

**2010 Putnam Boston Jumper Classic
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Sarah Segal on Ramses ride to the win in the 2010 inaugural Putnam Boston Jumper Classic \$30,000 Grand Prix.

The September weather held out at the prestigious Myopia Hunt Club in Hamilton, Mass. for the inaugural Putnam Boston Jumper Classic, which concluded on September 12, 2010 and benefitting their official charity, the Fisher House – Boston, a "home away from home" for Veterans and their families during their stay at the VA Medical Center in Boston.

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Massachusetts Senator Scott Brown was on hand to celebrate his 51st birthday and to pay tribute to all the men and women who have so unselfishly "dedicated their lives to our Nation." *Skydive New England* put on a magnificent show with skydivers landing in the center of the ring, while Ayla Brown, an American Idol semi-finalist sang a wonderful rendition of the National Anthem.

With more than 6,000 spectators, 500 horses and nearly 300 riders throughout the three days of competition, The Putnam Boston Jumper Classic was a huge success! Over 600 guests attended the Patrons Champagne Luncheon at this, the first year for this event.

Sarah Segal, a 26 year accomplished Grand Prix rider who trains with Olympian Chris Kappler was one of seven that jumped clear in the first round, taking first place in the thrilling Putnam Investments \$30,000 Grand Prix. Owner and rider of Ramses, a nine year old Belgian gelding, they were clear in the first round with a time of 71.777 seconds and in the jump off they posted a clear round of 40.045 to win the class.

Two-time Olympian Leslie Burr Howard, who brought many of her clients to the show from her business, Burr Associates, placed third, fifth, and sixth in the Grand Prix, also winning the Jaguar \$10,000 Speed Stake. In the Speed Stake, Lesley rode Jeans Glove Varnel for another win with a fast time of 67.768 seconds, along with wins at Spruce Meadows and the Hampton Classic.



28 riders entered into the Grand Prix with seven producing clear rounds. Three out of seven in the jump off had clear rounds with less than a second between the first and second placed horses.

**In the Jaguar Speed Stake, Lesley rode Jeans Glove Varnel to the win
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Michel Vaillancourt's course design proved challenging and competitive maintaining

uniformity throughout the week. World Class rider and Owner of Wolfstone Stables, Schuyler Riley aboard Lapacco, came in a close second with a time of 40.442. Boston Bruins principal and successful Grand Prix rider Charlie Jacobs aboard Lady Bird 17 was fourth place.

For more information or results visit www.bostonjumperclassic.com.