



OKTOBERFEST 2024:



Photo by Dave Shapiro

Oktoberfest 2024. Everything was ready. Cars were parked by the dressage rings, jumps were decorated, signs were hung, and FEI combinations were ready to go down centerline at 8am Friday morning. However Hurricane Helene had other plans. In the early hours of the morning Aiken was hit with the eye of the storm. Everyone at Stable View was thankfully safe but their thoughts are with everyone who was impacted significantly more.

Volunteers and competitors helped clear the cross country course, stadium jumps were picked back up, and vendors picked up their tents and products. By the end of the day Stable View looked somewhat normal and was ready to host competition. A new schedule was formed making every division but Modified a one-day. The water truck was filled for competitors to have access to water and the pavilion had power, thanks to a generator, allowing riders, grooms, and family members a place to go with air conditioning and working outlets.

CCI2, Preliminary, Advanced, and CCI4 riders navigated Helen West's Cross Country tracks while Beginner Novice, Novice, Training, Modified, Intermediate, and CCI3 riders navigated tracks designed by Mogie Bearden-Muller. All competitors jumped the Chris Barnard designed show jumping courses. Prelim divisions and up had their show jumping rounds filmed by Horse and Country. These can be watched back on-demand. Those who don't have a Horse and Country account can join today with 15% off using the code Stableview15. All riders can purchase their cross country trips from EquiReel.

A big thank you to all the officials, volunteers, staff, and competitors who worked together to pull off this event. Stable View's hearts are with everyone.