



Aiken Challenge Series II Highlights - January 12-15, 2017

The second week of the six week Aiken Challenge Series started and finished way better with the weather than last week. Beautiful warm temperatures in the 70's made for very happy exhibitors. Lots of spectators came to watch the special classes. Six horses competed in the **USHJA Pre-green Incentive** and the class was won by Alexandra Michalski's Thankful, ridden by Kate Cardalico. Pony exhibitors enjoyed their turn on the big Dietrich Derby field for our inaugural **\$1,500 Pony Derby**. Dawson Amick and Foxmor Starstruck bested a field of 11 followed by Glenhaven Astoria and Parker Peacock and Sundance Kid with Chloe Mechling. The \$5,000 Open Jumper Welcome and \$10,000 Mini-prix went in the grand prix field this week with both horse and rider enjoying the grass surface. Christina Kelly was on fire this week, winning both the **\$5,000 Welcome** and the **\$10,000 Mini-prix**. She was first on her own Camirage and second on Gene Beaulieu's Paddington and 5th on Beforeanythingelse in the Welcome with 22 starters. Beforeanythingelse won the Mini-prix out of 17 entries over Sun Tzu and Penny Brennan and Wodca and Michael Walton. The **\$2,500 USHJA National Derby** was also held on the Dietrich Derby Field and won by Christina Kelly riding Five Henry's Aagaardens El Capitan over last week's winner GK Cassio and Penny Kinnally and Amanda Wise's Envy.

Christina Kelly & Camirage, Aagaardens El Capitan and Beforeanythingelse



Thankful & Kate Cardalico



Foxmor Starstruck & Dawson Amick



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For full results, go to: Horseshowsonline.com. Aiken Challenge circuit standings will be available at the end of each week: http://www.psjshows.com/acscircuitpoints_2017.pdf (awards presented at March Madness II) Please join us for our next show on January 21-22 at Highfields. This is a state sanctioned "C" show.