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Congratulations, National Leaders!

Results from the first 11 competitions of 2016 have been posted, and the points added to the WE United Leaderboard. The WE United Leaderboard is a national program of recognition open to all WE United members and recorded horses, free of charge. Please join us in congratulating the people and horses currently leading the nation in working equitation point standings. For a complete listing of the Top Ten in each category,

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Advanced Level

Advanced – Horse/Rider Pair

1. Doreen Atkinson and Anakin, Points = 9

Advanced – Horse

1. Doreen Atkinson and Anakin, Points = 9
2. Doreen Atkinson and Obadi Del Dios, Points = 6

Advanced – American Rider

1. Doreen Atkinson, Points = 15

Intermediate Level

Intermediate – Horse/Rider Pair

1. Prissy Rumel and Priscilla's Flight, Points = 41
2. Cari Schwartz and Exsarena, Points = 26
3. Jordan Banks and Xena Princesa MM, Points = 12

Novice – American Rider

1. Kiki Pantaze, Points = 78
2. Lizann Dunegan, Points = 68
3. Jennifer Lenz, Points = 50
4. Heather Humelbaugh, Points = 41
5. Jill Hamann-Bannister, Points = 28

Novice – International Rider

1. Kim Peterson, Australia, Points = 59
2. Jill Barron, Canada, Points = 41
3. Mckinley Wall, Canada, Points = 39
4. Nicole Lansdell, Canada, Points = 26
5. Shannon Jaycock, Canada, Points = 9

Novice – Junior Rider

1. Mckinley Wall, Points = 39
2. Tristan Cruden, Points = 8
3. Samuel Cruden, Points = 7
4. Madison Branham, Points = 4

Introductory Level

Introductory – Horse/Rider Pair

1. Lizann Dunegan and Yfke Von Borstel, Points = 41
2. Vera Jagendorf and Armano, Points = 22
3. Susan Wall and Flyin Pine Destiny, Points = 21
4. Pam Farmer and Ultra Lazy, Points = 19
5. Denise Lukins and Mahon II FLH, Points = 18

Introductory – Horse

1. Yfke Von Borstel, Friesian owned by Lizann Dunegan, Points = 41
2. Armano, Half-Andalusian owned by Vera Jagendorf, Points = 22
3. Flyin Pine Destiny, Quarter Horse owned by Susan Wall, Points = 21
4. Ultra Lazy, Quarter Horse owned by Michelle Farmer, Points = 19
5. Mahon II FLH, Haflinger owned by Denise Lukins, Points = 18

Introductory – American Rider

1. Lizann Dunegan, Points = 41
2. Vera Jagendorf, Points = 22

4. Nicole Grous and Zar Ris, Points = 8
5. Kim Peterson and Sandhaven Pagen Dancer, Points = 7

Intermediate – Horse

1. Priscilla's Flight, Australian Stock Horse owned by Prissy Rumel, Points = 41
2. Exsarena, Trakehner owned by Cari Schwartz, Points = 26
3. Xena Princesa MM, Lusitano owned by Jordan Banks, Points = 12
4. Sandhaven Promise, Australian Stock Horse owned by Kellee Campbell, Points = 10
5. Sandhaven Pagan Dancer, Australian Stock Horse owned by Kellee Campbell, Points = 9

Intermediate – American Rider

1. Prissy Rumel, Points = 41
2. Cari Schwartz, Points = 26
3. Jordan Banks, Points = 12
4. Nicole Grous, Points = 8
- 5 (Tie). Cindy Branham, Points = 6
- 5 (Tie). Chris Stanko, Points = 6
- 5 (Tie). Kimmie Peterson, Points = 6

Intermediate – International Rider

1. Kim Peterson, Points = 9

Novice Level

Novice – Horse/Rider Pair

1. Lizann Dunegan and Miguel BTSF, Points = 68
2. Kiki Pantaze and Sandhaven Late to the Party, Points = 57
3. Jennifer Lenz and Poplar's Samoa Star, Points = 50
4. Heather Humelbaugh and FT Sheer Perfection, Points = 41
5. Mckinley Wall and Flyin Pine Destiny, Points = 39

Novice – Horse

1. Miguel BTSF, Andalusian owned by Lizann Dunegan, Points = 68
2. Sandhaven Late to the Party, Australian Stock Horse owned by Kellee Campbell, Points = 57
3. Poplar's Samoa Star, American Curly Horse owned by Jennifer Lenz, Points = 50
4. FT Sheer Perfection, American Warmblood

2. vera jagendorn, Points = 22
3. Pam Farmer, Points = 19
4. Denise Lukins, Points = 18
5. Nancy Finn, Points = 17

Introductory – International Rider

1. Susan Wall, Canada, Points = 21
2. Brenna Jaycock, Canada, Points = 4

Introductory – Junior Rider

1. Madison Waller, Points = 9
2. Hallie Paulson, Points = 4

* *Leaderboard last updated May 16, 2016.*

Points for the leaderboard for the current competition season (December 1, 2015 to November 30, 2016) are reflected above from the following shows:

- February 20, 2016: [Highlander Ranch Working Equitation Show in Waco, TX](#) (B-Rated)
- February 21, 2016: [Working Equitation Show in Fremont, NE](#) (B-Rated)
- March 5, 2016: [R&D Ranch Working Equitation Show in Topeka, KS](#) (B-Rated)
- March 11, 2016: [High Country Working Equitation Competition at the Rocky Mountain Horse Expo in Brighton, CO](#) (B-Rated)
- April 2-4, 2016: [Haras Spring Show in Magnolia, TX](#) (A-Rated)
- April 10, 2016: [WE Nebraska Show in Lincoln, NE](#) (B-Rated)
- April 16-17, 2016: [WE Oregon Show in Eugene, OR](#) (B-Rated)
- April 16, 2016: [Texas Rose Spring Breed Show in Tyler, TX](#) (B-Rated)
- April 23, 2016: [Heart of Texas Series, #2 in Cedar Creek, TX](#) (B-Rated)
- May 14, 2016: [South Ridge Farms, Ridgefield, WA](#) (B-Rated)
- May 15, 2016: [South Ridge Farms, Ridgefield, WA](#) (B-Rated)

You can see a complete [list of WE United members, here](#) and a [complete list of recorded horses here](#)

owned by Heather Humelbaugh, Points = 41
5. Flyin Pine Destiny, Quarter Horse owned by
Susan Wall, Points = 39

WE United would like to thank **Waller Farms** for sponsoring the Junior Rider Awards on our Leaderboard. Way to go, Waller Farms!

[HERE, HERE.](#)

If you're interested in sponsoring year-end awards for the WE United Annual Leaderboard, or if you have questions about this program, please contact us at: WorkingEquitationUnited@gmail.com.



Lizann Dunnegan (left) recently surged to the top of the Introductory and Novice Level Leaderboard standings for US Riders, while Cari Schwartz (right) is closing in on Prissy Rumel, current Intermediate-level US Rider leader. Stay tuned, as there are two licensed competitions coming up in Texas and two in the Pacific Northwest.

The bigger the classes, the more points riders have the opportunity to earn!

Rider Medal Program Off to a Great Start!

Please join us in congratulating the first eight riders to earn qualifying scores toward their Bronze Medals! Scores of 62% or higher in a competition where the rider successfully completes all three trials without any disqualifications count as medal-qualifying scores.

- **Jill Hamann-Bannister**
 - 63.33% in Dressage, April 16, 2016 B-Rated Competition, Eugene, Oregon. Judge: Tarrin Warren.
 - 63.33% in Ease of Handling, April 16, 2016 B-Rated Competition, Eugene, Oregon. Judge: Tarrin Warren.
- **Jill Barron**
 - 64.37% in Ease of Handling, May 14, 2016 B-Rated Competition, Ridgefield, Washington. Judge: Barbara Price.
 - **65.60%** in Ease of Handling, May 15, 2016 B-Rated Competition, Ridgefield, Washington. Judge: Barbara Price.
 - 63.80% in Ease of Handling, May 15, 2016 B-Rated Competition, Ridgefield, Washington. Judge: Barbara Price.
- **Alison Burnett**
 - 63.30% in Dressage, May 15, 2016 B-Rated Competition, Ridgefield, Washington. Judge: Barbara Price.
- **Lizann Dunegan**
 - 64.67% in Dressage, April 16, 2016 B-Rated Competition, Eugene, Oregon. Judge: Tarrin Warren.
 - 62.30% in Dressage, May 15, 2016 B-Rated Competition, Ridgefield, Washington. Judge: Barbara Price.
 - 63.80% in Ease of Handling, May 15, 2016 B-Rated Competition, Ridgefield, Washington. Judge: Barbara Price.
- **Mary (Cassy) Holcomb**
 - **66.87%** in Ease of Handling, May 14, 2016 B-Rated Competition, Ridgefield, Washington. Judge: Barbara Price.
- **Heather Humelbaugh**
 - 64.37% in Ease of Handling, May 14, 2016 B-Rated Competition, Ridgefield, Washington. Judge: Barbara Price.
- **Jennifer Lenz**
 - **65.33%** in Ease of Handling, April 16, 2016 B-Rated Competition, Eugene, Oregon. Judge: Tarrin Warren.

- 63.10% in Ease of Handling, May 15, 2016 B-Rated Competition, Ridgefield, Washington. Judge: Barbara Price.
- **Joan Moore**
 - 65.62% in Ease of Handling, May 14, 2016 B-Rated Competition, Ridgefield, Washington. Judge: Barbara Price.

Scores must be earned at WE United sanctioned B-Rated, A-Rated, Regional Championship, or National Championship competitions. Scores earned at schooling shows or at shows not affiliated with WE United will not count toward WE United rider medals. Rider medals are based on the eligible scores a Working Equitation rider achieves over time and need not be earned in one competition year or with the same horse. Once a rider has earned a given medal, they cannot earn that same medal again.

Certificates and medals are issued as applications are received and verified by WE United. Riders who earn medals will be listed publicly on the WE United website.

For complete details about WE United's Rider Medalist program, please read our [Frequently Asked Questions, here](#). Additional questions can be emailed to WorkingEquitationUnited@gmail.com.

The next competitions where riders can earn qualifying scores toward their WE Rider Medals will take place Saturday, June 4 at Highlander Ranch in Waco, TX, and Saturday, June 18 at the Far West Show in Redmond, OR. Please visit our [EVENT CALENDAR](#) for more details about these and other upcoming events.

Want your show to count toward the Rider Medal program? Be sure to request WE United licensing!

A Focus on Fundamentals

We are continuing to expand the educational information available on the WE United website. Have you seen the links to the different obstacles yet?

Here is a sample to get you started. More can be found by clicking [HERE](#).

Side-Stepping Over a Log

Side stepping over a log or logs is a [Working Equitation obstacle](#) that may be included on the [Ease of Handling](#) and/or [Speed](#) trials. This obstacle is not used at the Introductory level.



CONSTRUCTION

Depending on the performance level, this obstacle may be comprised of a single log, or multiple logs in the following formations:

- Two parallel poles separated by 10 feet (Novice, Intermediate, Advanced, or Masters levels)
- Two poles in an “L” shape (Intermediate, Advanced, or Masters levels)
- Three poles in a “Z” shape (Masters level)

The poles should be about 3.7 meters (12 feet) in length with a diameter of about 10 cm (4 inches), supported 5-10 cm (2-4 inches) above the ground. If the poles are rattled or knocked by a horse during a competition, a ground person should check to reset the poles as needed before the next competitor attempts the obstacle.

Complete details about this obstacle can be found in the [WE United Working Equitation Rules](#).

EASE OF HANDLING

To complete this obstacle, the horse and rider transition to walk. The rider then moves the horse laterally to position the horse’s front hooves on one side of the pole and the hind hooves on the other. The combination then moves sideways for the length of the pole, keeping the front hooves on one side of the pole and the hind hooves on the other.

When entry/exit makers are used with this obstacle, the competitors must pass through them with the red flag on their right side.

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SPEED TRIAL

When side-stepping over a log or logs is included on a [Speed trial](#) course, the horse and rider must move as quickly as possible laterally over the pole. If the horse knocks the pole and it is displaced, a penalty of 5 seconds will be added to the combination's final time.) In addition, if any of the horse's legs steps across the pole while negotiating the obstacle the pair will get 5 seconds added to their time (each leg stepping incorrectly over the pole earns a penalty).

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