

Equestrians Institute 2012 Event Archive

January

~~15 - Board mtg Sunday 3-6pm, NWAC -- Strategic plan, master calendar updates, budgets~~
CANCELLED due to SNOW

February

5 - Board mtg Sunday 3-6pm, NWAC -- Strategic plan, master calendar updates, budgets
16 - Dressage Learn to Scribe Clinic with Beth Glisten, Redmond WA

March

4 - Board mtg Sunday 3-6pm, NWAC -- Strategic plan, master calendar updates, budgets
11 - Dressage Schooling Show, Bridle Trails

April

1 - Board mtg Sunday 3-6pm, NWAC, final budgets
14-15 - EI Driving TREC with Schooling Day, Happy Trails, Ethel, Washington
15 - Chardonnay Recognized Dressage Show, Bridle Trails

May

1 - Grants due
6 - Possible Board mtg Sunday 3-6pm, NWAC, 990 tax overview
11-13 - Eventing Schooling Show, Jumping/ Dressage/ Hunter Pace, WA State Horse Park, Cle Elum
19-20 - CDE schooling Weekend, Happy Trails, Ethel, WA
20 - L'Aperitif Recognized Dressage Show, Bridle Trails

June

9-10 - EI Arena Driving Trial and Pleasure Pace, WA State Horse Park
15 - Chablis Sport Horse & Recognized Dressage Show, Donida
16-17 - Beaujolais Recognized Dressage Show, Donida
30 - EI Beginning Driving Clinic, Bridle Trails State Park, Kirkland WA

July

14 - Champagne-Crystal Recognized Dressage Show, Donida
15 - Champagne-Magnum Recognized Dressage Show, Donida

August

3-5 - Combined Driving Event, Happy Trails, Ethel WA

September

9 - Board mtg Sunday 3-6pm, NWAC overview of year, succession planning
15 - Eventing Combined Test (Stadium Jumping & Dressage), WA State Horse Park, Cle Elum
15-16 - Driving Trials Back-to-Back, Ethel, WA
30 - Dressage Schooling Show, Bridle Trails, Kirkland

October

7 - Board mtg Sunday 3-6pm, NWAC overview of year, succession

November

17 - Fundraiser Tack Sale + E.I. Annual Business Meeting, NWAC Bellevue

December

No events

Dressage Learn to Scribe Seminar - 2012

February 16 - Learn to Scribe Seminar with Beth Glosten

Dressage Schooling Shows – 2012

March 11, 2012 – SUNDAY ** THIS SHOW IS OVER! THANKS EVERYONE!

September 30, 2012 – SUNDAY ** THIS SHOW IS OVER! THANKS EVERYONE!

One day work-out-of-your-trailer schooling show. Beautiful Bridle Trails! Fun classes.

Judge Beth Glosten **Venue** [Bridle Trails State Park](#), Kirkland WA [Directions](#)

Entries Open 1 month prior to show, close 1 week prior to show

Congrats High Point Winners

High Point Winners received \$40 gift cards from our sponsor *Olsons Tack Shop*

Jr/YR High Point

Rachel Lundeen on Scarlet

Intro B 71.56%

AA High Point

Keiko Young on HS Princess of Dreams

Western Dressage Basic-1 70.71%

Open High Point

Kelsey Devoille on Helium Risin

Eventing Prelim B, 69.56 %

Driving TREC with Schooling Day - 2012

April 14-15, 2012

Come join us again or for the first time for the longest-running driven TREC in the USA!

Open to: Horse, Pony, VSE; Single, Pair, Multiple

Divisions: Tenderfoot (Beginner) or Adventurer (Experienced)

Three Phases: Safety Check, Cross Country Drive, Skills Course

Entries: Open Date: Feb 25, 2012 **Close Date:** Apr 5, 2012

Venue: [Happy Trails Arena](#), Ethel, WA [Directions](#)

Contact: Merridy Hance merridyhance@wavecable.com 360-692-0532

This event is planned to be a fun off-season outing for you and your horse(s). It is meant to be a fun outing as well as a serious test of horse and driver skills in preparation for the competition season.

Fees: see entry form

Volunteering

We'd love to have you join us to drive this TREC! If, however, you prefer to watch this one rather than drive it – you know, so you can learn the ropes -- we'd still love to have you! We're looking for volunteers for to observe the skills courses, do timing, and be course marshals. So bring yourself, your spouse, a responsible kid, a friend or a neighbor. We'll provide on-the-job training. Volunteers will receive lunch, our undying gratitude, and the experience of becoming a TREC-ky -- priceless! Please contact Mary Decher to volunteer. marydecher@gmail.com

Dressage - Chardonnay Recognized Dressage Show– 2012

April 15, 2012 -- SUNDAY ** THIS SHOW IS OVER! THANKS EVERYONE!

Work-out-of-your-trailer recognized dressage show. Through 2nd Level.

Judge Karin Bishop, r, WA

Venue [Bridle Trails State Park](#), Kirkland WA [Directions](#)

This show was relaxed and upbeat at beautiful Bridle Trails, with balmy weather and a wonderful, sympathetic judge! Congrats to all riders and especially those of you who steadily kept on even when your horse was worried. First place winners got great tote bags too.

Volunteer Needs

Thanks to all the great volunteers who scribed, ran tests, entered scores, managed the flow at the gates, and handed out ribbons.

Every EI event depends on volunteers to run smoothly and make it fun for everyone! Check out the available jobs for the next show on the [MyVolunteer](#) page.

Eventing - Spring Combined Test and Hunter Pace - 2012

May 11-13, 2012

Venue: [Washington State Horse Park](#), Cle Elum

Entries: Open : now Close: May 5th

Friday: schooling jump rounds over an inviting course designed by Todd Trewin starts at 2 pm. Hopeful - Preliminary levels.

Saturday: CT for Hopeful, Beginner Novice and Novice starts at 8 am. Hunter pace is available all day for participants. Extra jump rounds available for schooling.

Catered dinner available for pre-order only.

Sunday (Mother's Day!): CT for Novice, Training and Preliminary. Hunter pace is available all day for participants. Extra jump rounds available for schooling.

Frequently Asked Questions:

What is a Combined Test?

A CT is a two phase competition that includes a dressage test and a show jumping round.

Hopeful CT will ride the USDF Introductory Test A

Are readers allowed for dressage?

Yes, but not for CT entries.

What is appropriate attire?

Informal but clean in appearance is appreciated. Riders are encouraged to not braid their horses nor wear formal attire.

Since this is a schooling show, is there any tack prohibited?

Any tack that is USEF approved for competitions is allowed for the show. This means that jumping in neck stretchers, draw reins or other devices are not allowed.

Is this show appropriate for beginner riders and horses?

Yes, since this show is at the start of the show season, Todd Trewin will be designing jump courses suitable to build confidence for horse and rider.

Can western tack be used in the dressage phase? No.

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Cathie Farr: mcj-farr@comcast.net

Meika Decher: meika@einw.org

Volunteer Needs

We are currently looking for volunteer to help us with timing the Hunter Pace course on Saturday and Sunday. We are also hoping to find folks to help change the jumps on Friday evening from the schooling course to the show course.

And of course, we would always appreciate folks sticking around for a wee bit on Sunday afternoon to help clean up! Thanks in advance, and please contact Meika, Heidi or Cathie for details.

Remember: The Washington State Horse Park is a fantastic venue that we are privileged to enjoy! Please clean your stalls before you depart and leave the park in beautiful shape for the next lucky group.

Driving - CDE Schooling Weekend 2012

May 19-20, 2012

Please join Equestrians Institute driving for a combined driving schooling weekend. It's a great opportunity to practice all three phases of your combined driving skills. We will have dressage arenas, a cones course, and a fully marked section E marathon course with 4 or 5 gated obstacles. On Saturday, each competitor will have an assigned time in a dressage arena (nominally 20 minutes each) to ensure everyone has equal opportunity to practice their dressage in an actual arena. Also, on Saturday, the cones course and marathon course will be open for schooling all day long. This is your chance to experiment and figure out what works best for you and your equine(s). On Sunday, we will be running it as a driving trial with dressage starting in the morning, immediately followed by cones. The marathon phase will be in the afternoon. All three phases will be judged/scored and the results posted. Since this is about schooling, no ribbons or awards - just your dressage test and hopefully some great CDE schooling to prepare you for future competitions.

Venue: [Happy Trails Arena](#), Ethel, WA [Directions](#)

Entries:

Open Date: April 5th

Close Date: May 7th, or when we reach 40 entries

See the schooling show info document and entry form for the details about this fun event.

Volunteering:

If, however, you prefer to watch this one rather than drive it – you know, so you can learn the ropes -- we'd still love to have you! We're looking for volunteers on Sunday to scribe dressage tests, set cones to the correct distances, and do timing and observe obstacles on the marathon course. So bring yourself, your spouse, a responsible kid, a friend or a neighbor. We'll provide on-the-job training. Volunteers will receive lunch and our undying gratitude. Please contact Mary Decher to volunteer. mary@einw.org

Dressage - L'Aperitif Recognized Dressage Show– 2012

May 20, 2012 -- SUNDAY ** THIS SHOW IS OVER ** THANKS EVERYONE!

Work-out-of-your-trailer recognized dressage show. Through 4th Level.

Judges Diane Royce, R, WA Frances O'Reilly, r, WA

Venue [Bridle Trails State Park](#), Kirkland WA [Directions](#)

This show was so popular, and we didn't want to turn anyone away who was eager to ride, so we hired a second judge and set up a second ring! Congrats to all the competitors who geared up and rode in the "warm spring mist" in lovely Bridle Trails state park. The new sand-and-felt footing at Bridle Trails was a welcome improvement to this facility. It was a smooth show and there were lots of smiling faces out there. (And the equitation class winners were especially happy to take home a \$50 cash prize along with the blue ribbon!)

A huge Thank You to Olson's Tack Shop for providing saddle pads for the **high point winners**:

Adult Amateur **Julie Bennett** on Malipiero 3, score 67.714%
narrowly beating Diane Lopes on Free Rain with 67.568%

Jr/YR **Kailee Milam** on Livingston, score 70.345%

Open **Alexis Lind** on Codigo, score 75.00%

Reminder: to be eligible for EI Year End Awards you must be an EI member at the time the scores were received! Join today online or by mailing in printed form easily found on website.

Volunteer Needs

Thanks to all the great volunteers who scribed, ran tests, entered scores, managed the flow at the gates, and handed out ribbons. Colleen Jones, our amazing and very organized Volunteer Director, made sure all volunteers enjoyed their assigned task and went home with a fabulous EI-logo gift -- people earned a fancy water bottle, picnic blanket, or handy tote bag!

Driving - Arena Driving Trial and Pleasure Pace - 2012

June 9 -10, 2012

Equestrians Institute is returning to the Washington State Horse Park in 2012. We will have an Arena Driving Trial on Saturday - a dressage test, cones course, and two obstacles. On Sunday there will be a pleasure pace. New trails have been identified for this years event which will keep us off of the rocky roads we saw last year. Also, on Sunday, a limited number of participants can reserve lessons with Terri Jones, a popular trainer, clinician, and competitor in our driving community.

Venue: [Washington State Horse Park](#), Cle Elum, WA [Directions](#)

Entries: Open Date: April 14, 2012 **Close Date:** May 25, 2012, or earlier if reach maximum number

For more information, see the information in the forms and documents.

Volunteering:

If you prefer to watch this one rather than drive it – you know, so you can learn the ropes -- we'd still love to have you! We're looking for volunteers for both days. On Saturday for the ADT we need dressage scribes and steward, obstacle judges and timers, and cones setters/timers/scribe. On Sunday for the Pleasure Pace we need timers and stewards. So bring yourself, your spouse, a responsible kid, a friend or a neighbor. We'll provide on-the-job training. Volunteers will receive lunch and our undying gratitude. Please contact Mary Decher to volunteer. mary@einw.org

Dressage - Chablis & Beaujolais Dressage Shows– 2012

June 15, 2012 -- Chablis One-Day Show *THIS SHOW IS OVER!

June 16-17, 2012 -- Beaujolais Two-Day Show *THIS SHOW IS OVER! THANKS EVERYONE!

These are TWO recognized dressage shows held over a three-day weekend. Chablis has Sport Horse classes, and both shows have all levels of dressage classes. All rules in Omnibus.

Judges

Donna Richardson, S, CA

Sandi Chohany, S, IL

Cindy Canace, S, NJ

C. Carter Bass, R, VA (Sport Horse)

Venue: Donida Farm, Auburn WA Directions 16600 Southeast 376th Street Auburn, WA 98092

What an amazing weekend! Spirits were high for horses and humans alike. The sun made a grand appearance, and shorts-and-tank-tops ensembles graced the show grounds. Hosting so many young horses at the show (for the Chablis Sport Horse Breeding classes) made for a lively -- and noisy -- scene in the barn, but even the naughty mouthy foals entranced the crowd with their sprightly leaps and spins. The vendor booths were a big hit this year with huge sales discounts. Free food and drink at the Saturday afternoon competitor party created good cheer, and the laughing got louder as the wine bottles got emptier. Sunday was the blustery windy day, which caused some problems with equipment taking flight and duststorms in the parking lot, but it sure woke us all up at the end of a long show. Thanks to all our competitors, our judges, our TD Janice Linnan, and a huge kudos to the fabulous show management team (Lou Anne McKown, Kaye Phaneuf, Colleen Jones, Lynn McGrew) for a job well done. See everyone at Champagne in July!

High Point Awards

Adult Amateur **Kristin Nicole Thielsen** & Sir Pegasus, Tr-3, 76.0%

Jr/YR **Sarah Cohen** & Ravel, Tr-3, 73.0%

Open **Rebecca Parker Black** & Dorian Dark, First-1, 75.862%

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Driving - Beginning Driving Clinic - 2012

June 30, 2012

Join us at beautiful Bridle Trails State Park in Kirkland, WA to learn the ins and outs on carriage driving. Clinicians Will and Teresa Bron will discuss and demonstrate how to harness, hitch, and drive a horse. Equipment and information will be on display during the event. This is for people only - not for your horses. Demonstration horses will be used.

Venue: [Bridle Trails State Park](#), Kirkland WA [Directions](#)

Entries: Open Date: May 1, 2012 **Close Date:** June 15, 2012

See Event Details under Forms and Documents for more information and how to register.

Please note that Bridle Trails State Park requires a Discover Pass for parking at the park. See the Bridle Trails State Park Venue website for more information.

Dressage - Champagne Classic Dressage Shows– 2012

July 14, 2012 -- Champagne/Crystal One-Day Show *THIS SHOW IS OVER!*

July 15, 2012 -- Champagne/Magnum One-Day Show *THIS SHOW IS OVER!*

These are TWO recognized dressage shows held over a two-day weekend. All rules in Omnibus.

Judges

Janet Foy, S, CO

Brian Ross, S, VA

Kem Barbosa, S, NJ

Joan Darnell, S, TX

Venue: Donida Farm, Auburn WA

[Mapquest](#) or [Google Maps](#) 16600 Southeast 376th Street Auburn, WA 98092

Our final recognized dressage show of the 2012 season was mellow and cheerful and just plain fun. Despite the occasional booming thunder in the distance, the weather held up for the weekend and reached that Goldilocks standard -- not too hot, not too cold, just right! The EI Booth was the place to be on Saturday afternoon as the Champagne flowed freely and the tasty snacks disappeared quick. Thanks to all our competitors, our judges, our TD Theresa Hunt, and our fabulous 2012 Dressage Show crew Lou Anne McKown, Colleen Jones, Kaye Phaneuf, Peter Rothschild, and Lynn McGrew for a smooth, organized show experience for all. A heartfelt thanks to the many volunteers who stepped up to handle the myriad of tasks needed to keep the show running smoothly!

High Point Awards - Crystal Day (Sat)

Musical Freestyles ~ *awards sponsored by Olson's Tack Shop*

USDF Freestyle AA or Jr/Yr: Nancy Arend & Zippity Do Dah 72.33%

USDF Freestyle Open: Kari McClain & Santiago 71.46%

FEI Freestyle: Leslie Chapman & Quantro 67.62%

Highpoint Winners ~ *awards sponsored by Gift Horse Saddlery*

Adult Amateur Audrey Zehnder & Ineke 69.48%

Jr/Yr Rebecca Blake & Titan 72.14%

Open Rebecca Parker Black & Dorian Dark 74.00%

Highpoint Awards - Magnum Day (Sun)

Dressage Seat Equitation Classes

13&Under Emma McKeighen & Tucker 78.00%

14-18 yrs Rebecca Blake & Titan 85%

Adult Rachelle Behnke & Dragoon Knight's Saber 63.00%

High Point Awards ~ *awards sponsored by Gift Horse Saddlery*

Adult Amateur Jackie Lyons & Denali SSH 69.82%

Jr/Yr Cassidy Stobard & Wapato Gold 67.60%

Open Meghan Markham & Oehlich 73.75%

Champagne Classic Perpetual Trophies

Mary Dodd **Training** Level ~ Rebecca Black & Dorian Dark 74.00%

Carlene Coffin **First** Level ~ Kari McClain & Zanzibar 72.58%

Suzy Moery **Second** Level ~ Rebecca Blake & Titan 72.14%

Mary Dodd **Third** Level ~ Gwen Blake & Valentino JRB 67.69%

Hitters Pride **Fourth** Level ~ Suzanne Beaudoin & Avalanche 70.67%

Meads Half-Penny **FEI** ~ Anne Appleby & Lladro 67.10%

Kathleen Doyle Musical **Freestyle** ~ Nancy Arend & Zippity Do Dah 72.33%

Driving – EI Combined Driving Event - 2012

August 3-5, 2012

This American Driving Society approved event will be held at Happy Trails Arena in Ethel, WA. Training, Preliminary, and Intermediate divisions will be offered and all size equines from minis to drafts, and size turnouts, from singles to four-in-hand, are welcome to enter. More information coming soon.

Venue: [Happy Trails Arena](#), Ethel, WA [Directions](#)

Entries:

Open Date: May 15th

Close Date: July 16th, or when we reach 60 entries

See the documents and entry form for more information.

Volunteering:

If you prefer to watch this one rather than drive it – you know, so you can learn the ropes -- we'd still love to have you! We're looking for volunteers for all three days - dressage scribes and stewards on Friday, marathon timers and obstacle judges on Saturday, and cone setters/scribe/timers on Sunday So bring yourself, your spouse, a responsible kid, a friend or a neighbor. We'll provide on-the-job training. Volunteers will receive lunch and our undying gratitude. Please contact Mary Decher to volunteer. mary@einw.org

Driving - EI Driving Trials Back to Back - 2012

September 15-16, 2012

Please join us for this fun end of the season driving event to be held at Happy Trails Arena in Ethel, WA. A driving trial with all three phases (dressage, cones, and marathon) will be held on both Saturday and Sunday. See Event Info word document for more information.

Venue: [Happy Trails Arena](#), Ethel, WA [Directions](#)

Entries:

Open Date: July 20th

Close Date: September 1st - earlier if fills

Volunteering:

If, however, you prefer to watch this one rather than drive it – you know, so you can learn the ropes -- we'd still love to have you! We're looking for volunteers to scribe dressage tests, set cones to the correct distances, and do timing and observe obstacles on the marathon course. So bring yourself, your spouse, a responsible kid, a friend or a neighbor. We'll provide on-the-job training. Volunteers will receive lunch and our undying gratitude. Please contact Mary Decher to volunteer. mary@einw.org

Eventing - Septemberfest Derby - 2012

The fall event will take place at The Washington State Horse Park on Sept 14-16. The format is different from the last two combined tests that EI has organized. Friday will have show jump schooling for \$10 per ride. The course will be set up for Hopeful to Training and open from 4-6. This is an excellent opportunity to get your horse in the arena for good practice without spending a lot of money.

Saturday and Sunday will be the Derby competition. The derby will consist of a dressage test and a shortened XC course with a few show jumps on it. The new derby field contains ditches, water and a bank! Derby courses will run from Training level down to Hopeful at the end of the day. There will also be a different show jump round set up in the arenas for schooling at \$25 per round. The course will be more decorative and elaborate than the Friday night course. There will be no extra schooling rounds on the Derby course available. Come have a catered dinner on Saturday evening as well, but please order early! Please look at the flyer for more information.

Post Derby Wrap Up Report

Great job everyone at Septemberfest! The show was a resounding success this fall, with fantastic weather, very showy, professional show jump course and excellent Derby course. Both courses were designed by Todd Trewin, and were welcoming, but still very challenging.

We had some difficulty with I-90 closing for blasting Saturday morning, which delayed both competitors and dressage judges alike! We would like to thank Ann Ryan for generously offering to judge for an hour because she was already at the Horse Park as a coach. Her help allowed the show to continue on time. Judges Fran O'Reilly and Lisa Copeland judged for the majority of the day and we appreciate their time!

Cross country was a blast! The courses were well laid out and very challenging for most competitors. It was an excellent course that contained terrain changes, ditches, water, up banks and lots of portable fences. Thanks to everyone who helped put this together as well as the loads of volunteers who helped from Friday to Sunday.

Here is a comment from a happy competitor, Janet Keller:

Hi Heidi and Cathie, This thank you is way overdue. I really wanted to thank you all for the EI Derby experience I had two weeks ago. The show was fun, the office was always open, and the Saturday night food was great, really great! I am glad I offered to jump judge on Sunday. It was fun and easy. Tell Meika I had a good time. Best of all, my pony was great at his first show! I will watch for your show in the Spring!

Our goal is to provide horse and rider with an ideal educational opportunity. Come join us and improve your skills!