AMATEUR KATIE TAYLOR WINS THE WCE MEDAL FINALS AT THE NATIONAL HORSE SHOW HELD AT THE LOS ANGELES EQUESTRIAN CENTER

Michelle Morris is Second and the Final's Top Junior.

(Burbank, CA- November 17) In her first year riding as an amateur, Katie Taylor ended the year with another huge win by taking home the top honors in the grueling two night, three round CPHA Foundation WCE Junior-Amateur Medal Finals. The CPHA Foundation, the Langer Equestrian Group and Stubben Saddles sponsored the class.

Taylor turned in the first of two stellar performances on Thursday night at the Los Angeles Equestrian Center's Equidome, making short work of course designer, Guilherme Jorge's trappy course, and easily winning the amateur division the first night. Junior Michelle Morris handled the first round with panache and topped her division.

The second round began late Friday afternoon, and again Taylor provided spectators with a textbook example of how it should be done. The judges, Frank Madden and Timmy Keyes, agreed, giving her a round-topping score of 91. Amber Levine took home Round Two’s Junior blue.

A tie in the 15th spot meant that 16 riders immediately came back for a final work-off but in the end it was all Taylor and Morris. Taylor ended the evening taking home the overall top honors; winning a Stubben saddle as well as a CPHA gear and stall plaques for herself and her training team at Far West Farms. Her horse Top Card also received a flowered wreath.

“This was great,” said Taylor. “I’m so proud of my horse. He's relatively new to this. He was a jumper until just before USEF finals. He’s come really far, really fast. Winning this class was one of my goals for the year. Next year,” she grinned, “I want to win the USEF Finals!”

In addition to bragging rights, the overall finalists also each collected commemorative coolers, flowers, a crystal box, ribbons and medals. The winning riders of both the Amateur and Junior divisions were presented with a cake decorated specially for the occasion. Ribbons and coolers, flowers and medals
were provided to the top ten riders after the final round. Ribbons were presented to both amateurs and juniors in Round one and two.

Tied in with the WEC Jr/Amateur medals was the debut of a spectacular and successful fundraiser for the CPHA Foundation. The Foundation offered a four-day package, which included an eight-person box in the Equidome for both nights of the competition with a snack platter and drinks. In addition, purchasers received a table on the berm to enjoy a private breakfast and lunch for Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

The CPHA Foundation is a benevolent organization that works on behalf of California Professionals (trainer, grooms, riders and instructors). The Foundation is dedicated to aiding professionals in times of need, providing higher education opportunities through scholarships and grants, educating good principles of horsemanship and fostering amateur equestrian sports and sportsmanship.

**WCE Overall Winners:**

1) Katie Taylor  
2) Michelle Morris  
3) Tina Di Landri  
4) Amber Levine  
5) Marnye Langer  
6) Nicoletta Von Heidegger  
7) Carly Anthony  
8) Mallory Olsen  
9) Nick Haness  
10) Chelsea Wilkinson

**Round One Winners**

**Juniors**

1) Michelle Morris  
2) Laura Mormann  
3) Tina Di Landri  
4) Mallory Olsen  
5) Zazou Hoffman  
6) Adrienne Dixon  
7) Alexandra Conforti  
8) Nicoletta Von Heidegger  
9) Allison Van Sickle  
10) Erica Schmandt

**Amateurs**

1) Michelle Morris  
2) Laura Mormann  
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