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Katherine Bateson-Chandler Packs A One-Two Punch to Win Sho Clothes Whip

West Palm Beach, FL – Katherine Bateson-Chandler dominated the FEI Prix St. Georges class at the Gold Coast Dressage Association May Show, taking home the blue ribbon on Dea II and the red on Rutherford. Bateson-Chandler's winning one-two punch also helped her ride away with the prestigious Sho Clothes engraved whip.

Thanks to a score of 71.316%, Bateson-Chandler and the chestnut Hanoverian mare Dea II, owned by Jane Clark, won the Sho Clothes Whip that is awarded to the rider with the highest score in the class. The duo won the Sho Clothes Whip earlier in the year and Bateson-Chandler described the engraved whip as her "lucky" whip.

Clark also owns Rutherford, who placed second in the class with a score of 71.053%. Bateson-Chandler, who has her sights set on the USEF Championships at Gladstone this summer, was pleased with both horses and believes they are peaking just in time for Gladstone. Bateson-Chandler is hoping to compete both Dea II and Rutherford on the small tour championship.

"I am grateful to Sho Clothes for sponsoring this class," Bateson-Chandler said, adding that she was thrilled to have another beautiful whip in her collection.

The Sho Clothes whip, a coveted award among top riders, represents the commitment Michele Hunt and Betsy Rebar Sell, co-owners of the Sho Clothes Dressage boutique, have made to the dressage community through the years. "Winning the Sho Clothes Whip award really represents hard work, dedication and talent from the rider," Rebar Sell said, adding that past winners of the whip include Jan Brons, Michelle Gibson, Kristy Lund, Janne Rumbough, Mindy Elgart, Jane Springer,

Shannon Dueck and Lisa Wilcox.

Sho Clothes, located at 3220 Fairlane Farms Road in Wellington, specializes in dressage apparel and has become the “go to” dressage boutique for dressage enthusiasts from all over the world. In addition to presenting the Sho Clothes Whip throughout the year at West Palm Beach’s world-class dressage shows, Sho Clothes also hosts a monthly get together called Shop Talk. Held the second Tuesday of every month, Shop Talk has become a hot spot for riders to gather with top professionals in the equine industry.

For more information on Sho Clothes call 561-319-2121 or visit their website at www.shoclothes.com.



Photo: Katherine Bateson-Chandler (right) won the Sho Clothes Whip Award at the Gold Coast Dressage Association May show at the Jim Brandon Equestrian Center aboard Dea II, owned by Jane Clark. Krystalanne Shingler, who works at Sho Clothes and also competed at the show winning the Intermediaire 1 Class, presents Bateson-Chandler with the whip. (Photo courtesy of JRPR- no photo credit necessary)