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While putting this newsletter together I couldn't help but notice how our wonderful President Lesa thanked those who had given her gifts at the annual meeting, but neglected to mention the gift I'd given her during the awards ceremony. Should I feel slighted? Should I have my feelings hurt? I'll let you decide. Here's how it went:

As ya'll know the annual event was held at Campbells Resort in Lake Chelan. The meeting itself, during which rule changes proposals were discussed and voted on, plus the nominating of officers, took the majority of Saturday's morning and afternoon. Any time rules are discussed during *any* organization's meeting there can be a bit of tension in the air: this was no exception. I'm sure most reading are aware when ANYone is president, or oversees any organization, they might as well paint a target on their front and back because of the accusations from naysayers, along with confrontations from those with a genuine concern. Certainly our Lesa has experienced personal shots at her. I am one of many who see and appreciate the huge amount of effort, work and time Lesa devotes to PSHA's success.

That said, I wanted to present Lesa with a gift of gratitude during the evening's award ceremony. After the banquet Lesa started the ceremony by thanking all the volunteers who assist the organization. She thanked me last for my work on the Web site and newsletter (and thanks to those for their kind applause) and then Lesa said: "Karen is the one who gives me the most grief."

She moved on with the ceremony and was about to announce the first rider's award. With an audience of about 180, and me sitting toward the back, I stood up from my seat and waved my hands in the air to get Lesa's attention.

She looked alarmed: "What's a matter Karen...is there a fire?"

"No...um" I grabbed my gift, which was covered by a blanket from the hotel, and spoke loudly over the crowd while I weaved my way to her through the throng of people, chairs and tables: "I just want to tell this group what a heck of a job they did by voting you president, because you are just sumthing else." Then Blah, blah and blah until I got up to her.

"You are so even tempered and a just great example of a fair and motivating leader...so much so you've gotten me to jump into sooo many hoops for you. So, I would just like you to do something for me."

"What's that Karen?"

I unveiled my gift; a pink hula hoop: "In front of everyone here I just want to ask you to jump through a hoop for ME."

With a horrified look she tried to back away while stammering: "But I can't hula hoop. I can't. Really, I'm terrible at this. I just can't."

I handed her the hoop. She attempted one hula but she wasn't swinging her hips enough for the hoop to twirl. She wanted to take the hoop off but I wasn't about to let her off the hook that easily.

"You CAN and YOU Will," I pointed a finger at her in a mock scolding manner. Chanting to the tune of Johnny B Good I shouted: "Go! Go! Go Baby Go, Go, Go!"

The group LOVED it, joined in and shouted for Lesa to, "Go!" Good sport that she is, Lesa did swing her hips a few more times in an attempt to hurl a few go-arounds.

She was right though: She's horrible with the Hula Hoop. It was fun — *she* was fun. You shoulda been there. I'm ready to take our show on the road! Ha.



PRESIDENT'S NOTES:

Another season put to bed. Thank you to all of you who attended the Annual Meeting and Awards Celebration. What a great time we had. Good discussions on proposals and the timers and judges meeting Sunday was the best we have had yet.

Thank you to Interstate **Queen Molly Stinson and Oregon Princess Jordan Duty** for attending as well and traveling so far to get there.

Congratulations to the **Plagerman family** for winning the George Brecht/Betty Jean Runyon Award. Well deserved.

2010 Officers for the following year are: Kirk Weinz, Larry Plagerman, Dewain Lien, and Wallace Forslof (alternate) are the Rules Committee; Rose Ridlon is Secretary, Shannon Fadden, Treasurer, and yours truly (Lesa) president. Appointed positions so far are: MJ Franks, East Side Vice-President, Sue Johnson, State Finals chair, Barb Short, Annual meeting chair, Kelsey Morgan, Junior Representative. Terri Forslof, Timeskeeper, Sylvia Hylton, Historian, Karen Griffiths, web master and newsletter, and Dan Salkawske, Show Approval Office. Curt Walz is Regions Chair, he is looking into the possibility of combing regions for the next year, 2011.

All **current PSHA judges** will receive a **free** rulebook insert. The inserts should be done sometime in February and to receive one you need to show your current judges card to a rules committee person or an officer to receive your free insert.

Just a few **highlights of proposals passed**. A full list will be posted with the minutes.

- **Membership year will run Jan 1st-Dec 31st** and new members joining after August 1st will have a grace period through the following year. Members who have joined this season August 1st 2009 or after will not have to pay their membership until January 2011, but you can certainly pay earlier.
- **Family membership definition has changed** in the by-laws. The definition will be on all membership forms from here on out.
- **Verifying permanent numbers** with the timeskeeper now only has to be done if you make changes to existing number or add a new horse/rider number. **Judges and Timers cards** will be valid from January 1st- December 31st instead of expiring March 31st.
- In **two person 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 person teams in an event, except at State Finals and Interstate. Passed in region proposals that it is okay to compete at Classic Show with different partners if you have a 3 time average.
- **Deleted #10 under disqualifications:** "While mounted, circling, or turning any marker considered part of the course, before officially entering the course by crossing the starting line."
- **Optional 2 pieces of colored tape**, 2 ½ - 3 inches wide, to be placed 12 inches down from the top of the pole and the second piece to be placed 24 inches down from the top of the pole.
- **Classifications** are now figured on the **horse/rider combination** not just the horse. Your region timeskeeper posts all of your horse/rider combination times anyway and now they will not have to keep track of just the horse classification if a different

person rides the horse. They will only have to focus on the classification with the rider and that particular horse.

- It is now optional for the show management to give out **day awards** for **X riders**.

PSHA Riders can compete at **WHO (Oregon) approved game shows** and have their times transferred to the PSHA State Times Keeper. Want to know how? Contact Lesa at lbland@televar.com

Stewards reports only need to be filed to the Rules Committee Chair if there are issues good or bad that they need to handle.

Thank you to the membership for the card and present inside. Vince and I are going to Hawaii Dec 1st and it will come in real handy while there. Thank you to Dewain and Diana Lien for the beautiful flowers and Julie and Justin Harter for the great wall hanging.

I am so excited for what the future brings. Our membership is growing and with good weather we are having tons of shows. Thank you to all the membership for making it all come together and happen.

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Interstate Queen Molly

As the 2009 Interstate Queen I recently had the honor of attending your extraordinary state convention. I would like to thank you all for your amazing support thus far during my reign and I would also like to congratulate all of the winners at state convention! In past few weeks I have spent some time helping our current Princess Jordan Duty learn the ropes about fundraising/sponsorships and I encourage you all to meet this outstanding young individual! As of now, Jordan is currently the only Princess running for the 2010 Interstate Queen and I would like to encourage as many women as possible to declare and run for Queen. It's an unbelievable time in my life that I will never forget and although lots of hard work and dedication, it's well worth the end result! Again, thank you to everyone for your support and I look forward to see you all in the future!

Sincerely,
Interstate Queen Molly Stinson

State Finals

2010 STATE FINALS

Hi everyone out there in PSHA land. I am so pleased to have been chosen as your 2010 State Finals Chairman. I have already had so many volunteers to assist in what I hope to be a great Championship show. My committee so far is:

KIRK WEINZ-SPONSORS
SHANNON FADDEN-STALLS
LESA BLAND-CHAMPIONSHIP PLAQUES
M.J. FRANKS-GATE
JACKIE LITTLE-GRAND ENTRY
BRIAN STRONG-CAMPING
DON EATON-PARKING AND CHAMPIONSHIP PICTURE BOARD
BARB SHORT-SPONSORS
KATHY KRATZER-SECRET PALS
KELSEY MORGAN-PROGRAM
DAN SALKAWSKE-OFFICE
NORMA ABBIE-GOFER/DOFER&GOODIE BAGS
SYLVIA HYLTON-CHAMPIONSHIP HIGH POINT CALCULATIONS

We are all looking forward to serving on this committee to help all of our riders have the time of their life with friends, family and of course those very special horses that make our dreams come true.

If you have ideas to share or comments on what you would like to see included in our show please email me at suem.johnson@comcast.net.

Sue Johnson

Juniors

At our annual convention on November 7th a handful of juniors that were able to attend brainstormed a few fundraising ideas that we will talk about more about in the spring, such as car washes, raffles, Barbeque/ concession, silent auctions, bake sale, Trailer washing and buy a junior.

Our main goals are to get everyone involved, make enough money to sponsor a saddle and to raise money for our junior sweatshirts. We also chose our junior officers:

Junior Adult representative: Kelsey Morgan
President: Kortney Todd
Co vice presidents: Cristina Swan and Ali Kratzer
Treasurer: Karissa Robinson
Secretary: Amanda Tucker

We're planning to have a Golden year!
Kortney Todd ☺

A link to view the Nov. 09 Annual meeting junior minutes can now be viewed on the Web site, www.patternedspeedhorse.com/junior

PSHA JRs & PARENTS:

As some of you know I am the Jr. adult rep this year. I wasn't able to go to Convention this year, but have been able to be there via cell phone! So, here are our tentative plans for the Jr's this year. Fundraisers: Holiday Gift Wrapping (north end Jr's) Spring Car wash (Cascade south end

Jr's) and the usual bake sale and maybe the Cookbook (all Jr's involved) We are looking into the possibilities of a silent auction and having a summer BBQ along with the bake sale. I'd like to raise enough money to be able to Sponsor a saddle at state finals this year. There are enough jr's that we are more than capable of raising enough. I'd like hear any ideas that you may have or would be interested in doing.

The gift wrapping is tentatively set up for December 5th and/or December 12th. Everyone is invited to come up and get involved. The cascade zone Jr's are thinking about doing a carwash in the spring, but are most definitely invited to come wrap presents! There will be a little foot work involved, as we need to get the wrapping paper, ribbons and bows and tape donated. Or as much as possible donated. Please send me feedback!! I want everyone to get involved!! I am looking forward to a great year!!

Kelsey

Cascade Region

Hi all! Hope everyone is having a good fall season so far. I'm sure most of the horses are already in, what I like to call, "hibernation mode". We had some great weather the past couple months and were able to ride in some PSHA shows all the way into October (thanks Sequim!). I have to send out a good job to Krystal Sweetser who rode her new horse, Roxy, at a Cheep Barrel race in Olympia, October 15th, and won some money (and she was worried she would fall off!). Sherry was also there and kicked a little butt, she brought home a couple checks that night. Go Sherry! Everyone in her age group better be watching out for her and Hottie next summer. Also, recently, Steven Hopkins traveled down to Iowa for a wrestling Pre National competition and came home with second place in his weight class! Congratulations Steven!!

Cascade Region has elected its officers and they are: President – Brooke Contratto, Vice-President – Marci Woodhouse, Treasurer – Sylvia Hylton. Ali Kratzer is now the Times Keeper for Cascade Region this year, so if you need a "C" number for a horse/rider combo or have a question about your classifications, she is the one you need to contact. Roxanne Christianson is in charge of the Cascade Region Awards Banquet this year. It's going to be held at the same place as last year, the Cedar Grange in Maple Valley, on January 16, 2010. She will be at the November 17th Cascade Region meeting to discuss more about the banquet. We will also be having a silent auction to help fund the region awards for 2010. So please start finding some donations!

Cascade Region was well represented at the Annual Meeting this year at Campbell's Resort in Chelan. A special congratulations goes out to Lisa Guthmiller and Sport for winning the saddle for SSA and Jackie Little and Lucky for winning the SSB saddle. Also, the Classic hi-point awards went home to Cascade Region riders as well. Miriam Gootherts riding Amber won the JR hi-point and Melanie Christianson riding Tina won it for the SR group. Ali Kratzer picked up her and Gabe's new blanket for achieving their 7A status this year. And congratulations to the Repeat 7A horse/rider teams, Missy ridden by Sylvia Hylton and Lady ridden by Melanie Christianson.

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.

Wanda Sweetser Benefit Dinner

As most of you have heard by now, long-time Cascade Region/PSHA member, Wanda Sweetser has recently been diagnosed with cancer. It is time for our extended PSHA family to come together for a benefit dinner to help Wanda with her medical expenses.

Date: Saturday, November 14th
Time: Serving will begin at 5:00 pm and will go until 8:00 pm
Cost: \$6/pp – additional donations gladly accepted
Location: Green River Saddle Club, 16321 SE Lake Holm Road, Auburn

Spaghetti and garlic bread will be provided by The Kitchen Nazi, aka Terry Guthmiller, and his faithful servants, Toni Miller, Dana Hylton and Ellie Hollmer. We are asking our Cascade Region members to assist in providing the following food items. Please bring the dish corresponding with the first letter of your last name: **A-H** - Side dish; **I-Q** - Salad; **R-Z** - Dessert.

Please also bring serving utensils for your dish. This is also a BYOB (bring your own beverage). Paper plates and napkins will be provided by Joe, Terela & Cameron Jarvis.

Silent Auction: We will have a silent auction with all proceeds to go to Wanda. Please bring your donated items and money for your purchases!

We will also have a 50/50 raffle. ½ of the proceeds will go to Wanda and the other ½ will go to the winner of the raffle. See Ali Kratzer for the tickets.

If you have any questions or are able to offer assistance with the dinner (set-up, clean-up, serving, ect.) please contact Terry Guthmiller at ringnex@gmail.com or Toni Miller at (425) 432-1504 or tamiler@aol.com. We need some additional tables, if you have any please let us know.

Please help make this dinner a success for our good friend and long time member of the horse community, Wanda!