



Lake Washington Saddler

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Wake up!!!! You've overslept!

Well, it kind of feels that way; that we are just stirring after a long, long 'nap' and it's time to get back to business. Covid19 has forced us to put so many things on a back burner. It's isolated many of us from our horsey friends. It's been hard on many and devastating for some. But, finally, a year later, we really are very close to turning the corner. Hope is in the air, and with those grand expectations, we commence what we want so badly to be a practically normal show year. I know you all missed it last year. We intend to put all our energies into making the Park ring with whinnies and laughter, and hope you will all 'show' up to join in.

Before I go on, let me say that I am once again accepting the honor of doing the Saddler newsletter, When I needed a break from this, back two years ago, Alice Prince helped me out by taking the responsibility onto her own back. I want to thank her for that break, AND, for the years and years that she put out this newsletter MONTHLY, in paper form, without the ease of digital editing. It was a great work of love on her part and a great service to the club.

I cannot hope to come anywhere near that level of creativity and commitment. As it stands, we will be doing the Saddler on a Quarterly basis. Many of you get most of your LWSC information from Facebook or from the website itself, so the Saddler isn't really necessary to keep abreast of the show schedules and such. Let us, however, keep it as a place to share tidbits of community news, along with our calendar, photos, stories, for sale ads, purple horse misadventures, etc. Please do not hesitate to use the above link, at the top of the page, to send me any thing that you feel you'd like to share. I am at your service!

Caroline Callender

First up, RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP! Please.

I know, same old , same old. Been there, heard that. We say this every year, but it is true every year. We need you all to renew your membership now, before you start into your show year. You want all your hard earned points to work toward your possible year end awards , which are limited to those with membership valid at time of actually competing.

Get'er done link: <https://www.lakewashingtonsaddleclub.org/membership.html>

Let's get started with checking out our Calendar, and first events of the year!

The 2021 LWSC Event Calendar:

- Hunter / Jumper – May 8-9, June 5-6, August 21-22 and September 18-19
- Dressage – June 13, July 11, August 8, September 12
- English / Western Schooling Show – May 22, July 24
- Academy Clinic – May 22
- Academy Hunter/Jumper Schooling Show – May 23, July 25, September 11
- Prize Rides – April 11 (Easter Theme), August 14 Equine & Vines
- Trail Obstacle Training Day & Challenge, April 11, August 15
- Nancy Free - Hunter/Jumper Clinic – May 1-2
- Julie Carpenter Horsemanship Clinic – June 30 – July 4
- Juliette Cimitiere Liberty Clinic – July 10

Easter themed Prize Ride - April 10th

Jennifer Duncan is once again hosting a fun prize ride. It's going to be a bit different than usual, due to those pesky Covid safety rules! But, we are still going to have fun. Most important to keep in mind is that **PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED, AND IT CLOSES APRIL 8TH.** Full details are here:

<https://www.lakewashingtonsaddleclub.org/trail-riding-events.html>

First Obstacle Training and Challenge Event - April 11th

Robin Foster is once again hosting these events. A variety of "interesting" objects and challenges will be set up around the arena, and you will be free to experiment with and experience them at your own pace in a safe and supervised environment.

Due to Covid restrictions, attendance needs to be closely managed. As a result, three trail obstacle open ride times are available (9am - 11am, 11am - 1pm, 1pm-3pm) with up to 10 horse/rider pairs during each time window. Tickets prices will be \$10.00 per time window and must be paid in advance during online registration. Most important to keep in mind is that **PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED, AND IT CLOSSES APRIL 9TH.** Full details are here:

<https://www.lakewashingtonsaddleclub.org/trail-obstacle-training.html>

Hunter/Jumper News

Hello from your excited-for-spring H/J Show Team!

As we are writing this, there is a hint of blue sky and sunshine, which makes it a perfect day for us to check in with you on our upcoming show season. First, we ARE on track to have a show season in 2021! We do have to make some changes to account for the COVID restrictions, but we know you are as excited as we are to get back into the ring.

This year, we are planning again to have two show series: Classic Hunter/Jumper (4 shows) and Academy Hunter/Jumper (3 shows). Please visit our website (www.lakewashingtonsaddleclub.org) to learn more about these show series and see if one of them is right for you.

Due to COVID, we have some unique restrictions that are being placed upon our facility and ability to host shows. One of the primary constraints is that we are only allowed to have 50% capacity of our parking lot. To allow for as many haul-in riders as possible, ALL trailers bringing horses who are using stalls must leave the facility by 8pm on Friday night and may not return to pick horses up until after 3pm on Sunday.

Stalls for the Classic H/J shows, until COVID restrictions are lifted, will be assigned by priority using the following criteria:

1. Current LWSC Membership
2. Show staff and full weekend volunteers
3. Distance traveled and need to stay in hotels
4. Attendance AND class entry for both days

5. Inability to haul in and out daily (e.g. trainers with multiple loads of horses using the same trailer)
6. Priority of one show weekend vs another

Registration this year is a two-part process.

1. Go to www.lakewashingtonsaddleclub.org/hunterjumper.html, and scroll down to the 2021 Trailering and Stabling Form. You MUST fill out this form for your HorseShowTime entry to be valid!
2. When the show entry opens on HorseShowTime, and you have already filled out the form in step 1, you may complete your registration.

We are looking forward to seeing you in the show ring!

Wear your mask, wash your hands, and enjoy the sunlight peeking through the clouds.

-Your H/J show team

Board Member Elections

Due to the Covid 19 pandemic, we were unable to hold an in person Annual Meeting to perform this election last year. In concurrence with our bylaws, we held an online vote in September/October of 2020.

As a result of that online election, the following individuals were re-elected to the Board of Lake Washington Saddle Club:



Caitlyn Dwyer



Jennifer
Duncan



Karen Hall



Suzanne Hitz



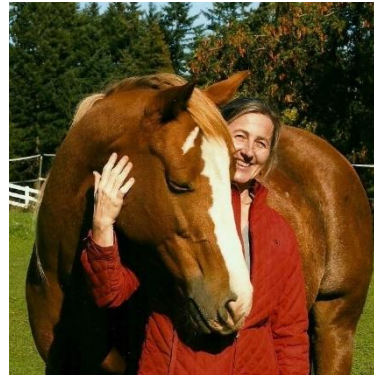
Beth Novak

Additional Board Members (their terms continue through 2021) include **Jodi Gearon, Indra Krastins, Karen Perry, Maggie Phillips and Kate Sharkey.**

Welcome Back Robin Foster!

We feel so fortunate that in January 2021, Robin Foster agreed to be appointed to the Board to fill a vacant seat.

Robin has been on the Board in the past and is currently the show manager for our English/Western Schooling Show and the Obstacle Training Day events. Thank you Robin for your willingness to serve on the Board and for all you do for LWSC.



Thank You!!

We have two Board Members that left the Board at the end of 2020.

Many thanks to **Caroline Callender** for her many years of service. Caroline served as Saddler Editor and chaired the Banquet Committee. She also helped with the Prize Rides, Obstacle, and many other events. We sincerely appreciate all her hard work on behalf of LWSC and we will miss her input on the Board. Luckily for us, her future plans include continuing to manage the Saddler!



Also, many thanks to **Candice Boyd** for her hard work for LWSC. Candice led the Field Trips effort with trips to Pegasus, Emerald Downs and other great destinations. Candice also created the Glassybaby sales program, managed the Liberty Clinic with Juliette and helped with the Banquet, Prize Rides, Obstacle events, etc. She will be missed on the Board, but we are hoping she plans to stay involved.



Caroline and Candice – we send our sincere thanks for your dedication, enthusiasm, and genuine teamwork. We will miss you both so much – don't be a stranger!

We Are Looking for New Board Members!

Lake Washington Saddle Club has open positions for the Board. Service on the Board is for a term of two years. Board meetings are held the first Wednesday of every month at 7:00pm. With the pandemic, meetings are held virtually. The Board has discussed continuing this practice with meetings having a mix of in person and virtual. Meetings are typically attended by all Board Members, Bridle Trails Park Rangers and key personnel such as show managers, membership focal, etc. The agenda typically covers a wide range of topics including Park maintenance/news, event planning, Club management, special projects and financial updates. Meetings can last more than two hours depending upon the agenda. We try hard to end by 9:00pm.

Lake Washington Saddle Club Board is a “working” Board. What that means is that Board members should expect to help with Club activities. Involvement is based on a Board member interests and time. Activities can be one-time special projects or on-going roles.

We have a Nominating Committee that will talk with any prospective Board member to answer questions, understand interests, and provide general information. The Nominating Committee will present recommendations to the Board. The open positions will then be filled by Board appointments to complete current terms.

If you enjoy LWSC activities, love Bridle Trails State Park, want to make new friends and can give a bit of your time and energy, please consider serving on the Board of Lake Washington Saddle Club. It is fun and extremely rewarding. If you have questions, or would like to talk more about it, contact Jennifer at president@lakewashingtonsaddleclub.org.

Dressage Show Managers Update

We are pleased to introduce our new Dressage Show Managers. We have a team of sisters who are excited to take on the challenge of these shows.

Please help me in welcoming Aubrey Adler and Alexandra Adler.

There will be four Dressage Schooling shows in 2021. Our Dressage shows are a great way to start showing in this discipline. The show is relaxed and a great environment for a novice rider or young horse to get used to being at shows.

The shows support the range of Dressage tests so whether you are riding Training Level or Third level, western, gaited, eventing, etc. you can practice your test at these events and get some great advice from terrific judges.



So mark your calendar for these dates:

- June 13th
- July 11th
- August 8th
- September 12th

Be sure to thank Aubrey and Alexandra for joining our show management team. Also be sure to **thank our hard-working Dressage Show Secretary – Indra Krastins** who is returning to help with the running of the shows.



We want to extend our warmest well wishes and a huge **THANK YOU to our outgoing Dressage Show Manager, Heather Andreini.** Heather we appreciate all your hard work for LWSC and hope to see you at the shows.

LWSC 75th Anniversary Raffle Winners

We had hoped for a big party in 2020 to celebrate the Club's 75th Anniversary but that is not meant to be. However, we still celebrated with some self-guided and safe activities that we hope you enjoyed.

We posted photos and articles on the Lake Washington Saddle Club social media pages from our LWSC Scrapbooks that go back to 1945. From the letter that started it all... to the memorable 4th of July Shows... to our efforts to protect the Park... we took a walk down memory lane virtually.

We put up a 75th Anniversary banner at the showgrounds by the Warm Up arena and also put out history posters on the Trillium trail. If you missed seeing the posters on the trail, you can view them on our web site at this link;

http://www.lakewashingtonsaddleclub.org/uploads/1/0/0/6/100699188/anniversary_posters.pdf

We incorporated a raffle into the mix by encouraging people to take a selfie with that banner or with the history posters and enter the raffle on our web site.

We are pleased to announce the following winners of the raffle. Each winner received a \$100 gift card to the local equestrian business of their choice. Congratulations winners and thank you for participating!



Megan Davidson



Beverly Garnes



Laura Oliver

75th Anniversary Glassybaby's Still Available

We still have a few of our specially commissioned 75th Anniversary Glassybaby candle holders available. This engraved Glassybaby candle holder has been created to mark this special milestone. Get yours soon before they are gone.

Cost: \$75.00

To order, go to:

<https://www.lakewashingtonsaddleclub.org/glassybaby-order-form.html>



New Mounting Blocks

As many of you may have noticed, there are some new mounting blocks strategically placed within Bridle Trails State Park. In the past the Park Ranger has fashioned mounting blocks out of fallen logs but it was decided that a more durable option was needed. The logs decay and get rather “tippy” so LWSC did some research and found a mounting block option that we hope blends into the Park since they are green and will be durable since they are heavy duty plastic. They are three step and are taller than typical mounting blocks. So far people seem pleased with them. They have been placed at the sound end of the parking lot, near the barn, at the powerline arena and also at a number of entrances along 60th and 132nd for those riding in. The mounting blocks have also been placed next to the two new benches on the Trillium Trail. The mounting blocks are funded by LWSC and installed by our Park Rangers, we hope you find them useful.

Member News

Here are some tidbits of news we have heard. Covid has been such an isolating experience. If you know of someone celebrating a success or needing cheering up, please send Caroline the news to strengthen our sense of community.

- **Kate Sharkey and husband Chris** welcomed a daughter, born 12/3/20. We are excited to welcome Henrietta “Hattie” Sharkey. Hattie is already enjoying riding her 28 year old pony Chico.



- **Mary Decher** has a new horse. A lovely Morgan gelding named Boston. It was difficult to suddenly lose Dave who was such a great horse but we know she is enjoying Boston and can be seen riding in the Park routinely. Congratulations Mary!



- **Rosie Carey** acquired a lovely buckskin gaited horse named Gus and enjoyed a summer filled with mountain camping trips riding to her hearts content. The not so good news is that late last year Rosie had a fall while hand walking Gus and broke her leg! She is expected to recover and is looking forward to riding in the new year. We are sending healing thoughts and congratulation on finding a great equine partner!



- **Maggie Phillips** also has a new horse, a gray quarter horse named Sterling. She retired her mustang Fresca and is so happy to be back to riding regularly.



- Back in February 2020, **Kate Sharkey** acquired a stunning 3 y/o Kentucky bred OTTB gelding named Fenway. But most importantly, Kate and husband Chris welcomed their daughter Hattie in October 2020. Hattie already has her first pony! Congratulations Kate!



- Caitlyn Dwyer also has a new horse. OTTB named Mando. He is related to her other two geldings, Launching Pad and Bronster. She says this is the closest thing she will get to her two lovely geldings having a baby! Congratulations Caitlyn, he is so handsome.



- We just learned that **Vickie Loe** lost her Arab gelding ZZ recently. We send our heartfelt sympathy to Vickie and all those who loved ZZ, he was such a special horse.



- Sending congratulations and healing vibes to **Suzi Crickmore**. She has been going through some health issues and we want her to know we are excited to hear she is on the mend. Keep up the good work Suzi, your journey has been an inspiration to so many.
- And also to our healing wishes to **Vicki Loe**, who took a spill off her Fresian Diablo in the park in mid March (could it be the 'ides of March bad luck?) She will only be riding her 'bed' for awhile . May you knit stronger than before!

- **Mary Meeks** of Bridlewood Circle welcomes a new horse. Asked to introduce him, she wrote: “Jake is a Paint gelding of a certain age who comes to Bridlewood having most recently been a professional educator/camp counselor with Girl Scouts of Western Washington. He looks forward to an active retirement on the trails in the area. He is adjusting well to his assisted living accommodations, though he notices a distinct lack of Thin Mints in the facility. He hopes to meet you soon!”



An update from our long time dressage show manager, **Heather Andreini**

“We moved last summer and have been doing non-stop projects around the farm. Zeus joined us at the end of November from the Netherlands and is from the same barn that our Eros is from. The 3 Friesian boys have so much fun together. Eros and Zeus are trained to drive so I have ordered a carriage from the Netherlands and plan to compete with them as a driving pair soon.

The Bridle Trails Park Foundation has been busy filming a series of “all about equines” to educate non equestrians about basic care, safety, and fun facts about our equine partners. The black horse farm horses will be featured in some of the videos as well as some upcoming saddle club events. Watch for those to be posted at bridletrails.org “

Artist Available to Paint your horse's portrait.

Would you like to have a beloved horse immortalized in watercolors? I am taking commissions for watercolor or monochromatic ink wash portraits. I have many examples of my work to share, if you would like to discuss a commission. These paintings make wonderful tributes to our equine family members who have passed over the Rainbow Bridge. I do Cats and Dogs, too. Email Caroline at: Caroline_Callender@hotmail.com

