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AN AFFILIATE  
ORGANIZATION  
WITH USAWE.ORG

DEDICATED TO  
GOOD  
HORSEMANSHIP  
AND FOSTERING  
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# The Prairie Bell

## A Newsletter for IDOT-WE

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### Our Affiliate Organization IDOT-WE

Welcome:

Congratulations! You've received this newsletter because you are on an email list from past clinics/ schooling-shows and training sessions that took place with the Idaho OregonTrail Working Equitation (IDOT-WE) Affiliate Organization (AO) hosted in 2021 and 2022. It is the AO's first newsletter.

You are important to us from our beginning to the present, and forward. And. We want to share some great news of our successes, and what's in store for 2023.

Like it was stated above, you



are important to us. You helped to build our fame and success. I hope you will join us in the next phase of our growth... to start a club that sustainably supports its members.

We are holding discounted membership spots in our newly formed club for you, the riders who started with

us. It's a cool thing to get one of the top numbers assigned when joining a club.

Should you decide to join; this year's fee will be \$25. The annual renewable fee, in January of each year, will be \$30. This offer is good till March 31, 2023.

### Our History

**2021 History:** Our Affiliate Organization (AO) with USAWE.org was established in August 20, 2021.

Before the end of that year, we hosted our first clinic with "R" rated judge, Cari Schwartz. She was recom-

mended by Julie Alonzo. Both are from Oregon and famously involved with a long history of Working Equitation (WE) in the USA. They carry that fame over to the new 3yr old USAWE.org.

Before the end of 2021, we

networked, had a couple of meetings with just a handful of attendees, and made plans to "saddle up and ride"; and see where it would take us. One meeting attendee, Kris Ford, said, "Build it, Willa, and they will come." Wise words indeed. Thank you.



Sue Duncan &amp; Romeo

## Our History... continued

**2022 History:** Riders started spreading the word and practicing with each other.

Another fabulous clinic/schooling-show took place late spring with clinician Cari Schwartz, same "R" rated judge from the previous year. More excitement ensued. We dedicated

ourselves to continue the study before we planned any rated/licensed shows.

Riders found trainers outside of WE to help them with their Dressage, and a small group of crazy-for-learning-WE-girls teamed up to attend the Cross-Nations Camp & Cup

in MT... a week long camping trip with intensive training and schooling show taught and judged by clinicians from across the US, and internationally too.

This event really fanned the flames of passion for continuing to improve in Dressage and Ease of Handling.

**Big Plans with 3 licensed shows, schooling shows and several training sessions**

## More History... we trained with cattle, and more

In late August 2022, a few riders attended a cattle training clinic with Dee Myers to prepare for future WE Cattle Trials.

In October, one more clinic/schooling-show with "R" rated Judge Cari Schwartz where

everyone's scores were greatly improved. Cari encouraged us that as a group we were ready to produce our own shows in 2023.

All that perfect practice produced confidence building results, and nurtured our desire to

promote shows and excel in Working Equitation.

The AO also hosted a year-end party with just a handful of attendees, where gift baskets were given to riders who contributed to our effort as a whole.



Sending Teams to compete at Zone Championships

## Our Future: Our First WE Licensed Shows

**2023 Future: BIG PLANS** with a fully loaded calendar of Licensed Shows, 3 in Southern Idaho, and more in our neighboring states of Region I. The calendar also lists dates of lessons, prac-

tices, trainings sessions and clinics to help newly interested riders, as well as those who want to work on their mastery. You can find this calendar either pinned to the top of our AO Facebook

group: WE Idaho Oregon Trail Working Equitation in the Featured box or in the FILES folder. This calendar is a date saver. A more comprehensive calendar with contact info is coming soon.

## What's Next?

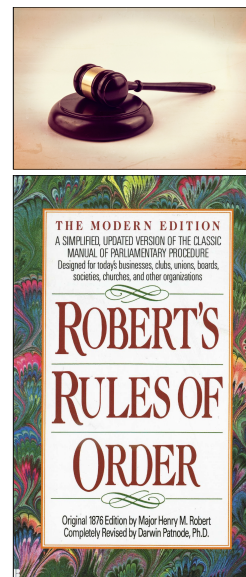
Form a Club! Of course! All successful Affiliate Organizations treat their organization as a club. This creates sustainability.

What is needed? A legal structure and a Board of Directors collecting annual membership fees used to support the club in data

processing, banking fees, insurance fees, and year end awards.

Usual legal structures are LLCs run under an existing riding club or riding instructor's business... \$100 in Idaho. An eventual transition to acquire non-profit status with IRS usually takes about 18 months.

When Willa Rose started IDOT-WE, she volunteered to run it under her current 20yo non-profit therapeutic riding program, Students and Horses Excel (SHE). The principals of WE are used in all phases of adaptive riding within this program.



## Rider Highlight: Jessica Raymond

I'm so excited that ponies aren't looked down upon here, and we can actually have fun in this group! I love my Chincoteague Ponies ... and love learning new things. I am so looking forward

to the rest of the Spring Training Sessions, and getting a chance to show in working Equitation.

This is Cutie



*There are now a handful of riding stables with instructors helping their students get excited about WE.*

## To Date: Events and local calendar

### 3 Licensed Shows

June 10-11  
Spring Fest on the Oasis  
Dream River Ranch  
8894 W Martha Av. Oasis, ID 83647  
Judge: Tracey Erway  
Contact: Willa Rose

July 20-23  
Camp & Cup Double-Point Weekend  
Cowboy Campground at Legacy Park  
3960 SH-21, Idaho City, ID 83631  
Judge: Erica Peet  
Contact: Rachel Stout

September 23-24  
Autumn Fest on the Oasis  
Dream River Ranch  
894 W Martha Av Oasis, ID 83647  
Judge: TBA

### Schooling Shows and Clinics

May 6 9am-2pm  
IDOT-WE Spring Training Mock Show  
Dream River Ranch  
8894 W Martha Av Oasis, ID 83647  
Judge: TBA  
Contact: Willa Rose

May 13-14  
Spring Cattle Clinic with Dee Myers from Golden Sunset Ranch... Limited space  
Dream River Ranch  
Contact: Willa Rose

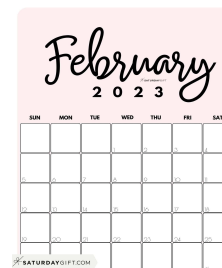
May 20 9am-3pm  
Spring Clinic with Douglas Griffis  
Dream River Ranch  
Contact: Kathi Griffis

May 26-29, June 16-18, July 8-10 Sept 8-10, Sept 20-30  
Cattle and Obstacles Clinics  
Golden Sunset Ranch,  
Baker City, OR  
Contact: Dee Myers

### WE Demos/exhibitions

June 4  
WE Demo Team at The Mane Event  
Western Riding Club  
Boise, ID  
Contact: Willa Rose

April 7-9  
WE Demo Team at the Idaho Horse Expo  
Idaho Horse Park  
Nampa, ID  
Contact: Willa Rose



**MEETING DATE**  
**02-27-23**  
**7pm Vote**



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Currently Sponsored by:  
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**New IDOT-WEC  
Website  
Coming soon**

**Idaho  
FaceBook Groups:**

**WE IdahoOregon-  
Trail Working Equi-  
tation**

**Working Equitation  
Team Idaho**

## **IDOT-Working Equitation Club**

### **Volunteer: Suggestions on how to own your club**

Join the club and consider volunteering for one or more of these roles. A community that plays together grows together. We can make it sustainable and have fun too.

**BOD positions:**  
**Executive positions:**  
President and  
President Elect,  
Vice-President,  
Secretary, Treasurer

**Committees:**  
Leader of Media &  
Promotions; work-  
ing in advertising,

graphic designs, and  
social media sites.

Leader of Fundrais-  
ing, finding sponsors  
and managing logo  
merchandise.

Leader of Youth Ac-  
tivities working di-  
rectly with  
USAWE.org and  
their youth spon-  
sorship program.

Leader in Show  
Management work-  
ing in managing  
crews in setting up  
courses, managing  
warm-up rings, gate  
stewards, and arena

maintenance.

Leader in Show  
Secretary working  
for awards and rib-  
bons, selection of  
judges & TDs, hospi-  
tality, scorekeepers,  
scribes, timers, an-  
nouncers, musical  
DJs and photogra-  
phers.

More volunteers  
lightens the work  
load, and makes it  
fun. To note: new  
Leaders will be  
voted in each year  
to avoid burn-out.

***Wrap up! Our success is your success!***

### **Idaho OregonTrail Working Equitation Club: Join & Vote**

IDOT-WE experienced a successful beginning with honest momentum towards developing a future riding club. It's all due to the keen interest in learning a new sport. One that is quickly becoming popular across the USA, where all breeds are competed, being ridden in any saddle, with a rider in matching attire to the saddle.

**Join us February 27, 2023 at the Sportsman Bar\* in the  
Edwards Theater Complex in Boise, ID.**

**Social hour at 6pm. Meeting starts at 7pm. Ends at 9pm.**

**Let's have fun and make magic in the WE arenas.**

**\*Correction in location: Legend's Pub and Grill 7609 W Overland Rd,  
Boise, ID 83709**