



Aiken Spring Classic Masters, April 19-23, 2017

The two week circuit started off with beautiful weather that lasted all week. Highlights from the show.....

The Wilcox Inn sponsored & provided a lovely welcome reception on Thursday. Exhibitors had a chance to sit and relax and enjoy a drink and the famous Wilcox Inn food. The \$7,500 Open Welcome Stake sponsored by Aiken Saddlery, was won by Shanghai Du Bosc, ridden by Christina Kelly owned by 5 Henry Stables. Christina bested a field of 19 including Vandiver with Doug Payne (Debi Crowley) and HHS Louis and Penny Brennan (Cerulean Stables, LLC) The welcome stake was alongside a yummy Low Country Boil sponsored by Purina.

The Mary Ann Parmelee Memorial Pavilion was filled with people watching the spectacular hunters jumping the Joe Carnicom designed \$15,000 International Hunter Derby class that went in the Dietrich Derby field on Saturday. Glassy Mountain Farm sponsored the Derby party. Elizabeth Boyd, who has won this class multiple times, was again victorious on Stella Stylinger's Cassanto, with Daniel Geitner taking second and third place with Janet Peterson's Raffle and Allison Mills' Sky Pilot respectively.

The week ended with the \$25,000 Aiken Spring Classic Grand Prix and Champagne Brunch to benefit Wounded Warriors. Vesta De Lavardin (November Hill) and Daniel Geitner put in a smoking fast jump off round to win over Kirsten Coe and Aura (Kremer Pro Equestrian) and Doug Payne on Botanja (Courtney Young Alston). The course was designed by, Thomas Hern from Plymouth, MA

For full results, go to: Horseshowsonline.com. Aiken Spring Classic circuit champions will be awarded next week. Please see the prize list for details.

The show office will re-open on Tuesday , April 26th at 9 AM for the second week of the circuit, the Aiken Spring Classic Finale.



Shanghai Du Bosc & Christina Kelly



Cassanto and Elizabeth Boyd

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