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# Winner's Circle

## Maxine Beard Award goes to Jessica Springsteen

Before the American Invitational made its debut at SunLife Stadium in Miami, Fla. on April 5, the United States Equestrian Team Foundation made a special presentation to one of this country's most talented young show jumping riders. This year, 22-year-old Jessica Springsteen of Colts Neck, N.J., was honored for her achievements in the sport with the 2014 Maxine Beard Award. Springsteen's selection for the prestigious award was based on her competitive record and potential to represent the United States in international competition.

Springsteen's success in the show ring began at a very young age, and she took top honors at the country's most prestigious events throughout her junior years. In 2008, she won the ASPCA Maclay National Championship, and in 2009 she won the George H. Morris Excellence in Equitation Championship.

"She was one of the most decisive winners of the ASPCA Maclay Championship," noted Morris. "She had a great career as a junior, and she has a very promising career as a Grand Prix rider. She's very competitive and always does great under pressure. I think she is a very deserving winner."

Her success on the circuit continued this year with a second place finish in the \$280,000 FEI World Cup™ Grand Prix CSI-W 4\*, and a third place finish in the Ruby Et Violette WEF Challenge Cup Round XII, as well as the \$500,000 FTI Consulting Finale Grand Prix CSI5\*. Springsteen and Vindicat W have competed as part of the Global Champions Tour for the past two years, and Springsteen has represented the United States during Nations Cup competitions.

Currently attending Duke University where she is a psychology



Maxine Beard Award presentation including Phillip Richter, Bruce Springsteen, Patti Scialfa, Ronnie Beard, Jessica Springsteen, and S. Tucker S. Johnson

major, Springsteen must split her time riding and showing with studying and attending classes. It is difficult to manage school without the pressure of being an international rider, but Springsteen manages to successfully balance both tasks with grace and ease.

"I am very excited to be the recipient of the Maxine Beard award; it is a great honor," concluded Springsteen. "I am thrilled to have been chosen by the USET Foundation and to be added to a list of such talented riders. Watching the top riders in the world compete is an invaluable learning experience and is incredibly inspirational."

## NARG names top shows

The North American Rider's Group announced the top 25 shows of 2013 at their annual meeting in February.

Local shows making the list were:

3. American Gold Cup at Old Salem Farm in North Salem, N.Y. This show also earned the most improved honors.
6. The Devon Horse Show in Pennsylvania.
7. The Pennsylvania National Horse Show, Harrisburg, Pa.

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**Myler Bitting Seminar**

Sun. May 4 • 1 pm at Chick's

*Is your horse evasive, or relaxed and willing?*

