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[Hunters: Wellington: WEF: Scheriff-Muser and Macallan Are Smooth to Win Amateur-Owner 18-35 3'3" Hunters](#)



Tracy Scheriff-Muser and Macallan were the Amateur-Owner 18-35 3'3" Hunter champions during the ninth week of the 2011 FTI Winter Equestrian Festival. Photo © Sportfot, Official Sport Photographer of the FTI Winter Equestrian Festival, www.sportfot.com.

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Wellington, FL - March 12, 2011 - Week nine of the FTI Winter Equestrian Festival rolled on and the Amateur-Owner 18-35 3'3" Hunters opened up the morning competition in the E.R. Mische Grand Hunter Ring. Tracy Scheriff-Muser of Wellington, FL, and her horse Macallan were awarded the championship in the division that is sponsored by Martha Jolicoeur of Illustrated Properties.

Scheriff-Muser purchased Macallan, an eight-year-old Holsteiner stallion by Carentino, six weeks ago. Her trainer Havens Schatt brought the handsome bay from Europe, and it was love at first sight. Scheriff-Muser said with a laugh, "The minute I saw him, I said, 'Oh! He's beautiful!' We ended up buying him."

Although he is just eight and does not have much experience in the hunter ring, Macallan has adapted quickly, winning championships with Schatt and being champion both times out with

Scheriff-Muser. "He's very lazy, but he's so comfortable. He has the best canter. He never looks at anything and he never wants to be bad. Whatever you ask him to do, he just does it. So far it looks good!"

This week, the pair was first and second over fences on the first day, third in the under saddle, and then first and second over fences again today. The handy hunter class caused no problems either. "I was a little nervous because he's just learning all of this," Scheriff-Muser admitted. "At home I would (try and) turn, and I wasn't sure how it would go. But when you get in the show ring, he's so easy. You just look where you're going and he just turns. Once you get in the ring, he's perfect."

While Scheriff-Muser will continue to show in the 3'3" division, Macallan may also get the chance to compete in the International Hunter Derby classes with Schatt. "When we tried him, he was so laid-back and would jump anything, so I kind of saw a derby horse," Scheriff-Muser recalled. "Then eventually maybe I would do it. It's a fun class to watch and it's nice to have one in it. I asked Havens and she said, 'Definitely! That would be fun.'"



Tracy and Macallan in their championship presentation

Hunter competition for week nine concludes tomorrow with competition in seven of the 12 rings at the Palm Beach International Equestrian Center.