

# CRQH Academy of Horsemanship

November 2009 Newsletter

## CRQH Students have a great weekend at The Snohomish County 4-H Fall Show!

Wow, congrats to all of you for *such* a successful show! But more important than that, you are just such a great group of girls! I truly enjoy each and every one of you and am so very happy to have you as my students! Hats off to all your parents for raising such wonderful young people!

Even though Saturdays weather could have made for some frowns and complaints, the girls were in top form and remained cheerful and positive throughout the cold rainy day. Thanks!

Cudos to the CRQH school horses Sara, Passer, and Ellie on their performances, if not their bravery! One moment I clearly remember is **Jenny and her mount, Sara**, going for their Senior Silver Medal in Trail. In an attempt to

stay dry and show their horses during a break in the nasty weather, the girls headed to the trail course only to have the wind and rain pick up right as Jenny started her Trail pattern! Sara thought Jenny was nuts, but Jenny negotiated the course beautifully and earned a near perfect score! Way to go Jenny and Sara on a first place finish and earning their Silver Medal in Trail!



*Jenny and Sara*

(Photo taken in sunny August at Fair!)



Passer and Ellie wanted nothing to do with showing outside in a rainy windstorm! You should have seen them! The rock solid trusty steeds, (aka "The Princesses") suddenly did not look so brave when the wind really picked up! They were thinking, "Yikes, get me out of here!" So, we obliged them and headed to their stalls to wait out the wind and rain.

**Jenny** also earned her Silver Medal in Hunt Seat Equitation on Saturday. Nice ride!

**Jenny** and Sara rode well on Sunday also, placing 2nd in Western Pleasure and putting together another great Trail go to earn their Gold Medal!

Volume 1, Issue 1  
November 15, 2009

### Cover Story:

*Jenny and Sara*

### Inside this issue:

<i>Caitlin and Passer</i>	2
<i>Stephanie and Ellie</i>	2
<i>Cassie and Tar</i>	2
<i>Kelsey and Bunny</i>	3
<i>Maddy and Passer</i>	3
<i>Graysen and Howard</i>	3
<i>Anwyn and Lightening</i>	4
<i>Gracie and Ellie</i>	4

## Seniors continue to shine!



*Caitlin and Passer*

**Caitlin** and the wonderful Passer started their show well with a Bronze Medal in Sr. Showmanship. Waiting out the storm paid off and the pair earned a second place finish in Trail right behind buddies Jenny and Sara. They also earned their Silver Medal! Do I see Gold in the near future!? And, last but not least, the medal that eluded them at Fair was earned in Hunt Seat Equitation Bronze! All the pattern practice (lots of figure eights) and determination paid off for Caitlin. Doesn't it make your medal that much sweeter!



The judges also rewarded Ellie and **Stephanie** for all their hard work. Stephanie received 3rd place and a Blue Danish in the large Sr. Showmanship class on Saturday, a second in Trail and a 3rd in Disciplined Rail. Their highlight had to have been their win in the Sr. Hunt Seat Gold Medal class! It was a difficult pattern with serpentes, lead changes, and a hand gallop to a halt. Stephanie and Ellie had the prettiest lead changes and gallop to halt! It was a large class of experienced riders and Stephanie received one of just two medals awarded! Way to go!

On Sunday the pair earned a 6th place and a Blue Danish their first time showing in Stock Seat Equitation and placed well in Western Pleasure.



*Stephanie and Ellie*

*Cassie and Tar*



**Cassie** and her Quarter Horse gelding Tar moved up to the Senior division and had an unbelievable weekend! Tar was a trooper and stuck to business earning 7 firsts and 3 seconds in 10 classes! Their Saturday Hunt Seat wins include Showmanship, Equitation, Other Than Hunter Type Pleasure, Bareback, and Trail.

On Western day they were first in Stock Seat Equitation, Western Pleasure, and Trail. No surprise they were Senior High Point both days! Cassie and Tar have worked hard and become an amazing team and I am just so happy for Them!

## Intermediate Division Highlights:

**Kelsey** and her beautiful grey mare, **Bunny**, finished off their walk/trot division with a bang! They were first place in Showmanship and Pleasure both days! The pair also earned a second in Trail Saturday and a third in Hunt Seat Equitation to score enough points for Reserve Highpoint walk/trot! In their Stock Seat Equitation debut on Sunday they placed 2nd with a Blue Danish. Way to go, Kelsey! You can now look forward to the Novice division. And I can look forward to coaching you through your Senior Platinum Medals!



*Kelsey and Bunny*

**Maddy** and **Passer** had a great day together Sunday and earned the Intermediate Western High Point! They were first place in Intermediate Showmanship Bronze in addition to received their Medal! They received second place in both Western Pleasure and Trail, and although Maddy says she almost fell off in Bareback it couldn't have been too bad as placed well and received a Blue Danish! I believe that this was Maddy's first High Point award. Very cool!



*Maddy and Passer*

**Graysen** and **Howard** hadn't shown together since Fall of 2006. But after three years showing other horses in 4-H, Graysen and her old buddy are together again! After an injury in 2007 and a six month lay up we leased him out, then we gave him away, then we got him back! He's home for good now and at 23 years of age he's doing well. Graysen kept his schedule light, showing in only the Showmanship, Eq, and Trail. The pair won 5 of the 6 classes over the weekend! They hope to work towards earning their medals together.



I will give an update on Barbara and "Ricky" and Sara and "Speck" in next months newsletter as I hadn't gotten their results in time for the November issue



*Stephanie and Jenny trying to get Graysens boots off!*

## Junior Division Highlights:

Anwyn and her darling pony Lightening made their debut in Hunt Seat Saturday at the Fall Show. They had a good go in Junior walt/trot Trail and came away with a win! Way to go! On Sunday the pair started their day with a second place and a Blue Danish in Showmanship. Then in Trail they earned another first place and a Blue Danish. In Stock Seat Equitation they also won the class and received a Blue Danish! Wow, what a show! Anwyn will be moving up to Novice before too long.



*Anwyn and Lightening*



*Gracie and Ellie*

Our newest student to try her hand at showing was 9 yr old Gracie. She showed Ellie in Jr. Walk-Trot Western and earned her first horse show ribbons! She had quite the support team, including grandma and grandpa to cheer her on. Her first class was Showmanship, a class she had never even seen! She remembered her straight lines, her quartering, and set her horse up with the skill of a much more experienced showman! She placed third in the class and accomplished her goal of earning a Red Danish. The pair also placed 6th in Western Pleasure. Way to go, Gracie!

*Great job to all our students!,*

*Paige and Carolyn*

**CRQH**  
**Academy of**  
**Horsemanship**  
**www.crqh.com**



### *Referral Incentive:*

*If you refer a friend that signs up for a package of lessons, you will receive \$20 off your lessons!*