

Dear WDAMI Members,

November 2023

The holiday season is fast approaching and cold weather is beginning to creep in as we scurry around to finish our last-minute projects before winter hits. Don't forget to send in your forms for our awards programs. The deadline for submissions is November 15, 2023. Our WDAMI annual awards ceremony will be held at Cheers Neighborhood Grill in Mt. Pleasant, Michigan on February 17, 2024. Mark your calendar... can't wait to see everyone, should be a good time.

The Western Dressage World Championship Show was a great success for our Michigan WDAMI riders. Some of our WDAMI members went along to volunteer and help support our riders. Many new friendships were formed along with memories that will last a lifetime.

WDAMI would like to congratulate our WDAMI World Riders. Heather Bostianelli and her horse MC Son of Lotta Drif, took home two World Championships in WD Suitability Walk/Jog for both the Open and the Amateur Classes. They also took 9th in Open Introductory Test 1 and came in 10th in Introductory Test 4 Amateur.

Kristen Kill and her horse Glorificado took home four World Championships including WD Horsemanship Advanced Amateur and Level 2 Amateur Tests 2, 3, and 4. They won Reserve World Championship in WD Equitation Rail Walk/Jog/Lope, took third place in WD Hack Amateur and in Level 2 test 1 Open, took fourth place in Level 2 test 1 Amateur and in Level two test 2 Open, and scored 9th in Level 2 test 3 Open. The pair were Level 2 Amateur Division World Champions as well. Kristen was also the highest scoring Michigan Amateur with a 74.25 and highest Andalusian Cross at the show.

Holly Zecchin showed Buckeye Warrior taking Reserve World Championship in WD Horsemanship Advanced Open, 5th place in Level 1 test 1, 8th in Level 1 Test 2, and 6th in Level 1 test 4 and in Level one Division open. Holly was also the highest scoring Michigan professional with a 72.759 and the highest scoring Thoroughbred of the show.

Kimberly Wahl and Smokin Hollywood Pep won World Champion in WD Equitation Rail Walk/Jog/Lope Amateur and took Reserve World Champion in WD Seat Combined Equitation Advanced Amateur. The pair also placed 5th in Western Dressage Hack Amateur, 7th in WD Horsemanship Advanced Amateur, and 9th in Level 2 test 1 Amateur.

Congratulations to all.

WDAMI's Dolly Hannon Clinic will be May 4 and 5 2024 at Equinox farm (owned by Liz Snoblen) in Highland Michigan. Both English and Western riders are welcome. Dolly is a USDF S Judge and a USEF Western Dressage Large R Judge. She was one of the first educators for the Western Dressage Judges Program and she is on the USDF L Program faculty as well. Dolly also has judged the WDAA World Championship Show many times. If you would like to learn more about Dolly you can go to her Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/people/Dolly-Hannon-Dressage/100057586175700/> The cost of the clinic will be \$150 per session. Stall

rental will be \$25 dollars per night, trailer in fee is \$10 per day, and the Auditors fee will be \$25 per day. Lunch will be provided each day for all. To Reserve your spot, you may send a check for \$100 to WDAMI 9075 Brudy Rd., Wolverine, MI. The deposit will go toward the cost of your session or sessions. For further information, please contact Carol Baldwin at carolannbaldwin@gmail.com or infowdami@gmail.com.

Our quote of the month is by Janet Foy: "There must be an aid, an answer, and a reward. If you take care of the basics, the movements will take care of themselves."

Thank you for your support. Be safe, have fun, enjoy your equine partner and exercise the act of kindness to all. Until next time.

Suzanne Morisse
WDAMI President