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Wellington, FL - February 18, 2010 - Hunters are on the center stage this week in the Bainbridge AHJF/WCHR Hunter Spectacular week of the 2010 FTI Winter Equestrian Festival. The professional hunter divisions competed in the E.R. Mische Grand Hunter Ring and the International Arena over the past two days to find their champions.

In the Regular Working Hunters, Liza Towell Boyd of Camden, SC, won the championship on Brunello, a 12-year-old gelding owned by Caroline Clark Morrison. The pair was second over fences in the second class yesterday and finished with two blue ribbons over fences today to capture the top prize over Castle Rock and Louise Serio, who rode for Bryan Baldwin.

"It was a bit of a rider error in the first class, and we had a rail behind," Boyd explained of yesterday's class. "Since we do not get a hack ribbon, every jumping class needs to count. I knew today we had to win both classes. We were just going to go for it. He walked in there and I asked him, and he was right there for me. He got two scores of 88."



*Liza Towell Boyd and Brunello*

Boyd and Brunello won in a Regular Working division with 24 entries. "It's so good for the industry to see that many Working horses; it's great competition," she commented. Designing in the International Arena for the hunters this week is Bobby Murphy of Lexington, KY. Boyd noted, "It was fun and different. I thought the horses jumped brilliant over it. It seemed like all of the horses adapted to it well. You could really gallop up and the fences would back them off. It rode great."

Boyd and Brunello have a stellar history together. They were third in the AHJF Hunter Spectacular of Palm Beach in 2007 when Brunello was a First Year horse, and they have gone on to win championships at all of the indoor shows in multiple years. After Boyd

took a break from riding when she had her daughter and Brunello had time off, they returned to the show ring last week.

Boyd smiled, "Definitely last week I was nervous. This week he was right where we left off. It's so nice to have a horse like that. He has all the scope in the world. It's the most amazing feeling to have on a horse. The range is endless."

For Saturday night's class, Boyd "just wants to have fun." She added, "It's so stressful just to qualify! It's one of my favorite classes of the year. He's super brave and he'll give it his all. Caroline is so nice to let me ride him."