

Lake Washington Saddler

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SAVE THE DATE!!

Awards Banquet and Auction . . . and fun!

Saturday, November 4th

**Bellevue Marriot
11010 NE 8th St,
Bellevue, WA 98004**

Doors will open at **5:00** for appetizers and silent auction and meeting old friends.

(Caution, you might not recognize them without their helmets on!)

Online Registration will open in early October. [More details coming soon.](#)

This year will be our first year that we celebrate our club as a 501c3. This means that are now tax deductible! We hope that this will encourage a greater scope of donating, to help us raise funds for future capital development goals, such as redoing the footing in the big arena, and enable us to reach out further to share our passion for horses with others.

WE NEED AUCTION DONATIONS !!

Don't know what to donate? Well, it isn't always a 'thing'. It can be any kind of creative idea, like

Weekend Getaway ! Donate a weekend, at your beach home or mountain time share.
Cabin at a ski resort? Hawaiian time share? Suncadia stay?

Handyman for 4 hours. Are you good with saw, hammer or drill? Can you fix things?
Gardening help for a day. Pruning work.

Got a pickup truck? Donate a dump run! Or a run to Cedar Grove for compost, or help hauling manure. Haul in some hay, . . . or ?

Are you a computer whiz? Donate your time for computer help.

Do you play an instrument? Donate lessons, or, donate a few hours of live music for a party.
Can you cook? Donate a theme dinner for 6 at your house.

Do you bake? Donate a 'Cookie of the Month' certificate; deliver a dozen home baked cookies once a month for a year.

Can you get a massage or spa treatment donated? Pedicure? Reflexology? Hair cut/style?

Photo shoot?

Seahawks tickets? Seahawks gear? Hosted Tailgate party.

Wine tasting ride/tour and stay at Cherrywood Bed, Breakfast and Barn in Zillah

Overnight at Flying Horseshoe Ranch in Cle Elum

Stehekin trip, Sailboat ride, waterskiing, kayaking, bicycling tour

Dinners at nice restaurants. Could you get your favorite restaurant to donate?

Whale watching trip, Float/white water rafting trip

Hauling your horse to a trail head for a day of riding, distance within 50 miles.

Custom embroidered saddle pad (for anyone who has a sewing machine that can do embroidery)

Custom photo printed T-shirt

Christmas shopper - Will you do my Christmas shopping?

String up Christmas lights? (Have a ladder? Not afraid of heights?)

PLEASE, do keep in mind that all items donated should be NEW, or LIKE NEW condition.

Whatever you end up donating, please use the online donation form to get us started logging in the great stuff! We will, of course, provide full receipts for tax purposes after the event. We can arrange for your donation to be picked up and/or stored, if needed.

<http://www.lakewashingtonsaddleclub.org/auction-item-donation-form.html>

Membership

Currently we stand at 224 memberships. Isn't that awesome!!!???

If you have gone all this way into 2017 and not renewed your membership, please take care of that right way! Go to: <http://www.lakewashingtonsaddleclub.org/membership.html>

Our dues have not increased for years, but that can't last forever, so take advantage of it now!

Hunter Jumper News

The last show of the season is on September 23/24. Don't delay, entries will close on Wednesday, the 20th, and the stalls are nearly full! Gonna be an awesome show!

Full information and registration can be accessed here:

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

A 'love' letter from a member:

This is my first year at Lake Washington Saddle Club Horse Shows. So far I really like the shows and system. Every time I come here I always feel so welcome. The high point is really useful. It gives the riders something to aim for each time they show. At LWSC and at my home stable I have learned and progressed the most at landing on the correct lead before going to the next cross rail. My favorite memory is when I was down at the stables and I ran all the way up to the arenas because I found out that I won the Grand Champion ribbon! I love the staff and volunteers at the shows because they always make me feel so welcome and the Bridle Trails facility makes me feel comfortable and way less nervous. They are all so helpful and tried to help me find my friends jacket which she lost during the July show. Also the hamburgers are the best! Enjoy your time at Bridle Trails with the Lake Washington Saddle Club.

Caitlynn Sarin

Horse of the Year

We have changed the process for submitting Horse of Year candidates, you can now nominate a horse for Horse of the Year along with other annual award nominations. You can go online to our web site and nominate individuals for Service Award, Mother of the Year, Father of the Year, Trainer of the Year, Senior Sportsmanship, Junior Sportsmanship and Horse of the Year. Go to:

<http://www.lakewashingtonsaddleclub.org/annual-awards-ballot.html>

Horse of the Month – and candidate for Horse of The Year

Esmeralda: Pure gold in a pure black body.



Esmeralda & Johnny Morocco

Esmeralda has done the near impossible; she competed in the hardest long distance race in the US, The 100 mile Tevis Cup. While she was not in the finishing group, she gave John everything she had, and completed 70 miles of very, very rough, steep terrain, in less than 15 hours!

Most of the competitors are Arab horses, whose breeding makes them best suited for such endurance riding. Esmeralda is a Tennessee Walking Horse. Only 8 of the 171 starters were gaited horses. In addition, this was Esmeralda's first 100 mile endurance race. She performed outstandingly.

John trained hard with Esme, and trailered her to distant locales for 25 and 50 mile endurance rides, where she finished with respectable times, always bringing John in safely. Esmeralda packed John over the Pacific Crest trail for a 10 day solo ride.

Not only is she a hardy trail horse, but she is the sweetest ambassador for horses. When John Corallo meets a child on the trail, whose eyes light up when he or she looks at a horse, John says, "Would you like to try riding her?" And Esmeralda gives a delighted child a short 'pony ride'. She is pure gold!
By Caroline Callender

Dressage News

Dressage will be hosting the final show of the season on Sunday September 17th. Stop by the park to see some beautiful horses and riders and even grab a burger or latte from the cook shack. First rider will be at 8am.

At our August show we were thrilled to be able to witness a century ride. The combined ages of horse and rider equaled 100 or more. Congratulations to Penny Leggott!

We would like to thank all of the volunteers that made our shows possible this year. If you volunteered your 8 hours and showed in at least two of our shows, please keep an eye on your email to see if you have a year-end award coming. Awards will be handed out at the super fun banquet in November.

Heather Andreini – Dressage show manager Photo courtesy of Emily Lisenko



Trail News

The Equines and Vines prize ride on August 26th was a huge success! There were 39 riders and a variety of great prizes. The wine was superb and everyone had a great time. A huge thank you to all those who donated prizes and supported the event including; Bridle Trails Park Foundation, Genoa Winery, The Grange, Olson's, Firstfruits Feed, Dayville Hay and Grain, The Gift Horse, and Linda Cushman.

These events are staffed solely by volunteers and I would like to thank all the wonderful volunteers who made this event run so smoothly: Megan Rasmussen, Kelly Gode, Mary Welborn, Alice Prince, Maggie Phillips, Karen Hall, Suzanne Kagen, Mary Decher, and Jim Erckmann.

Word is getting around about LWSC's great prize rides, and folks are coming from near and far. There will be one more this year, so don't miss it.

by Jennifer Duncan



October 14th Halloween themed Scavenger Hunt Trail Ride (and costume contest!)

This is a trail ride where participants will record all of the Halloween themed objects they see along a designated trail. The individuals who identify the most objects are eligible to win a prize.

Registration opens at 9:30am. First rider out at 10:00am, last rider out at Noon. The costume contest will happen after the ride, with time to get dressed up (around 2:30pm). Prizes awarded at approximately 3:30pm.

Entry fee is \$10.00 for LWSC members, \$15.00 for non-members. No dogs, stallions, carts or ponying of rider-less horses allowed. Lunch is available for \$5.00 if ordered during pre-registration. Please help to plan the event by pre-registering.

<http://www.lakewashingtonsaddleclub.org/halloween-sh-registration-form.html>



Trail Obstacle Challenge Event

Turn out for the August 27th Trail Obstacle event was great! Overall, the experience was one of positive learning, for horse and rider. One rider, Jean Chaney, showed us all how it's done by taking her mount through the trail challenge AND ponying another horse, and still winning the contest! A video of her and Sebastian and Biscuit winning the event can be viewed here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1RNJLNIO6pY&feature=youtu.be>

Don't you just love the way she crooks her finger and the horse moves over? I wish!

Club Sponsored Field Trips!

The Saddle Club went on a **Behind the Scenes tour of Emerald Downs** on Saturday, September 9th. Some members arrived early and got to watch a few horses warming up on the track. Watching a thoroughbred run full speed down the track alone is truly breathtaking.

The tour started with valet, Al Padilla, giving us the details about what it takes to be a jockey. The valets are the people who saddle the horses before they race. He showed us the different saddles, pads and weights used to make sure that the right weight declared for the horse is met before the horse races. After the talk we got to walk through the jockey area and saw where they put their silks on and weigh in before they race. We found out that new jockeys are called bugs because there is an asterisk next to their name in the program.

Next stop was the Veterinary Hospital where horses are treated for injuries. Most owners and trainers use their own veterinarians for health issues such as colic. This hospital specializes in surgery for treating injuries related to the horse's legs.

The last area was through secure gates of the stable area. It was like entering a mini city, but mostly of stables. Emerald Downs can hold up to 1,400 horses a season. The age range a horse can race is from age 2 to 12 years old depending how well they race. In this area, people live 24 hours and there is a chapel, a dentist office, a day care and a shop where you could find anything you may need for your horse.

After the tour, they gave us tickets to enter the building that housed the restaurants and casino. Some members stayed for lunch and watched the races.



The next field trips/activities are:

September 16th – LWSC has arranged for a tour of Sweet Water Farm Akhal Teke for 20 LWSC members. The farm is located on San Juan Island and can only be reached by ferry.

September 27th – 7:00pm The Northwest Film Forum is showing a documentary about the first mule ever to compete at the national level in the competitive equestrian sport of dressage. The documentary, called “Dyna Does Dressage” (trailer at; <https://vimeo.com/121214984>) is being shown at Northwest Film Forum located at 1515 12th Ave, Seattle, WA 98122. Tickets are \$12.00 adult, \$9.00 kids (12 & under), \$9.00 seniors (62+), \$9.00 Students (with student id). Tickets can be purchased at: <https://www.localsightings.org/tickets-schedule> This is not a formal field trip but maybe we will see you there!

October 11th - 3:00pm. We are visiting a customer site that built a Barn Pro Barn with a representative from Barn Pros. To register for this field trip, go to: <http://www.lakewashingtonsaddleclub.org/barn-pros-sign-up-form.html>

Meet Heather! (Dressage Show Manager)

I was Born and raised in Washington. I currently live in Bridle Trails and count my blessings every day to live on this incredible park. I was always a horse crazy girl but did not get to realize my dream until I was 35. Found a Groupon for riding lessons and 6 equines later, at age 42, I am living my dream.

I share my life with two incredible Friesians (Heidi and Galahad) as well as a quarter horse (Sis), a mini horse (Jet), and two mini donkeys (Mr. Gunsmoke and Theodore Roosevelt). The horses enjoy dressage, trail riding, liberty work and the Friesians do tricks and roman riding. The minis are fabulous pets and Jet is ridden by my 4 year old niece and also does tricks
This will be my 6th year with the saddle club and my third year as dressage show manager for LWSC. LWSC provides wonderful opportunities for the community to participate in fun and relaxed horse shows, clinics, and trail events while supporting all of the activities and offerings of Bridle Trails state park.



Are you interested in being a Board Member?

Board positions run for two year terms. Every year positions open for reelection at the Annual Awards Banquet, this year in November. If you are interested in serving on the board, or volunteering in any capacity, please contact me: saddler@lakewashingtonsaddleclub.org

SAFE Thanks LWSC

Lake Washington Saddle Club sponsored two classes at the recent SAFE Horse Show. We received this Thank you from the SAFE organization.



Congratulations to LWSC College Scholarship Recipient – Jenny Hambleton

LWSC annually awards a \$1,000 college scholarship to an individual who is working toward a degree in equine, environmental or forestry areas of study. It must be used at a two- or four-year accredited college or university within the academic year following receipt of the scholarship. It may be used for tuition and/or fees. Candidates do not need to be LWSC members. Applications were accepted by September 1, 2017. Jenny Hambleton is earning her undergraduate degree in Animal Science at Washington State University with a long term goal of continuing her education into Veterinary Medicine. Congratulations Jenny, we are proud to be supporting your hard work and dedication!

For more information about the College Scholarship Program go to:

<http://www.lakewashingtonsaddleclub.org/college-scholarship.html>