



## Patterned Speed Horse Association Newsletter

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My apologizes for getting this newsletter out late. No excuses. Some might have already heard about the passing of Ady Crosby's Sonny away after a brief, but difficult, fight against colic last week. Many might remember seeing Ady and Sonny's recording breaking runs, high-point wins and championship

awards during the past 11 years when they competed together in 4-H, Washington State Horseman, Patterned Speed Horse events and Washington State High School Equestrian Team. The duo won high point overall as Junior competitors in WSH, and Intermediate riders in PSHA. Last year they were high-point winners in Omoxie in Monroe.

Sonny, a well-muscled, studly looking blond palomino, often competed in team events against his "girlfriend" Lacey, a pretty palomino ridden by Brooke Stromberg. I'll forever cherish a photo from last October's PSHA Interstate event

in which Sonny and Lacey entered the arena side-by-side with matching strides, both with flowing blond manes being ridden by young women with flowing blond hair.

Words seemed to fail me as I try to describe the bond and love these two shared with each other. While Ady is away attending her first year in college at Western Washington University, she continued to come home regularly on weekends to be with Sonny, and arranged for her good friend and fellow horsemen, Clara Duncan, to ride, care and fuss over him while she was away. In fact, Clara, along with Ady's mom and grandparents were with him through the night as the veterinarian worked hard to save him.

To view a few pictures of Ady and Sonny visit the Web site, <http://www.patternedspeedhorse.com/news.html>.

The following is a note of thanks from Pam and the Crosby Family:

*We just want to say thank-you to all of you. It truly is times like these that show us how great people truly can be. We were all so overwhelmed by the outpouring of response in every way possible from all of you amazing friends.*

*I want to start by thanking our vet Bob Mowbrey. He got to Sonny within a half an hour of our first call. He came out three times and did everything possible to help our boy, including his honesty which helped in the final decision.*

*I also want to say thanks to Alana and Danika who were able to be with Ady. They held her and hugged her until we could get her home from college to be with us. Thank you to my Aunt Leojeanne and cousin Becca for getting Ady home.*

*Thank you Karen for putting up such a nice memorial on the website, and to all of you who have responded by phone calls, e-mails, and incredibly kind gestures.*

*Thank-you to Ken Warren and Rocky Billings who brought out the equipment and donated their time to dig a special place for our boy.*

*Thank-you to all of Ady's friends, Clara, Mishel, Tori, Jessica, Ashley, Aliagh, and Brooke, who came over and spent the afternoon with her*

*Thank-you Sandi for coming and being with me even though you are the most unhorse person on the face of the earth you loved them because we did. You wept with us when Ady was saying her goodbye to her boy before we laid him to rest.*

*Thank-you Mom and Dad for always, always being there. Ady and I know that we are two very lucky people because of you and all you have done.*

*Sonny was our special boy and we are very sad, but we know how truly lucky we were to have been blessed with this wonderful horse. He made Ady learn to ride and gave her many, many amazing ones. He also gave Grandma, Grandpa, and me many proud moments and memories.*

*Again thanks to all of you for everything. We know how very lucky we are.*

*Pam*

## President's message 2/5/09

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Is everyone getting the itch to ride? We, on the eastside of the mountains, take a little time off in the winter due of course the weather conditions but then some of you have not had it any better. Horses are starting to shed and the mud is here so spring is close.

**Annual Meeting 2009:** On Monday Feb 2nd, I gave Karen (Webmaster and newsletter guru) the proposed destination bids to vote on. She e-mailed the document out to our membership list. I felt that it was important to have the membership vote on where they would like the annual meeting to be held. I know that we cannot please everyone, but we do try to make the majority happy. If you did not receive this proposal vote, it is still not too late. The deadline to vote is Feb. 15<sup>th</sup>. *(Karen changed to Feb 28 because she was late in getting newsletter out).* The two proposed destinations are Lakeway Inn in Bellingham ([www.thelakewayinn.com](http://www.thelakewayinn.com)) and Campbell's Resort in Chelan ([www.Campbellsresort.com](http://www.Campbellsresort.com)). Also I need to know what date you prefer Oct 30-Nov 1 or Nov. 6-8. E-mail me at [lbland@televar.com](mailto:lbland@televar.com) with your choice of destination and date by Feb 28<sup>th</sup>.

**March Timers & Judges Clinic** is **March 14<sup>th</sup> 2009 10 A.M. at the Ellensburg Fair Grounds Heritage Center**, [www.co.kittitas.wa.us](http://www.co.kittitas.wa.us) for directions. Flag staffs and PSHA brochures will be handed out to those clubs in attendance that will be organizing game shows for the year. These will be handed out at no charge to the clubs. Also on the agenda will be committee reports and financial reports. We will also take 30 minutes to have some discussion and input from members on the season change proposal that was tabled. This is only discussion time for the committee to continue to put forth all information that can be presented at the Annual Meeting in the fall. There will be no vote taken on this proposal until that Annual Meeting.

**State Finals Sponsors:** Now is the time to be knocking on doors asking for sponsors. I just received a new batch of PSHA Brochures and have mailed a number of them out to the membership. If you want some, please let me know and I will drop some in the mail to you. Amy DeBoer (slave driver) has set a June

1 date to have all of our event sponsors and saddles taken care. Are you up for the challenge? Sponsorship forms can be found on the PSHA Web site or you can e-mail me directly.

### **Membership News:**

Our thoughts and prayers go to one of our longtime members, Kris Pirello, whose Dad passed away in January.

The Tjoelker family has a new web site for all of those members that attend Cowboy Church and want to keep up on what is happening.

<http://saddleup4jesus.com/default.aspx>

There is probably more news about our members, but unless someone lets me know I am totally in the dark.....So please put me in the light....

Lesa Bland,  
PSHA President

### **Rules Committee Report**

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We're almost done with winter! In just a few short weeks our annual Judges and Timers clinic will be upon us. We will be holding the clinic in the same location as last year, the Ellensburg Fairgrounds Heritage Center. The clinic is scheduled for March 14th at 10:00 am. Please plan on attending. The committee has worked very hard this year and we look forward to presenting a clinic that will be extremely beneficial. We will be handing out brand new flag staffs to clubs, as well as discussing the season change proposals in addition to the clinic. You will also be able to purchase new rules books here.

If you need directions to the fairgrounds, they can be found at [www.co.kittitas.wa.us](http://www.co.kittitas.wa.us) We're looking forward to seeing you in March!

Rose Ridlon  
Rules Committee Chair

### **Cascade Region**

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We have another name change to remember for the upcoming season. Marci Brown married David Woodhouse in a private ceremony on Jan.30th. Congrats you crazy couple.

I know several of the arenas have sustained damage with the flooding they can always use help with repair. We need to keep our arenas alive and

kicking! I went to SSSC last work party they had part of the road over by restrooms washout. It's looking alot better thanks to some strong men and women.

I hope to see all at our upcoming meeting. Our next meeting will be at Gloria's in Maple Valley at 7pm. We will be discussing the proposal regarding the show season. Any other topics for upcoming meeting can be emailed to [radicalruler@gmail.com](mailto:radicalruler@gmail.com).

### **West Side Classic:**

Well not much happening right now with classic show. I talked with Robin Brown tonight regarding planning out what is going to be needed to make this show go off with a hitch. I haven't heard from anyone else regarding wanting to put another classic on this side of the mountains. Have been trying to come up with other ideas to do along with prize ride. If anyone has a idea feel free to call or email me. Hope everyones fuzzy horses are doing great.

Happy Trails,

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## **State Finals Report**

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Well it's time to start thinking seriously about this years State Finals again. With all the Snow and Cold in December, and Flooding in January we have just started riding again in the last couple of weeks. Lets hope that we get some makeup weather for this years shows.

On change of note it the we have someone new doing Event Awards this year. Holly Wemmer(Scharmach) has volunteered to handle this BIG job for us this year, and has been busy figuring out the ins and outs with the help of folks that have handled this before. I do look forward to seeing what Holly comes up with this year, and she has been given a free rein to provide awards for State Finals 2009. Please say thank you to Holly for taking this on when you see her.

I would like to have a brainstorming session at our Spring Meeting to talk about the State Finals Award system. This meeting will be used to discuss ways to make our System of Awarding effort more competitive with our competition. This needs to be talked about in a open way(no ideas are stupid), so that if and when we change the system it is truly improved. If there is enough interest, we

could maybe form a committee to work on a detailed proposal or two. AGAIN I am not trying to force change, just talk about what I see as challenges for PSHA.

I would like all who volunteered at State Finals last year to please let me know via email if you are willing to do the same job again this year, would like to do something else or don't want to do anything but ride really fast. This would be a great help for me to understand where I need to put my efforts.

I would like the same kind of feedback on Sponsors for 2009. Please contact any sponsors you got last year, and 'take their temperature' so that we know where we stand. Thanks.

We should also be thinking about a State Finals Theme and submitting those to me for consideration.

Time to start getting those ponies in shape....

Happy New Year,  
Brian

## Member's notes

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Hi there everyone,

I just wanted everyone to know that Sally Frasier had knee replacement surgery the 11th here in Wenatchee at the Wenatchee Valley clinic hospital. Please say a prayer for her and pass this on to anyone that I may have missed.

Thanks  
Jill English

Marv and Linda Tjoelker ([tjoelkers@gmail.com](mailto:tjoelkers@gmail.com)) would like to offer condolences to Nichole Morell on the loss of her wonderful horse Silently Scribbled. "Jude" was struck down by a sudden neurological problem that caused her to lose function in her front legs. In spite of the intense intervention by Dr. Sauter, and the 24 hours of loving help by the Morell, Lutton and Nichols families, she had to be put down. Together Jude and Nichole partnered to win Championships at both State and Interstate in Western Gaming, awards in English riding, did drill team, and enjoyed riding the trails at Silver Lake and at Peace Arch Equestrian Center. Most importantly, Jude was close to Nichole's heart for eight

and a half years. Both horse and rider had an equal love of speed - Jude ran, and she won, because they both loved it so much. She will be deeply missed

### 2009 show dates so far (check PSHA Web site for updates)

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- Feb. 8, Sunday, Grays Harbor Fairgrounds, indoor arena – Elma
- Feb. 14, Saturday, Nooksack Valley Riders, indoor arena – Lynden
- March 8, Sunday, Nooksack Valley Riders, indoor arena – Lynden
- April 18, 19 Top arena - Appleatchee Tentative show dates - approvals not received yet
- April 24, 25 - Appleatchee (Tentative show dates - approvals not received yet
- May 9, 10 roping arena - Appleatchee. Tentative show dates - approvals not received
- May 23, 24 Green River Saddle Club – Auburn
- May 30, 31 Sno-Valley Riding Club - North Bend. Tentative show dates - approvals not received yet
- May 30, 31 Top- Appleatchee. Tentative show dates - approvals not received yet
- June 6, 7 South Seattle Saddle Club - Maple Valley. Tentative show dates - approvals not received yet
- June 6 Olympic Region - Jefferson County Fairgrounds. Tentative - approval not received yet.
- June 13, 14 Green River Saddle Club - Auburn  
June 13, 14 Top-Appleatchee. Tentative show dates - approvals not received yet  
June 20, 21 Sno-Valley Riding Club - North Bend. Tentative show dates - approvals not received yet
- June 27, 28 South Seattle Saddle Club - Maple Valley. Tentative show dates - approvals not received yet
- June 27, 28 Roping arena - Appleatchee. Tentative show dates - approvals not received yet
- July 11, 12 ;Green River Saddle Club - Auburn
- July 18, 19 Sno-Valley Riding Club - North Bend. Tentative show dates - approvals not received yet
- July 18, 19 Top- Appleatchee. Tentative show dates - approvals not received yet

- July 25, 26 ;South Seattle Saddle Club - Maple Valley. Tentative show dates - approvals not received yet
- Aug 1 Evening Show 6 pm Top- Appleatchee. Tentative show dates - approvals not received yet
- Sept 19, 20 Top- Appleatchee. Tentative show dates - approvals not received yet