

WE United Newsletter: November 2016

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Because our membership year runs from December 1 through November 30th, to coincide with the competition calendar, this will be the final newsletter of the 2016 competition year.

We have so much to celebrate!

Last week, we processed Member #314, Shariah from Oklahoma, **making WE United far and away the largest Working Equitation organization in the United States**. Renewals are coming in daily, and we're managing to process all new and renewing memberships within one business day (often, in fact, within a few hours!).

The number of Working Equitation events all across North America continues to grow at a healthy rate. Across North America, 258 days' worth of scheduled WE events have been shared on our calendar since we opened our doors in February of this year! This month started with clinics in California, Oklahoma, Utah, and Canada, and play days in Wisconsin and Tennessee, as well as a licensed show in Oklahoma. This coming weekend, WE fans can compete at licensed competitions in Texas and Nebraska, while both Oregon and Washington have clinics / play days on the calendar. And right around the corner, we have a licensed competition to look forward to in Oregon and still another clinic in California, both scheduled for the first weekend in December.

Remember, if you'd like to get an event on the calendar, just fill out the online form available at <https://goo.gl/forms/f8kCl6EAdnTSckNi1>

Remember, too, to bookmark the [WE United event calendar](#) for easy reference when you're looking for events in your area.

We're looking forward to hosting **our first Intensive Judge Seminar** (open to Judge Candidates / Licensed Judges as well as to those who want to attend as Silent Auditors, to learn more about the sport without the intention of becoming judges) **March 14-18, 2016 in Eugene, Oregon**. This seminar will be taught by two very well-respected WAVE judges from Portugal: Mário Pimentel and António Vicente.

We are also hoping to offer the opportunity to be **licensed as a Technical Delegate** during that event.

We expect to have more information (exact pricing, location of the host hotel, etc.) to share by January. For now, though, please hold those dates in your calendar if you are interested in attending. This should be a great opportunity for in-depth learning as well as a lot of fun.

- **Days 1-3** will be lecture format and will be held in conference room at a hotel in Eugene, Oregon.
- **Day 4** will take place during a licensed competition at the Oregon Horse Center, giving Judge Candidates the opportunity to live-judge horses and riders competing at a variety of levels, and TD Candidates the opportunity to hone their Technical Delegate skills during the competition.
- **Day 5** will be open only to Judge Candidates, as they discuss their experiences judging the day before with the Judge Trainers.

Details about the process by which judges will receive their initial and continuing licenses are still being worked out (the WE United Board will soon be appointing a committee to develop the judge training and licensure program), but anyone interested in becoming a WE United judge should plan on attending if at all possible.

Regional News from Your Representatives

Region 1

Hello everyone! Region 1 has a lot of exciting things happening in our area. There are lots of riders looking forward to the December show at the Oregon Horse Center in Eugene. It is our first rated show for next show season and also a year-end celebration of WE United 2016. The show is filling up nicely so hope everyone can come celebrate what we and WE united have accomplished so far. There will also be licensed competitions in January and February. A Judging Seminar is being planned for mid-March, along with another show. The seminar is not only for those wanting to become judges, but also a fantastic educational opportunity to Audit and learn from two WAVE experts.

At the local level, several clinics and schooling shows may be happening in your area. They are perfect for introducing new horses and riders to Working Equitation and also appropriate for upper level riders enhancing their skills. Jordan Banks and Chesna Klimek give clinics in Northwestern Washington area. Rob Zimmerman, of the beautiful South Ridge Farms, is giving monthly clinics. Caitlin Huntress and myself, Cari Schwartz, both L Judges for WE United, give clinics near Portland and will also travel, and I have started monthly clinics in Oregon City. Morgan Wagner has provided several clinics this year as well. Julie Alonzo, WE United President travels and also gives clinics in the Eugene area, and is hosting the upcoming rated shows. If I have missed anyone, I would love to hear from you.

Morgan Wagner and her horse Endo the Blind, Oregon, have also traveled to many exhibitions promoting Working Equitation, wowing crowds with their training. Chesna Klimek and her Haflinger Pippen, Washington, also joined Morgan and Endo and the four of them even represented WE United at Breyerfest in Kentucky. Go Region 1 and WE United! Thankyou, Cari Schwartz

Your Elected Director is [Cari Schwartz](#).

Region 2

Hello from Region 2! As you saw in the last newsletter, we held a fun and well-attended clinic in Southern California October 16th. We have another one coming up December 3rd, and are in the planning stages of a schooling show series in Ramona, CA at Creek Hollow Ranch. Stay tuned!

Your Elected Director is [Polly Limond](#).

Region 3

Region 3 celebrated Halloween in style, with a Halloween party hosted by High Country Working Equitation, in Colorado. Region 3 members (as well as others willing to make the drive) can commemorate the end of the 2016 competition year with a two-day licensed competition in Nebraska, hosted by Working Equitation Nebraska and judged by Tarrin Warren.

Your Elected Director is [Chris Stanko](#).

Region 4

Region 4 has had a number of competitions in recent weeks. On October 22nd, there was a licensed show in Decatur, Texas, and on November 6th, Working Equitation Oklahoma hosted a competition, both judged by Tarrin Warren. This coming Sunday, the Texas Rose Horse Park will be home to a one-day licensed competition judged by Rebecca Algar.

Your Elected Director is [Doreen Atkinson](#).

Region 5

Region 5 has had recent activity in both Wisconsin and Illinois. The Working Equitation Wisconsin crowd hosted a very well-attended playday at Beomor Farms while Karen and Mike Boso continue to host clinics at their beautiful facility. Look for even more opportunities to get out and hone your WE skills in the coming months, with Erica and Howard Peet opening their new arena for WE events soon!

Your Elected Director is Howard Peet.

Region 6

A number of Region 6 Working Equitation enthusiasts gathered for a weekend of camaraderie and learning in Virginia, recently. Kimberly, your Regional Director, is eager to help get more events going in the area.

Your Elected Director is Kimberly da Silva.

Region 7

Region 7 would like to thank Judge Wayne Hipsley for his patience and good guidance at our first WE United competition in the state. We look forward to continuing to build people's knowledge of the sport through clinics, practice days, and more shows in the coming months.

Your Elected Director is Ruth Perez.

Contact information for all members of the WE United Board of Directors can be found on our website.



The graphic is a membership card for WE United. It features a logo on the left consisting of a blue square with 'WE UNITED' and three stars, and two red squares with white silhouettes of riders on horses. The text on the right reads: 'WE UNITED Membership Card', 'Name: RENEW TODAY!', 'Membership is Essential', and '2016 Expires: November 30' (highlighted in yellow). At the bottom, it says 'Please print and retain this card as proof of membership. Membership information can also be accessed via our website: www.weunited.us'.

If you have not yet renewed your membership, please find and pay the renewal invoice sent to you via PayPal, or simply go to www.WEUnited.us and "Join" online

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