

Awards ceremony recognizes excellence

EVERYONE HAD A good time at the Pattern Speed Horse Association Olympic Peninsula Region's year-end award ceremony and banquet held at Sequim's Mariner Cafe.

Awards were based on a point system gathered from the 2008 Olympic Peninsula Regional shows.

Shows are western games events that include barrel racing, pole bending, key race, figure 8 and flags.

Buckaroo winners were **Duncan Parks** and **Fiona Orloff**.

Olivia Knoblock and **Clarisa Ramos** won the Junior Division.

Additional division winners were **Kaitlyn Meek**, **Tyler Decker**, **Clara Duncan**, **Brooke Stromberg**, **Ady Crosby** and **Sam Parks**.

Kristy Postma was the overall high-point winner.

Award for best Sportsman went to **Sam and Donna Parks**, and **Jim Beam**.

Most Improved Riders for 2008 were **Tammy Hull** and **Clara Duncan**.

Special thanks go to **Diane Smalling**, owner of Hold Your Horses in Sequim, for help in choosing the awards.

More kudos

National Junior Rodeo Association also held its year-

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end award ceremony in Rochester.

Peninsula Junior Rodeo high-point winners are **Sierra Ballou**, **Paige Witherow**, **Emily VanAUSDale**, **Anne Meek**, **Kait-**

lyn Meek, **Carl Bissionette** and **Garth McCaleb**.

A job well-done goes to **Terri Winters** for her year-end high-point award in Novice Performance Horse Amateur in the Washington State Quarter Horse Association.

At the association's last horse show of the season, Terri's sister, **Tina Johnson**, was high-point Overall Novice Amateur, and **Jeanne Wolfe** was high-point Junior Horse.

Jeanne reports that they won more than a thousand dollars in prizes.

Events

■ **Dec. 8, 7 p.m.:** Backcountry Horsemen Peninsula Chapter's meet and greet with Olympic National Park's new superintendent, **Karin Gustin**, at the Clallam County Fairgrounds kitchen.

She couldn't attend the



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Patterned Speed Horse Association's Olympic Peninsula Region high point winners in their age divisions are Brooke Stromberg, left, Tyler Decker, Tyler Zimmerman (accepting for Kaitlyn Meek), Clara Duncan and Sam Parks. Handing out trophies during the end-of-year award ceremony was PSHA Interstate Princess Tanya Hull.

meeting last week, so join the group Monday to learn more about packing skills and exploring backcountry trails.

■ **Dec. 17:** Dressage Clinic in Sequim at Angelfire Farm, 182 Ranch Road. Instructor is Jen Verharen of Vashon Island.

Cost of the clinic is \$80 per ride, including a private 45-50 minute lesson and the haul-in fee to use the facilities at Angelfire Farm. Auditors welcome at no charge.

For more information, phone **Dede Milligan** at 360-808-1920.

■ **Feb. 15, 9 a.m.:** Baker Stables Winter Buckle Series. Additional show dates are March 15 and April 19.

Karen Griffiths' column, Peninsula Horse Play, appears every other Wednesday.

If you have a horse event, clinic or seminar you would like listed, please e-mail Griffiths at horseplay.kbg@olympus.net at least two weeks in advance.

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