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Welcome to the 15th edition of the WDA-AUS Newsletter. As usual it has been a busy few months for Western Dressage across most of the country. Your National WDA-AUS board members have been busy behind the scenes working on improving and growing our wonderful sport. There are some rulebook changes as well as an upgrade to our Show requirements and Ribbon and Rosette guidelines. The event toolkit is being updated and will be available as soon as possible. These changes are just part of developing our sport as it continues to grow and become established in Australia. We have also been working on updating our constitution to better reflect changes to the Associations Incorporation Act (2015), see the notice regarding the Special General Meeting coming up soon. We are also getting close to holding our Annual General Meeting in mid November. If you are interested in being involved with the management of our National Association and feel you have the time, knowledge, skills and belief in the sport of Western Dressage in Australia as a whole, then please put in a nomination for a WDA-AUS National Committee position.

As Christmas is looming just around the corner we would like to wish all of our valued members, sponsors and friends a very Merry Christmas and a wonderful and prosperous New Year.

Kind regards,

The WDA-AUS Board





WDA-AUS Committee Office Christmas Closure
Closed from 9am 19th DECEMBER 2022
Reopening from 9am 9th JANUARY 2023

No show approvals/membership approvals/horse licensing etc will be conducted during this timeframe as our hardworking committee take a short break over the Festive Season.

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Calendar 2022/23

Queensland

19-20 Nov	FCWDA	Vivian Wearing Clinic	Maryborough
27-29 Jan	FCWDA	Show	Maryborough
28-29 Jan	WDSEQ	Clinic/Show	Burpengary
11-12 Feb	WDSEQ	Clinic/Show	Burpengary
3-5 Mar	WDAQ	Show	Maryborough
31 Mar- 1 Apr	WDWD	ARBC Championship Show	Dalby
22 April	NQQHA	WD Show 2 Series Six	Malanda
23 April	NQQHA	WD Show 3 Series Six	Malanda

Western Australia

20 Nov	WDAWA	Show	Foxwood Farm
19th Feb	WDAWA	Clinic	Foxwood Farm
19th Mar	WDAWA	Show	Foxwood Farm
16th April	WDAWA	Show	Foxwood Farm

Victoria

23 Oct	WDAV	AGM	online
4 Dec	WDAV	STATE SHOW	Elmore

South Australia

29 Oct	SSWPC	Buckle Series Show	Kirkaldy, SA
30 Oct	SSWPC	Championship Show	Kirkaldy, SA



WESTERN DRESSAGE
Association of WESTERN AUSTRALIA

2022

Jul 17th ... WDAWA Show
Jul 23rd ... AGM & Hi Point Awards
Jul 24th ... Intro to WD Clinic
Aug 21st ... WDAWA Show
Sep 18th ... Crystals in Kellerberrin
Oct 16th ... WDAWA Show
Nov 20th ... WDAWA Show

2023

Feb 19th ... WDAWA Clinic
Mar 19th ... WDAWA Show
Apr 16th ... WDAWA Show
May 21st ... WDAWA Show
Jun 18th ... WDAWA Show

CALENDAR

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HANCOX Clinics
OCTOBER 2022
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Fri 14th: WESTERN DRESSAGE
Wed 19th: POLEWORK
Wed 26th: GROUND2SADDLE

Group ONE: 10-11am
Group TWO: 11am-12pm
\$70pp per group or \$120pp both groups

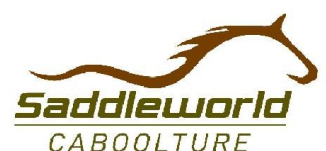
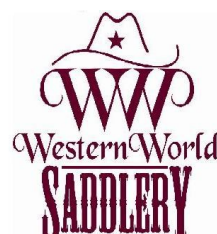
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Notice of
SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING
of
Western Dressage Association of Australia
Tuesday 1st November @ 7pm (AEST—QLD)
See your membership email for Google Meet video link

JUDGES SEMINAR
3-4 December
Caboolture, QLD
More information coming soon

Notice of
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Of
Western Dressage Association of Australia
Thursday 17th November @ 7pm (AEST-QLD)
See your membership email for Google Meet video link

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AFFILIATE INFORMATION

Affiliate Meeting

Thursday 24th November 2022

Check your email for Google Meet video link

Executive committee members are strongly encouraged to attend. All Show Secretaries should also attend.

Important information, updates, queries are shared and discussed in this meeting to help all affiliates keep up to date and on track with presenting and promoting Western Dressage events across the country.

RULE BOOK UPDATE

regarding

SHOW APPROVALS

Show approval applications must be emailed to the events coordinator NO LESS THAN 30 days prior to the show date and NO MORE THAN 90 days prior to the show date.

(Please keep in mind the new Christmas Closure dates)

Updated show approval forms will be available shortly.

As of January 1st 2023 there will be changes to Show approval fees.

SHOW REQUIREMENTS

All shows moving forward will be subject to the show requirements that have recently been updated. If you have not received them from the secretary please get in contact.

The event planning toolkit is currently being updated and will be available ASAP. The updated Ribbon & Rosette cheat guide is available from the events coordinator. If anyone needs clarification or explanation of the show requirements please contact WDA-AUS and someone will be happy to discuss them with you.

REMINDER

All Western Dressage Affiliates & Branches must submit show results to the AQHA for all AQHA registered horses within 2 weeks of the show.

AQHA Results form (WDA-AUS Version) is available from the WDA-AUS Secretary



Exciting News For Members Only

The Western Dressage Association of Australia is hosting a Virtual Show

American Judge: Joanne Coy

This is a WDA-AUS Lifetime Recognition & Awards point earning event.

(Half points will apply as per WDA-AUS Rules)

Open only to WDA-AUS financial members & WDA-AUS competition licensed horses.

The program can be viewed on nominate.com.au where you can check out the three phases of the event and instructions on how to video your tests for scoring.

Nominations **OPEN** on Wednesday October 19 & will **CLOSE** on Tuesday November 1, 2022.

All video submissions must be received by November 14, 2022.

The earlier you nominate, the longer you have to ride and video your tests.

Don't miss this great opportunity to participate and compete with riders from all over the country, under an R USEF Licensed Western Dressage Association of America accredited Judge.



Congratulations

Sharron Rank & Gotta Believe

Results

Introductory Test 1 Amateur (45yrs & Over) **THIRD** Place

Introductory Test 2 Amateur (45yrs & over) **NINTH** Place

Introductory Test 3 Amateur (45yrs & Over) **TENTH** Place

Introductory Test 4 Amateur (45yrs & Over) **EIGHTH** Place

Highest Scoring **APPALOOSA** at the Online WDAA International Challenge

WELL DONE SHARRON!!



Youth Champion
 Hanna Corica
Judge Carol Patterson
WDSEQ President
 Lyn Robertson

Samantha Norton & RU Simplee Awesome



Chloe Sentance & Tally S Xplicit Kiss



Carolyn Gorrill & Who Whiz Einstein

Western Dressage SEQ hosted their Championship Western Dressage Show at the Tropicana Classic on July 9th at the massive QSEC venue as well as next door at the Caboolture Showgrounds.

Accredited WDA-AUS judges, Christine Girling and Carol Patterson, did a wonderful job in the two separate arenas with 83 tests entered across Introductory, Basic, Level One, Level Two & Level Three.

Competitors came from the Gold Coast, Sunshine Coast, Dalby, SEQ and Far North QLD.

Trying to fit in with the multi-disciplined format of Tropicana is a challenge for all, however the Western Dressage riders did well and the SEQ committee worked hard to make it all run as smoothly as possible. The sponsors provided some fantastic prizes and the Tropicana Western Dressage buckles were beautiful.

RESULTS

Introductory (Non Sanctioned)

Champion *Tally S Xplicit Kiss & Chloe Sentance*

Res Champ *Rosewoods Final Kiss & Carolyn Sentance*

Basic Level (Non Sanctioned)

Champion *Spirit Blue & Skye Liikanen*

Res Champ *Mondure Mr Mojo & Angela Hollis*

Basic Level (Sanctioned)

Champion *Who Whiz Einstein & Carolyn Gorrill*

Res Champ *Rosewoods Final Kiss & Carolyn Sentance*

Level One

Champion *RKN Gee Whiz & Debbie Scells*

Res Champ *Who Whiz Einstein & Carolyn Gorrill*

Level Two

Champion *RKN Gee Whiz & Debbie Scells*

Res Champ *Smart Nu Release & Sue Franks*

Level Three

Champion *RU Simplee Awesome & Samantha Norton*

Youth (Sanctioned)

Champion *One Special Whiz & Hanna Corica*



Carolyn Sentance & Rosewoods Final Kiss

North QLD Quarter Horse Association

The NQQHA held the first show for their Western Dressage Series Six at Tully Horse Performance Centre on September 24th with Yungaburra WDA-AUS accredited Judge, Paula Byrne sitting in the judges chair. Competitors attended from the Atherton Tablelands, Townsville, Tully and Innisfail.

Awards for the Champions and Reserve Champions of Series Five were given out at the end of the show during the Ribbon presentations. Well done to the Series winners and gridders for a great year of Western Dressage showing in Far North QLD.



Judge Paula Byrne & NQQHA President Teresa Russo presenting Julie Sain the Series Award for Champion Level One.



Judge Paula Byrne & NQQHA President Teresa Russo presenting Jane Cross the Series Award for Champion Introductory Level

NQQHA Western Dressage Series Five Results

Basic Level (Sanctioned)
Champion The Lazy Colonel & Julie Sain
Reserve Champion Paris & Pam Evans

Level One (Sanctioned)
Champion The Lazy Colonel & Julie Sain
Reserve Champion Haverbecks Luna & Hanna Corica

Youth (Sanctioned)
Champion Hanna Corica & Haverbecks Luna

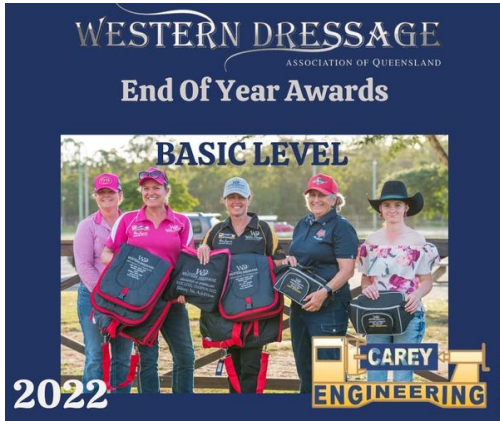
Introductory Level (Non Sanctioned)
Champion EP\$ My Jeans Are Intense & Jane Cross
Reserve Champion Acres Rocket Man & Leisa Fail

Basic Level (Non Sanctioned)
Champion EP\$ My Jeans Are Intense & Jane Cross
Reserve Champion Squid & Alexis Evans

Youth (Non Sanctioned)
Champion Hanna Corica
Reserve Champion Alexis Evans

Paula Byrne, Hanna Corica (Youth), Teresa Russo



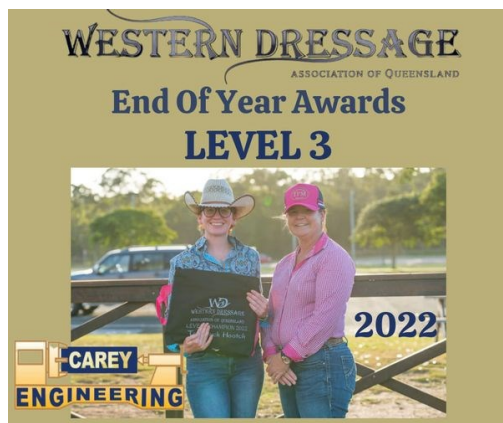


Western Dressage Association of Queensland

The WDAQ State affiliate announced the End of Year QLD High Point Award winners at the recent State show. (State Show Results in the next Newsletter)



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**Western Dressage Association of Queensland
End of Year State High Point Award Winners**



LEVEL ONE

- Champion** *Smart Nu Release & Sue Franks*
- Res Champ** *Shiney Nu Addition & Gita Thomas*
- 3rd Place** *Tassawoods Ace & Vivian Wearing*
- 4th Place** *The Lazy Colonel & Julie Sain*
- 5th Place** *Chesalon Shocker & Chloe Lough*

BASIC LEVEL

- Champion** *Shiney Nu Addition & Gita Thomas*
- = Res Champ** *The Lazy Colonel & Julie Sain*
- = Res Champ** *Koorala Poker Face & Heather Marr*
- 3rd Place** *Smart Nu Release & Sue Franks*
- 4th Place** *Tapt Dancin Dundee & Montana Hamilton*
- 5th Place** *Who Whiz Einstein & Carolyn Gorrill*

Congratulations

LEVEL TWO

- Champion** *Tassawoods Ace & Vivian Wearing*
- Res Champ** *Too Much Hootch & Louise Harris*
- 3rd Place** *RKN Gee Whiz & Debbie Scells*
- 4th Place** *Whiz A Roy & Angie Wicks*
- 5th Place** *Smart Nu Release & Sue Franks*

LEVEL THREE

- Champion** *Too Much Hootch & Louise Harris*

Youth

- Champion** *Chloe Lough & Chesalon Shocker*
- Res Champ** *Chloe Lough & Tally S Xplicit Kiss*
- 3rd Place** *Hanna Corica & Haverbecks Luna*
- 4th Place** *Montana Hamilton & Tapt Dancin Dundee*
- 5th Place** *Chloe Lough & Praise N Tassa*

Fraser Coast Western Dressage Association

FCWDA had a massive well supported 2 day western dressage show at Maryborough undercover arena on August 13-14. The youth shone brightly taking out many classes and there were a diverse range of horses and riders represented. Quarter horses, Australian Stock Horses, Warmbloods, Appaloosas, Paints. The standard and the presentation of horses and riders was outstanding.



Aliyah Croton (Y) & Amarillo Park Centre Stage



Katie Davies (Y) & Beniahs Little Ripper



Montana Hamilton (Y) & Tapt Dancin Dundee



Amber-Rose Ahern (Y) & Mark Of The Class



Chloe Lough (Y) & Chesalon Shocker



Courtney Barbera & Cayuse Chatta Lena

Southern Star Western Performance Club



Southern Star Western Performance Club have a 2 day weekend coming up to finish off their Southern WD Series. They will have a standard show on Saturday 29th October and then a Championship show on Sunday 30th October.



WESTERN DRESSAGE
ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA

Southern Buckle Series
Judge : Paula Byrne
Starts at 8.30 each day

Saturday 29th October - Standard Show

- Come n Try
- Non-sanctioned and
- Sanctioned classes

Sunday 30th October - Championship Show

- Non-sanctioned and
- Sanctioned classes
- Prize money

Entries via Nominate
Kirkcaldy Park, Meadows

Southern Buckle Series

Western Dressage Association of Queensland

WDAQ held a **Western Dressage Information and Demonstration Day** on August 28th at Dreamdale Park— Sunshine Coast Equestrian Centre at Yandina on the Sunshine Coast (QLD). Organised by WDAQ Committee member Sue Croser, the event was a great success with over fifty people in attendance to watch ridden Western Dressage demonstrations from WDA-AUS members Sue Croser, Montana Hamilton (Youth), Western Dressage Clinician and accredited Judge, Vivian Wearing. Guest speakers included WDA-AUS President Jim Whitaker, WDA-AUS accredited Judge and WDA-AUS National Committee member Lyn Robertson and Western Dressage clinician Vivian Wearing. North Coast Rural from Yandina sponsored a beautiful Western saddle pad (value \$200) for the Lucky Door prize which was won by Angela and Indi Tan. These ladies were also the recipients of a Handmade Horseshoe from Julie Field Art. Gympie Saddleworld and Prydes Easifeeds also sponsored some vouchers and prizes that were used in audience giveaways throughout the day. Thank you must go out to the North Coast Active Riders group for lending their Dressage Arena for the event, and to all the volunteers who helped to set it up and pull it down. The event generated a lot of interest in Western Dressage and provided a wealth of information to many interested parties. As a direct result of the interest on this day a Western Dressage Clinic with Vivian Wearing was booked for 26-27 November at the venue.



Vivian Wearing & Tassawoods Ace demonstrating at Dreamdale Park



WDA-AUS Accredited Judge Lyn Robertson



Western Dressage Western Victorian Branch

WDWVic Branch held a Western Dressage clinic with Meagan Harrison at Springfield Park at Lancefield on October 15th. Despite the wet conditions riders made the effort to attend and were thankful for the indoor arena to be able to ride out of the rain.

The also ran a mini clinic with Meagan at Quiet Oaks arena at Romsey on August 13th, which was a lot of fun and had some new WD riders attend.

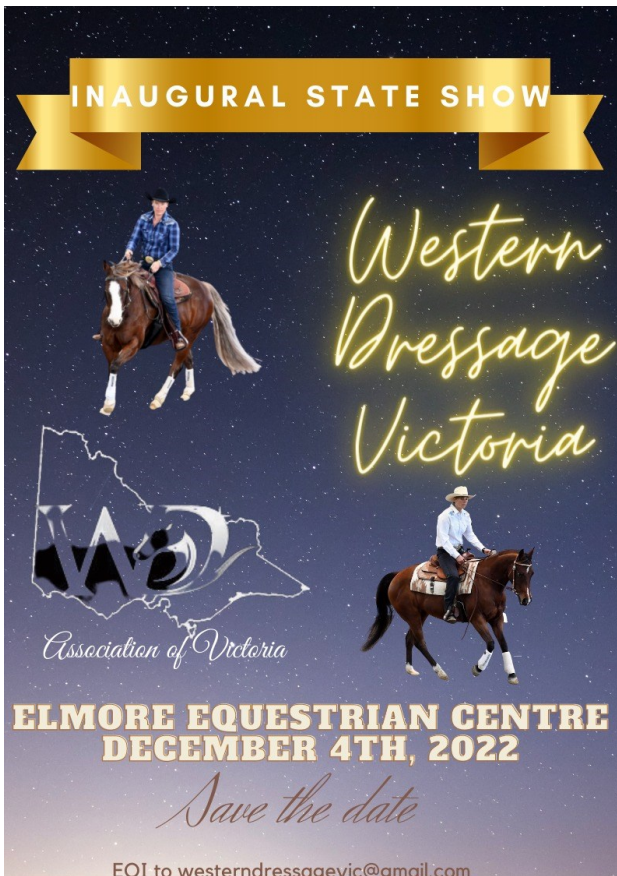


Western Dressage Association Victoria

WDAV held a Western Dressage Sanctioned Show and Come & Try day at the Ayr Hill facility in Clyde, VIC on July 23rd. There were many new faces and some dedicated western dressage competitors who travelled over from the western side of town which made for a fun day of competition. WDA-AUS accredited Judge, Lorraine Porter sat through 25 tests in Introductory (NS), Basic (NS) and Basic (S) levels as well as a number of Come & Try tests. Thankfully the rain held off and it was a successful day all round.

They are offering a Training day at Lancefield on December 4th so make sure you take advantage of this to go and have a practice and get ready for the next competition.

Please **SAVE THE DATE** and register your interest with westerndressagevic@gmail.com



INAUGURAL STATE SHOW

Western Dressage Victoria

Association of Victoria

**ELMORE EQUESTRIAN CENTRE
DECEMBER 4TH, 2022**

Save the date

EOI to westerndressagevic@gmail.com



LANCEFELD

TRAINING DAY

TESTS AT ALL LEVELS WILL BE AVAILABLE TO RIDE INCLUDING INTRODUCTORY (WALK, JOG) AND BASIC (WALK, JOG, LOPE). TESTS WILL BE JUDGED PROVIDING FEEDBACK.

Western Dressage WestVic is holding a training day on Sunday 4th of December at Springfield Equestrian Centre. Open to any rider combinations and any horse breeds to try Western Dressage and see what this sport is about. This is a great day to bring your horse out and have a go in a relaxed and encouraging atmosphere.

For further information, send a DM or email cate@wildwoodwesternhorses.com.au



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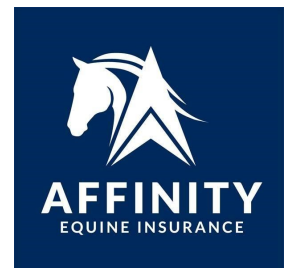
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Western Dressage Association of Western Australia

The Western Dressage State affiliate for Western Australia, WDAWA announced the WA State High Point End of Year awards at their AGM in July. Well done to all riders for their consistent efforts for the show year.

**Western Dressage State High Point
 End of Year Awards
 Western Australia**

Basic Level

- = Champion *DVZ Valdi & Kerry Duggan*
- = Champion *Sam & Catherine Foster*
- Res Champion *EEC Its All Good & Beth Noble*
- 3rd Place *Bobby & Belinda Harrison*

Level One

- Champion *Sam & Catherine Foster*
- Res Champion *DVZ Valdi & Kerry Duggan*
- 3rd Place *Loots Shockin Ya All & Cherry Brennan*

Level Two

- Champion *Triandibo Insheplayin & Vicki Parker*

Level Three

- Champion *Statford Mojave & Natalie Mitchell*

Congratulations!



Catherine Foster & Sam (Level One & Basic Level Champion)



Kerry Duggan & DVZ Valdi (Basic Level Champion)



Natalie Mitchell & Statford Mojave (Level Three Champion)

Rider Profile



Beth Noble & Vanessa Hancox



Beth Noble & EEC Its All Good at Foxwood Farm, WA



Q1. Rider Age, Location, Club membership?

I am 40 years old, live in Gidgegannup, WA and am a member of WDAWA (I am also currently the WDAWA President and a WDA-AUS Committee member)

Q2. Horse's Name: EEC Its All Good (Dodger)

Krystelle Park Mercury Rising (Hondy)

A. Horse's Age & Breed: *Dodger is a 7yr old 15h brown bay QH gelding Hondy is a 21yr old 16.2h chestnut Anglo Arabian gelding*

B. Horse's Background: *I bought Dodger as a green broke 5.5yr old 18 months ago. He had done in-hand classes at western shows prior to me purchasing him, he is a sweet and easy going horse. His main quirk is that he absolutely loves to eat oranges and will do almost anything for one and licks and slurps as he eats it.*

I bought Hondy as a 5 month old weaner and he is now retired. He was my introduction to Western Dressage, we both fell in love with it as it suited him to a T and he excelled until a paddock injury forced his retirement

Q3. How long have you been competing in Western Dressage events?

I have been competing in Western Dressage events since 2018, I made the switch from English Dressage with Hondy and never looked back.

Q4. What level do you compete in at Western Dressage events?

I currently compete with Dodger in Introductory and Basic Level and previously competed on Hondy in Level One and Level Two.

Q5. Have you competed in other horse events previously?

I have previously competed in English Dressage, Show Horse and Breed Shows (Western and Arabian)

Q6. What are some of your major horse-related achievements (WD or other disciplines)

I have won many champion, supreme, state champion and high point awards over the years in various disciplines. However, I would consider my major horse-related achievements to be training my Anglo Arabian up to Elementary/Level 2 dressage and him being solid and dependable enough to lend to young children to compete or take to PC.

Q7. Where do you go to show in Western Dressage events?

I compete at the WDAWA western dressage events which are mostly held at Foxwood Farm in Perth, WA.

Q8. What do you like best about Western Dressage?

I fell in love with Western Dressage when I discovered how encouraging it is, how the harmony and partnership between horse and rider is rewarded and that there is no bias toward the breed or type of horse being ridden. I love how you are allowed to pat/touch and talk quietly to your horse. I am lucky to be a part of WDAWA, they are a great group of riders who make our events enjoyable for everyone.

Q9. Who has helped you the most in your Western Dressage journey?

Vanessa Hancox introduced me to the discipline, she has been a wealth of knowledge, support and encouragement over the years and western dressage wouldn't be what it is in WA without her.

My long time dressage coach, Chantelle Currey, was my coach for several years riding English dressage until one day I told her I was switching to western dressage. She helped me research the differences and has helped me train my horse softly, lightly and correctly and we wouldn't have had the success we have had without her in our corner.

Q10. What are your goals with your horse in Western Dressage?

My goals with Dodger are to take him as far up the levels of Western Dressage as I can. He has a great mind and work ethic so I'm excited to see where we can go. I'd like to make the long trip over east for the next Western Dressage National Show with him in 2024.