



CHAGRIN HUNTER JUMPER CLASSIC IS A NATIONAL TREASURE

Horse Show Continues the Tradition July 5 to 15, 2018

Chagrin Falls, Ohio—March 1, 2018—There are more than 2,500 competitions licensed by the United States Equestrian Federation and only 25 of them have earned the designation of Heritage Competition. Only one Heritage horse show is located in Ohio – the [Chagrin Hunter Jumper Classic](#), July 5 to 15 at the Cleveland Metroparks Polo Field in Moreland Hills.

The designation of a US Equestrian Heritage Competition is reserved for competitions that have been established for a long period of time and have made substantial contribution toward the development and promotion of the sport, by achieving, maintaining and promoting the equestrian ideals of the sportsmanship and competition.

“I was very impressed with the Chagrin show when I visited in 2016. It was really refreshing to see so much community support, and the crowds were very impressive. The show plays a valuable part in the history of our sport,” said Bill Rube, formerly with the United States Hunter Jumper (USHJA) Foundation and Co-Chair of the Wheeler Museum Committee. Rube endorsed the show and was involved in its inclusion in the USHJA [Wheeler Museum](#) exhibit located at the Kentucky Horse Park in Lexington, KY. The exhibit features photographs, video, artifacts and other memorabilia to showcase 20 of the most historically significant U.S. competitions that feature hunter and jumper classes. In addition to their longevity and long-standing traditions, the horse shows featured share similar traits: competition, community and charity.

Running a First Class Horse Show Competition

The Chagrin Hunter Jumper Classic is widely recognized for introducing competitive Grand Prix show jumping to North America in 1965. While that tradition, the Cleveland Grand Prix, continues today with premier rated competition, the show also features a non-rated show to encourage emerging equestrian athletes to engage in the sport. Over the years the show has been an FEI (Federation Equestre Internationale) World Cup site, World Hunter Champion site, and introduced the first America Gold Cup. It has also hosted USHJA National and International Hunter derbies.

Community Economic impact

The Chagrin Hunter Jumper Classic attracts more than 600 horses from 30 states and multiple countries as well as 10,000 spectators to the local area during the 10 days of competition. The show made close to a \$3 million impact on Northeast Ohio in 2015, and \$4 million in 2016. The show also promotes its local assets in the locally built jumping obstacles that adorn the courses and commemorate historic elements of the Cleveland landscape including the Rock ‘n Roll Hall of Fame, Chagrin Falls Popcorn Shop, Cleveland Terminal Tower with Cleveland CAVS trophy.

Charitable Contributions

The Chagrin Valley PHA Show, evolved from a yearly fundraising all-breed horse show that the Chagrin Valley Trails and Riding Club held at the Cleveland Metroparks Polo Field starting the 1940s. Now organized by the Chagrin Valley PHA Horse Shows, Inc., the charitable tradition of the Chagrin Hunter Jumper Classic continues.

While too numerous to name, some of charities that have been supported over the years have included: Fieldstone Farm Therapeutic Riding Center, Geauga Humane Society/Rescue Village, Cleveland Metroparks, Chagrin Falls Volunteer Fire Department, Chagrin Valley Chamber of Commerce, Hershey Montessori School, Cleveland Police Foundation, Lymphoma & Leukemia Society, Cleveland APL, Marilyn's Voice, JustWorld International, Ronald McDonald House, St. Paul's Church, Diabetes Association of Cleveland, Providence House (Crisis Nursery in Cleveland). The horse show's local cash and in-kind sponsorship support the past few years exceeded \$500,000.

Presented by the nonprofit Chagrin Valley Professional Horsemen's Association (CVPHA), the show is run by a Board and a team of community volunteers led by Bainbridge business woman and horse owner, Lori Proch. "One of the major reasons that I became involved as a volunteer over 20 years ago, and why I continue as Chairman of the Board, is the passion that I have for the sport, its' traditions and the important role it plays in our community. The Heritage designation reaffirms our dedication to continuing the 53-year-old tradition. We are so very honored to be recognized in this way," she said.

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