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National and World Championships



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Chester Weber Wins Bronze at 2024 FEI Driving World Championship for Four-in-Hand Horses

Szilvásvár, Hungary – Chester Weber earned an individual podium finish for the Defender U.S. Driving Team at the 2024 FEI Driving World Championship for Four-in-Hand Horses this week, clinching the bronze medal.

The competition, held at Hungary's State Stud Farm at Szilvásvár Sept. 4-8, 2024, started out with a bang for Weber (Ocala, Fla.), whose test with his KWPN geldings First Edition, Julius V, Kadora, and Kasper D, earned a score of 31.06. Not only was that score good enough to put Weber into first place, but was a record-setting score for this test.

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Defender U.S. Driving Team Completes Outing at the 2024 FEI Driving World Championship for Single Horses

Le Pin au Haras, France – The Defender U.S. Driving Team competed on the sport's biggest stage last week at the 2024 FEI Driving World Championship for Single Horses held at Haras National du Pin in France. The team finished in 10th place overall.

Taylor Bradish (Windsor, S.C.) and Jennifer Matheson's 2009 Welsh Pony Cross mare, Katydid Duchess (Danyloo x Besame) had an outstanding event, finishing in sixth place individually out of 79 starters thanks in large part to an impressive marathon phase where they finished in fourth overall.

Leslie Berndt (Lexington, Ky.) and her 2013 Dutch Warmblood gelding Impressive (First Class x Olizandra) turned in three solid phases to finish in 45th place. Raymond Helmuth (Cambridge, Iowa), and Kendro (Globetrotter x Genderose) his own 2015 Dutch Warmblood stallion, had a strong start but an unfortunate elimination during the marathon phase.

The team was led at this event by Chef d'Equipe Jeff Legg, who saw many positive takeaways from the experience.

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Meet the Driving Horse Behind Team USA

Singles Chef d'Equipe Jeff Legg was featured by Virginia Commonwealth University's College of Health Professions for his support of USA Driving in his professional career.

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Amy Cross and Katie Whaley Win 2024 USEF Combined Driving National Championship for Advanced Ponies

Tryon, N.C. – The Tryon International Equestrian Center hosted the 2024 USEF Combined Driving National Championship for Advanced Ponies last week, welcoming some of the country's top driving athletes to compete among the full slate of driving classes at the Tryon Fall CDE.

Amy Cross (Chestertown, Md.) and Eulenhof Spencer (Arvalon Sion x Carmana's Summer Surprise) earned their first national champion title with three strong phases in the single pony division.

In the pairs division, Katie Whaley (Paris, Ky.) took home her seventh national champion title in the division. She drove her own Timmy, a 2015 Welsh Pony gelding, and Clanfair Sunglow, Gail Riley's 2012 Welsh Pony gelding also known as "Topper," to the win.

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New National Champions Crowned for at 2024 Garden State CDE for Preliminary and Training Levels

Allentown, N.J. – Eight new national champions were crowned at the conclusion of combined driving competition hosted at the New Jersey Horse Park in Allentown, N.J., this past weekend, with the Garden State CDE hosting national championship competition for all Preliminary and Training Level divisions. National champion honors were awarded in the VSE, Single Pony, Single Horse, Pony Pairs, and Horse Pairs divisions at both levels.

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Athlete Pathways Program

Emerging Athlete Program

Applications for the 2025 Emerging Driver Program Grant will open November 1, 2024, and close November 30, 2024.

Developing Athlete Program

2024-2025 Developing Athlete Program Clinic Schedule:

- October 21-23, 2024 with Bram Chardon (NED) at Kismet Farm in Martinez, Calif.
- January 3-6, 2025 with Clinician TBD at the Florida Horse Park in Ocala, Fla.
- February 21-23, 2025 with Clinician TBD at the Florida Horse Park in Ocala, Fla.

- June 6-8, 2024 with Clinician TBD at Charlotte's Creek Farm in Georgetown, Ky.

Applications will open November 1, 2024 for new additions and close November 30, 2024. If you are interested in applying, please be sure to get your competition videos recorded at the upcoming fall competitions.

Pre-Elite and Elite Athlete Program

Congratulations to program athletes for their successful completions at the 2024 FEI Driving World Championships.

- **Pre-Elite:**
 - Leslie Berndl with Impressive owned by Leslie Berndl
 - Taylor Bradish with Katydid Duchess owned by Jennifer Matheson
 - Promoted from the Developing Athlete Program:
 - Tasha Wilkie with Van Dyk 4 owned by Tasha Wilkie
 - Marianna Yeager with MVA Famtijn owned by Kami Landy
- **Elite:**
 - Chester Weber with, Julius V, Kadora, Kasper D, and First Edition owned by Chester Weber

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