

# EVENTS 2022



## A LOOK BACK ON GREAT MOMENTS

THE MOST REMARKABLE EVENTS IN 2022

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# THE 2022 FEI WORLD CUP FINALS

The **2022 FEI World Cup** Finals; for both dressage and show jumping were held In April, **2022** in Leipzig, Germany. The event was held at the Leipzig Trade Fair and marked the conclusion of the **2021-2022** Dressage and Showjumping World Cup Seasons.

Due to the **COVID-19** pandemic, the **2020 FEI World Cup** Finals in Las Vegas got canceled. It was the first time for the FEI World Cup Finals to get canceled since their inauguration in **1978** for show jumping, and **1985** for dressage.

## FANTASTIC FUCHS TOOK THE TITLE

Martin Fuchs of Switzerland won the Longines FEI Jumping **World Cup™ championship**, competing with **35** athletes, including the defending champion and his compatriot Steve Guerdat, over three grueling days of Jumping.

Second place was awarded to **Harrie Smolders** from Netherlands, who was tied for the lead heading into the final round of Jumping but who picked up one fence on his final turn around the arena for a total of **8** points.

Third place went to the Swedish Jens Fredricson, finishing his campaign with Markan Cosmopolit on 8 points. Whilst Fredricson and Smolders were tied on 8 penalties, Smolders had accrued fewer points prior to the final round, giving him the Lead.



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# CHIO AACHEN 2022



The event took place in July; **CHIO Aachen's** venue has a **40,000 spectators' capacity**, and was once again the venue for the **2022** edition of the Rolex Grand Prix. The **2022** edition was comprised of **40** starters from **14** nations including **20** of the world's top **30**-ranked riders.

## GERRIT NIEBERG WON ROLEX GRAND PRIX OF AACHEN

World number **106**, Gerrit Nieberg, produced the ride of his life aboard his **11**-year-old bay gelding, Ben **431**, crossing the line over half a second quicker than Brash, thereby winning the **2022** edition **CHIO Aachen's Rolex Grand Prix**.

On his victory, winning rider, Gerrit Nieberg, commented: *"Everything is still unreal – I really didn't expect this. Dreams definitely came true today – it was an amazing feeling."*

On the winner, second placed Scott Brash, said: *"Gerrit did a fantastic round. I knew that there was an inside turn to the double and looked to it when I went in, but I didn't fancy it and no one else had done it. Gerrit had to do it to win and he did it very well, so all credit to him, and fair play. He rode very, very well and his horse jumped great today."*

Third place Nicola Philippaerts, on his mare Katanga V/H Dingeshof, commented: *"I'm so proud, you can't imagine – she's a very special mare. She gave everything and jumped unbelievably well."*





# ORAN 2022 MEDITERRANEAN GAMES

Started in Algeria in July; **12** days of sport, competition and celebration. The 19th Mediterranean Games drew to a close in Oran, **3400** athletes from **26** countries across three continents (**Africa, Asia and Europe**) competed in **24** sporting competitions, including athletics, swimming, football, judo, gymnastics, and many others.

**AMRE HAMCHO WAS THE ROCKING STAR OF THESE GAMES BY winning THE FIRST PLACE IN THE INDIVIDUAL JUMPING.**

The Egyptian team included the Olympic Rider Mouda Zeyada, Mohamed El Naggar, Mohamed Weaam, and Mohamed Talaat. The team showed great performance in the games and came in Second place in Jumping Team competitions. While in First place came the Syrian Team by Amre Hamcho, Ahmad Saber Hamcho, Laith Ali, and Chadi Gharib who jumped spectacular rounds.



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# 2022 FEI WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS IN HERNING

The **2022** ECCO FEI World Championships were held in Herning, Denmark. It was the Ninth edition of the Games, which are held every four years and run by the International Federation for Equestrian Sports (**FEI**). For team events in the dressage and show jumping disciplines, these Games were the first qualifying event for the **2024** Summer Olympics.

## HENRICK VON ECKERMANN WAS THE MAN TO BEAT

We saw so many superstars during the jumping competition. The Individual World Championships proved again that Henrick von Eckermann was the man to beat. This Swede took first place after a series of clear rounds. The Silver Medal went to Jérôme Guery and Quel Homme de Hus of Belgium, followed by the great Maikel van der Vleuten and Beauville **Z.N.O.P.** of the Netherlands. These three fierce competitors had fantastic, fruitful results for their efforts.



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# DUBLIN HORSE SHOW 2022

The Dublin Horse Show held from **the 9<sup>th</sup> till the 13<sup>th</sup> August**; was a celebration of Ireland's affinity with the horse. Since it was first held in **1864** this Horse Show has become a Dublin institution and one of the best horse shows including top ranking show jumpers.

## ANOTHER TITLE IN NAYEL'S LIST OF WINNINGS

This edition was very special; EGYPT'S rider Nayel Nassar added another title to his list of achievements by winning first place in the 2022 Dublin Horse Show **CSIO 5\*** at the Royal Dublin Society in Dublin, Ireland.

The 31-year-old Nassar and the Evergate Stables's Coronado (**San Patrignano Cassini x Acord II**) displayed a faultless performance to claim the title and win **€51,500** in prize money.

Cian O'Connor from Ireland and his horse, C Vier 2, came in second place in a highly competitive 14-horse jump-off during the World Championship. Despite their impressive performance, they finished just seven-tenths of a second behind the first-place winner from Egypt.



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# THE ROYAL CENTENNIAL CUP IN TORONTO, FEI JUMPING WORLD CUP™ 2022

Nineteen horse-and-rider combinations contested the speed track set by Canada's Michel Vaillancourt, racing for the top spot right out of the gate.

## ANOTHER GREAT WIN FOR THE EGYPTIAN MAGICIAN

The Egyptian Olympian Nayel Nassar flew to victory in the **\$74,000** Centennial Cup, on Friday evening, November **11**, at the **CSI5\*-W** Royal Horse Show, held as part of the **100<sup>th</sup>** Royal Agricultural Winter Fair, in Toronto.

*"He's really my type of horse,"* said Nassar of El Conde, who was bred in Belgium by **2010** world champion Phillippe Le Jeune and carries Connemara pony lineage on his dam-side. *"We clicked really well from the get-go. He's small, fast and has a lot of blood. He's always looking for the next fence. He is just such a fighter in every sense of the word. He's a great guy."*



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# CHI DE GENEVA 2022

(BY LAURENCE LEMIRE)

The 61<sup>st</sup> edition of CHI Geneva started on December 7<sup>th</sup> and continued for five days . The biggest stars in the Equestrian sport met on the superb Palexo track, competing in showjumping, eventing and driving. A very high level of sport was given to the enthusiastic public who enjoyed the amazing sporting spectacle.

## A GREAT WIN BY AMERICA'S MCLAIN WARD

This prestigious equestrian event ended with the famous Rolex Grand Prix, the flagship event of the Geneva occasion. 40 riders were at the start of this long test of 14 obstacles and **18** efforts. **13** finalists competed in the jump-off, won by McLain Ward in an incredible time of **38.43** seconds. Martin Fuchs, once again applauded by his Swiss public, won 2<sup>nd</sup> place, followed by Shane Sweetnam (**Ireland**), Gilles Thomas (**Bel**), and Simon Delestre(**Fr**). We are all waiting for This year's edition of this unmissable equestrian event that is the **CHI Geneva!**



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# THE JUMP SAUDI CSI5\* GRAND-PRIX QUALIFIER

Named “ *One of the best Arab world shows*” with two weeks of competition in Riyadh, and CSI4\* classes that started on December 8th, and the CSI5\* classes that started December 15th.

## THE SAUDI TEAM ACHIEVED GREAT RESULTS IN THE ARAB LEAGUE WORLD CUP QUALIFIER

*The final rankings came as follows:*

1. ALRAJHI, A.R. (KSA). *Babalou HD*
2. KAWAI, M. (JPN). *Saxo de la Cour.*
3. BISHARAT, M. (JOR). *Un Dollar de Blondel.*
4. GAUDIANO, E. (ITA). *Crack Balou.*
5. ALSHARBATLY, A. (KSA). *Kannabis Van de Bucxtale.*

*To be mentioned also, ,Mouda Zeyada showed a great performance; winning a Bronze medal in The Grand Prix qualifier - Saudi Arabia 2022, with his magnificent partner Katia.*

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