



Grass derby field among new highlights at Coachella Valley venue.

The installation of the new HITS Desert Horse Park Grass Hunter Derby Field is a highlight of the upcoming 10 weeks of hunter/jumper competition in the Coachella Valley venue formerly known as Thermal.

“We can’t wait to host some of our Hunter Derbies on the grass Derby Field that we are working on,” said HITS President and CEO, Thomas Struzzieri. “It’s something different and I think a lot of the Hunter exhibitors who show with us are going to really enjoy it.”

The AON HITS Desert Horse Park is home to 10 weeks of USEF Premier-Rated shows, chances to qualify for the HITS Championship that take place every September in Saugerties, New York, and \$5 Million in prize money awarded.



Highlights include:

Jumpers

- The National Sunshine Series features two weeks of FEI CSI3* Competition, including the Longines FEI World Cup Jumping Thermal
- AIG \$1 Million Grand Prix (Week VIII) - qualifier classes held each week leading up to the Million! (Desert Circuit Week VIII)
- Junior/Amateur-Owner/Amateur Jumper Classics for 1.25m, 1.35m, 1.45m each week

Hunters

- Two \$25,000 USHJA International Hunter Derbies
- Two USHJA Pony Hunter Derbies
- World Championship Hunter Rider - WCHR
- Devoucoux and Platinum Performance Hunter Prix each week - qualifiers for the HITS Championship

Equitation

- NCEA Junior Hunt Seat Medal Finals (National Sunshine Series II)
- CPHA Style of Riding Championship (National Sunshine Series II)
- R.W. Mutch Equitation Championship (Desert Circuit Week VIII)

Show Dates

- National Sunshine Series I | October 31-November 4
- National Sunshine Series II | November 7-11

- Desert Circuit I | January 15-20
- Desert Circuit II | January 22-27
- Desert Circuit III | January 29-February 3
- Desert Circuit IV | February 5-10
- Desert Circuit V | February 19-24
- Desert Circuit VI | February 26-March 3
- Desert Circuit VII | March 5-10
- Desert Circuit VIII | March 12-17

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