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## Vanessa Hood Earns September's Show Jumping Hall of Fame *Rider of the Month* Award Sponsored by Charles Ancona

*Lexington, KY – October 10, 2022 –* Vanessa Hood of Wellington, FL, has earned the **Show Jumping Hall** of Fame *Rider of the Month* Award Sponsored by Charles Ancona for September.

The *Rider of the Month* for April, September and October in 2021 and winner of last year's season-long series in the Amateur division, Hood competes in the Amateur Division of the **Show Jumping Hall of Fame Jumper Classic Series' East Conference Presented by ROOD & RIDDLE.** She had a busy month of September at the Traverse City Fall Horse Shows and American Gold Cup, riding multiple horses in the High Junior/Amateur Jumper and FEI divisions. Early in the month, she piloted Take Two LLC's *Navaar* to the win in Traverse City's \$15,000 Show Jumping Hall of Fame Jumper Classic and claimed the division's Reserve Championship. She also rode Take Two LLC's *Lou Lou VLS* to a second-place finish in the \$15,000 Show Jumping Hall of Fame Jumper Classic at the American Gold Cup.



Vanessa Hood © Andrew Ryback Photography

The Show Jumping Hall of Fame conducts the Show Jumping Hall of Fame Jumper Classic Series with classes at approximately 80 horse shows each year. The Series hosts separate divisions for junior and

amateur riders in two Conferences – the East Conference presented by Rood & Riddle and the West Conference presented by LAURACEA. The Series culminates in year-end Championships at the National Horse Show in Lexington, Kentucky, and Blenheim EquiSports' International Jumping Festival in San Juan Capistrano, California. Winners of the Series' East and West Finals each receive one of LAURACEA's best-selling Convertible Backpack Totes.



The Show Jumping Hall of Fame Rider of the Month Award is sponsored by Charles Ancona.

## The 2022 winners of the Show Jumping Hall of Fame Rider of the Month Award Sponsored by Charles Ancona are:

- January Grace Debney of Hampden, MA
- February Zayna Rizvi of Greenwich, CT
- March Tom Wachman of Tipperary, Ireland
- April Natalie Jayne of Elgin, IL
- May Mimi Gochman of New York, NY
- June Layla Kurbanov of Greenwich, CT
- July Zayna Rizvi of Greenwich, CT
- August Savannah Hemby of Flower Mound, TX
- September Vanessa Hood of Wellington, FL

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, Kentucky. 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.

The Show Jumping Hall of Fame Jumper Classic Series is sponsored by Blenheim EquiSports, Charles Ancona, CMJ Sporthorse, ESP, The Hampton Classic Horse Show, Kentucky Horse Park, LAURACEA, Lisa Seger Insurance (LSI), National Horse Show Association of America, Rood & Riddle Equine Hospital and United States Hunter Jumper Association (USHJA).

<u>Blenheim EquiSports</u> is an equestrian event management company based in San Juan Capistrano, CA, producing horse shows in San Juan Capistrano, CA and Las Vegas, NV. These competitions include USEF "Premier" rated hunter-jumper shows; Longines FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ USA; a Longines FEI Jumping World Cup™ North American League Qualifier; USHJA International, National, & Pony

Hunter Derbies & Finals; the Whitethorne Equitation Challenge, Medal Finals, and so much more.

<u>Charles Ancona</u> jackets are made in the USA using the finest Italian stretch fabrics to provide both stylish looks and high-performance functionality. Machine washable, water repellent, and lightweight to help keep you cool on the hottest days, each jacket features a fully customizable design and is made to order in New York City's garment district – no two jackets are alike! Charles Ancona is the Official U.S. Team Supplier through USEF. Charles Ancona Show Jackets were worn in the Tokyo Olympics and will be for all U.S. teams through the 2024 Paris Olympics. Charles Ancona takes pride in designing and manufacturing the highest quality products for their customers, including top riders such as Show Jumping Hall of Fame inductee Margie Engle, five-time Olympic veteran McLain Ward, Aaron Vale, Beat Mandli, Brian Moggre, Brianne Goutal-Marteau, Laura Chapot, Sydney Schulman, and John French.

<u>Equestrian Sport Productions, LLC</u> is based out of Wellington, Florida. The organization manages Wellington International, the world-famous venue that hosts the Winter Equestrian Festival and the ESP Annual Series each year.

<u>The Hampton Classic</u> is the prestigious culminating event of the Hamptons' famed summer season. Top jumper and hunter riders from around the world compete for some of the richest prize money in the nation. The Classic hosts more than 100 classes of competition in six rings for horses and riders of all ages and abilities. The Classic also features a Boutique Garden with more than 70 vendors, a wide selection of dining options and a Farmer's Market, all on its 60- acre show grounds.

The <u>Kentucky Horse Park</u> is the leading tourist attraction for all things "horse" and one of the world's best equine competition facilities and only park open to the public. The Kentucky Horse Park hosts a handful of events each year such as the Land Rover Kentucky Three-Day Event, Kentucky Summer Horse Show and BreyerFest.

<u>LAURACEA</u> is a collection of finely crafted leather goods inspired by the true equestrian lifestyle. Designed for equestrians with quality, function, and sophistication in mind, LAURACEA is the brainchild of founder Tamara Makris, designer, entrepreneur, and mother of two equestrians.

Backed by a team of equestrian and insurance experts, <u>Lisa Seger Insurance</u> (LSI) brings "service" back to "customer service" as THE Lifestyle Source for Insurance. The company is associated with the largest and most respected Luxury Insurance Underwriters, serving clients who have more to protect while expecting higher levels of service. LSI can help find coverage for home, auto, fine art and jewelry, horses, and commercial operations.

The <u>National Horse Show</u> is a 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. This year's National Horse Show, October 26- November 6, offers over \$350,000 in prize money and is an FEI CSI4\*-W designated event.

<u>Rood & Riddle Equine Hospital</u> was founded in 1986 with its original facility in Lexington, KY. The practice grew in both size and reputation and added locations around the country. Rood & Riddle now boasts facilities in three centers of world-class equine activity – Lexington, KY, Saratoga Springs, NY, and Wellington, FL. Rood & Riddle prides itself on being a worldwide leader in equine healthcare with some of the most innovative techniques on the market. The Rood & Riddle name is known and respected internationally for its treatment services, including specialized surgical and medical care.

The <u>United States Hunter Jumper Association</u> (USHJA), as the official hunter/jumper affiliate of the United States Equestrian Federation, is a competition-based sport organization that serves our members through educational programs, awards and recognition, communication and rules. They provide a wide array of programs for all hunter/jumper levels and are mindful of the well-being of our equine partners. Additional information is available at <u>www.ushja.org</u>.

For more information about the **Show Jumping Hall of Fame**, including the Show Jumping Hall of Fame Jumper Classic Series, please visit the Show Jumping Hall of Fame website at <u>www.ShowJumpingHallofFame.net</u>.