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Kiss My Foxy Eight (Kali) Shines Bright in 2015

Owned and ridden by Kirstin Tharp, Kali took home the following awards at the 2015 WSH Convention - President's Cup High Score English and Western Show Horse "A" System, President's Cup High Point Driving Horse / Pony "A" System, Reserve "A" System Pinto Performance Horse Amateur Owner 19 and Over, Pinto Horse Halter "A" and "B" System, Pinto Performance English Horse "A" and "B" System, Pinto Performance Western Horse "A" and "B" System, High Point Performance Horse English and Western Perpetual Awards "A" and "B" System. Kirstin Tharp is from Yakima, Washington and a member of Zone One. Congratulations Kali and Kirstin!

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President's Message

Happy New Year

First off, let me thank all who attended Convention. WSH Convention this year was fun...mechanical bull and everything. If you were unable to join us in 2015, be sure to join us for the 2016 Convention as you never know what fun is in store. We have a new year and I am excited about it. With all that Washington State Horsemen has to offer, I don't know where to start. We have Horse Shows, Game Shows, Trails Hours to Log, Working Horse award opportunities, Convention, Youth Merit, and FUN. Fun, that I have enjoyed for a long time. I am excited to be the new President of WSH and scared at the same time. This is a little bit new for me and a little out of my norm but with the help of all that join WSH and our Board Members, we will make this a year to remember.

To all our new members, WELCOME to WSH. This organization is made up of people that have the same love and interest in our equine friends as you do. We are joined together to help support and promote equine activities in Performance, Games, Trail Rides, Working Horse, and so much more. I am glad that you chose WSH. We are excited to have you in our organization.

This year, two of our divisions will take on a new look in their leadership. Both the Horse Show Division and the Working Horse Division will be committee-led in 2016. Your support and patience during this transition is appreciated. More importantly, ask how you can assist these committees.

The Washington State Horsemen website is up and running. Several of the Board Members will be trained on editing the website on January 9. Together, we will work towards keeping you up to date with the most recent news and forms available. Speaking of January 9, the WSH Board will be holding their first quarter meeting at the Kittitas Valley Event Center in Ellensburg. Be sure to check the WSH Facebook page for the time. We'll hope the weather cooperates...safe travels!

This year is just beginning and I know of quite a few Horse Shows and Game Shows that are in the making and we will have a calendar out to you soon. Working Horse is in the process of making a few changes so we will get that information out to you as soon as possible. Trails and Pleasure...join, ride your horse, track your hours, and earn awards. WSH is fun no matter how you look at it.

I am here to say that I believe in this organization and would enjoy to see this year be its best. Not because I'm President but because WSH truly is the best. Here we are, together, enjoying our "horsey" friends in whatever discipline you ride, doing what we enjoy the most. It can't get any better than that. See you in the arena!

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YOUTH MERIT

A Free Program for WSH Members 17 and Under

I want to thank our Youth Merit Members that attended Convention this year and assisted with the process of bringing forth proposed rule changes! I would also like to thank the Youth Merit Members of Northeast Zone who donated $600 towards this year's awards! Additionally, funds were raised in the silent and live auction at Convention and we greatly appreciate your continued support of this program...thank you! A big "well done" to those that presented speeches this year. Over the next few issues of the *Canter*, we will be sharing these essays with our membership to help you better understand "Horse Breeds of American Origin". The speech topic for 2016 will be Current Equine Legislative Issues. To reserve your topic, please contact Jessie McLaughlin as soon as possible. The following changes were made to the workbooks effective immediately.

1. To enroll in the program, the participant must be a current WSH member, ~~18~~ 17 years of age or under as of August 1.
2. The "Del Haack Junior Achievement Award" is given to the Youth Merit Member with the most overall new points each year.
3. Task 2.10 - Research and name the foundation horses of specific breeds. Maximum of 10.
4. Task 6.34 - Obtain a copy of the current ~~Competitive Trail~~ Working Horse Division rule book.
5. Task 5.2 - Eliminate (can be done in Task 5.1).
6. Task 5.1 - Read a book about a specific ~~your favorite~~ breed of horse / list the title and breed (maximum of 10 per year).
7. Task 8.9 - Participate in a riding / driving / vaulting lesson (maximum of ~~16~~ 10 per year).
8. Task 14.11 - Support your local Fair and enter a project (maximum of 10 per year).
9. Task 3.04.16 - Change "CVEE" to "VEE".

The point system will remain the same in 2016 as it was in 2015. Registration forms for 2016 can be obtained by e-mailing LDSMacs@comcast.net. Registration forms are due prior to any points being accumulated. Youth Merit Members must re-register each year after obtaining their new WSH Membership Card. Congratulations to this year's award winners:

Del Haack Award / High Point Overall - Nicole Grove (NE)
Chet Kelley Award / Community Service - Emma McLaughlin (NE)
High Point 10 and Under - Anna Rodriguez (Canal)
High Point 11 to 13 - Abigail Grove (NE)
High Point 14 to 17 - Sarah Coward (NE)

Participation Plaque (50 Points) - Micah Grove (NE), Bailey Moran (NE), Lacey Jacobsen (NE).

Yellow Tag / Certificate of Merit (100 Points) - Josie Beck (NE), Micah Grove (NE), Lacey Jacobsen (NE).

Red Tag / Certificate of Excellence (200 Points) - Josie Beck (NE), Shanna Jacobsen (NE).

Blue Tag / T-Shirt / Honor of Excellence (300 Points) - Josie Beck (NE)

Bronze Medallion (500 Points) - Sarah Coward (NE).

Superior Jacket (650 Points) - Anna Rodriguez (Canal).

Silver Medallion (800 Points) - Lorissa Hunter (NE), Anna Rodriguez (Canal).

Supreme Buckle (1,000 Points) - Abigail Grove (NE), Skyler Neumann (NE), Grace Ribbeck (NE), Abby Wagemann (NE).

Gold Medallion (1,200 pts) - Abigail Grove (NE).

$50 Scholarship (1,400 points) - Nicole Grove (NE), Cierra Neumann / Certificate Only (NE).

$100 Scholarships (1,800+ points) - Connor McLaughlin (NE), Emma McLaughlin (NE), Courtney Stockman (NE).

This is the first of our four 2015 essays on the subject of "Horse Breeds of American Origin". The essay is from Emma McLaughlin who finished her final year in the Youth Merit program having been a member for 15 years!

"This year's Youth Merit topic is "Horse Breeds of American Origin". I have chosen the American Paint. Paint Horses in the New World can be traced back to 1519 when the Spanish explorer Hernando Cortes sailed here to find fame and fortune. By the early 1800s, the western plains were generously populated by free-ranging herds of horses including paints. These horses were favored by the Comanche Indians. Into the late 1900s, these horses with this unique colored markings were called by a variety of names including pinto, paint, skewbald, and piebald. The Pinto Horse Association was formed in the late 1950s to preserve the "spotted horse". On August 11, 1962 (53 years ago), Rebecca Tyler Lockhart (hoping to preserve both color and stock-type conformation), created the pedigree (what we would refer to as a family tree) for the very first American Paint Horse. It was a black and white tobiano stallion named Bandits Pinto which was owned by Flying M Ranch of McKinney, Texas. The pedigree was very detailed but only included the Sire's (or father's) side of it. It must have been very exciting for her knowing that this would become the very first AMERICAN Paint. The American Paint shares ancestry with the American Quarter Horse and Thoroughbred. To be eligible for registry, an American Paint's sire and dam must be registered with the American Paint Horse Association, the American Quarter Horse Association, or the Jockey Club. The horses must also exhibit a minimum amount of white hair over unpigmented skin to be eligible for the Regular Registry.

This breed has different pattern types including the Tobiano (think of splashed colored paint coming from under the horse), Overo (think of splashed colored paint coming from the top or "over" the horse), and Tovero. The Tobiano is the most common color pattern in registered paint horses. The Tobiano white pattern is genetically dominant over the overo genes. Sometimes it gets tricky though because some Paints are solid in color. These horses are listed as breeding stock on their papers. For more definition, the Tobiano Paint has dark spots in one or both flanks, mostly all four legs are white, or below the hocks and knees. They may either be predominantly dark or white. And the tail, is typically two colors. The Overo Paint has a different pattern. The white will not cross the back of the horse between its withers and its tail. At least one and often all legs are dark, and the white is usually patterned to be splashy looking. The Overo is also predominantly dark or white and its tail is all one color. Now let's move to our last one…the Tovero pattern. This pattern is a lot different than the rest but a first distinction is either one or both of the eyes are blue. The flank spot or spots range in size. These are often accompanied by smaller spots that extend forward across the barrel and up and over the loin. The spots will also vary in size at the bottom of the tail.

The Paint horse is a very versatile and athletic horse. The breed is very suitable for Western Pleasure (a western style competition at horse shows that evaluates horses on manners and suitability of the horse for a relaxed but collected gait cadence and relatively slow speed of gait, along with calm and responsive disposition). Paints are also used in western reining and other western events as well as English hunt seat and show jumping competitions. Additionally, Native Americans used American Paint Horses in war because they believed that this breed possessed magical abilities. I believe that horses (in general) have a magical power…a power to listen and to protect their rider or owner.

American Paint horses are a special breed. They are the second-largest equine breed association with approximately one million Paint Horses on record and new registrations coming in at a rate of about 15,000 per year. The APHRA also has members in more than 59 nations and territories. I'm very excited about being able to ride an American Paint Horse this coming season. With all of their known traits of being versatile and athletic…the sky is the limit…go Paisley! "

Essay by Emma McLaughlin
Member through the Northeast Zone

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WSH AWARD WINNERS

Pictured Top to Bottom, Left to Right: Club of the Year - Walla Walla Valley Horsemen, Jesselyn Roehr Lifetime Achievement Award - Lea Williams of the Northeast Zone, Games Division's Roberta Dunckel Inspirational Award - Sharon Kelsey of the Northeast Zone, Twin Benson Man of the Year Award - JoAnn Thomson of South Central Zone, HSD's Harlan Blumenthal Inspirational Award - Judy Jo Roberts of Zone One, and Mayor Jack Larson Junior Inspirational Award - Kinsey Nelson of South Central Zone.

HORSE SHOW DIVISION WINNERS GRAB BIG AWARDS IN 2015

Pictured Top Center are the winners of the Top Five Horse / Rider Combination Awards: Jerry James, Kyle Ellis, George Chick, Kelsi Shelton, and Carley Stratton. Additional Photos include Kirstin Tharp, Samantha Yoder, Sylvia Glover, Jole Sue Chick (with presenter Horse Show Director Cheryl Moriarty), and Mary Balsack. Also pictured WSH President Erica Lackey and Board Member Jean Garcia.

HORSE SHOW DIVISION

2015 Year End Award Winners...The Best in the State of Washington!

DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE: Welcome to 2016 and a new year of WSH horse shows! First, I would like to recognize our 'major' award winners for 2015; then I will discuss a little about how 2016 is going to work. CONGRATULATIONS to our President's Cup Winners: **Kiss My Foxy Eight** and **Kirstin Tharp** who walked away with the High Score for English Show Horse "A" System, Western Show Horse" A" System and the High Point Driving Horse/Pony "A" System President's Cups. The date on the Western Trophy goes back to 1957, the English to 1960, and the Driving to 1988; as far as I can tell, this is the first time that the same horse has won all three (3) in the same year – Congratulations to **Kirstin and Kali**! **Take Hearrt** and **Jerry James** were also big winners, taking home both the High Score English Show Horse "B" System and the Western Show Horse "B" System President's Cups, as well as the All Around High Point Senior Award. **Soundview's Going GaGa** with **Sylvia Glover** was the High Point Driving Horse/Pony "B" System President's Cup recipient and also received the "B" System Horse and Driver Award, with her Arabian **Eklypss** placing second for that award. **Samantha Yoder** received the Art Hannum Memorial President's Cup and was named the Limit Rider of the Year with younger brother **Joey Yoder** receiving the Leadline Equitation, Riders 6 and Under Award. **Carley Stratton** collected the All Around High Point Junior Award**. Image in the Rain** (shown by **George Chick)** was the Judge's Choice Perpetual Award winner. The "B" System Top Five Horse/Rider Combinations for 2015 were **Take Heartt/Jerry James**, **Eyed B Stylin/Kyle Ellis**, **Image in the Rain/George Chick**, **Yummy Goodbar/Kelsi Shelton** and **Terry Wood/Carley Stratton**. The HSD Senior Inspirational Award went to **Jole Chick** while **Judy Jo Roberts** was selected for the Harlan Blumenthal Inspirational Award. **Mary Balsack's** draft mare **"GG"** (who she lost early in the year) received the Hall of Fame Horse Perpetual Trophy and had her HSD Permanent Number (#1279) retired. Pictures of the above winners will be on the WSH website (under the Horse Show Division) along with a list of all of the class placings and perpetual trophy winners. THANK YOU to our award sponsors for this year – Star Spangled Club for the Top Five jackets, the Arabian Horse Association Region V, Mary Brady, and Terri Lehnertz.

Now for the changes for 2016… As a result of us having fewer approved shows last year as well as less exhibitors signed up for yearend awards, the HSD is not financially able to continue paying a HSD Director or Points Keeper. Having no applicants willing to accept the positions under these circumstances, the HSD requested, and the WSH Board approved, an "extraordinary exemption" to the WSH bylaws allowing the HSD to operate 'by committee' rather than have a 'director' for 2016. The committee will consist of Judy Jo Roberts, Jean Garcia, Lisa Gardner, and Cheryl Moriarty. As of this writing, the details are still being worked out. Rest assured, our goal is to have a seamless transition for our members/exhibitors. The forms on the website will be updated if/when the address they are to be sent to changes; if you send anything to an incorrect/'old' address, we will be in close contact to ensure there is no negative impact to you. So keep checking the website for updates/information, use the HSD e-mail (wshhsd@gmail.com) and any of our phone numbers if you have questions.

At Convention, the HSD voted on some major rule changes. As a result, there will be a new rulebook this year (no supplement will be available). Watch the website/Facebook for details. In 2015, out of a possible 171 classes, we only gave out awards in approximately 70 classes ("A" and "B" Systems combined). Some classes did not have enough exhibitors signed up/qualifying; in these cases, classes were combined where possible. Many classes had no one at all signed up; some classes were not offered by any shows. These figures (along with numbers from the past few years) helped the class revision committee develop a proposal that was then presented to the HSD membership. One of the major changes includes changing the "A" system yearend award classes. Rather than offering multiple awards for each breed, there will be one "A" System award for each of the following: Halter, English, Western, Driving, Youth and Amateur/Non-Pro. In addition numerous classes were dropped or combined for the "B" System awards. One of the significant changes for the "B" System classes is the dropping of 'Novice' classes (for those who have not won 3 firsts in recognized shows), however '**Limit**' classes (for those who **have not won 6 firsts**) were kept in all appropriate divisions. Qualified exhibitors have an opportunity to participate for a longer period in the beginning classes. Shows can still offer 'novice' classes, there is just no WSH yearend award for these classes. The new HSD yearend awards class list consists of approximately 123 classes, including the six (6) "A" System classes previously mentioned. In case you were unable to attend the meeting at Convention, the 'unapproved' minutes from the HSD meeting are (or will soon be) on the website. The minutes will be approved at next year's Convention, however if you attended the 2015 meeting and feel that I have incorrectly recorded any information, please contact me right away. Because of these massive changes, the Yearend Award signup form will be completely revised with class numbers changing. So please do not use the old forms – wait for the new forms to be created and posted so we get you signed up in the correct classes.

One other important change… if you have a 'permanent number' but do not sign up for WSH yearend awards this year, you are NOT authorized to compete using the permanent number regardless of whether you have paid the $5 to 'keep' the number for your future use. If you are not competing for WSH yearend awards for 2016, you need to show with exhibitor numbers issued by each show secretary.

As of December 1st, I have only received Show Approval / Show Date Applications from a few shows; a calendar of show dates (confirmed and tentative) can be found in this *Canter* and will be on the website very soon. If you are 'show management' and have not yet submitted your paperwork, please do so as soon as possible. Hopefully by the time you are reading this, there will be a calendar posted. I have heard that the YEA Show will be offered again this year, so watch the calendar for its dates and location, and be ready to support this show that benefits our yearend awards along with supporting all of our other WSH approved shows. My goal is to have premiums for all of the shows posted on the website as soon as they are approved/available. In addition, Kyle Ellis has offered to assist with/take over the HSD Facebook updates, so everyone will know about the shows and when the premiums are available.

I have enjoyed the 6+ months that I have filled the HSD Director position and appreciate the support I have received from everyone. I look forward to being part of the committee for 2016. If I can help any of you in any way, please do not hesitate to contact me. Good luck with your 2016 show season – may all of our shows be successful and may all of your hard work with your horses pay off! I challenge all of you to sign up for WSH Yearend Awards this year… if you were signed up last year, sign up again and recruit one extra exhibitor to sign up too. In some cases, this may result in a new or returning member to WSH which would be an additional bonus! -- Cheryl Moriarty

Congratulations 2015 HSD Winners

President's Cups
- High Score English and Western Show Horse "A" System: Kiss My Foxy Eight / Kirstin Tharp
- High Score English and Western Show Horse "B" System: Take Hearrt / Jerry James
- High Point Driving Horse / Pony "A" System: Kiss My Foxy Eight / Kirstin Tharp
- High Point Driving Horse / Pony "B" System: Soundview's Going GaGa / Sylvia Glover
- Art Hannum Memorial President's Cup: Samantha Yoder
- "B" System Horse and Driver Award: 1. Soundview's Going GaGa / Sylvia Glover, 2. Eklypss / Stethmir Arabians (Sylvia Glover)
- Horse Show Division Top 5 Horse / Rider Combination: Take Hearrt / Jerry James, Eyed B Stylin / Kyle Ellis, Image in the Rain / George Chick, Yummy Goodbar / Kelsi Shelton, Terry Wood / Carley Stratton
- All Around High Point Senior Award: Jerry James
- All Around High Point Junior Award: Carley Stratton
- Judge's Choice Perpetual: Image in the Rain / George Chick
- HSD Senior Inspirational Award: Jole Chick
- Limit Rider of the Year Award: Samantha Yoder
- Hall of Fame Horse Perpetual Award and HSD Permanent Number Retired: GG / Mary Balsack (#1279)
- Harlan Blumenthal Inspirational Award: Judy Jo Roberts

Leadline
- Equitation English/Western Riders 6 and Under: Joey Yoder

Walk / Trot
- Pleasure E/W Riders 10 and Under: 1. Make Time For Me / Anna Rodriguez, 2. KA Emiras Gold / Samantha Yoder, 3. Lookin' For Trouble / Maddalyn Roll
- Equitation E/W Riders 10 and Under: 1. Samantha Yoder, 2. Anna Rodriguez, 3. Maddalynn Roll
- Mariann Bonwell Walt/Trot Trail, Riders 10 and Under: 1. Make Time For Me / Anna Rodriguez

"A" System
- Halter Horse: 1. REI Ammishaddai / Jennifer Luther, 2. Anne Amazing Cyte / Jennifer Luther
- English Horse: 1. DB Virtual Fire / Madison Thompson, 2. Lord Scotty / Bonnie Schuchman
- Western Horse: 1. OFW Renoir / Helicia Thompson, 2. Sunchaser Apollo / Suzanne Cairns
- English Horse: 1. DB Virtual Fire / Madison Thompson, 2. Lord Scotty / Bonnie Schuchman
- Pinto Performance Horse Amateur Owner 19 and Over: 1. Eyed B Stylin / Kyle Ellis, 2. Kiss My Foxy Eight / Kirstin Tharp
- High Point Morgan Performance Horse: 1. Sunchaser Apollo / Suzanne Cairns

All Other Breeds Division "B" System
- Halter Horse: 1. SP Mirrored Image / Susan and Mike Giese, 2. Image in the Rain (ApHC) / George Chick, 3. My Destiny / Mary Balsack, 4. Image in the Rain (Roan Reg.) / George Chick and My Destiny (Pony in Hand) / Mary Balsack (tie), 5. Be A Fancy Me / Kelsi Shelton, 6. Remarkable Mudder / Kelsi Shelton and Sun of a Dun SOS / Theresa Hautala (tie), 7. Time to Be Truckle / Ilsa Fuhrer
- English Pleasure: 1. Take Hearrt / Jerry James, 2. Eyed B Stylin / Kyle Ellis, 3. Rustic Elegance / Heather Flores, 4. Remarkable Mudder / Kelsi Shelton, 5. Rap N Roll / Elizabeth Strait, 6. Chubasko / Lisa Lydon
- Western Pleasure: 1. Wee Do Rock / Teri Blair, 2. Image in the Rain (Roan Reg.) / George Chick, 3. Lord Scotty / Bonnie Schuchman, 4. Eyed B Stylin / Kyle Ellis
- High Point Perpetual Trophy: SP Mirrored Image / Susan and Mike Giese

Appaloosa Division "B" System
- Western Pleasure: 1. Image in the Rain / George Chick, 2. Time to Be Truckle / Ilsa Fuhrer
- High Point Versatile Horse Perpetual and High Point Western Performance Horse "B" System: Image in the Rain / George Chick
- Fred C. Clark Memorial High Point Appaloosa Western Performance Horse: Image in the Rain / George Chick

Arabian Division "A" System
- Arabian / Half Arabian Halter Horse: 1. REI Ammishaddai / Jennifer Luther, 2. Anne Amazing Cyte / Jennifer Luther

Arabian Division "B" System
- Arabian / Half Arab Halter Any Age Any Sex: 1. MD Cinfully Golden / Michelle Fitzhugh, 2. Take Hearrt / Jerry James, 3. KJW All I Wanted / Kristin Williams
- Arabian / Half Arabian Western Pleasure: 1. Take Hearrt / Jerry James, 2. Too Buckn Khool / Faith Lenz
- Homer B. Splawn Perpetual Trophy / High Point Arabian Gelding: Take Hearrt / Jerry James
- George McDonald Perpetual Trophy / High Point Arabian Performance Horse "A" System: OFW Renoir / Helicia Thompson
- Lombardi Perpetual Trophy / High Point Arabian Performance Horse "B" System: Take Hearrt / Jerry James
- Fred Hayden Memorial Trophy / High Point Half Arabian "B" System: MD Cinfully Golden / Michelle Fitzhugh
- Region V Arabian: Take Hearrt / Jerry James
- Region V Half Arabian: MD Cinfully Golden / Michelle Fitzhugh

Buckskin Division "A / B" System
- Halter Any Age Any Sex: 1. Lord Scotty / Bonnie Schuchman, 2. MD Cinfully Golden / Michelle Fitzhugh, 3. Son Of a Dun SOS / Theresa Hautala
- All-Around Buckskin Horse Perpetual Trophy: Lord Scotty / Bonnie Schuchman

Driving Division "A / B" System
- Green Pleasure Driving High Point, 1st and 2nd Year: 1. Soundview's Going GaGa / Sylvia Glover, 2. Eklypss / Stethmir Arabians (Sylvia Glover)
- Pleasure Driving High Point Open: 1. Soundview's Going GaGa / Sylvia Glover, 2. Eklypss / Stethmir Arabians (Sylvia Glover)
- Overall Driving High Point Horse: 1. Eklypss / Stethmir Arabians (Sylvia Glover)
- Overall Driving High Point Pony / Miniature: 1. Soundview's Going GaGa / Sylvia Glover

WORKING HORSE DIVISION

Welcome 2016! I am proud to announce that the WSH Working Horse Division has been restructured for 2016 with many exciting events. The Working Horse Division Director that will lead the committee and report to the WSH Board of Directors is Erica Lackey. Mickie Maxson-Box will be in charge of managing Working Horse Recording Forms and Exhibitor Report Forms and communications with members. Tania Nelson will be verifying exhibitor report forms and recording event points. Willie Hansen will also be contributing her time and efforts to the committee. The Working Horse Division is seeking input and committee for this new division. If you are interested, please contact one of the committee members.

The WSH Working Horse Division is open to all horses and riders in events in Washington, Oregon, and Idaho that offer competition to exhibitors in any of the Working Horse events which include Extreme Trail, Cutting, Mounted Shooting, Breakaway Roping, Team Roping, Tie-Down Roping, Ranch Sorting, and Team Penning. There is a single fee of $25 for each horse/rider combination to sign up for the Working Horse Division for all events.

Year End Award Recording Forms and Exhibitor Reporting Forms are available on the WSH website. Signing up for the Working Horse Division is simple. First, become a member of WSH, and then complete the Year End Awards Recording Form and submit the appropriate fees. After you compete at an event, fill out the exhibitor reporting form, have the show secretary sign the form and submit your placings within 30 days of the event.

Working Horse Division Year-End Awards will include High Point Awards to the highest scoring Youth and Adult in each event. A Working Horse Division Overall High Point Champion will be awarded to the Working Horse Division horse/rider combination who has earned the most total points in one or more events. In addition, certificates and awards will be presented for outstanding achievement in the Working Horse events.

Congratulations to WSH members Mekenna Simpson, Mickie Maxson-Box, and Erica Lackey who brought home wins and high point awards from the National Mountain Trail Challenge and Northwest Mountain Trail Challenge in Eugene, Oregon, in November.

The WSH Working Horse Division sign up forms are available on the WSH website. We look forward to meeting many new members as we start off the new year. Come join us -- Erica Lackey.

Photo Left - Mickie Maxson-Box and Sam winning top honors in Eugene, Oregon. Photo Below - Erica Lackey and Dakota winning their first Northwest Mountain Trail Championship.

For more information contact the Working Horse Division Chair:
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GAMES DIVISION

DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE: Well it is time to send in your show approvals for 2016. I hope that everyone had a Merry Christmas and got to enjoy special time with family and friends. If you are on Facebook, you may have seen the skijoring that some of my family did on Christmas while others were pulled on a sled behind the horses. Truly a fun day! We will have State in Cashmere again August 26-28 so get your requests in for vacation now. We look forward to having an even bigger State this year, so get those averages in and run hard and please begin working on sponsors for this year's event. How are you doing on readying your horses for the season? With the foot and a half of snow here, I know my horses will be good and legged up this year. If you have any questions on rules or anything please contact me so that we are all on same page. Be sure when you send in your WSH dues you designate "Games Division" as your division of choice as a percentage of those dues will go straight to Games Division in 2016. Please also try to get your dues in early...waiting until the first show adds a lot of extra paperwork for your show committees and zone representatives. Contact your club secretary today to renew for 2016 if you are joining through a club. If joining "non-club", a new membership form should be available on the WSH website next month. Thank you for continuing to support WSHGD and being an amazing group of members to work with! Enjoy your fuzzy four-legged friends -- Melissa Stockman.

RULE CHANGE PROPOSALS

The following rule changes were voted upon by the Games Division Membership at the Saturday morning meeting at Convention. The rule changes are effective immediately.

Page 3 / BAD DEBTS: Change to read, "Any member who has been duly notified by Certified, Return Receipt letter from the State Office of the Western Games Division that they have incurred a bad debt to a WSH affiliated club or to the WSHGD head office, after a thirty day grace period, shall be barred from having their times count from date of notice until past debts, along with any applicable bank fees, are paid in cash or by money order. Members submitting checks for payment without sufficient funds being available in their accounts on two separate occasions will be placed on a 'cash only' basis with WSHGD.

Page 6 / SECTION 2 (Dress / Attire). Change "Western shirt defined as collared, open fronted with either snaps or buttons." to read "Western shirt defined as collared with either snaps, buttons, or zipper".

Page 6 / SECTION 6 (Measuring a Course): Add to the end of the paragraph, "Multiple events may be set up in the arena at one time. Event properties, including poles, barrels, and flag containers may not be in the upright position on any pre-measured course."

Page 6 / SECTION 6 (Measuring a Course). Add to the end of the section, "A Steward must verify measurements prior to any runs being made. A solid white line dividing the courses must be used when two lanes are being run."

Page 28 / AWARD RULES: Add to the end of the 2nd Paragraph, "Perpetual trophy winners will be assessed a fee of $1.00 per day, beginning the Monday after the Washington State Championship Show, for trophies not returned to the WSHGD Director. Funds collected will be placed into the WSCS awards fund for the next year."

2016 SHOW APPROVALS

Show Committees...please send your show approval forms and payment to Secretary Jessie McLaughlin. What a great year ahead it will be!

2016 OFFICERS

Melissa Stockman (Director)
Heidi Lyngstad (East Side Vice)
Mike Rickert (West Side Vice)
Jessie McLaughlin (Secretary)
Heather Seiler (Treasurer)
Glenna Eilers (Times Keeper)
Amelia Howe (Jr. Rider Rep.)
Sammi Kuhlman (Jr. Rider Rep.)
Courtney Stockman (Jr. Rider Rep.)
James Vidrine (Rules Committee Chair)
Scott Lyngstad (Rules Committee)
Sharon Kelsey (Rules Committee)
Tracy Crotsley (Rules Comm. Alt.)

SAVE THE DATE

August 26 to 28, 2016
Chelan County Fairgrounds
Cashmere, Washington

Washington State Championship Show

5 Clean Runs, 2+ Arenas =
Your chance to run for the saddle!

High Point Saddle Winners L-R: McKenzi Tanner, Justin Shaffer, Carley Pitts, Ashley Valdez, Arabella Howe, Suzie Dillman, Kristy Minkoff, Jerene Rockstrom

For more information contact the Games Division Chair:
Melissa Stockman at stockmansaddlery@aol.com / 509.276.9862

TRAILS AND PLEASURE

Gearing Up for Growth in 2016

DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE: Happy New Year to you all! Wow...it's hard to believe Christmas is over (I hope that you all had a very Merry Christmas) and that we are now into the year 2016. As we start the New Year, remember that the Trails and Pleasure "season" actually started October 1, 2015 and runs through September 30, 2016. Whether you're new to WSH or have been around for years, the Trails and Pleasure Division has something to offer everyone. You can receive credit for the time (hours) you spend in the saddle, cart or even on the ground. I would like to thank those of you who supported the Trails and Pleasure Division for the past years, but it's time we grow...so I encourage each of you to spread the word and get at least one friend to join. I would like to say "thanks" to all of you who were able to attend the 2015 WSH Convention and a special thanks to those who attended the Trails and Pleasure Meeting. We had a great turnout and lot of great ideas (some for this year and others that will have to wait until the next convention). The Division now has its very first set of Standing Rules and as you sign up this year, I will mail one to each of you. There are a few small changes (again) to the sign-up forms. I will update the forms and have them uploaded to the website soon or you can always email me at fitzhugh22@msn.com. In the meantime, feel free to utilize the form included in this issue of the *Canter*, it includes the new areas of horse breed and the first year you joined WSH Trails and Pleasure (for me it was 2007). If you're on Facebook, watch for some changes to the WSH Trails and Pleasure page. I'm not all that FB savoy but I'm working on it. If you know of an upcoming event, feel free to post it on the FB page. I know that there are several Poker Rides, CMOs and other trail type rides out there. It would be great to let everyone out there know of them. I have included a list of the 2015 Winners (who put in a lot of hours)...congratulations to you all! Keep safe and have fun out there -- Michelle Fitzhugh.

RIDING / ADULT: 1st - Angela Weston (354.5 hours), 2nd - Sondra Johnston (344 hours), 3rd - George Chick (103.5 hours), 4th - Mary Brady (89.55 hours).

RIDING / YOUTH: 1st - Cierra Neumann (141.5 hours), 2nd - Skyler Neumann (117 hours), and 3rd - Nicole Grove (43 hours).

IN-HAND / ADULT: 1st - George Chick (157.5 hours), 2nd - Mary Balsack (104.35 hours), 3rd - Michelle Fitzhugh (50 hours)

IN-HAND / YOUTH: 1st - Shanna Jacobsen (53 hours), 2nd - Nicole Grove (28.12 hours).

DRIVING: 1st - Mary Balsack (8.3 hours)

Trails and Pleasure Sign Up Form

Mileage is calculated from October 1 through September 30 - Join Now for 2016 !!

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

WSH #: _____ Zone: _____ Club:_____

Birthdate: _____ Age: _____ Email Address: _____

Breed of Primary Horse: _____ First Year that I Joined WSH T&P: _____

Send Form along with $10 Sign Up Fee to: Director Michelle Fitzhugh
9518 E 4th Avenue #92 - Spokane WA 99206-3058

For more information contact the Trails and Pleasure Division Chair:
Michelle Fitzhugh at fitzhugh22@msn.com / 509.928.1230

Interested in placing an ad in the April issue of the Canter? Please send the ad (jpg format) to wshcanter@yahoo.com no later than March 15.

Business Card - $25

Quarter Page - $40

Half Page - $80

Full Page - $160

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509.452.9877

Become involved in all levels of Washington State Horsemen...club, zone, and State! Please contact the Zone President in your area to find out when your next Zone Meeting is. Zone Meetings are a wonderful time to visit with those that enjoy equine activities in your area in all of Washington State Horsemen's disciplines.

Where can you find more information about WSH, Zones, and Clubs?

www.**W**ashington**S**tate**H**orsemen.org

SOUTH CENTRAL ZONE

Erica Lackey - Reporter

Happy 2016 from SCZ! SCZ, Franklin County Saddle Club, and Walla Walla Valley Horsemen are looking forward to four great horse shows. The Springtime Open will be held April 30-May 1 and Summerfest Horse Show will be held June 4-5 in Pasco, WA. In Walla Walla, the Pink Ribbon Classic Benefit Show will be held July 24-25 and the Eddie MacMurdo Memorial Horse Show will be held September 17-18. As we move forward into the New Year, SCZ would like to recognize the youth members of Walla Walla Valley Horsemen, the American Wrangler Jr. Horsemen, who organize and run two horse shows each year; the Pink Ribbon Classic Benefit Horse Show raised money for the Providence St. Mary's Regional Cancer Center Special Needs Fund (see photo below). In addition, these members hosted a spring schooling show that raised $1000 for a local young horsewomen's medical expenses after a long illness. We are very proud of our kids and all that they do for others in our community. SCZ would also like to congratulate to Kinsey Nelson, Heather Flores, Madeline Roll, and Erica Lackey on their Horse Show Division Year End Awards. Good luck in 2016!

NORTHEAST ZONE

Jessie McLaughlin - Reporter

The Northeast Zone held their annual awards banquet on November 21 at the Corbin Senior Center. Those in attendance (approximately 110) were served a wonderful barbecue dinner from Dickey's. Congratulations to this year's big winners! Jole Sue Chick received Person of the Year while Emma McLaughlin received the Elvetta P. Lewis Scholarship Award.

In the Youth Merit Division, the high point winners were Overall Nicole Grove (also winning High Point 14-17), Abigail Grove winning 11-13, and Josie Beck winning 10 and Under.

Special Award Winners in the Games Division included Ought to Be a Dancer ridden by Melissa Stockman (Jet Bar Joker Memorial Award - Most Versatile Horse), Josie Beck (Most Improved Rider), Amber Loshbaugh (Joan and Bob Deardorff Memorial Award for Most Valuable Worker), and Carley Pitts (Donny Kenworthy Memorial Award). Celebrating the accomplishment of reaching "A" in 2015 were Fred (ridden by Carley Pitts) in Flags and California Stake and Splash (ridden by Brandon Lyngstad) in Keyhole. The Games Division's High Point Age Winners were Baylor Rosen on Tanner (Leadline), Skyler Neumann on Dreamer (Buckaroo), Evelyn Friebus on Lady (Junior), Carley Pitts on Fred (Intermediate), Micheal Lyngstad on Diamond (Senior A), Angie Holmes on Scoop (Senior B), Melissa Stockman on Ought to Be a Dancer (Super Senior A), and Jerene Rockstrom on Little Joe (Super Senior B).

Special Award Winners in both the Horse Show Division as well as the Trails and Pleasure Division will be featured in the next issue of the *Canter*. The Zone continues to meet monthly (through May) on the first Thursday of the month. A new location is being tested during the January Meeting (IHOP). Please check the Zone's Facebook Page for February's location and time. What a great year 2016 is going to be for the Northeast Zone...join WSH today and be a part of it!

LOC

I hope that everyone is surviving the wind and rain of this winter. I can hardly wait for the snow to come with whatever it will bring this year. Anyone else ready for Spring?

At Convention this year, we welcomed Dan Moriarty from the Spokane area to the Licensed Officials Committee. He received his Judge's card in Appaloosa, Western, English Division and Western Equitation. You can reach him at tpappys@gmail.com or 509.299.4191.

Last year's convention we welcomed Amy Woodyard from the Spokane area as a new Steward. She can be reached at Rossamy64@gmail.com or 509.570.8590. New Judge, Kristen Hansen from Silverdale area can be reached at hansen22904@hotmail.com or 206.930.8872. Carded in English, Western, Arab and Hunter Seat Equitation.

Currently in our Learner Judge program is Barbara Manning from Olympia area. She can be reached at bjlanman@comcast.net or 360.464.5902.

The LOC has been invited to join the Region 5 Arabian Club at their Northwest EquestFest and Year End Awards Banquet in Bellevue at the Courtyard Seattle Bellevue/Downtown Bellevue (11010 NE 8th Street) on January 9. WSH will have a booth, sharing what WSH has to offer as an organization. There will be 12 different topics covered throughout the day with some familiar names. Some of the speakers include Pat Hough, LaRae Fletcher, Patty Baker, Karen Green, Mike Lamb, Stan Morey and many others. For more information, you can go to www.regionv.com. I will need some volunteers to help at the booth so please contact me if you are interested in helping.

On Saturday, March 5, we will be having our Stewards clinic at the Issaquah Hilton Garden Inn. We are having a motivational speaker come inspire us to help energize our organization. The LOC offered to help at the 2016 YEA Show. The show is to help raise money for the Year End Awards for the WSH Horse Show Division. I am still waiting to hear the dates that they will need volunteers. I will let you know as soon as I get that information.

Ranch Horse Riding was newly introduced into WSH this past year. There seems to be quite a bit of interest in this class from both the exhibitors and judges. Questions have come up about where to find patterns. Most of the judges and show committees are using the patterns from the AQHA rulebook or making their own. A judge may design their own pattern for Ranch Horse Pleasure (Ranch Riding) as long as their patterns include the required maneuvers - a walk, trot, lope both directions; extended trot and extended lope at least one direction; as well as stops and back. Also the pattern must include 3 optional maneuvers which may include Side Pass (either or both directions), turns of 360 or more, change of leads (either simple or flying), walk, trot or lope over poles, or any combination of maneuvers that would be reasonable for a ranch horse to perform.

Some sad news for one of our past judges, Gladys Doidge. Her husband, Robert Doidge passed away in a tragic accident while ice skating. They would have celebrated their 57th anniversary in December. The memorial was held on December 13 at Crossroads Community Church in Yelm. Please keep Gladys and her family in your prayers.

The 2015 Harlan Blumenthal Inspirational Award went to Judy Jo Roberts. She has been seen volunteering at the horse shows, helping set up for Convention and being supportive to other WSH members. Always a "behind the scene" type of member, Judy Jo goes above and beyond when she can. Congratulations Judy Jo.

Reminder, March 1st is the deadline for getting your proof of membership, both WSH and USEF cards in. By the time this comes out in the *Canter*, you all will have celebrated Christmas and the beginning of the New Year. May 2016 be a very good year for all. If you have any news or articles that you would like posted in the *Canter*, please send them to me, LOC Chair Patti Burns, at happygoluckyptb@hotmail.com.

DRAFT HORSE

Anyone that knows me, knows that 2015 was a rough year for me. I lost my Belgian mare GG in May. She was an amazing horse, one in a million. Not only beautiful, winning in halter at B System Shows but she was also shown under saddle, gamed and just started in harness when I lost her. GG proved that a draft horse can do just about anything a light horse can do. This year at Convention, GG was given the honor of "Hall of Fame" in the Horse Show Division. I know she is the first draft horse to receive this honor. I am so proud of her and everything she was. She was a gift and will always be my angel.

I know there are many draft horses and mules out there. I would love to see more of these great horses and mules in the show pen, games arena, and on the trails. I know myself, I feel more comfortable on a big horse and love my drafts and draft crosses. If showing is not your thing, Trails and Pleasure would be a great opportunity for you to compete, doing something you love, spending time with your big horses. You can log your hours in hand, driving, and riding. Prizes are awarded and you get a plaque to put your hours on every year. You will be amazed at how many hours you actually spend with your horses when you keep a log.

If your interest is in working your draft you can check with Washington State Draft Horse and Mule Association and see what kind of events they have coming up. I know they have clinics and plowing events which would be a great opportunity to learn and help you get those drafts out of the field and having fun with them. You can count those hours towards Trails and Pleasure too as long as it isn't a competition. If you live on the east side of the State you can check out the North Idaho Draft Horse and Mule Association.

If your draft or draft cross is trained to drive, get those horses or mules out in the show ring and fill those driving classes with some big beautiful animals. Yes they can be very competitive in the show ring. Think your draft is gorgeous, show them in All Other Breeds Halter. Don't forget the Working Horse Division for those who compete in harness with log pulls, pulling, combined driving, etc.

If you are looking for a draft, there are many out there, you just have to look. I have seen many drafts, draft crosses, draft mules and draft ponies in the feedlots. These horses were run through sales around this area so attend some sales and check the feedlots. If you don't want a huge horse there are so many smaller draft crosses and even draft ponies out there. Stout to carry anyone, but not so hard to get up on. I found my new Belgian mare on Craigslist. You can also check with breeders. Need help, contact me, I might be able to help you find one. For more information regarding the Draft Horse Division, please contact Division Director Mary Balsack at mebjet_2000@yahoo.com.

Horse Show Division Hall of Fame Winner: GG

In Sincere Appreciation

I was humbled and speechless receiving the Harlan Blumenthal Perpetual at Convention. What a surprise! It is an amazing honor to be considered following Harlan's footsteps through his Washington State Horsemen journey. I truly feel blessed to be a part of this wonderful organization. Thank you for the recognition -- Judy Jo Roberts.

ARABIAN

Convention 2015 has come and gone and I was selected to be your Director again for 2016. This year's award ceremony might as well have been billed as JERRY AND THE ARABS Touring Show! While the Arabian Division itself was quite small, Arabs and Half Arabs overall took the awards by storm! Mr. Jerry James of Mt. Si Stables in North Bend, along with his exceptional purebred gelding Take Hearrt and his team of riders, swept most of the perpetual trophies and WSH achievement awards in general. Arabs from both sides of the State showed their stuff this year as the top Half Arabian of the year hails from the Spokane area on the east side and Jerry and his crew are from the west side of the mountains. The number of shows this year was down, due to many reasons including the terrible fires this summer as well as some contagious equine virus outbreaks in the northwest but for those who were able to travel, attend, and support our shows...we are super thankful. I'd like to encourage all owners and riders to get out there and support your organization next year. If you don't show then sign up for the Trails and Pleasure Division - the T&P Director is an Arabian owner and exhibitor as well as one of this year's perpetual breed trophy winner and ROM winner. You can do it, and you can do it on an Arabian! Please be sure to see the list of Arabian Award Winners in the Horse Show Division's awards listing...my sincere congratulations to all of you. I will be featuring WSH Arabians in future *Canter* articles, so please take the time to email or snail mail me with pictures and your stories. I am especially looking forward to featuring our up-and-coming young superstars, Samantha Yoder and her little brother, Joey. For more information, contact Arabian Director Kathy Norton at kamwarro@yahoo.com.

DRESSAGE

Congratulations to all of you who received High Score Awards at the 2015 Convention in Yakima. I, Mary Brady, accepted the position of Dressage Division Director for 2016. Gena Loper is the Points Keeper. I hope that your participation has been a great experience and that you are looking forward to competition in 2016. The riders who belong to the Lower Puget Sound Dressage Club will be presented their WSH awards at their annual awards banquet on February 13, 2016 at the Key Peninsula Civic Center. The club is readying for the new show season with League/WSH Shows scheduled from May through September. LPSDC is a chapter of the Oregon Dressage Society, Looking for a clinic? Cynthia Collins is offering Musical Freestyles on February 26-28 at Star Valley Farm in Longbranch. Congratulations to the 2015 Dressage Award Winners. They include:

Intro Level: 1. Shelby / Mary Brady, 2. Cami / Natalie Coy, 3. FF Zafirah Moon / Jordan Banks, 4. REI Ammishaddai / Jennifer Luther.

Training Level: 1. Rachel / Jordan Banks, 2. Shelby / Mary Brady, 3. RA Imperial Grace / Austin Kent, 4. Notjustanytiz / Deb Walk.

First Level: T1 Hope / Carrie Gregory, T1 Seniorita / Ruth Murray, 2. Hummer / Carrie Gregory, 3. Rachel / Jordan Banks, 4. LL Khrusader / Sheridan Kent, 5. Tux / Abagail Coy, 6. Azula / Carrie Guthrie-Whitlow , 7. Shazzan / Jessica Kimura.

Second Level: 1. George / DeeCee Woods, 2. Nova / Cheryl Rife, 3. George / Julie Paddock, 4. Pflegeleicht / Julie Louden.

Third Level: 1. Cadence / Abagail Welch.

Eventing / Beginner Novice: 1. North Fork's Prince George / DeeCee Woods.

The Dressage Perpetual Trophy for single highest score any level went to Mary Brady / Shelby at Intro Level with a 75.938%. The Junior / Young Rider Award Perpetual for highest average went to Natalie Coy / Cami with a 68.646%. The Adult Amateur Award for highest average went to Mary Brady / Shelby with a 74.167%. The Professional Award for highest average was awarded to Carrie Gregory / Hope with a 70.417%.

For more information, contact Dressage Director Mary Brady at marybrady@ywave.com or via phone 360-894-5855.

PAINT

Let me introduce myself. My name is Terri Lehnertz and I have the privilege of being your 2016 Paint Horse Director. Additionally, I was elected the WSH 2016 Vice President and I serve as the Northeast Zone President. Previously, I served as the Quarter Horse Division Director. I have participated in several disciplines including Horse Show and Games and am looking forward to sharing news and stories from (and about) those with Paints. If you have anything to blast out please feel free to send it to me and we will certainly get it posted. Please send info to me at PO Box 326, Cheney, WA 99004. And in the meantime enjoy your Paint horses and stay safe and warm.

For more information regarding the Paint Horse Division, please contact Division Director Terri Lehnertz at tmlehnertz@yahoo.com.

MINIATURE HORSE

Greetings from your new Miniature Horse Director, Judy Jo Roberts. Congratulations to the year-end award winners:

Miniature Horse Halter 38" and Under: Spirit Thunder's Gianna owned by Connie Hicks

Miniature Horse Obstacle in Hand 38" and Under AND Open Trail in Hand: Sunrivers Royal Tinkertoy owned by Ed Wetherell

High Point Miniature Horse Perpetual Award: Son of a Dun SOS owned by Theresa Hautala

There were only a few miniatures signed up for year-end awards. Let's encourage your friends and associates to consider signing up for 2016. If you do not show, you can sign up with Trails and Pleasure Director, Michelle Fitzhugh, and keep track of your in-hand and driving miles for year-end awards. There were some nice awards presented at Convention. You work with your minis most days, so you should be rewarded for your hard work.

We have a Washington-based club called Evergreen Miniature Horse Club and a northwest based club called Northwest Miniature Horse Club. Each of these clubs holds various events for your miniature including shows and combined driving events. There are also local clubs and groups in the State; I look forward to learning about each of them.

I've never owned a Miniature Horse. I have a registered Shetland so we are related as Miniatures and Shetlands are genetically the same. I am looking forward to learning more about minis and hearing from you members about your horses. For more information, contact Miniature Horse Director Judy Jo Roberts at drivingcody@hotmail.com.

Julie Loudon on Pflegeleicht 2nd Level

NOTES FROM 2015 ANNUAL MEETING

2016 MEMBERSHIP DUES: The membership dues for 2016 will remain the same. The membership voted to approve that 10% of membership dues collected for 2016 be given to one Major Division (Horse Show, Trails and Pleasure, Western Games, or Working Horse) as designated by the member on their enrollment form.

ZONE COORDINATING: Rich Parnell reported that seven of thirteen zones were present at this year's meeting. Discussion ensued regarding each zone's efforts in recruiting new members to WSH. NCZ distributes small prizes at each of their Games Shows which seems to be drawing more people to the shows. NWBZ is working on ideas to get people engaged and more interested in zone participation. NEZ is hosting an awards banquet in which all divisions, as well as Youth Merit, recognize the winners in their area for 2015. Prairie Zone stated that they have one active club and that the club does not charge "club fees" when signing up for WSH. Olympic Zone held a benefit show that brought in about 20 more people than usual. If you have an idea to help increase zone participation, please contact either the East or West Side Zone Coordinating Chair. These positions will be ratified by the Board Members at the January 2016 meeting.

BREED DIRECTORS: The following individuals were elected to represent their breeds, across all disciplines, for 2016. Please contact them to submit upcoming events, article ideas for the *Canter*, or just to say "hello".

All Other Breeds - Glenna Eilers
Appaloosa - Sue Dillman
Arabian - Kathy Norton
Buckskin - Bonnie Schuchman
Draft - Mary Balsack
Driving - Pamela Kiehn
Miniature Horse - Judy Jo Roberts
Morgan - Sondrea Garcia
Mustang - Tracy Crotsley
Paint - Terri Lehnertz
Palomino - Kelsie Shelton
Paso Fino - Gloria Marley
Pinto - Kyle Ellis
POA / Pony / Welsh - Jean Garcia
Quarter Horse - Genny Miller
Saddlebred - Sherri Williams
Tennessee Walker - TBD

The following Bylaw Changes were approved / ratified by the membership on November 15, 2015 and become effective January 1, 2016. Once updated, the revised WSH Bylaws will be available on the WSH website.

ARTICLE V (Officers and Duties) / 6G: Add the following, "The treasurer of WSH shall have the right/ability to receive "electronic approval" (e-mail, text) in written form from President/Vice President of this organization for payout of any funds from this treasury that exceeds $500.00. Authority must be received prior to any payout of funds in excess of this amount."

ARTICLE IX (Committees) / Section 13. Add the following paragraph, "Convention Committee. The President shall appoint the Chair. The Chair shall have the right to select members to serve on the Convention Committee. The duties of the Chair shall be to coordinate efforts of the committee to determine possible location, dates, accommodations available, and determine a reasonable cost for amenities included. Following final approval of the Board, the Chair shall also coordinate all efforts to organize and put forth said convention at the agreed upon location. The Chair shall be responsible for all notifications necessary to the membership at large with regards to location, dates, reservation information, for both rooms and convention fees, as well as cost to vendors/entertainment.

ARTICLE X (Meetings) / Section 3 (Special Meetings). Add to the existing paragraph, "If in the opinion of the acting President and/or executive officers, an emergency meeting is needed, the right to call such meeting shall be at the discretion of the acting President. Reasonable notification must be made to all officers and members of the board, as well as any committee chairs needed to the issue. The required quorum of officers and/or directors must be able to attend (three elected officers, five board members). Regardless of length of notice, meeting shall be held as legal and binding to this organization and all transactions shall go forth accordingly. The time and place shall be made public, but issues may remain discreet at the direction of those in attendance.

ARTICLE X (Meetings). Add new section (4) to read, "Rescheduling/Canceling Meetings. In the event that a meeting must be canceled or rescheduled for any reason, (date, time or place) the acting president shall have the authority to do so. While a reasonable period of notification is requested 10 days), not all emergencies allow desired notice. If a reasonable attempt to notify all parties has been made (e-mail, text, call, etc.) within a 24-hour notice, it shall be held legal."

HORSE SHOW DIVISION. A motion was made to make an extraordinary exemption to allow the Horse Show Division to "Rule by Committee", with a chair person to be elected from within the Horse Show Directors Committee for the term of one year, to be presented at the WSH Bylaws general meeting at the 2016 Convention.

WORKING HORSE DIVISION. A motion was made to make an extraordinary exemption to allow the Working Horse Division to "Rule by Committee" with a chair person to be elected from within the Working Horse Directors Committee for the term of one year to be presented at the WSH Bylaws general meeting at the 2016 Convention.

HORSE SHOW DIVISION CALENDAR

APRIL

TBD Fat & Fuzzy Benefit Open (NEZ, PAC, ACAAP, OCAP, OEIP)
Jole Chick / 509.954.3913 / 7704 West Melville Rd - Cheney WA 99004 / chick_family@hughes.net

APRIL / MAY

30 & 1 Springtime Open (NCZ, NEZ, SCZ, ASHA, OCAP, OEIP, PAC) / Franklin County Saddle Club (Pasco)
Laura Berg / 509.308.6973 / PO Box 5375 - West Richland WA 99353 / shows@franklincountysaddleclub.com

JUNE

4-5 Summerfest (NCZ, NEZ, SCZ, ASHA, OCAP, OEIP, PAC) / Franklin County Saddle Club (Pasco)
Laura Berg / 509.308.6973 / PO Box 5375 - West Richland WA 99353 / shows@franklincountysaddleclub.com

10-12 Kitsap Saddle Club Open Show (Canal) / Kitsap Saddle Club (Port Orchard)
Jane Rodriguez / 360.871.5471 / 7562 E Alki View Ct - Port Ochard WA 98366 / janeshouseindia@msn.com

17-19 Star Spangled Horse Show (OPZ, Canal, PSZ, Prairie, Cascade, PAC, Pinto - All Zone & Breed approvals Pending)
Sherri Ellis / 360.460.8481 / 417 E 9th - Port Angeles WA 98362 / the@olypen.com / **Dates Tentative**

TBD The KOS Open (NEZ, SCZ (pending), ACAAP, OCAP, OEIP, PAC)
Jole Chick / 509.954.3913 / 7704 West Melville Rd - Cheney WA 99004 / chick_family@hughes.net

JULY

1-3 Fist Full of Silver (NEZ, PAC, ACAAP, OEIP) / Spokane County Fair & Expo Center (Spokane)
Sharon West / 509.688.3820 / 11710 W Deno Rd - Spokane WA 99224 / westsawest@aol.com

9-10 NW Classic (TWHREA of WA, West. Inter. Walking Horse Assoc.) / Tacoma Unit
Susan Bray / 253.549.3176 / 5120 63rd Ave NW - Gig Harbor WA 98355

30-31 3 In 1 Show (NEZ) / Spokane County Fair & Expo Center (Spokane)
Cheryl Moriarty / 509.299.4191 / 26728 W Tucker Prairie Rd - Cheney WA 99004 / tpappys@gmail.com

SEPTEMBER

17-18 Eddie MacMurdo Memorial (SCZ, PAC,OEIP, OCAP, ASHA) / Walla Walla
Erica Lackey / 509.520.9887 / 974 Wallula Ave - Walla Walla WA 99362 / lauraberg@charter.net

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Lisa Gardner / PO Box 1010 - McKenna WA 98558 / cuteloper@aol.com

TBD The 54th Annual Late Late Show (NEZ, SCZ (pending), ACAAP, OCAP, OEIP, PAC) / Busy Bee Ranch & Eq. Center
Jole Chick / 509.954.3913 / 7704 West Melville Rd - Cheney WA 99004 / chick_family@hughes.net

Dressage Shows

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15-17 PFEC (Post Falls Eq Center) / Post Falls, Idaho
Gena Loper / 208.660.0955 / PO Box 3527 - Post Falls ID 83877 / dunnrosesranch@gmail.com

JUNE

4-5 Appleatchee Riders Dressage Show / Wenatchee, WA
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