



# Lake Washington Saddler

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## Nature's Diary

If everything outside at your house turned yellow over the last few weeks, including your car, then blame a male. No, not your husband! No, blame the male Douglas Fir tree. He is scattering his pollen from the tiny 'male' cones to the four winds in hopes that each pollen grain will find a much larger female cone and pollinate one of the many seeds tucked under each 'scale' of the cone.



What I did not know is that the Douglas fir, *Pseudotsuga menziesii*, is not a true fir at all! It differs from true firs by having cones which are pendant, (hanging down from the branch) as in pines or spruces. True firs have erect cones. Another obvious difference is that Douglas fir cones have conspicuous 3-lobed



bracts or "rat tails," which protrude beyond each cone scale, while true firs do not.

In either case, every Douglas fir has both the Male and Female 'cones', so it can basically self-pollinate. They also have a somewhat cyclical seed production, wherein about every 6 years they have a SUPER production year, shedding many times the normal number of fertilized cones. Ask me how I know. (See me bending over picking up the hundreds and hundreds of cones that clog my lawn).

The good thing is that the pollen grains from the Doug fir are quite large as pollen goes, so are easily scrubbed from the air by a good rain, of which we all know there is no shortage. So, it's going to 'rain' one thing or the other; water or yellow dust. Take your pick!

## Welcome our new Membership Coordinator – Jenny Hambleton

Jenny has volunteered to manage the club's membership program. The Board is excited to have Jenny onboard, as she has been a member since birth. Before, technically, as she is the daughter of the club's own Liz Hambleton, past board member, hunter/jumper course designer, Lifetime Achievement recipient, show manager and dedicated supporter.

Jenny began showing at Bridle Trails as a teeny person, and continues to be in the winner's circle with her jumper, Titan. Jenny was the recipient of our college scholarships and graduates this year from Washington State University, with her eye on becoming a veterinarian. Her enthusiasm is not only delightful, but has brought a new dimension to our website. Check out the [Membership page](#) on our website and you will find a listing of all current members. For privacy reasons, we are listing ONLY the names of each member. So, if you aren't sure if you have renewed for this year, be sure to see if you are on the list.



\*Jenny can be reached at [membership@LakeWashingtonSaddleClub.org](mailto:membership@LakeWashingtonSaddleClub.org)

## Glassybaby fundraiser!



Don't forget that this **Friday, (April 27, 10 am to 7 pm)**, will be the day that all sales of Glassybaby ware will bring 10% of sales to LWSC! The store is located in Old Bellevue **10230 Main Street**. You can also order by phone (not online, you must call the Bellevue store at **425-256-2927**), but do it on Friday for the club's benefit.

Also, Heather Andreini has kindly offered to bring her adorable mini, Jet, to be our mascot for the sale and greet customers outside the door! Let's show our support. Mother's day is right around the corner, and who doesn't just LOVE Glassybabys!



## May 5th - "Spring Has Sprung" Scavenger Hunt

While it may feel recently that our 'Spring' is not a real one, we will be hoping for a 'real Spring' day for this fun event. This will be the first of four trail riding events the Club has planned for 2018.

**Registration opens at 9:30am. First rider out at 10:00am, last rider out at Noon.** Prizes awarded at approximately 2:30pm. You must be present to select prizes if you win. Entry fee is \$15.00 for LWSC members, \$20.00 for non-members.



[Please help us to plan the event by pre-registering.](#) Lunch is available for \$5.00 if requested during pre-registration.

## Field Trips! Field Trips!

( <http://www.lakewashingtonsaddleclub.org/field-trips.html> )

I don't know about you, but those were some of my favorite words when I was in school; Field trip! Thanks to Candice Boyd, our Community Outreach and Education coordinator, we have had some really wonderful opportunities to get out and see and do things that we don't normally get to do. And, ONLY club members get this chance.

### **Flying Horseshoe Ranch**

So, we are starting things off with a great WEEKEND trip, to the Flying Horseshoe Ranch in Cle Elum. This will be two nights, **Friday, May 26<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, 27<sup>th</sup>**, and home Sunday the 28<sup>th</sup>. Lots of socializing and trail riding. You can trailer your own horse over, or rent one of theirs! Accommodation varies, so please check out the information at:

<http://www.lakewashingtonsaddleclub.org/flying-horseshoe-registration-form.html>





## Seattle Mounted Police Barn

The next great field trip is to the Seattle Mounted Police barn. **June 16<sup>th</sup>, 11:00, in West Seattle.** For info and sign up:

<http://www.lakewashingtonsaddleclub.org/seattle-mounted-police-sign-up-form.html>



## Show Entry Fee Scholarship Winners!

We announced in the last Saddler that the club was offering a limited number of Show Entry Fee Scholarships. The scholarship provides free entry to a Division each day of one Hunter/Jumper two-day show. This includes a Jumper Division of three classes, Hunter Division of five classes, the mandatory office fee, and Medals classes (two classes). The scholarship does not include stall rental.

We were truly impressed with the quality of the applications received. All were deserving, but a limit on the number of show fee scholarships we can donate meant we had to turn away a few applicants. Please try again next year!

**Here is a list of our winners for 2018:**

- Thera Doukas
- Sarah Elder
- Marin Hadley
- Kate Kemp
- Audrey Newbrey
- Kaitlyn Twentey

## Party in the Park! Saturday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 8:30 am to 12:30 pm

Hard to believe, but this year will mark the 16<sup>th</sup> annual Party in the Park. This is the largest fundraising activity that the Bridle Trails Park Foundation puts on every year. The Foundation pays for HALF of the total operating costs of this State Park!! Lake Washington Saddle Club partners with the Foundation in multiple ways. This year, as in past years, we will sponsor the entertainment for the event with a donation of \$3,000. Many members give generously of their time as volunteers, year after year. I have no doubt you'll hear from the volunteer coordinator soon, but if she/he doesn't contact you, and you want to help out (woo-hoo!!) , go to this link to get info and sign up to volunteer.

[http://www.bridletrails.org/news\\_events/party\\_in\\_the\\_park\\_volunteer\\_information.html](http://www.bridletrails.org/news_events/party_in_the_park_volunteer_information.html)



## Hunter / Jumper News

**April 28-29 Sally Collins HJ Clinic is full!  
But come and watch! Remember, LWSC members  
can audit this clinic at no charge.**

**Full info:**

<http://www.lakewashingtonsaddleclub.org/clinics.html>



### Hunter/Jumper Schooling shows:

Our shows are proving as popular as ever, and registration filling up at record speeds. The May show is already full, with stall rental being the first to 'sell out'. Please consider this when you sign up; sign up early, especially if you need a stall.

Next hunter jumper schooling shows:

**May 12-13, June 2-3, August 18-19, September 22-23**

**All information and registration options can be found at:**

<http://www.lakewashingtonsaddleclub.org/hunterjumper.html>

## Dressage News

### **2018 - Summer schooling shows**

June 10 <sup>th</sup>	Judge Kimberly Mitchell
July 15 <sup>th</sup>	Judge Kellie Larsen
August 12 <sup>th</sup>	Judge Jane Judson
September 16 <sup>th</sup>	Judge Molly Martin



## Meet Our Judges

### [Kimberly Mitchell](#)

Kimberly Mitchell is an FEI dressage trainer operating out of Cedar Meadow Farm in Snohomish, WA. She is a USDF Bronze, Silver, and Gold Medalist, having earned all aboard her non-traditional dressage horse, Oso Grande (Teddy Bear). She trains regularly with Alyssa Pitts and has participated in clinics and symposiums with Anne Gribbons, Debbie McDonald, Scott Hassler, Janet Foy and Charlotte Dujardin.

Kim has an interesting background in teaching, having graduated with her Master's of Arts in Teaching from Willamette University in 2008. She spent a short period of time working in public schools in Oregon before moving back home to Washington. She realized that while she enjoyed teaching, working in the schools wasn't necessarily where her passion lay - so she interned to become a PATH Intl. Certified Instructor and eventually an Advanced Instructor, and worked at a local therapeutic riding center.

This varied background gives her more insight into working with different riding styles and types of riders. As a result she is extremely flexible and adaptive and very happy to work with challenges - both with the rider and the horse.

### [Kellie Larsen](#)

Kellie is an FEI level rider, USDF Bronze Medalist, USDF 'L' Judge, and Certified Positive Riding Instructor with 30 years of knowledge and training. She specializes in teaching in a fun and positive environment. Every horse is different, with different conformation, different personalities, different levels of confidence, trust and history.

Training is focused on students gaining riding tools, in which they learn to identify the issue/problem in the training and come up with a solution on their own; correct position for the rider and how this can affect the horse; general training guidelines, basics and principles and how to really communicate with your horse.

### [Jane Judson](#)

Jane Judson has been teaching for nearly 30 years with a focus in dressage for the past 15. She is a USDF 'L' Graduate with Distinction, USDF Bronze Medalist and USDF Assoc Instructor Training through 2nd Level. Jane has a background in classical dressage, cross country, trail riding and western. She is currently focused on 'French Classical Schooling' with interests also in jumping, hacking out and Working Equitation. Jane is based in Carnation, WA at Hilltop Haven Equestrian but does travel for clinics throughout the year.

Jane's teaching is based in traditional French Classical dressage. As a fifth-year Instructor-in-Training of Philippe Karl's 'Ecole de Legerete', Jane is one of only three instructors in the USA to have successfully completed the Teacher's Basic course. She is now in the process of taking the required exams towards official certification.

Mentors and Instructors- Bertrand Ravoux, PNW visiting Master Instructor representing the School of Legerete; Philippe Karl, Master of the School of Legerete; Certified Legerete Instructors Melanie Buhlman, Sabine Mosen and Christianne Horstmann; Robert Hall, J. Ashton Moore and Paula Kierkegaard.

### [Molly Martin](#)

Molly has trained or cliniced with Kim vonHopffgarten, Gwen Blake, Gwen Stockebrand, Sandra Hotz, Pamela Nelson, Heidi Gaian, Alexa Schulten-Baumer, Ellen Mahaney, Walter Zettl,

Henrik Johansen, Steffen Peters, Kathleen Raine, Janet Brown, Christophe Theallet, Jurgen Olsen, Jan Ebling, Gerd Reuter

Molly Martin lives in Redmond, WA and has been training and showing Dressage since the mid 80's. Molly has competed locally, Regionally, and Nationally thru Grand Prix. Taking two horses to the Developing Horse National Championships that she trained from green broke.

- USDF Gold, Silver and Bronze medalist
- USDF Gold, Silver and Bronze Bars
- USDF L graduate with distinction

Molly is one of a handful of riders earning all of her USDF Medals and Freestyle Bars, as well as an L Graduate with Distinction.

Molly has developed a style taken from her vast experience working with numerous trainers and clinicians over the years. Kim vonHopffgarten, Gwen Blake, Pamela Nelson, David Blake, Jan Ebling, Lilo Fore, Janet Foy, Marina Genn, Heidi Gaian, Anne Gribbons, Scott Hassler, Sandra Hotz, Henrik Johansen, Ellen Mahaney, Pamela Nelson, Jurgen Olsen, Steffen Peters, Kathleen Raine, Gerd Reuter, Alexa Schulten-Baumer, Christophe Theallet, Walter Zettl.