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Scholarship opportunity announced!

WE United has partnered with Working Equitation University, the online Working Equitation resource full of WE competition videos from around the world, to offer a scholarship for a WE United member in 2017.

WE United WEU Scholarship criteria

- Current WE United member.
- Preference given to WE United members from parts of the country where there have not been as many opportunities to learn about Working Equitation.
- Goal of competing at at least one WE United competition OR participating in the WE United video feedback program in 2017.

Scholarship benefits:

- One-year full subscription to WEU, enabling the scholarship recipient a full year's access to all the great video resources available on WEU, \$120 value.
- One complimentary WE United video feedback (from a WE United R or S Judge) on you and your horse performing a Dressage and Ease of Handling test that you submit through the WE United Judge Video Feedback program, (must be submitted by October 30, 2017), \$40 value.

Selection Process:

- Selection will be made by the WE United Board of Directors
- Applications must be submitted by February 1, 2017
- The scholarship will be awarded on February 15, 2017

Application (complete the application on directly on WEU or write it up as an MS Word document and email it to us at WorkingEquitationUnited@gmail.com).

1. Name

2. WE United Membership #
3. Email address
4. State of residence
5. Short essay: Please describe why you are interested in receiving this scholarship. Include information about any previous experience with WE, opportunities (or lack thereof) for learning more about the sport in your area, and how you might use the knowledge gained through this scholarship to help support others interested in working equitation in your part of the country.

Upcoming Events:

January

- 7: **Arizona WE Show, New Jersey Schooling Play Day**
- 21: **Florida Playday, Texas Clinic, New Jersey Schooling Play Day**
- 21-22: **Oregon Clinic & Schooling Show**

February

- 4: **Arizona WE Show, Texas Clinic, New Jersey Schooling Play Day**
- 18: **Texas B-Rated Show, New Jersey Schooling Play Day**
- 18-19: **Oregon B-Rated Show**

March

- 4: **Arizona WE Show, New Jersey Schooling Play Day**
- 8-9: **Colorado Horse Expo & B-Rated Show**
- 11: **Wisconsin Play Day**
- 14-18: **Oregon Judge Seminar**



Intensive Judge Seminar

March 14 – 18, 2017
Eugene, Oregon

Attendance Options

- Judge Candidate
- Silent Auditor (March 14-16)

Details related to Judge Licensing / Progression from Learner to fully credentialed Judge are currently being worked on by the WE United Judge Program Development Committee. It is anticipated, however, that a recommendation from the Judge Trainers at an Intensive Seminar will be one of the requirements for becoming a fully-credentialed judge.

Instruction provided by
Mário Pimentel & António Vicente,
both WAVE International Judges
from Portugal!

March 14-16: Classroom Seminars, Holiday Inn, 919 Kruse Way, Springfield, OR

March 17: Practice Judging at a Licensed WE competition (Oregon Horse Center, 90751 Prairie Rd, Eugene, OR 97402)

March 18: Debriefing Live Judging & Final Exams (open only to Judge Candidates, Holiday Inn, Springfield, OR)

Judge Candidates: Judge Candidates will be seated at the front of the room. They will be able to interact with the judge trainers during the classroom seminars and will complete score sheets for a minimum of 75% of the riders competing in the WE show on March 17th. Attendance as a Judge Candidate does *not* guarantee that a license will be granted. Licenses (Learner, as well as full judge credentials) *may* be recommended by the Judge Trainers based on demonstration of knowledge and the ability to judge accurately and fairly throughout the week.

Silent Auditors: Silent Auditors will be seated at the back of the room. During the classroom seminars, they will refrain from asking questions / offering opinions except during scheduled breaks (lunch, etc.). Silent Auditors may be competitors, people interested in learning more about the sport to enhance their ability to provide instruction / clinics, people considering applying for the judge program at some point in the future, etc.

COST
 Judge Candidates: \$750 – includes breakfast and lunch all five days.
 Silent Auditor: \$175/day – includes breakfast & lunch (only available March 14, 15, & 16)

Hotel: Holiday Inn, located at 919 Kruse Way, Springfield, OR - mention WE United to receive the \$89 plus tax room rate.

All attendees must hold current membership in WE United
 Sign Up Online at: <https://goo.gl/forms/xHPA0qPIKzYKffvK2>

WE United Judge Seminar

[CLICK HERE to Register Online](#)

To reserve your hotel room, please call the hotel directly at **541-284-0707** and request the **WE United Judges Seminar Group Block**. This will get you the special block room rate of **\$89 plus tax per**

- 17: **Oregon B-Rated Show**
- 18: **New Jersey Schooling Play Day**
- 19: **Oregon Technical Delegate Seminar**
- 25-26: **New Jersey Clinic & "Fix-a-Test", New York Clinic**

For more information, please visit our [Events calendar](#).

block room rate of \$89 plus tax per night. Rooms **MUST** be reserved by **February 17, 2017** to receive this rate (after the 17th, the rooms will be released, and you may need to stay elsewhere).

We're planning a Technical Delegate Seminar on Sunday, March 19, immediately following the Judge Seminar, to enable people interested in both to complete both trainings in the same session. Look for details about the TD training in our January newsletter!



Hold the date!

WE United will be hosting our **National Championship Competition** over the **Labor Day Weekend, September 1-4, 2017**, at the Oregon Horse Center in Eugene, Oregon.

To qualify, you must have earned a score of 58% or higher in both Dressage and Ease of Handling in a licensed WE competition in which you successfully complete all trials offered (no DQs) during the 2017 competition year.

We are planning to offer both an **Individual** competition (with **Dressage, EOH, and Speed**) and a **Team** competition (where we'll add the **Cow Trial** for Novice and above). Individual entries are *not* required to compete as Teams (but we're hoping that people will join together to increase the fun).

Teams require 3-4 competitors at the same level (e.g., Novice A, Novice B, Intermediate A, Intermediate B, Advanced, Masters). Teams do not necessarily need to be from the same area, but joining together with folks from your region might be one way to help increase camaraderie. The highest three scores earned by teammates in each trial are retained and used to determine overall team placings.

U.S. Regions: Try to field at least one team to represent you!

Canada: Wouldn't it be great if you fielded teams from BC, Alberta, and Ontario? All are within a reasonable driving distance from the event location.

Mexico: We'd love to welcome you to this inaugural event! The drive up I-5 is easy, and the Horse Center is located just five hours' drive north of the California state line.

In addition to the Championship classes, we're looking forward to introducing North American working equitation fans to some pretty special people in the International WE community. Look for details to be unveiled soon!

This is one WE Event you absolutely want to attend!

Updates from your Elected Directors

If you have events to share, please contact your Regional Director and let them know what you have planned so they can help get the word out to others! Contact information can be found on our website's [CONTACT US](#) page:

Region 1 Director Cari Schwartz

We had a great first rated show of the season at the Oregon Horse Center in Eugene. Saturday was

Dressage and pleasant weather for December. Our judge, Doreen Atkinson, dedicated her expertise to our little leadline contestants and gave them a clinic on a few obstacles, adorable! Afterwards, we were allowed a schooling session on some of the obstacles that might be in the Sunday show, very helpful for all the first timers and green horses.

Later we had a banquet dinner and talked about awards for the 2016 Show Season. The Breed winners and Medalists were announced, and Lizann Dunnegan received a black neckribbon with red and silver accents from the Friesian Association for her mare Yfke Von Borstel. She will get a picture later. The group enthusiastically celebrated the many people in the room who were on the Leaderboard for top 10 Nationwide.

Sunday, a quite chilly day, was Ease of Handling and Speed Trials with great, and tough, courses designed by Chesna Klimek, our Technical Delegate. Chesna was great announcing and keeping the show running smoothly. It was an exciting day with some unfortunate DQ's, green horse, and frisky horse moments!

I won overall Intro level on Arcelia AA, a young PRE owned by Lizann Dunnegan. Sherri Little won overall Reserve Champion on her Thoroughbred gelding Sharp Edition, or Eddie, with a lovely EOH retirement ride.

Marilyn Rodriguez, new to WE, won overall Champion in Novice on her Halfinger, No Falling Star FCF. Jill Hannam-Bannister on Omnis Easy Jet earned Reserve Champion overall in the very competitive Novice class.

Morgan Wagner and Endo the Blind gave lovely performances throughout the weekend and earned overall Champion at Intermediate. Exsarena and I were overall Intermediate Reserve.

Special thanks to Julie Alonzo for hosting the fun banquet and Show. I hope everyone is excited to try out the new Dressage tests and rules for 2017. There are many clinics, hopefully one in your area, to help prepare for the new season. Hope to see you at the WE Shows!

Region 2 Director Polly Limond

I am pleased to announce that in addition to the clinic we held December 3rd, at Creek Hollow Ranch in Ramona, CA, we now have 2 WE schooling shows on the calendar as well in the same area! The dates are: May 20 and June 24.

In Northern California, Annie Conn is working on building more WE participation with clinics and practice days at Luna Tierra Ranch.

Arizona WE fans have a number of Working Equitation shows to look forward to. Those with WE United judges count toward the WE United Leaderboard; if they are licensed by WE United, they can also count toward the Lifetime Rider Medal program.

Region 3 Director Chris Stanko

The High Country Working Equitation (HCWE) Board recently finalized our event schedule for the season, and I'm hoping to be able to add information about events in Nebraska and surrounding states in the near future.

HCWE will offer classes in L1 (Intro), L2 (Novice A), L3 (Novice B), L4 (Intermediate A) and L5 (Intermediate B) in both Amateur and Open at our hosted shows.

Our show calendar for the year is as follows:

WE United B-Rated show at RMHE on March 8 - 9. (Riders can opt for the Expo's Working Equitation package which includes stalling, show and clinics from March 7 - 12. The price for the package is \$350.)

Spring Show in Carbondale on June 4th. Maree McAteer hosting. Team competition.

HCWE June Schooling Show at Plane View Farm on June 17-18

HCWE July Schooling Show at Circle Star Arena on July 15-16 (four phase)

WE United B-Rated Show on August 4 - 6 at a location to be determined (four phase)

RMIHC Show at Douglas County on August 25-26

HCWE Fall Finale at Circle Star Arena on October 14-15 (four phase)

Region 4 Director Doreen Atkinson

As of now in region 4, we have 5 clinics set up, (OK and TX) and are hoping to schedule more. We have a definite 10 recognized shows scheduled with 2 maybe in the works.

Region 5 Director Howard Peet

Weather this time of year makes holding events a challenge, but we're looking forward to a number of Play Days at Beomor Farms in Wisconsin in the early spring, with Schooling Shows and ultimately Licensed Shows in Illinois and Wisconsin as the ground thaws.

Region 6 Director Kimberly Garvis

There are a number of educational opportunities on the calendar in our region, including play days, clinics, and schooling shows. It's great to see WE finally starting to grow in the Northeast!

Region 7 Director Ruth Perez

Several people across the region are hosting informal playdays and clinics, and we're hoping to get additional WE events on the calendar soon.



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