

# NEWS & FEATURES

## ***International show jumping & Las Vegas glitz make for a magical experience.***

The bright lights of Las Vegas once again meet the buzz of international competition for the 12th annual Las Vegas National Horse Show, CSI4\*-W, at the one and only South Point Hotel and Casino, Nov. 13-18. Whether you're a rider, spectator, or just an aficionado for high-level competition, this show in this city has something for everyone.

Jam-packed with equestrian action, this year the inaugural AON/USHJA National Championships will honor top horse and rider combinations in hunter, jumper and equitation divisions. Plus each evening will feature exciting show jumping competition including the \$44,000 Markel Insurance 1.45m Grand Prix Series Final on Wednesday, FEI Speed Classes on Thursday and Friday evenings, and Saturday evening's main event - one of the 14 exclusive events on the North American League - the \$135,000 Longines FEI Jumping World Cup™ Las Vegas, presented by Walter Oil & Gas.



## **Fun & Learning**

The South Point Arena & Equestrian Center is a must-try experience. The entire facility of 1,200 climate controlled stalls and two show arenas is under the same roof as the South Point Hotel, Casino & Spa, which offers a full service 27 room spa, 11 restaurants, 16 movie theatres, a 64-lane bowling alley, gambling galore and, if you just want to relax in your room, you can watch the horse show on your TV. Plus the glitz of the Las Vegas strip is a short drive away.

In addition to the competitive opportunities, the inaugural AON/USHJA National Championships will include educational opportunities for exhibitors and attendees. Sharon Classen, PT, ATC, CERP, who recently provided both equine and human physical therapy at the World Equestrian Games, will lead a session on equine and human sports medicine. Other sessions will focus on equine vital signs, hoof care, sports psychology, and judging. With this new championship, The Las Vegas National Horse Show boasts an amazing opportunity for riders at the national and international level to literally come together under one roof.

### **Saturday Night's Alright**

As one of the year's final competitions on the West Coast, some of the sport's shining stars will be vying for top prizes, including 2017 Longines FEI Jumping World Cup™ Las Vegas Winner Richard Spooner. Also slated to be galloping in for some indoor action in Las Vegas are Kent Farrington, Peter Wylde, Charlie Jayne, Karrie Ruffer, Jennifer Gates and more as entries continue to come in. Riders seek not only to gain the glory of a win, but to accrue valuable points to be invited to the prestigious 2019 World Cup™ Finals in Gothenburg, Sweden in April 2019.

Saturday evening is especially magical as before the first horse enters the arena, the South Point concourse will be buzzing with entertainment, sponsored by WC Equestrian, including a photo booth, caricature artist, magician, face painter, juggler and shopping - the doors open at 5 p.m. Once in your seat at 7:30 p.m., enjoy a Parade of Nations, a Presentation of Champions, and, of course, World Cup™ qualifying competition. To round out an excellent evening, there is an autograph session after the class.

### **Other Adventures**

Plus all of this action under one roof, if the outdoors beckons, there are several cool opportunities including touring Lake Mead and Hoover Dam, hiking in Red Rock Canyon and ziplining in Bootleg Canyon. Each of these adventures are less than an hour from the host hotel.

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This year can serve as a warm-up, as Las Vegas will once again host the prestigious aforementioned Longines FEI Jumping World Cup™ Finals in 2020. This is the only city that can claim to host both a leg of the North American League and the Finals.