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Shannon Dueck Can't Be Whipped As She Wins Another Sho Clothes Whip at Gold Coast Dressage Finale I Show

West Palm Beach, FL – Shannon Dueck proved she's a force to be reckoned with when it comes to taking home the coveted silver-topped Sho Clothes Whip that is awarded at dressage shows by Sho Clothes dressage boutique. Dueck and Ringo Starr added a fourth Sho Clothes Whip to Dueck's collection at the recent Gold Coast Dressage Association Finale I show, winning the engraved whip and the FEI Prix St Georges Open class with a score of 72.895%.

"I'm always thrilled to win the Sho Clothes Whip, it's a beautiful whip," Dueck said, adding with a smile, "One of the whips I won was used at the Professional Rider's Symposium by Hubertus Schmidt this year, so once it had been touched by the master I couldn't use it anymore – so I needed a new one."

While Dueck, of Loxahatchee, Florida, was thrilled with adding another whip to her growing collection, she was also pleased with Ringo Starr's performance. The 16.2 hand, chestnut Oldenburg gelding by Relevant is owned by Jean Vinios of Dover, Massachusetts.

"I was thrilled with how easily he performed the test. He's getting much stronger in his work and that gives me a lot of confidence as we are trying for the Intermediaire I Championships at Gladstone this year," Dueck said.

Winning the Sho Clothes Whip keeps Dueck in excellent company. Past winners have included Michelle Gibson, Kristy Lund, Janne Rumbough, Mindy Elgart, Jane Springer, Jan Brons and Lisa Wilcox. "Their signature whip is a perfect example of the classic and unique

approach Sho Clothes takes to supporting the dressage community,” said Dueck. “In addition to supporting dressage riders of all levels, they always have really exceptional clothes and accessories in their shop.”

Sho Clothes is co-owned by Michele Hundt, a 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 is a shopping destination for dressage riders from all over the world and they have been serving the dressage community since 2001. In addition, Sho Clothes hosts a monthly get together for dressage riders called Shop Talk, which 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: Betsy Rebar Sell (right) presents the Sho Clothes Signature Whip to Shannon Dueck and Ringo Starr at the Gold Coast Dressage Association Finale I Show at the Jim Brandon Equestrian Center in West Palm Beach, Florida. (Photo courtesy of JRPR – no photo credit necessary.)