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QMS Royals Complete Season on Top

Royal Riders Enjoy Success

June 9, 2016 - Duncan, BC, Canada – The Queen Margaret’s School Royals Equestrian Team wrapped up their school year season in Langley, BC at the scenic Thunderbird Show Park, securing championships and earning top placings.

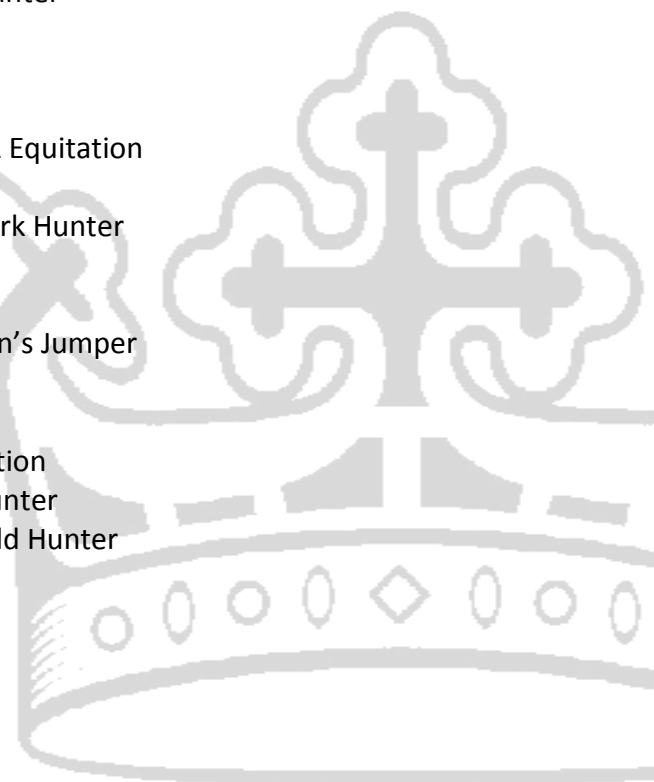
The Thunderbird Classic and BC Open are the final two shows the QMS Royals compete in each school year. With other academic commitments and end of year pressures, taking a complete team to the shows is always a challenge. “This has been one of our busiest competition years to date,” says Cheryl Keith, QMS Head Coach. “Our riders have been riding hard all year and are tired, so it’s incredible to watch them dig deep and achieve success.” For some riders though, their riding doesn’t end in June.

For graduating rider Kassidy Keith, her achievements at Thunderbird have only flamed the passion for her sport and assisted in deciding her direction after QMS. “I’m really excited about my future,” says Keith. “Immediately after my graduation banquet I’m going to Washington State to ride with Shelley Kerron at Legacy Hunters & Jumpers Stables in Woodinville. This is an exciting opportunity for me to develop my riding skills.” Keith is hopeful that her wins at Thunderbird will help her to be considered for a place on the U18 North American Riders Team.

With the season now complete, the QMS Equestrian Program will turn its attention to preparing for several summer camps which focus on building riding skills, Equine Canada riding levels, horse psychology and pre-veterinary studies. To learn more, visit www.qms.bc.ca.

Thunderbird Classic & BC Open Results

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| Kassidy Keith on <i>Crackerjack</i> | - Reserve Champion Junior Amateur 1.3m |
| | - 4 th Place 1.35m Open Jumper Classic |
| on <i>Press to Play</i> | - Champion Hunter 3’3” |
| on <i>Dreams Come True</i> | - Champion Training Pony Hunter |
| on <i>Maplebrook’s Heaven</i> | - Champion Junior Hunter |
| | - Champion Junior Hunter |
| | - Reserve Champion Junior A Equitation |
| Emily Cake on <i>Will I Am</i> | - 2 nd Place Training Jumper |
| | - Reserve Champion Showpark Hunter |
| Tianna Jerome on <i>Rosewood</i> | - 2 nd Place Low Hunter |
| Kyra Westman on <i>LL Bean</i> | - 2 nd Place 1.0m Jumpers |
| on <i>Storm Warning</i> | - 3 rd Place Training & Children’s Jumper |
| | - 4 th Place CET Medal |
| Hannah Anderson on <i>Rosewood</i> | - Champion Pre Child Equitation |
| | - Champion Short Stirrup Hunter |
| | - Reserve Champion Pre Child Hunter |



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 Early Childhood Education program, co-ed Junior School (Kindergarten-Grade 7), University-Preparatory High School for girls (Grades 8-12) and all girls Boarding School (Grades 6-12). Queen Margaret's School is home to Canada's *only* on-campus school English riding Equestrian Program and an intensive ELL 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. We prepare students for university, for higher education, for life.

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Photo by *Quinn Saunders*: Graduating QMS Royal *Kassidy Keith* rode *Maplebrook's Heaven* to an impressive two Championships and Reserve Championship at the Thunderbird Classic and BC Open.

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