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**"Week of  
Madness"  
Preview  
Special Edition**

## Week of Madness 2022 at Tall Tails - Your special preview guide

## Celebrating our WoM 2021 Winners



WoM Town Square with shops, stalls and exhibition area. [Photo: Cookie]

- Week of Madness: Mon 30th May to Sun 5th June.
- Also referred to as WoM.
- Celebrating 2 years of Tall Tails!
- Special events and competitions every day!
- Beautiful trophies to be won!

### Introduction

The TT Week of Madness (WOM) is a crazy week of events and competition to celebrate the 2nd anniversary of our amazing Tall Tails community and the thriving SL ponyverse alike.

The firing pistol has now fired on competitions like Pimp My Cart and the Photo Competition to give participants time to register and start work on their entries.

But this time should also be used to brush up on your skills, so you are ready to perform at your best at one of the intense sports competition events.

On the next page we feature an interview with Cookie who has been heavily involved in setting up WoM with Miss Molly and she offers a few teasers and hint about what we can expect.

### Week of Madness 2022

The Week of Madness features different events requiring different sporting, artistic and design/build skills so there is something for everyone. It is the highlight of the Tall Tails year and provides a wonderful forum to put those skills properly to the test.

Be under no illusion about the sheer intensity of performing under pressure at one of these well

attended sports events where you are likely to compete with the best.

In addition to the competition events, there is also a marketplace area with shops and stalls focusing on memorable moments over the last year.

Behind the WoM town square area are fields with a winding road that will be used to road test the pimped carts.



WoM rural cart test field [Photo: Cookie]

Every edition of the Gazette is also there, with the ability to download earlier editions. Please note that issue 5 covers WoM 2021 if you are interested in last years event.

### New TT Transport Hub

A new build is planned in the old wasteland spot (last used as the HQ for Ponifia.Sec) which will serve as a new transport hub for locations of interest to TT citizens, including the affiliated GTFO hubs.



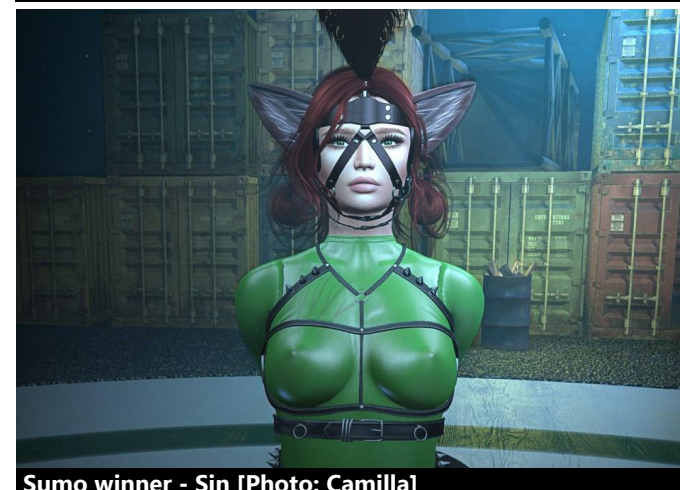
Photo winner - Eesoov Elan [Photo: Eesoov Elan]



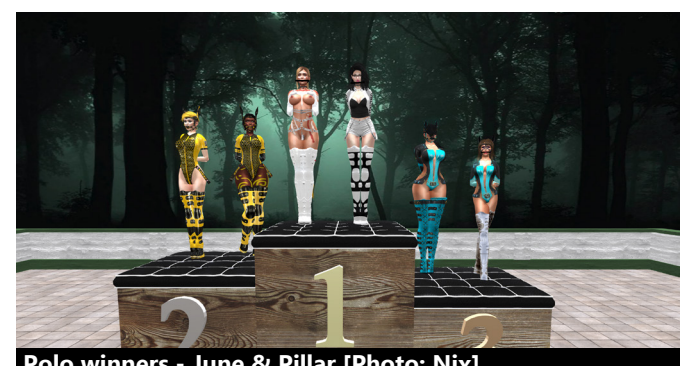
Pimp My Cart winner - The Oxnard [Photo: Ana]



Silent Winner - Magic & Molly [Photo: Alexis]



Sumo winner - Sin [Photo: Camilla]



Polo winners - June & Pillar [Photo: Nix]



## An Interview with Cookie! - Molly's WoM Henchwoman.

Organising an event as huge and complicated as WoM requires a lot of people to help make it happen and Molly has signed the services of Cookie as her Henchwoman-in-Chief to be one of her assistants.

In this special interview, we discuss with Cookie how the preparations for WoM are going and reflect on some of the key Tall Tails events over the last 12 months.



Cookie at her interview for the Gazette [Picture: Cookie]

**g: Hello Cookie and thank you for agreeing to be interviewed. How are the preparations for WoM going?**

**Cookie:** They are going great and I feel we are on track.

**g: The first WoM event last year was a wonderful success. How will this one compare? Are there any major differences?**

**Cookie:** I was only here for last years Pimp My Cart (PMC) as that was my first day at TT, but if comparing PMC is a good indicator for the rest of it then this year will be so much better! The major difference though is the WoM has a different theme and has some new events like the blind cart race.

**g: Will you be personally competing in any of the events?**

**Cookie:** I have already signed up to some, such as the photo competition and I have a cart ready for PMC, but other stuff like the dressage competition I will be taking on a more official role.

**g: Oh what's your role in the dressage?**

**Cookie:** Well surprise news! I'll be a judge at the dressage, or was last time I heard... although this might be a bit controversial as am not considered judge material to some, but behind my frequent silliness I can be very professional.

**g: Congratulations! I am sure you will be great! Which of the WoM events are you especially excited about?**

**Cookie:** The events I'm looking forward to are the ones I applied to compete in, i.e. the photo competition and Pimp My Cart. The stuff people come up with last year blew my mind, so can't wait to see what people come up with this year.

**g: Is there anything in particular you want to say to readers who are wondering whether to watch or participate in WoM 2022?**

**Cookie:** oh ummm, putting me on the spot there...

**Cookie:** Everyone should totally take part, last year was amazing and this year will be the same! If you are worried you'll miss it, everything will be on

display all week and if you can't make it, just reach out to me or Molly and we will see what we can do to help.

**Cookie:** Also come early to the after party as it will blow your mind but we might be tight for space and hit the sim limit. More information will be announced soon but I can reveal that we will have 4 different TT DJs all with their own 30 minute sets. So it will cater for a wide range of tastes in music.

**g: On the WoM platform, what will the field behind the square be used for?**

**Cookie:** Oh, that space is being used for the PMC so contestants can demonstrate that their carts work. Also to keep with a rural theme, I made it like a farmers field complete with neighbouring cows

**g: Will the blind cart racing happen there too?**

**Cookie:** No. The blind carting is being held in a new track that the stoats are working on.

**g: Moving away from WoM, what for you stand out as personal highlights at TT over the last 12 months?**

**Cookie:** Oof another hard question ..!

**Cookie:** I enjoyed the TTFD event and not because I organised it myself, but seriously the stand out events at TT for me are the sumo contests as I never expected it for pony play and is always fun to see who will win.

**g: Its been another crazy year at TT. How did you feel when the Ponizei were unexpectedly defunded with Ponifia.Sec taking control?**

**Cookie:** I was shocked at such controversy! But it was fun to swap roles for a bit, was just a shame at the timing as I was a bit busy with other things at the time to take full advantage. I think it was the same for a few people but I'm sure they will try again. Next time Ponifia.Sec won't get away with all that they did!

**g: Oh, like what?**

**Cookie:** All the over the top surveillance, blocking roads in barbed wire, the cruel treatment to guests and those committing minor infractions. Oh and that Ponifia helicopter! This isn't an airport!

**g: Haha what was wrong with the Ponifia helicopter?**

**Cookie:** At least Ponizei kept their vehicles at their places, like the helicopter parked at Port Littlepaws.

**g: You have a business venture at TT, what services do you provide and how is it going?**

**Cookie:** ah yes Littlepaws Handypaws Service. It's like a handyman service so can be a range of things from helping make stuff to event planning. So far its been going great, so great in fact I filled a shop at the WoM event area with a history of my projects, though only the big ones as there wasn't not enough space for the smaller stuff.

**g: It's a well-stocked store so shows how busy you have been!**

**Cookie:** ...Or shows how loose people have kept my leash...?

**g: So are there any more plans for the TTFD (TT Fire Dept)?**

**Cookie:** Molly wants to see more of the TTFD in action so hopefully they will have more of a presence during WoM. We also plan to build a fire station. Molly didn't want one in the main area, so we will hide it away like the batcave. This is same place we used as a hidden Ponizei base during the Ponifia take-over.



Cookie with a TTFD vehicle [Picture: Cookie]

**g: So you are a slave at TT right?**

**Cookie:** Yes but without a specific owner.

**G: So where is your collar...?**

**Cookie:** Oh! well its a bit hard to work on events for WoM if everyone keeps trying to tie me up using it, so I buried it. But given how trainers sometimes take a break as a pony, I think its smart to take a break from sub role to avoid getting burnt out. It also opens up the possibility for people to RP as dog catchers!

**Cookie:** And g?

**g: Yes Cookie?**

**Cookie:** Where is your collar?

**g: Oh. Oops.**

**g: Cookie thank you very much for coming in to talk to us today!**



Cookie hard at work with WoM prep [Picture: Cookie]

## A first peek at the beautiful medals up for grabs at WoM 2022

As with last year, winners of the WoM events can win some beautifully designed medals and trophy's which can be rezzed in-world and worn or displayed with pride.

These images have just been teased to remind us all what is at stake at WoM 2022!

There are gold, silver and bronze variants and some come in green, awarded to participants who bravely entered and competed.

These prizes are very hard to win and are truly to be treasured!



The infamous sumo belt [Picture: Molly]



The Silent Dressage medal [Picture: Molly]



The Pimp My Cart trophy [Picture: Molly]

## Hands on with the new TT Blind Carting HUD

Aida has created a new blind carting hud available for us at TT so I was keen to get my hands on it and give it a try.

This may be particularly useful for people entering the Blind Carting Race but I am told it is not compulsory. I am told competitors can use what ever tool they want or resort to shouting 'left a bit, right a bit' - but I wish people who adopt this approach all the best!

It has also been introduced to try and prevent the large number of blind carting accidents that have

been happening around the estate.

Whilst in the beta phase it is only available as an attachment in the TT group notice but when fully released you will be able to get it via the giver in the shed at the Meadow.

When you Add the box you get a message to deliver you the folder.

It arrived quickly and I got the hud and a manual. For once, I decided to look at the manual first.

I was relieved to see it appears to be quite a concise manual as a remember it took a while for me to get to grips with Marines Riding Reins HUD.

## Instructions\*

### Basic usage for Ponies:

- Make sure you're near the trainer
- Click the cog
- Click "Select"
- Click the number corresponding to the trainer

### Basic usage for trainers

- Make sure you're near the pony so they can select you.
- Click the Radar icon under the horse head to check that the ponies are set up, a "pong!" reply from each is expected
- When seated on your cart, click the horse head to switch it to trainer mode
- Use WASD/arrow keys, page up/down to give signals to the pony, click the hand to signal stop or page down.

### Menu is accessed through the cog.

- Select: Change the configured channel (Configured trainer)
- Sound on/off: Turns the hud sounds on or off
- Chat on/off: Turns the chat messages on or off
- Recv on/off: Turns on or off if a hud in trainer mode receives other hud's commands.
- Reset: Resets all components of the hud. Only do this if there's issues, the hud will perform an internal reset as well by re-attaching it.
- Debug Info: Dumps internal state, only useful to Aida

As trainer, pressing back when signalling forward will \*not\* signal stop, this is to give you options when driving to coast if desired.

Reversing will remain lit until you signal forward,

stop.

The hud mimics Marine's carts so you can speed up in reverse as well, so when reversing, page up is faster, page down is slow down.

For now, the hud uses Japanese voice signals, in the future voice packs may be available.



Aida's Blind Carting Hud [Picture: g]

The hud itself is clean and uncluttered and you follow the relevant part of the instructions based on whether you are the trainer or the pony.

I tested the tool with Pony Spice and it was her first time blind carting. It worked very well and the pony said the voice commands are a very helpful prompt particularly as there is a button release sound as well. This together with the arrows lighting up on the hud, were more than enough so we turned off the commands being posted to local chat

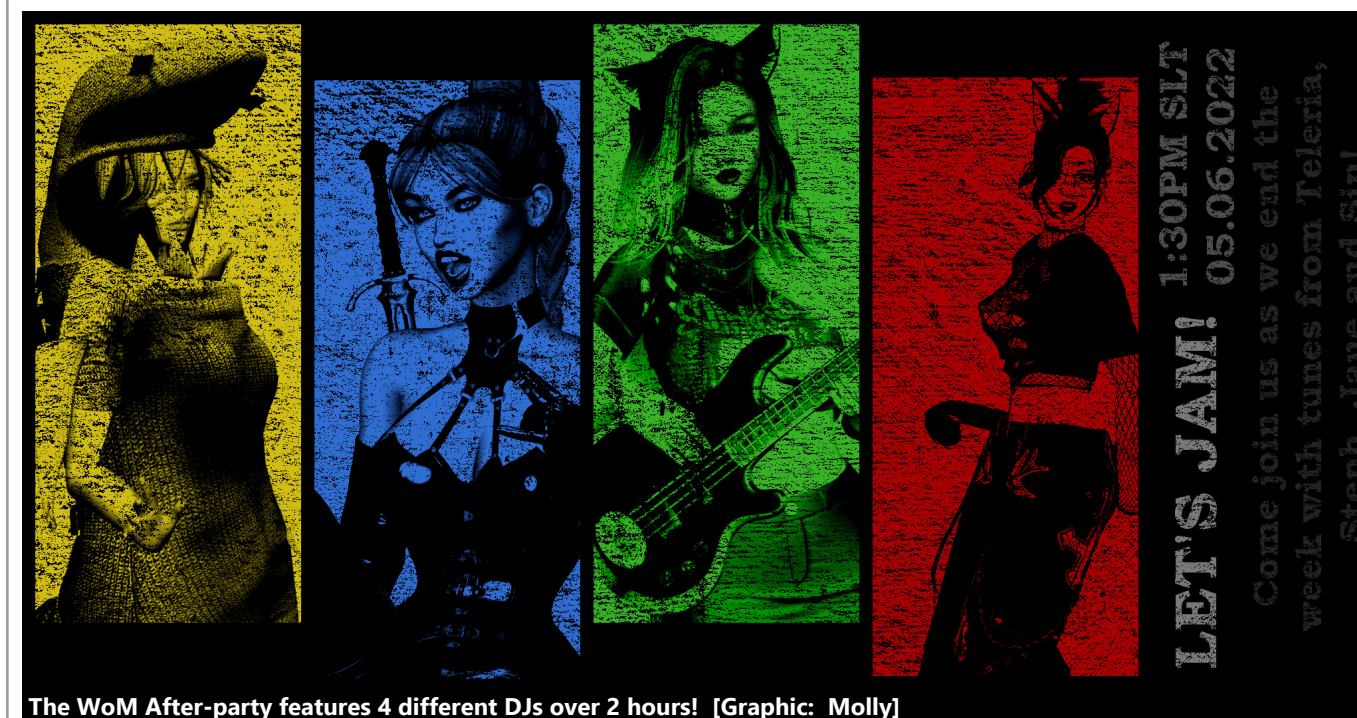
We smashed into Fleur pulling Team Lacroix as we headed up the winding ramp from Pike, but I think this would have happened with or without a blind pony...

One interesting issue we had was when I got off the cart to adjust the pony's blindfold, the tool continued to spam commands to the pony. Aida tells me I should clicked the trainer icon when I was done.

I urge everyone to pick up this hud and try out blind carting with it because its fun and easy to use.

The tool is in a beta phase so feedback to the Discord feedback thread to help Aida move confidently to a release version.

\*These instructions relate to the beta version and may be changed for the full release.



The WoM After-party features 4 different DJs over 2 hours! [Graphic: Molly]



# Your 2022 Week of Madness Planner

DATE	EVENT	DESCRIPTION
<p><b>SAT 28 MAY,</b> 1100hrs SLT.</p> <p>Madness Cup</p> <p>*Send your team plus the names of 2- 4 players to Molly or Eesoov.</p>		<p>The Madness Cup is the WoM Pony Polo competition. Enter your team and compete for this prestigious cup.</p> <p>Pony polo features two teams competing on a football style pitch with a goal at each end. Use skill and teamwork to score a goal against your opposing team. And yeah, its harder than it looks...</p>
<p><b>MON 30 MAY,</b> 1200hrs SLT.</p> <p>The Sound of Silence</p> <p>* Send in your applications to participate! Include your team name, pony and trainer.</p>		<p>Silent Dressage is a beautiful dance between trainer and pony where no commands are spoken. The trainer will silently indicate the pattern the pony should execute, perfectly and beautifully observing technique and traverse rules. Each team is scored on their performance by a number of expert judges.</p> <p>There is no buzz quite like performing with your pony or trainer under the glaring spotlights and loud WoM crowd. Enter your team now and start practicing that reverse line!</p>
<p><b>TUE 31 MAY,</b> 1200hrs SLT.</p> <p>Blind Cart Racing</p> <p>*An optional blind carting HUD is available via a giver in the shed at the Meadow and in the corner shop in Pike.</p>		<p>Carting is fun. Cart racing is challenging. Blind cart racing is mental!</p> <p>Complete trust and understanding is required between pony and driver to bring home this prestigious award in front of an expected large and noisy WoM audience. Worth getting the hud now so you can start practicing!</p>
<p><b>WED 1 JUN</b> 1200hrs SLT Sinful Flower Competition</p>		<p>Flower is a classic and unique challenge. The pony has to perfectly traverse the circular routes based on the provided patterns, in line with the strict rules of flower. Some in Tall Tails have managed to do 50 or more patterns perfectly and some have even done it blind!</p> <p>It takes real skill to elegantly and seamlessly traverse the route while following the rules under the pressure of watchful eyes of an expected large WoM audience.</p>
<p><b>THUR 2 JUN</b> 1200hrs SLT BDSM Forum: Topping Styles- Which flavour do you enjoy?</p>		<p>The BDSM forum hosted by Connie &amp; Danaira will be a “fireplace chat” discussing BDSM. This is a group participation exercise and as always, is expected to produce some very interesting discussions.</p>
<p><b>FRI 3 JUN,</b> 1200hrs SLT.</p> <p>Sumo Championship</p> <p>*Taking part is simple, just turn up in tack on the day of the event and ready yourself for battle!</p>		<p>Question: How is it possible to know that Sin is the current holder of the WoM Sumo Belt? Answer: because she reminds you every five minutes and waves it in front your face.</p> <p>This unique sport involves skill and cunning. Do you hold off and try and survive until the later rounds or go all in, violently charging at opponents to push them off the ever shrinking platform. Its a very exciting sport to both participate in and watch.</p>
<p><b>SAT 4 JUN,</b> 1000hrs SLT.</p> <p>Pimp My Cart</p> <p>*Prod Molly to sign-up.</p>		<p>Once upon a time, someone realised that Marine’s carts with its wonderful physics could be deconstructed and recrafted and this enabled the creation of the ‘Pimp My Cart’ competition.</p> <p>This is an opportunity for people to dazzle with their audacious cart designs. But it is not enough to wow in looks, it also has to pass a road test to prove it can effectively work as a cart.</p>
<p><b>SUN 5 JUN,</b> 1100hrs SLT.</p> <p>Photo Competition &amp; After-Party. (1230hrs SLT)</p> <p>*Closing date for photo entries is Friday 27 May at 8PM SLT.</p>		<p>We are very lucky have some very talented photographers at Tall Tails and this is their chance to showcase their art and elect to enter their creations a competition with public votes and expert judges - the opportunity to win trophies!</p> <p>The theme is “The Madness of Tall Tails”.</p> <p>This even event is followed by the WoM AfterParty!</p>