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**Laura Hite Wins Show Jumping Hall of Fame Year-End West Coast Championship**

*Lexington, KY – November 22, 2016* – Laura Hite of Trabuco Canyon, CA, topped a field of 21 competitors to win the Show Jumping Hall of Fame Year-End West Coast Championship on Sunday, November 20. The Championship, held at the Las Vegas National Horse Show, was an exciting climax to the year-long Show Jumping Hall of Fame Jumper Classic Series.

Hite, an amateur-owner competitor, rode her own *Solos Consept* and was one of only three riders that made it through to the jump-off. Hite had the difficult position of going first in the final round, but she kept her cool and was the only competitor to leave all the jump poles in their cups with an unbeatable pace of 40.164 seconds.

When asked about her strategy going into the jump-off, Hite commented, “I really wanted to set the pace. I didn’t go as fast as I wanted to and I’m not the fastest rider, but my ultimate goal was to go double clean which has always been my best strategy. My horse is incredible and I owe it all to him. He was amazing!”

Fifteen-year-old junior rider Hayden Zadel of San Jose, CA and *Triskel De Kerliven* took second place with four jump-off faults and a time of 40.429 seconds. Amateur-owner rider Taylor Siebel of Redwood City, CA and *Windoctro* took third place with four faults and a time of 40.896 seconds.

The Show Jumping Hall of Fame Jumper Classic Series hosts separate divisions for junior and amateur-owner riders in two Conferences – the East Conference and the West Conference. Series standings are used to help determine junior and amateur-owner entries at the National Horse Show and Las Vegas National Horse Show.

The Las Vegas National Horse Show and Show Jumping Hall of Fame also honored Sydney Hutchins of Westlake Village, CA, for winning the Show Jumping Hall of Fame West Conference Junior Division Series after

earning a year-long total of 450 points aboard *Zorlando*. Allyssa Hecht of Del Mar, CA, and *Calvatos Z* won the SJHF Amateur-Owner Division with a total of 520 points for the season, but was unable to attend the Las Vegas National Horse Show to be a part of the ceremony.

The Show Jumping Hall of Fame conducts the Show Jumping Hall of Fame Jumper Classic Series, held under Grand Prix rules and specifications. The Show Jumping Hall of Fame Jumper Classic Series is designed to give amateur-owner and junior riders an opportunity to compete at higher levels and serves as a proving ground for many riders who aspire to someday represent the United States in international competition.

Any horse show offering a class that meets all the criteria set forth in the Show Jumping Hall of Fame Jumper Classic Series specifications and has prize money of at least \$1,000 is eligible to be part of the Series.

The Show Jumping Hall of Fame was organized to promote the sport of show jumping and to immortalize the legends of the men, women and horses who have made great contributions to the sport. The Show Jumping Hall of Fame is located at the Kentucky Horse Park in Lexington, KY. Plaques honoring those who have been honored with induction into the Hall of Fame can be seen at the Horse Park's Rolex Stadium. Mementos and artifacts from the sport's history are on display as part of the Show Jumping Hall of Fame collection at the United States Hunter Jumper Association (USHJA) Wheeler Museum at the Horse Park.

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The National Horse Show is a weeklong championship event featuring "AA"-rated hunters, open jumpers, junior/amateur jumpers, and the ASPCA Alfred B. Maclay Finals. It is held in the Alltech Arena at the Kentucky

Horse Park in Lexington, KY, site of the 2010 Alltech FEI World Equestrian Games™. Further information is available at [www.NHS.org](http://www.NHS.org).

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