



Official Photography of the 2024 \$100,000 Conceal Grand Prix Eventing Showcase at Bruce's Field,



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An **Eventing "Showcase"** is a unique version of Eventing competition that condenses the traditional country-side Eventing environment into a spectator friendly venue. The showcase format allows the general public the chance to be up close and personal, right next to the galloping lanes and massive fences, and experience the thrilling sport of Eventing in a whole new way. This equestrian triathlon presents a prime opportunity for top eventing riders to kick start their competition season, and to welcome the public to an exciting fast-paced equestrian event.

We hope you'll join us Feb 28th & Mar 1st, 2025 for the 7th installment of #AnEventLikeNoOther



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