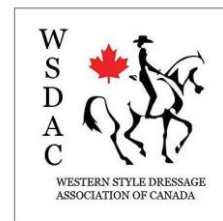

WSDAC Newsletter



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2024 AWARDS

Congratulations to all riders who successfully competed with their horse(s) last year!

There have been many questions about awards, they are on the way being delivered to each province by volunteers. Due to the postal strike in the fall of 2024, and lead times on buckles it was decided, that putting postage money towards higher quality awards and delivering through volunteers was a better option. Thank you for your patience!



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

There have been some email inquiries that are being duplicated, please find the answers to many of the questions here in the Newsletter, or on the website.

Q: What tests are being used for 2025

A: WSDAC will be using the WDAA tests moving forward. We are not an affiliate of the WDAA, we have their permission to use the tests for our shows. WSDAC judges will continue to be trained by WSDAC. WSDAC will continue to offer our own rule book that caters to our membership.

Q: Where do I find the rulebook?

A: Due to the rulebook being used without WSDAC permission we were forced to remove it from the website. It will be sent out to paid members and sanctioned show secretaries for use in sanctioned WSDAC shows. There have been some copyright modifications added to the first page.

Q: Why are updates not on Facebook?

A: Not all members are on Facebook, and it is consistently an unreliable way to inform all of membership. Newsletters and member emails will be used for all important updates and notifications.

Q: Why have I not received member emails?

A: There are a few reasons you may not have received your member emails, check that the email you gave on your membership form is correct, and check that WSDAC emails are not going to your junk folder. For future we are looking at a better way to send emails to membership that is affordable. If you suspect that you are not receiving emails, please let us know and we can check.

Q: Where do I find Sanctioned Shows in my area?

A: You can find sanctioned shows on the website. We post them as they come in, so you might need to check back in for updates. If you know of a show in your area that is offering Western Dressage classes but is not sanctioned, ask the show secretary to sanction! WSDAC provides many options to make sanctioning shows easy!



We need your help for the 2025 Judges Update!
Please send videos of your tests to
lynnepoolelawrie@gmail.com to be used for
educational purposes. All submissions will be
put in a draw for a Custom Hermann Oak
Bridle donated by Jack Pine Cowboy.

IN THE JUDGES BOOTH

The rule book quiz is now complete for 2025 with **congratulations** going out to our Ontario judge Leslie Kennedy for scoring a perfect test. Thanks to Kim Paysen and Ineke Boa for helping to create the questions. Also, to Janet Henderson for completing the trial run of the quiz and giving as suggestions on format and clarity. It does seem to take a village to produce a really great product.

Next on the horizon is the judge's clinic which will be held in the fall. Yes, we have already started to work on it! The campaign to collect videos for judging is now underway. For every acceptable video that a member submits for our clinic use, their name is entered into a draw for a hand tooled Herman oak headstall donated by Jack Pine Cowboy in British Columbia. PS. Yes made in Canada. Please see our poster or contact WSDAC for full details.

Changes of note

The judge's page has been reformatted to provide a convenient place to find a judge for an upcoming show or event. In addition, our judges will be able to have WD clinics and educational events that they are conducting listed on our website and Facebook. The page is only for our judges, and no separate professional listings will be published. We are looking forward to help promote various educational opportunities for our sport. Judges that are "not in good standing" will have their listings labelled as such or removed from the page.

The rulebook has also been taken off the website. This document is to be used by our members and shows sanctioned by WSDAC. We have been finding that many non-permitted shows are putting links in their programs to our Rulebook. Only permitted/sanctioned shows by WSDAC are authorized to use our rulebook. WSDAC will provide a link for a rulebook to members and sanction shows for their personal use only. Please do not share this to unauthorized parties.

Spring seems to be in the air and wishing you all a wonderful show season.

Lynne Poole

EVENTS PAGE

New for 2025 we are adding an events page to the website. This is on a trial basis! An event constitutes a clinic or schooling show offered by a WSDAC Chapter or Judge in good standing. Let's promote the sport across Canada! Have an event you would like promoted? Please email wsdacadbod@gmail.com



Please send show pictures including your name, the name of your horse and the show or venue to: wsdacbod@gmail.com for the use in the Newsletter and Website! We love sharing your successes. Virtual Shows count too!

AWARDS FOR 2025

Thank you to all the members who responded to our poll on Awards. The Board of Directors compiled all suggestions and have come up with a few changes.

Plaques – WSDAC is bringing back the Plaques for Register of Merit (100 points) Superior (200 points) Champion (300 points) These will be presented to eligible horses at the end of each show season.

Congratulations go out to The Lifetime Horse Registry awards of 2024:

Superior for Candy ridden by Bonny Garvey

Register of Merit for MM Hollywood ridden by Ronna Magotiaux

Register of Merit for Smokin Double Mint ridden by Kim Paysen

Register of Merit for Smart N Freedom ridden by Gloria Kadlec

Awards

For Live shows Year End Awards, to support Canadian business, and get awards out sooner we will be doing personalized Jackets.

For Virtual shows Year End Awards, we will be doing horse coolers.

Year End Draw

For every sanctioned show entry (live or virtual) that a member has they will have their name entered at the end of the year for a draw for a voucher of \$200 for a gift certificate from Greenhawk or Jack Pine Cowboy. (One entry for each rider/ show)

Jack Pine Cowboy is a Handmade Custom Leather Shop in BC Canada owned and operated by one of WSDAC members Danika McGuinness. (www.Jackpinecowboy.com)

Greenhawk is a Canadian owned and operated tack store with stores across the country and online purchasing. (www.Greenhawk.com)

WSDAC wants to promote you! The members! If you offer handmade horse gear, or rider apparel made here in Canada, and are interested in being part of the draw for 2026 please send an email to wsdacbod@gmail.com

Good Luck to WSDAC Members on your 2025 show season!
