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Show Season 2018

With over 500 tests ridden and judged this year, LPSDC has had a phenomenal show season. We even added an additional show to accommodate all our riders and members!

To summarize:

May Flowers – May 6th at Kitsap Saddle Club

On an absolutely beautiful sunny day at Kitsap Saddle Club, we hosted our first show of the season with great success. Amanda Wilgenburg “L Judge” and scribe Jo Renn had a very long day with 81 rides starting at 8am sharp and ending just after 7pm in the evening.

Congratulations are in order to some of our high scores of the day – Carrie Gregory and Hummer Thyme for their 2d Level Musical Freestyle (70.5) and Linda Coates-Markle (Open) and Rafael for Western Dressage Level 4-1 (68.6).

Jolly June – June 10th at Kitsap Saddle Club

Braving thunder and at times, torrential rain, riders joined in on our second show of the year held June 10th at Kitsap Saddle Club. We had 77 rides on the schedule and want to thank our judges at C: Nicole Charbonneau “r” and Carrie Gregory “L” for officiating at the very long day. Congratulations to our high point JR/YR of the day – Marissa Block riding Zannity in Intro and receiving a 70% for her ride.

Sizzling Summer – July 9th at Chalice Farms

Gorgeous day, beautiful horses and talented riders all came together for our 3rd show held at Chalice Farms. Having “S” Judge Dolly Hannon from Arvada, Colorado officiate was a very special honor for our club. With 77 rides on the schedule, it was a long day and many thanks go to Show Manager Jordan Heslep and owners Lea and Mark McCullough for all their care and organization that made the show flow smoothly for all. Congratulations to Ellie Combs (AA) for her ride on Ff Zafirah Moon winning Training Level TOC with a 70%.

This show was followed a Ride and Review with Dolly the next day. This weekend was made even more eventful with our Summer Barbeque held on Saturday evening.

Hot August Nights August 18th and 19th at Bainbridge Island Saddle Club

Two very full shows judged by Theresa Morine “r” and Deborah Spence “R” on each day. Both days were completely full and huge thanks go to show manager Carrie Guthrie-Whitlow for taking on the weekend. Congratulations to Lea McCullough (AA) and Resolution on a score of 71.9% riding a Prix St. George test and to Marilyn Gustafson (AA) and Starlette for receiving 73.4% for their Intro A ride.

Fall Fling I September 16th at Kitsap Saddle Club

Another full show! Many thanks to Kimmy Weise “L” for judging and Show Manager Jo Renn for spending a long day managing the show. The weather was testy and depending upon the time of day, riders were basking in sun or drowning in rain! Congratulations to some of our top scoring rides – Carley Stratton (JR/YR) on Terry Wood winning Training TOC with 69% and to Christine Erikson (AA) and Allegria for winning 3rd Level and up with a 66.8%.

Fall Fling II September 30th at Green Hills Farm

To end the season, we added a show! And within a week of opening entries...it was full. This great season ended at a lovely venue judged by Linda Coates-Markle "L" and managed very capably by Jordan Heslep. For this show, we added some eventing tests as well as Intro Supervised and Western Dressage. Congratulations to Makenna Kottre (JR/YR) and Freedom on scoring 68.5% on a 1st Level TOC and to Tatyana Morz (JR/YR) and Fourth Dimension scoring 69.7% on the other 1st Level TOC. We are so proud of our Young Riders!!

A special thank-you goes out to all our area trainers who take the time to coach and bring their students to the LPSDC shows. Their effort is our reward in having such successful full shows!!

Next Up:

ODS Regional Finals and Open Show:
October 13th and 14th at Donida Farm.
Diane Royce "R" judging. We will have a full report on our champions in the next issue.

More information about Lower Puget Sound can be found on the www.lpsdc.com website.

And now it is time to take a well-deserved break!



July 2018

Sizzling Summer League Show, July 7th at Chalice Farms

Gorgeous day, beautiful horses and talented riders all came together for our 3rd B League show held at Chalice Farms in Port Orchard, WA. Having “S” Judge Dolly Hannon from Arvada, Colorado officiate was a very special honor for our club. Judge Hannon spent extra time with each rider after their ride to give them specific tips to help with their showing. With 77 rides on the schedule, it was a long day and many thanks go to Show Manager Jordan Heslep and owners Lea and Mark McCullough for all their care and organization that made the show flow smoothly for all.

We had many riders qualify for the ODS League Finals which will be held at Donida Farm on October 13th and 14th. Congratulations are in order for the following class winners:

- Gail Carlson (AA) riding Brooklyn – Intro TOC 66.5 / Intro TOC 70.3
- Carley Stratton (JR/YR) riding Terry Wood – Training TOC 69.6
- Ellie Combs (AA) riding Ff Zafirah Moon – Training TOC 70.00
- Carrie Gregory (Open) riding Hummer Thyme – Musical Freestyle 2nd – 77.06
- Carrie Gregory (Open) riding Hummer Thyme – (3-3) in 3rd,4th – FEI TOC – 65.1
- Jo Renn (AA) riding Raven Nevermore – (4-1) in 3RD,4th – FEI TOC– 64.1
- Elise Hays (AA) riding Chulo – First TOC – 65.9
- Joanna Orr (AA) riding Cupcake – First TOC – 67.8
- Varonica Buchanan (AA) riding North Forks Prince George – 2d Level TOC - 66.8
- Christine Murray (Open) riding Mystic Princess – 2d Level TOC – 66.8
- Kayleigh Moore (JR/YR) riding Velvet – Western Dressage TOC – 71.2 / 72.5



Jo Renn and Raven Nevermore at
Dolly Hannon Clinic

The day was made even more perfect by hosting our annual Summer BBQ at the event. Everyone had time to wind down from the long day, visit with friends and enjoyed excellent food catered by Grillside Barbeque.

Clinic: Dolly Hannon – Ride and Review:

Every year, LPSDC hosts a show that is followed the next day by a “Ride & Review” by the judge. Dolly Hannon worked with 10 fortunate riders on Sunday, July 8th at the Chalice Farms venue. As an avid horse lover, USEF "S" Dressage judge, and USDF certified instructor (4th level), Dolly travels worldwide to assist others with Dressage, including Western Dressage ("R" USEF Judge) and combined training.

Ride and Reviews are a special opportunity for direct conversation and coaching with your show judge and Dolly skillfully worked with each rider. Whether it was assisting with bend in the half-pass, dealing with high energy during a test or working through issues with learning the flying change, she provided solid strategies for each rider during the day.



Dolly coaching Lea McCullough and Resolution

Other Upcoming Events:

Hot August Nights League Shows: August 18th and 19th at Bainbridge Island Saddle Club with Patricia Morine “r” and Deborah Spence “R” judging. Shows opens July 9th. Show Manager: Carrie Guthrie-Whitlow

Monthly Chapter Meeting: August 14th – 7pm at Sandra Schugren house

Final Fall Fling League Show: September 16th at Kitsap Saddle Club

Additional Show: We have added one show! September 30th at Green Hills Farm

ODS League Show Finals and Open League Show: October 13th and 14th at Donida Farm. Diane Royce “R” and Anne Appleby “R” judging.

More details can be found on the www.lpsdc.com website.

June 2018

Jolly June League Show at Kitsap Saddle Club

We are finding our members are ready to show this year as our shows are filling so fast! Everyone is looking forward to qualifying and riding at the end of the season ODS League Finals that will be held at Donida Equestrian Center on October 13th and 14th.

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- Emily Hopkins (Open) riding CR. Paladon – Training Level 65.9 / 65.3
- Carrie Gregory (Open) riding Hummer Thyme – Musical Freestyle – 72.5
- Carrie Gregory (Open) riding Hummer Thyme – 3rd Level – 66.6
- Lea Wilson (AA) riding Resolution – FEI Prix St. Georges – 62.5
- Joanna Orr (AA) riding Cupcake – First Level - 66.1
- Sharleen Johansen (AA) riding Bella Donna JRB – First Level – 68.4
- Jessy Olson (Open) riding Thor the Mustang – Second Level – 65.1
- Christine Murray (Open) riding Mystic Princess – Second Level – 67.4
- Nina Halvorsen (AA) riding Justa Cool Milo – Western Dressage – 67.6 / 69.5
- Marissa Block (JR) riding Zannity – Intro Supervised – 67.5
- Marissa Block (JR) riding Zannity – Intro– 70
- Carrie Guthrie-Whitlow (Open) riding Saoirsés Bella – Intro 66.56



Upcoming Clinic:

Dolly Hannon – Ride and Review: Sunday July 8th at Chalice Farms.

Don't miss this!

As an avid horse lover, USEF "S" Dressage judge, and USDF certified instructor (4th level), Dolly has been teaching and training horses and equine enthusiasts the art of dressage for over 35 years. She enjoys sharing her passion with others through individual instruction, clinics, judging, horse training, showing, mentoring, coaching and academic seminars. Although her home is Colorado, she often travels worldwide to assist others with Dressage, including Western Dressage ("R" USEF Judge) and combined training.

Other Upcoming Events:

Sizzling Summer Show: Saturday July 7th at Chalice Farms with Dolly Hannon “S”. Show Manager: Jordan Heslep.

LPSDC Chapter Meeting: 7pm July 10th at Sandra Schugren’s house. This will be preceded by a 6pm ODS League Finals Planning Meeting.

Hot August Nights Shows: August 18th and 19th at Bainbridge Island Saddle Club with Theresa Morin “r” and Deborah Spence “R” judging. Show Manager: Carrie Guthrie-Whitlow

To find out more, visit www.lpsdc.com or our Facebook page.

May 2018

May Flowers League Show, May 6, 2018

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New this year is the “Intro A Supervised” class. This is a class that fills the gap between Lead Line and Intro Level. Three up and coming riders participated, and won well-deserved ribbons for their effort: Elizabeth Ness (1st), Ella Conrad (2nd) and Olivia Conrad (3rd). Many thanks to Sam Clement, who presided as judge for this new class.



Membership: Our membership is growing!! We currently have 94 members and over 500 “Likes” on our Facebook page (Lower Puget Sound Dressage Club - Chapter ODS). Christine Erikson in charge of our website and Facebook page, is constantly adding new information to both. You can even view a video of the Kitsap Saddle Club site on the FB page! We are always looking for photos of our members riding in shows, so please contact Christine through our page to add them.

ODS Representatives: Sam Clement and Jo Renn represent the North Region of ODS and are welcome participants in our LPSDC monthly meetings and events. They are both actively supporting our group and making sure that our issues and questions are addressed at ODS Board Meetings. We thank them for their involvement and passion for the sport!

Upcoming Events:

Jolly June Show: Sunday, June 10 at the Kitsap Saddle Club, Judge Nikki Charbonneau “r”.
Show Manager: Abby Welch

Sizzling Summer Show: Saturday, July 7 at Chalice Farms with Dolly Hannon “S”.
Show Manager: Jordan Heslep. Entries open June 11th.

Clinic: Dolly Hannon – Ride and Review: Sunday, July 8, at Chalice Farms. Entries open
June 11th.

To find out more, visit the newly updated LPSDC website: www.lpsdc.com

February, 2018

Awards Banquet – Many thanks to all the volunteers who made our Annual Awards Banquet such a success! Held on Saturday, February 3rd at the Canterwood Golf and Country Club, the event was attended by 80 plus riders and supporters. We wish to congratulate the following 2017 top riders:

Junior/Young Rider High Point –Makenna Kottre (Freedom) – 65.9

Intro: Riley McCoy and Shazzan (1st -65.06; Emma Horton and Epic (2^d – 64.08)

Training Level: Clara Czeleger and Geisha Girl (1st -65.2)

First Level: Makenna Kottre and Freedom (1st – 65.9);
Tatayana Mroz and Lilly (2^d – 61.3); Lauren Kelly and
Dublin (3rd – 57.004)

Second Level: Jessica Kimura and Rachel (1st – 59.627)



Adult Amateur High Point –

Sharleen Johansen and Bella Donna JRB – 71.4



Intro: Michelle Barton and Kyleigh (1st – 71.4)

Training Level: Sharleen Johansen and Bella Donna JRB (1st -
71.4); Mary Brady and Shelby (2^d – 67.1); James Morgan and
Bird Dog(3rd – 63.2) Tesa Johnson and Gunnar (4th – 59.015)

First Level: Karen Walling and Arthur (1st – 68.5); Sandra
Schugren and Beaujelioux (2^d – 61.8); Tesa Johnson and Gunnar
(3rd – 57.7); Jennifer Gillum and Oelrich (4th – 54.06)

Second Level: Ann-Christine Erikson and Allegria (1st – 69.3);
Ruth Murray and Senorita (2^d – 66.05)

Third Level: Julie Paddock and Emma (1st – 61.2); Cheryl Rife and Avion (2^d – 55.29)

PSG: Tina Hansen and What a Girl (1st – 63.8)

Musical Freestyle: Ann-Christine Erikson and Allegria (1st – 71.2); Kirsten Conrad and CA Classic Hot Rod
(69.7); Dina Simmons and Mr. Rocca (3rd – 63.8)

Open High Point – Ann Montgomery and Fivel – 66.39

Training Level – Sheridan Kent and Ccr Badmoon Arisin (1st –
59.28)

First Level – Ann Montgomery and Fivel (1st – 66.39); Jessy
Olson and Thor the Mustang (2^d – 62.1)

Third Level – Shannon Lockwood and Sawdas Bellissima (1st –
60.6)

Musical Freestyle: Carrie Gregory and Hummer (1st – 71.9)



And for the first time ever, thanks to a generous contribution of Canterwood Riding Club, the club awarded a new category!

Western Dressage High Point - Sarah Stevens and Down for Cash with 72.4!

Each award was accompanied by a photo of the horse and rider receiving the award which was a wonderful touch to the celebration. This year, instead of giving traditional trophies, our amazing Awards chair, Abby Welch found unique and beautiful horse statues as the First Place Award.

In next month's article, we will feature the Washington State Horseman section of the Awards!



Planning the 2018 Show Schedule – LPSDC riders can look forward to another season of great shows put on by the Club. We will host 6 shows from May through September at three venues. Tentative dates are May 6th (Kitsap Saddle Club), June 10th (Kitsap Saddle Club), July 7 (Chalice Farms), August 18 and 19 (Bainbridge Saddle Club) and September 16 (Kitsap Saddle Club).

2018 ODS League Championships – Donida Farms – October 13 and 14, 2018. Mark your calendar!! We are very pleased to announce that LPSDC is hosting the ODS League Championships at Donida Farms. This is the first time that the League Championships have been held in Washington. It is an excellent opportunity for any rider who has not shown at this beautiful facility or been involved in competing in the year-end championships to experience such an event close to home. More details are being posted on Facebook and on the LPSDC website (www.lpsdc.com)

Upcoming Clinic – Turning Fear into Focus: Strategies for Show Success with Jen Verharen on March 9th and 10th. This event is supported by a grant received from the Linda A. Acheson Education Fund. Friday March 9th at 6pm at the Harbor Covenant Church – Lecture for Riders Fee: \$20.00 per participant. Saturday March 10th – Starr Valley Farm – Horse and Rider Clinic. Auditing is available and is included if you attend the Friday lecture. Contact sschugren@edgate.com to register. More information is available at www.lpsdc.com.

January 2018

Awards Banquet – To celebrate the very successful 2017 show year, we will be holding our annual Awards Banquet on Saturday, February 3rd at Canterwood Golf and Country Club. The event features a not to be missed Silent Auction, the Dessert Auction that will benefit our Adult Amateur and Junior Scholarship Award funds and of course, all the awards won by our members during the show season.

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2018 Officers – Please congratulate the following dedicated people on being selected as the 2018 officers for the Club: Lea Wilson – President; Carrie Guthrie-Whitlow – Vice-President; Christine Erikson – Treasurer and Sandra Schugren – Secretary.

Upcoming Clinic – Entries are now open for the Musical Freestyle with Cynthia Collins which will be held on February 17 – 18 at Starr Valley Farm in Longbranch, WA. The clinic will help anyone interested in working on an existing freestyle or inventing a new one at any level including Western Dressage! California clinician Cynthia Collins has worked with a large number of professional and amateur riders and has herself received her USDF Gold Medal and many other awards. Clinic registration is found on the LPSDC website. Auditors are welcome!

Vicki Mears Adult Amateur Scholarship – Michelle Barton was the lucky recipient of the 2017 LPSDC scholarship that focuses on helping an Adult Amateur rider achieve riding

goals. Michelle provided a detailed summary of her experience with her newly purchased horse Kyleigh that is being posted on our LPSDC website.

Here is an excerpt from her report:

"I know that if I had not received this scholarship I would not have found Kyleigh and I would not have learned what I have about myself and about riding. I figured out that I actually have a pretty good seat, and I am definitely learning about keeping my hands steady and the reality of what happens when I don't. I have learned more about the mechanics of riding and having a very sensitive horse has taught me how to keep all of my aides independent of each other because if I don't she will let me know. I have seen her emotions mirror mine and learned ways to curve my emotions so that she feels relaxed and trusts me. She still has her moments, and so do I. We are not perfect by far, but we have come a long way. Because of the scholarship we were able to attend four clinic rides, two days with Mike Osinski, and two with Debbie Spence. All four days were great learning experiences and I look forward to continuing my journey with Kyleigh. I am extremely grateful to the Lower Puget Sound Dressage Club for awarding me the scholarship, and to everyone who has taken part in my journey over the last two years, especially my boyfriend Byron who has stood behind me and encouraged me in my pursuit to be a great rider.