



Patterned Speed Horse Association Newsletter

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President's Message

Aloha...from sunny Hawaii. I am writing this while on vacation since the newsletter Web master will get after me if I don't make the deadline of the 10th. So it really is hard to concentrate on what is needed back home when I look out my window and see the waves crashing on to the beach, but I am going to give it my best. I understand the temperatures are very cold right now at home so we are even feeling better about being here in the warm.

Good news to report from the IRS. We have qualified for a non-profit status of 501(C)7 Recreational clubs. Yeah!!! There was a lot of paperwork for that one. **Marv Tjoelker** and his firm handle our filing of tax reports each year and they helped answer my questions when filling out these forms for the non-profit status. THANK YOU

I am thrilled to say we have some members that are out there busting their rears to make sure this coming year is even better. **Sue Johnson, State Finals Chairman**, has a slug of great ideas for next year and her enthusiasm is great. **Barb Short** is already receiving information from various convention centers about where to have next year's annual meeting. I have asked **Jackie Little** to be our PSHA Interstate princess coordinator. This is not a chaperone; this is someone that will provide you with all sorts

of information and a go to person for our membership to contact. Jackie has a tremendous history with the whole royalty gig. She was a great help to Jessica in getting her horse ready for the riding competition. As of right now we don't have anyone declaring to run from Washington, but we are still hopeful that someone will step forward. It was a great experience for our daughter, Jessica. She doesn't regret a moment of her time spent as a candidate. **MJ Franks** is in charge of the East Side Classic and she is hard at work as well, already has Vince lined up to make some gaming reins for prizes. **Kelsey Morgan** has the juniors going great guns, but she is a little frustrated because of the lack of response on some of her e-mails. I feel her pain, happens to me all the time with the older membership so we can't blame it on age. She is working very hard to get all involved just as Krystal had done in the past, but part of the responsibility of the membership is to answer or acknowledge the e-mail when sent. So respond and no whining.

We are very blessed to have such hard working and caring members to help make this association something you can be proud of. They would love your help so contact any of the names above and lend a hand.

December 19th the rules committee is meeting to make the changes to the rule book. The rule book inserts should be available sometime in January thanks to **Dave Fosnaugh**. Remember if you are a Judge with a current card you will get a free rule book insert for the year 2010. Thank you to **Kirk Weinz**, for providing the meeting place and then to **LaMae Weinz** for spoiling us with lunch.

HELP!! Who knows about Insurance? We need to find or look into insurance for our association. I have let this go for 2 years, because of the time spent getting other things in line, but this year is the year. So I could use some information to help direct me in the right area. I contacted my insurance and they don't have the insurance that we need. We must have some member that works in insurance?

Well that is all the focus that I can keep for now.
Maholo, Lesa Bland

Rules committee

The Rules Committee will be meeting December 19th to incorporate the rule changes and provide the annual housekeeping to the rule book. The following is a list of the rule changes approved at the 2009 meeting:

By-law revision; Family Membership defined as household members, spouse or significant other, children 18 years or younger or through 23 years of age and enrolled in a school of higher learning. If child is over 18 years, not a student and living at home, an individual membership must be paid for them. Children living at home, married or with children of their own must pay a separate family membership.

Rule change; The membership year is to run from January 1st to December 31st. A grace period from August 1st to December 31st will be provided to new members.

Rule change; Riders who need to add a new horse permanent number or make changes to their already existing permanent number must send their information to the State times recorder immediately.

Rule change; Any NSF check received by the State office or club will be automatically redeposited. If the check does not clear the bank the second time a \$40 fee will be added and the balance referred to an outside source for collection. During the collection process the member in question will be barred from having their times count from date of notice until past debts are paid.

Rule change; In two man events, any change of any horse or any rider means a new team has been created. Only one of the two rider numbers would have to change. The same horse and/or rider may appear on multiple two man teams in an event except at State, Interstate or Classic show.

Rule change; Optional 2 pieces of colored tape (2 1/2" to 3" wide) to be placed 12" down from the top of pole and the second piece to be placed 24" down from the top of pole.

Rule change; Judge and timer cards will be valid from January 1st through December 31st.

Rule change; DELETE DISQUALIFICATION while mounted, circling or turning any marker considered part of the course before officially entering the course by the starting line.

Rule change; MODIFY classification to be horse/rider combination.

Rule change; Non-PSHA rider may ride in ABCD, jackpot classified events with an X number but may not compete for year end awards or 3 time averages. The determination for X riders eligibility for day awards to be determined by show management.

Rule change; STATE FINALS in the event that a class is not filled, management will take the next qualified average to fill the class.

Rule change; Independent horse/rider combination, with a qualifying 3 time average and not subject to any other disqualification under section 5, 11 or 16 be permitted to compete in the Classic show.

Rule change: W.H.O. shows can transfer for P.S.H.A. times (wording and proper criteria to be applied)

Rule change: Steward report filed only if there is a problem or a need.

The above changes will be placed in the rule book in all pertinent areas. Any required wording, etc. will be addressed at the December 19th meeting.

Thank you,

Kirk Weinz (soon to be chairman, just providing our current chairman "Rose" with an early Christmas gift by taking care of this letter for her)

Interstate Queen Candidates

HELLO TO ALL OUR PSHA MEMBERS JRS. AND SRS. ALIKE,

I would like to keep you all up to date on how our INTERSTATE 2010 Queen Candidate program is going.

From the PSHA/Washington side, it's not going to good yet. We need an INTERSTATE QUEEN/KING CANDIDATE.

As you all know, our candidates are the ones who go out and sell sponsorships for advertisement to make the money to run our INTERSTATE CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW.

We have one candidate running from Oregon this year so far. Her name is, JORDAN DUTY.

Jordan is a Freshman from Molalla, Oregon. Jordan was at our Annual Meeting and many of you have already met her, but we need to give her some competition from the Washington side.

Being an INTERSTATE CANDIDATE is a big job but not impossible and there are many REWARDS. I thought you would like to know just exactly how to become an INTERSTATE CANDIDATE and what exactly are those REWARDS.

The following is the INTERSTATE COURT ELEGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

1. Contestant must be a member of PSHA or Western Horseman of Oregon, (WHO).
2. Contestant must be at least 15 years of age at the time of her declaration.
3. If contestant is not presently enrolled in school, must be a high school graduate or hold a GED.
Contestant must provide proof to the Queen Contest Coordinator that she/he is indeed in school,
or has graduated, or has a GED.
4. Contestant must sell a minimum of \$500.00 worth of sponsorship ads and/or other items.

5. Contestant must be able to ride and either own or lease a horse during her reign as Princess and Queen.
6. Contestant must abide by all ground rules and regulations at the Interstate Championship Games Meet.
7. Contestant must not have ever been convicted of a felony crime.
8. The deadline for Contestants to declare as Interstate Princess is June 1st.

Declaration forms

Must be turned in to the Queen Contest Coordinator by this date. Besides my self, see below for contact information and where you get the declaration forms. Queen Coordinator will get you started by giving you a rule book which contains everything you will need to get started and all the how's and what's.

Okay, that was simple and no big deal. So lets say you have declared to run and now you are out selling sponsorships.

Remember, that Interstate is a non-profit organization and has a tax number that will enable sponsors tax deductible donations.

This year there is something new, an Interstate Web Site (www.interstategames.com). This will enable you to sell sponsorships on line too, and enable users to go to each sponsors web sites. This will be done through Shannon Fadden of our Interstate Committee.

At the actual Queens Contest, you will have free camping for you and your immediate family and one free stall to decorate as you wish.

But, there are many more rewards as you achieve higher sponsorship goals:

\$500	Princess Sash and Tiara
\$1,000	Interstate Halter
\$2,000	Interstate Horse Blanket
\$3,000	Interstate Princess Jacket
\$4,000	Interstate Princess Belt Buckle
\$7,500	Silver Breast Collar
\$10,000	\$500. Cash

*If the current sponsorship record is broken, Princess will be allowed up to \$300 towards the purchase of a custom blanket of her choice.

These are just a few of the perks.

*This year another new rule has been adjusted that will make the monies you collect for sponsorships to count more towards winning the Queens Contest.

These are the tangible items above that you can receive but there is so much more that I have seen our contestants receive.

I have seen contestants become adults right in front of our eyes by just going through the contest.

Selling ads has matured our contestants by getting them into the adult world and also into the world of bigger business.

I have seen contestants who could not speak to people one on one able to do so after selling sponsorships and I have seen candidates be able to speak in front of an audience who could never have done that before in their life. I have seen our candidates grow up and mature into the greatest people in one season of the Queens Contest. If anything, the rewards of just being in the Contest is great.

Remember, you don't have to be out of school and you don't have to break the dollar record to run for Interstate Queen. We are not just limited to one candidate from Washington. The more the merrier and competition would be great.

So please run, don't wait, our State will be behind you! INTERSTATE NEEDS YOUR HELP TO KEEP THE COMPETITION GOING.

Jackie

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Krystal Sweetser, 360-825-6257, email, sonny153@aol.com

2009 Scholarships

TWO \$500.00 PSHA SENIOR SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED FOR 2009



Earl (EJ) Canavan - EJ lives in Rainier with his mom, Sharon and sister, Tissa. He graduated from Yelm High School in June 2009. Shortly after graduation he enrolled in Bates Technical College in Tacoma where he is studying to become a Diesel Mechanic and Heavy Equipment Repairman. This is a 2 year program. EJ bought a new horse this year from Jackie Little, "Fling". He is quoted in his essay as saying "Fling is definitely the best part of my life."



David (Addison) Wenger- Addison lives in Ellensburg with dad, Steve, mom, Jeanne, sisters, Lauren and Analiese. Addison participated in the running start program with Central Washington University (CWU). This allowed him to finish 2 years of college credits. He is enrolling this fall in the Physics Department and plans to complete this program in 3 years and move on to Graduate School. Something you may not know about Addison is that he was a very good gymnast, but chose horses first.

State Finals Report

Hi all in PSHA land. Hope you are all keeping warm. I have been riding to prepare for the Trails End show and I must say it has been a challenge to force myself out into the cold.

Our State Finals Show has been at the forefront of my thoughts since our annual meeting. I can't tell you how excited I am for the challenge to put on this special event and make it a weekend to remember.

First of all I would like to announce State Finals will be a jackpot show. Championship plaques will be presented to the event Champions and checks will be awarded at the annual meeting. Placing values will be calculated after the show, which will allow us to total the actual placings awarded and fully use our monies raised through our sponsorships and rider fees.

I have also come up with an idea to compliment this jackpot theme. As a competitor I feel the need to support this show through sponsorships. It can be very difficult to seek donations of a 100.00 so, I thought why not ask for \$10.00. If everyone got a

\$10.00 sponsorship for each of their individual events we would have an additional (7 events X 12 in each class X 6 age groups) \$5000.00 in jackpot money. To take it a step further, all money brought in will be routed to the age group that brought it in. Example, SSB brings in \$800.00 that money will be used for SSB events only. It is my hope this will encourage excitement within the age groups to increase their own paybacks.

I am pleased to say I have secured my 7 sponsors and I encourage you all to take a moment, sit down and write a list of friends, relatives or businesses you could possibly get to sponsor you. I think you will be very surprised how soon you can fill your sponsorships.

I have asked a few riders to help me promote this sponsorship idea:

Kortney Todd will work with the Juniors and Intermediates with help from Kelsey Morgan, Jill English for the Senior B riders and Jackie Little for the Super Senior B riders. Elaine Weinz is going to spread the word up north with much enthusiasm. If your age group isn't listed think about stepping up and cheering them on. Would love to hear from someone interested in jumping up and helping this be a success I believe it can be.

I have included a sample letter I used to request my sponsorships. All monies should be sent to me so I can track the money by age groups and events.

I will be back in January with more updates regarding our progress and please let me know your thoughts and ideas for our 2010 State Finals.

Sue Johnson
State Finals Chairman
suem.johnson@comcast.net



Dear _____,

As you know I have a profound interest in horses and am an active member of the Patterned Speed Horse Association in Washington State.

**The mission of the Patterned Speed Horse Association
is to promote excellence in horsemanship, sportsmanship
and fellowship. We wish to encourage our**

**junior riders to learn and grow both inside and outside
the arena, together in a family friendly atmosphere.**

Our association hosts many events throughout the year in both eastern and western Washington and culminates with an **Invitational State Championship Show** held in Wenatchee. At this show there are individual, 2 man team and 4 man team events for which the riders have qualified with their fastest 3 time average. It is a family affair with riders competing of all ages.

The Individual Events are as follows:

Keyhole, Flag Race, Keyrace, Barrels, Figure 8, California Stake Race and Pole Bending

I am seeking sponsorships in the amount of \$10.00 per event to help our association fund this great show. It is my hope you will consider choosing one of the above listed events and contribute to our cause.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sue Johnson (**your name here**)

Please circle the event you would like to sponsor and return letter and check to the address below. Checks to be made payable to PSHA.

Sue Johnson
State Finals Chairman
28437 37th Ave. S.
Auburn, WA 98001

Nooksack Valley Riders

Hi All—Greetings from the frozen tundra of Everson. Sometimes I don't like living in the path of the lower Frazier Valley wind. We spent the last two days working to get things somewhat in order so the cows and horses will have water. I think we are as ready as we can get. Now, what has been going on up here, let me think. We had the annual Nooksack Valley Riders end of the year potluck and awards banquet on Nov. 13. It was a fun night, with lots of good food, great awards, and even door prizes for us poor people that don't ride or didn't qualify for the normal awards. A big thank you to the awards committee for a job well done. Congratulations to Larry Plagerman and Tanya Cocco who tied for the overall high point award, and Kristi Merrill for winning the Harold Bouma Memorial Person of the Year award.

We then had one day of rest and we had a fun show on Nov. 15. It was held at the Lynden Indoor Arena. We had a nice day. Not a large show, but fun was had by all and we got home in time to put horses away in the day light!! Other than that not much is

going on for a little while. We do not have a meeting this month, so we will resume the first Tuesday of January.

One last note—Larry, Kelvin, Melanie, and I were very humbled and really appreciate the thoughtfulness of all of you in giving us the George Brecht Betty Jean Runyon Memorial award. Thank you so much and we will try to live up to what the award stands for. Does that mean I can't whine at all of you over the microphone to "please be ready when your number is called cause we have to get done sometime today and the calves have to be fed at 4:00" and stuff like that? (If you have ever been to one of our shows you will get that joke—if not then you should come to one of our shows this summer!)

Anyway, hope you all have a Merry Christmas with your family and friends, and may our Savior give you peace and joy through 2010.

Nooksack Valley Riders---Laura Plagerman

Cascade Region Newsletter - December 2009

Hi everyone! Not much is happening right now. It's hard to get motivated to ride my horses, when it's so cold outside. Just 100 more days until spring!

Roxanne Christianson is in the process of planning the Cascade Region Awards Banquet. It is January 16th at the Cedar Grange in Maple Valley (dinner served at 6:30, awards at 7:30). The dinner is Pasta with Red Sauce (with or without meat), Caesar salad and French bread made by Mama Passarelli's Dinner House. If you paid an awards fee, there is no cost for the dinner. For people who did not pay the awards fee, the cost is \$7 and can be paid at the banquet, before you eat of course. If you pay in cash and need change back, ain't gonna happen! Any change will be donated to the 2010 Cascade Region Awards fund! Also, in order to eat, everyone must RSVP to junosmiss@hotmail.com by January 9th. If you don't RSVP you don't eat! Also, we are having a silent auction to fund the awards for the 2010 season, please bring something to donate and your check book.

You may have seen the email that there will be a show at the Trails in Olympia, December 19th and 20th. The Trails produces some of the fastest barrel, pole, and figure 8 times in the state. I highly recommend going to that show, especially since the days of that arena may be numbered. I might have to bring Lady and try to get a barrel time with her.

Wanda Sweetser's benefit dinner was a complete success. Many people showed up to show their support for her and her family at the Green River Saddle Club. Terry and his Faithful Servants (Dana Hylton, Ellie Holmer and Toni Miller) served up an excellent spaghetti dinner and there was some awesome stuff donated for the silent auction. A total of \$4400 was raised to help with her medical bills.

If anyone is looking for an undercover arena to ride in during the winter, look no further. South Prairie Arena in South Prairie is planning a winter playday series. Jacob

has been working very hard the past couple years to get the footing just right. I rode there last winter and it was looking really good. If you are interested in their winter playday series, cattle sortings or just going there to practice, their website is www.playincowboy.com (the website is back up and running).

That is all the news I have for now, just remember to RSVP for the Awards Banquet by January 9th and bring an item to donate for the silent auction.

Mel

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2009 HIGH POINT STATE FINALS CHAMPIONS

JUNIOR HIGH POINT SADDLE WINNER
SPONSORED BY **SEATTLE SERVICE ASPHALT CONSTRUCTION**

TYLER DECKER RIDING MONEY

INTERMEDIATE HIGH POINT SADDLE WINNER
SPONSORED BY **MODERN SEWER CORPORATION**

TAYLOR SWANSON RIDING YODI

SENIOR A HIGH POINT SADDLE WINNER
SPONSORED BY **KIRK WEINZ**

LANDIS LUTTON RIDING JUS PASSIN THE SASS (SASSY)

SENIOR B HIGH POINT SADDLE WINNER
SPONSORED BY **THE FORSLOF FAMILY**

JILL ENGLISH RIDING LADY MERRIS

SUPER SENIOR A HIGH POINT SADDLE WINNER
SPONSORED BY **BGL ACCOUNTING**

LISA GUTHMILLER RIDING JETS EASY SPORT

SUPER SENIOR B HIGH POINT SADDLE WINNER
SPONSORED **IN LOVING MEMORY OF DAVID BROWN**

JACKIE LITTLE RIDING LUCKY JET 7

HIGH POINT INDIVIDUAL HORSE 2009

LADY MERRIS RIDDEN BY JILL ENGLISH

Horse that has placed the highest in each individual events by times.

HIGH POINT ALL AROUND HORSE 2009 - TIE

MONTANA RIDDEN BY JACK WEINZ, JR.

BE PROUD MAN RIDDEN BY TANYA NIELSON AND LARRY PLAGERMAN

Horse that has placed the highest in each individual and team events by time.

HIGH POINT 2009 GAMES CLUB OF THE YEAR---NOOKSACK VALLEY RIDERS