



***Whitethorne LLC adds a second unique equitation competition to the West Coast hunter/jumper circuit.***

Whitethorne LLC and Georgy Maskrey-Segesman are pleased to announce their sponsorship of two exceptional equitation events for 2019. The 2019 “American Tradition of Excellence Equitation Challenge” will be featured for the third year at the Blenheim June Classic III at Rancho Mission Viejo Riding Park at San Juan Capistrano from June 17 – 19, under the management of Blenheim EquiSports. Georgy created this class initially in 2017 to bring a new perspective and opportunity to the equitation ring.

The class features a one-of-a-kind three phase format which provides invaluable experience for all involved, plus the winning rider earns a new Butet saddle and their trainer takes home a \$10,000 bonus.

The unique format includes each competitor receiving valuable feedback via a judges’ comment card. Riders and trainers also get to attend an informative and social forum at The Ritz-Carlton, Laguna Niguel.



Additionally, Whitethorne LLC has created another new class called the “\$25,000 Whitethorne Equitation Challenge” for this year, which will be featured at the Del Mar International World Cup™ Week, Oct. 16-20 at the Del Mar Fairgrounds, under the management of West Palm Events.

The class is open to junior, amateur, and professional riders who are current PCHA members. Trainers must be current CPHA members. Fences will be no higher than 3’3, and the first phase will be a qualifying round held in the large outdoor hunter ring over an equitation-style course. The top 15 riders from the first phase will return for the second phase, which will be a gymnastics phase in the indoor arena. The top six riders after the second phase will return for a work-off on their own horses, followed by another work-off round in which riders will trade horses. The first place rider after all phases will take home the lion’s share of the prize money, \$20,000 (junior and amateur prize money awarded to trainer per USEF rules).

Georgy Maskrey-Segesman of Whitethorne LLC is “excited to be a part of both of these classes which are different in both spirit and purpose. “It is the mission of Whitethorne to give back to the sport that has been my lifelong passion,” she says. “By infusing excitement into the equitation we hope to broaden the depth of competition on the West Coast.”

*Press release provided by Whitethorne, LLC. Whitethorne always carries a number of high-quality Hunters, Jumpers and Equitation horses for sale or lease in Southern California. These horses are personally chosen by Georgy Maskrey-Segesman and her partner in Germany, and represent some of the best competition horses available in Europe for every level of competition in hunters, equitation and jumpers.*