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Shannon Dueck and Alejandro Gomez Win Sho Clothes Awards at Wellington Dressage Show

West Palm Beach, FL - Dressage rider Shannon Dueck, who hopes to compete in the U.S. National Dressage championships in Gladstone this summer, came one step closer to her goal when she turned in successful winning rides at the recent Wellington Classic Dressage Show in West Palm Beach. Dueck's Prix St. Georges score of 75.526% also helped her capture the coveted Sho Clothes Whip award.

Dueck, of Loxahatchee, Florida, rode the chestnut gelding Ringo Starr to the Sho Clothes Prix St. Georges High Score Award title. The 8-year-old Oldenburg gelding by Relevant is owned by Jean Vinious of Dover, Massachusetts. Dueck, who said she was proud of the 16.2 hand gelding, was all smiles after winning the custom-made whip with the Sho Clothes logo etched into the top.

Adult Amateur rider Alejandro Gomez also had plenty to smile about as the winner of the Sho Clothes Adult Amateur Prix St. Georges class. Gomez rode his own bay gelding Dance of Joy to the winner's circle with a score of 64.474%. Gomez earned a pair of crystal-studded stirrups from Sho Clothes.

"Sho Clothes like to recognize the amateur riders who contribute so much to the sport," said Michele Hundt, co-owner of the Wellington-based dressage boutique Sho Clothes.

Gomez trains with Patrick Burssens of IDA Farms in Wellington. "I am really pleased for Alejandro. He and his horse are progressing very quickly. Each ride they continue to improve," Burssens said.

Sho Clothes is co-owned by Hundt, an former amateur dressage rider and accomplished art director, and Betsy Rebar Sell, a dressage rider who won a Gold Medal at the 1999 Pan American Games. The boutique has been serving the dressage community since 2001, and in addition to offering the latest in style and selection in dressage apparel, they strive to continually recognize talented dressage riders and give back to the dressage community.

For more information about Sho Clothes Dressage Apparel and Accessories, visit their website at www.shoclothes.com. For more information on the Wellington Classic Dressage show, and full show results, visit www.wellingtonclassicdressage.com.

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Sho Clothes co-owner Betsy Rebar Sell presents the Sho Clothes Whip Award for High Score Prix St. Georges to Shannon Dueck of Loxahatchee. Dueck rode Jean Vinious's gelding Ringo Starr to win the coveted Sho Clothes Whip. (Photo courtesy of JRPR)



Trainer Patrick Burrssens (left) stands with his student Alejandro Gomez, winner of the Sho Clothes Adult Amateur Prix St. George class. Gomez, and his wife, (right) own the gelding Dance of Joy. (Photo courtesy of JRPR)