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QMS Equestrian Team Continues Flying High

QMS Riders Complete School Year Season with Wins

June 9th, 2014 - Duncan, BC, Canada – The Queen Margaret's School Equestrian Team completed one of its strongest show seasons to date following participation in the Kelowna Spring Classic and the Thunderbird Canadian Premier Show in Langley.

For the first time in recent history, QMS team members travelled to Kelowna, BC, to compete in the Kelowna Spring Classic Hunter/Jumper Show hosted by the Kelowna Riding Club. "It was a new venue for us," explains Cheryl Keith, QMS Head Coach. "Yet our team felt very comfortable there and enjoyed really strong performances."

Christine Coels (Grade 10) on Landmark

Champion Short Stirrup Hunter

Champion Pre Child Hunter

2nd Place in Leigh Payne Memorial Classic

Catherine Rankin (Grade 10) on Go Shorty

Champion Children's Hunter

Reserve Champion Modified Hunter

Olivia Austin (Grade 11) on Del Rio

Winner in Leigh Payne Memorial Classic

Reserve Champion Pre Child Hunter

Every May, QMS takes part in two weeks of competition at Thunderbird Show Park for the Canadian Premier Show and BC Open. "Thunderbird is a fabulous facility," says Keith. "The high level of competition allows our students to push their themselves in the hunter/jumper ring."

For Grade 10 student Kassidy Keith, it was a valuable lesson in perseverance. "I fell so many times throughout the competition," laughs Kassidy Keith. "But it made me work that much harder to improve my riding and connect more closely with the horses I rode. What an incredible experience. I want to thank everyone who helped me."

Catherine Rankin (Grade 10) on Go Shorty

Consistent Placings

Kassidy Keith (Grade 10) on Watch Out

1st Place Junior Hunter

on Will I Am

Champion Junior A Equitation

1st Place USEF Show Jumping Talent Search

1st Place Washington Hunter/Jumper Medal Phases

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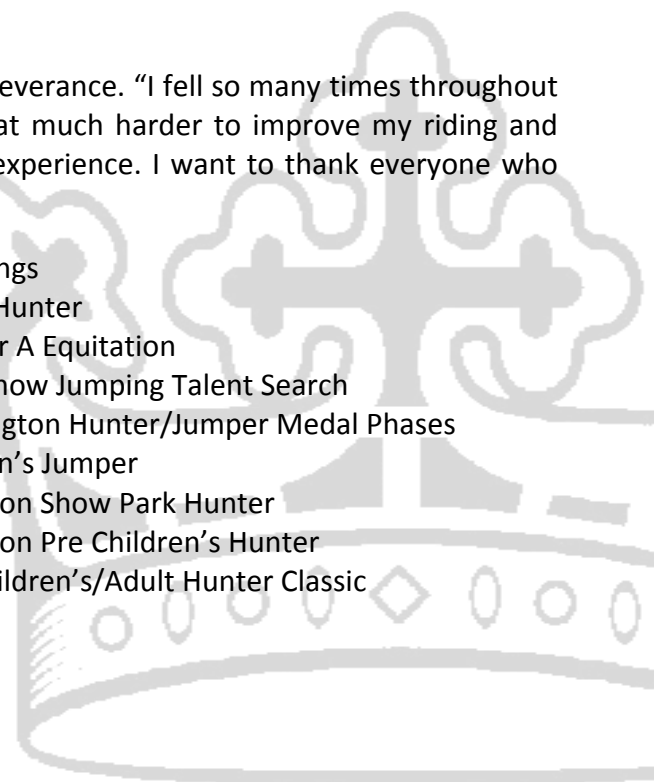
1st Place Children's Jumper

Olivia Austin (Grade 11) on Del Rio

Reserve Champion Show Park Hunter

Reserve Champion Pre Children's Hunter

2nd Place Pre Children's/Adult Hunter Classic



Lauren Bailey (Grade 12) on *Loustik de Breuil*
Alley Millar (Grade 12) on *Mistral*
Cheryl Keith (Head Coach) on *Go Shorty*

Champion 1.0m Junior Amateur Jumpers
Consistent Placings
2nd USHJA Hunter Derby
2 Wins in First Year Green Hunter

Though this year's school season is over, members of the QMS Equestrian team will continue to compete throughout the summer months at upcoming competitions at Thunderbird Show Park, Saanich, Arbutus Meadows in Nanoose Bay, Milner Downs in Langley, Washington State and Calgary.

About Queen Margaret's School

Established in 1921, **Queen Margaret's School** (QMS) is located on 27 country-like acres in Duncan, BC. QMS offers a co-ed ECE Program, co-ed Junior School (Kindergarten-Grade 6), all boys Grade 7/8 Program, University-Preparatory School for girls (Grades 7-12) and all girls Boarding School (Grades 6-12). Queen Margaret's School is home to a small, intensive ESL Program and Canada's *only* on-campus Equestrian Riding Program. The school's comprehensive scholastic and extra-curricular program provide opportunities for achievement and personal growth through academics, sports, visual and performing arts, riding and community service.

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Photo: *Kassidy Keith* takes flight at Thunderbird Show Park during the QMS Equestrian team's recent competition series. (Photo courtesy of Quinn Sanders)



Photo: *Olivia Austin* and her partner, *Del Rio*, are congratulated on winning the Leigh Payne Memorial Classic during the Kelowna Spring Classic. (Photo courtesy of Onsite Digital)

