

Buckeye Equestrian Association is please to be hosting a Working Equitation Clinic with clinician Rose Watt. We are offering this clinic for those who want to get into the world of working equitation at an Introductory/Novice rider level. We will be focusing on the “Ease of Handling” and “Negotiating Obstacles” We will have at various working equitation obstacles set up for riders to navigate.

Rose has 45+ years in the horse industry. Rose’s most recent accomplishment, at the national level, was in recognition of all her personal successes, as well as, all she has given to others, including the horses, in the horse world; she was awarded The International Andalusian & Lusitano Horse Association 2019 Professional Horsewoman of the year award! The International Andalusian & Lusitano Horse Association, IALHA, is the oldest and largest registry of Andalusian horses in the world. Rose writes:

“What a gift to be given a life shared with horses. Every new day, we are given the chance to be a little bit better horseperson than the day before if we keep an open mind and seek the best in ourselves and our horses. I started riding as a young girl with my first \$150 horse who I trained and took to a state 4-H championship. I came home to a decorated barn with a sign “Quitters never win, and Winners never quit.” Throughout my life, I’ve had training experiences with various breeds, and each horse and each breed has taught me something. Fourteen years ago, Lois Hamilton brought me an Andalusian stallion to train. I always say we are given the right horse at the right time in life to help us. Sincerrey Santiago is my soulmate. From expanding my abilities, surviving the 2nd loss of a spouse, to recovering from a near death accident of 11 broken ribs, there were many times I wanted to quit. This horse gave me more courage than I ever thought possible. All the while I thought I was giving the highly sensitive horse confidence. Sincerrey Santiago is amazing. We are currently showing Level 5 in Working Equitation.”



Over the many, many years of riding, teaching, and working with horses, as well as, people, the wealth and depth of her knowledge and experiences has created the outstanding horsewoman she is today. Rose comes to us not only as a well-rounded, knowledgeable, experienced, and accomplished horsewoman, but as an educator with a master’s degree in School Counseling. This is what makes her approach to riding, training, and teaching so unique, as she utilized what she knows about horses and what she knows about riders to analyze and train both horse and rider melding and fine tuning each to complement each other’s strengths and weaknesses resulting in a partnership of horse and rider with the highest level of confidence and success. She has been a long-term PONY Club instructor for decades where she has been committed to coaching and preparing many breeds of horses and a wide variety of diverse students ranging from learning basic horse safety to everyday riding to competing in upper and national level tests.



Since 2009, Rose has been showing Working Equitation and has been drawn to this sport ever since as it promotes and supports the aspects of horsemanship that Rose so loves...that of dressage, trail, and the love and need for speed...and of course, the obvious connection between horse and rider. She has embraced this sport, so much so that she was instrumental as a core member in founding our Northwestern Pennsylvania Working Equitation group. Through NWPaWE she hopes to introduce and support this ever-growing sport by offering her knowledge of WE, horses, riders, and instruction with her years of experience and horsemanship skill and techniques to create that perfect balance and bond of horse and rider becoming as one.

WHO: Introductory/Novice level riders from any discipline can compete, e.g., dressage, eventing, reining, trail, and anything in between with any breed of horse.

DATE: April 18, 2020

LOCATION: Buckeye Equestrian Association , a non profit 501(3)c organization, is Hosting this Event
Pure Gold Stable Stables and Equestrian Center 3325 OH Route 45 Salem, OH 44460

TIME: 8:00AM-6:00PM

Morning Session

- 8:00 - 8:15 - Registration and Meet and Greet – coffee
- 8:15 - 9:00 - Introduction of Working Equitation
- 9:00 - 10:00 - Obstacle Demonstrations
- 10:00 - 11:30 – Session 1 - Horse and Rider Combination (Limit 5)

Lunch – provided by Buckeye Equestrian Association

- 11:30-12:00

Afternoon Session

- 12:00 - 1:30 – Session 2 - Horse and Rider Combination (Limit 5)
- 1:30 - 3:00 – Session 3 - Horse and Rider Combination (Limit 5)
- 3:00 - 4:30 – Session 4 - Horse and Rider Combination (Limit 5)

COST: Horse and Rider Combination - \$100 - Clinic limit of 20 with a maximum of 5 per session (includes lunch)
Audit Only - \$25 (includes lunch)

PAYMENT: CHECKS MADE OUT TO : JORDAN GOTTSCHLING – TREASURER – BUCKEYE EQUESTRIAN ASSOCIATION

STALL: NIGHT STALL \$45.00 / DAY STALL \$25.00 – COMPLETE WITH BEDDING

ENTRIES and STALL RESERVATIONS: Susan Smith-Gordon 9050 N. Palmyra Rd Canfield, OH 44406

ADDITIONAL CLINIC INFORMATION:

- We require current negative coggins sent with entry, or at unload to the office
- You may trailer in the day before the event, with pre-registration and there are electric hookups for trailers
- Night stalls available for \$45.00 each - Day stalls are \$25.00 both complete with sawdust / shavings bedding. If you need other, please bring your own
- Lunch provided by Buckeye Equestrian Association. There will be drinks and food available to purchase in the lounge area
- Sessions are limited to 5 riders – maximum entrants are 20
- Seating – Please bring a lawn chair
- Must wear helmet
- Well-behaved dogs **MUST** be on a leash and non-disruptive
- We will have the clinic rain or shine as it is indoors
- Look for future clinics with NWPaWE

- Questions: Susan Smith-Gordon Cell: 724-301-1414 call or text / email: smithgordonsusan@gmail.com

What is Working Equitation? (From **Confederation of Working Equitation Handbook**-<https://www.confederationwe.us>)

Working Equitation, a sport originating in Europe and gaining popularity throughout the world, is a competition for horses that work in the field. It promotes the various equitation techniques in countries that use the riding horse to work on ranches and farms. Its goal is to preserve and promote the cultural traditions, tack, and riding attire of each country.

Working Equitation is comprised of four trials: Dressage, Ease of Handling with obstacles, Speed with obstacles, and Cows (Cattle Handling). The fourth trial is offered when available for team competitions.

Any breed of horse can compete in Working Equitation. The only requirement is that the horse be agile, bold, and responsive to direction from the rider. Riders from any discipline can compete, e.g., dressage, eventing, reining, trail, and anything in between.

There are a number of performance levels in a competition, from Children to Masters. The number and complexity of dressage movements and obstacles increase with the levels. Horses may be ridden with one hand or two at the lower levels, but in the Advanced and Masters level, all trials must be executed with the rider using one hand.

Competitions are held throughout the United States at a variety of levels: schooling shows, A- and B-rated shows, regional

championships, and national championships. The number of competitions in the U.S. increases each year.

Working Equitation is a sport that's enjoyable for the horse, the rider, and the spectator. No matter what your riding discipline or breed of horse, we hope you will join us to share in the fun and excitement!

