



Help Celebrate LWSC's 75th Anniversary!

We have four activities that we hope you will enjoy and participate in with or without a horse:

1. **Enjoy reading and seeing pictures about our history!** We will post photos and articles on the LWSC social media pages from our LWSC Scrapbooks that go back to 1945.
2. **Share your history and experience with Lake Washington Saddle Club.** We are encouraging folks to dig out their own photos, scan them if needed and share them on our social media pages by tagging #LakeWashingtonSaddleClub. Or tell us a favorite experience you had with the Club.
3. **Go for a self-guided trail ride/hike and take a selfie.** Take a selfie with the Anniversary banner or with one of the history posters on the Trillium Trail. Post on social media with #LakeWashingtonSaddleClub. Start of Trillium Trail is up the hill from the parking lot at the kiosk. Please practice social distancing and stay safe!
4. **Upload Your Photo and Enter Our Anniversary Raffle to Win a Prize.** Use the QR Code below to upload either the photo with the Anniversary Banner or with the History signs and enter our Anniversary Raffle.





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Lake Washington Saddle Club was started in 1945 with this letter...

A Dream Is Born . . .

**Copy of One of the Original Letters
That Started Our Club:**

DEAR MR. & MRS. HUFF:

JANUARY 9, 1945

IT HAS OFTEN BEEN MENTIONED AMONG THOSE IN OUR COMMUNITY WHO OWN HORSES OR LIKE TO RIDE, THAT SOME SORT OF ORGANIZATION SHOULD BE MADE SO THAT THIS HOBBY, AND ALSO ASSOCIATION WITH OTHERS INTERESTED IN THIS HOBBY COULD BE MORE FULLY ENJOYED.

AS AN ORGANIZED GROUP, IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO SPONSOR MANY ACTIVITIES WHICH WOULD AROUSE REAL ENTHUSIASM AMONG THE MEMBERS.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN CARRYING OUT SUCH A PLAN, A DATE WILL BE SET ASIDE FOR ORGANIZING THIS GROUP. AT THAT TIME YOU SHOULD HAVE IN MIND ANY IDEAS PERTINENT TO THE MATTER AT HAND.

PLEASE CONTACT THE UNDERSIGNED, AS SOON AS POSSIBLE IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN THE FORMATION OF SUCH AN ORGANIZATION.

SINCERELY YOURS,

/s/ MISS BETTYLEA GIBBONS
AND
/s/ MISS ANNE CROASDILL



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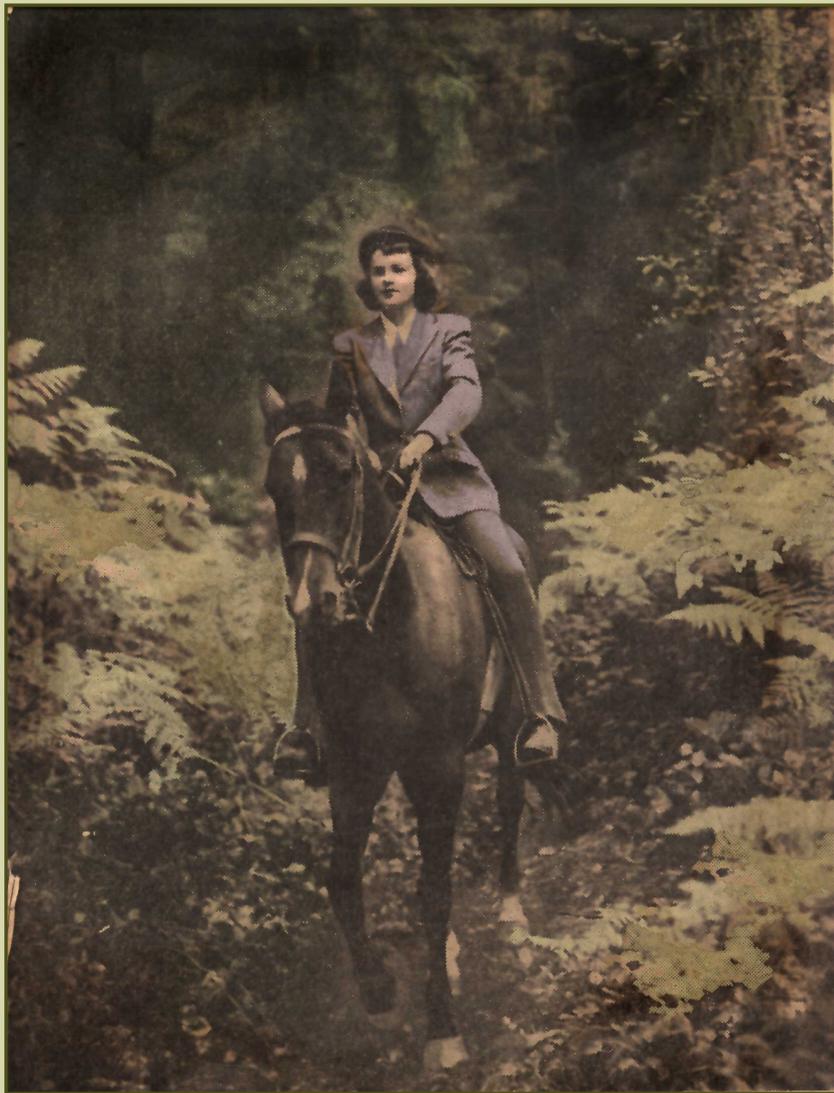
We are still jumping... But helmets are required now!





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We still enjoy and cherish this beautiful forest...





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We have a long history of protecting this wonderful Park

Saddle Club Plans to Protect Bridal Trails

Recognition of the Bridal Trail State Park as an asset of inestimable value to the whole community has been given by the Lake Washington Saddle Club through the appointment of a committee especially designated to cooperate with state officials and the state patrol in its development and preservation.

Mr. W. M. Hibbard, who has been active in this work for more than a year, is chairman of this new State Park Committee.

A number of years ago this tract was set aside by the State Park Commission for the use of the horse lovers of the East Side. It constitutes the last open country in this territory where horsemen might enjoy their particular pleasure in safety. In consequence automobiles and motorcycles are prohibited from using the narrow trails as they would form a grave menace to the scores of horsemen who are constantly riding through the most beautiful trails and byways left in the whole Northwest.

Through cooperation with the Park Commission, the State Forestry Department and the State Patrol, it is planned that constant vigil shall be kept not only through the park but throughout the whole neighborhood so that the wanton destruction of the woods and the wildflowers may be lessened and prevented. Mr. Hibbard's committee will seek the cooperation of all of those interested in the preservation of the natural scenic beauty of the whole area and such unsightly and unthinking practices as the indiscriminate scattering of garbage along the highways and in the park will be eliminated as far as possible.

Protection as a horse park — 1945

Lake Washington Saddle Club Entertains State Officials

Honor guests at the dinner meeting of the Lake Washington Saddle Club held last Saturday night at the Highland Clubhouse were Mr. Paul Martin, Director of the State Parks Commission, and Mr. George Elvill, State Parks Architect. To a group of over a hundred Saddle Club members, Mr. Martin stated that he was "greatly impressed by the large membership of the Saddle Club," adding, "I can hardly wait to get back to Olympia to tell about it. I appreciate being here tonight and being able to hear the sentiments relative to the Bridal Trails State Park."

Giving his assurance of cooperation with the Saddle Club's program of maintaining and improving the State Park, located northeast of Bellevue, Mr. Martin said that permits would be issued to sixty or seventy members of the club for policing the Park during hunting season. He further stated that a state park is automatically closed to hunting, and while no special allotments had as yet been made for large scale improvements in the Park, there would be sufficient funds available for "closed area" signs to be posted in the Park by Saddle Club members on authority of the State Parks Committee. He reiterated that not only is the Bridal Trails State Park an area closed to hunters, but persons entering the Park are not allowed to carry firearms.

In reply to questions by members, Mr. Martin added that the Park is a State Park, and not school land; that automobiles are prohibited in the Park, and that the Saddle Club will be empowered to prevent promiscuous cutting of trees in the Park.

Following Mr. Martin's talk, some changes were made in the schedule for the overnight ride to Newcastle Mountain, to be held next Saturday. Saddle Club members who are able to leave during the day will meet Mr. Joe Kamp at the corner of 8th Street and Newcastle Road at 1:30 p.m. Instead of 1:00 as previously announced. Those who are unable to get away before evening may meet with Mr. Frank Wright at the same location at 7:00 Saturday evening for the ride. Food for members and their horses will be trucked up to the mountain. Sleeping bags and bedding rolls should be left at the Kamp residence on N.E. 24th ahead of time. The charge for the ride will be \$2.00 per person.

Members of the Lake Washington Saddle Club who placed in the horse show at the Kirkland Summer Festival last Sunday were Tony Wallace, first in

Pole Bending with his horse "Trigger"; Larry O'Farrell, 2nd in "Tony"; Pat Jones, 2nd place in Musical Chairs on "Shamrock"; Harold McBride, 2nd in Pinto Class on "King"; Barbara Mason, 1st in Appaloosa on her two-year-old Appaloosa; Rudy Elmgren, 2nd in Appaloosa Class on "Fancy"; and Art Hughes, 3rd in Parade Horse Class on his Palomino.

Saddle Club to Hold Dinner Meet

The Lake Washington Saddle Club will hold its August dinner meeting Saturday night, August 17, at the Highland Clubhouse. The meeting will begin with dinner at 7:30, to be followed by showing of moving pictures of the last Parade and Gymkhana. Members planning to attend the dinner are requested to notify Mrs. Russell Brackett at Lake side 283-R. All members who have moving pictures of the Gymkhana are urged to request to bring them to the meeting, or to call Mrs. Joseph Kamp, who will leave for an overnight ride to Dr. John Schori's land on Newcastle Mountain.

The party will meet at one o'clock Saturday afternoon at the corner of 8th street and Newcastle Road in the Highlands. Food for members and their horses will be trucked up to the mountain, as will members' sleeping bags. Those interested in going on the ride may call the Kamp residence at 284-W, and are requested to bring their sleeping bags to the Kamp's home ahead of time for packing.

With a "tally-ho," a "lively" and other equestrian expressions, the Joe Kampp's were off last Saturday for a weekend with the Saddle Club on beautiful Newcastle Mt. Not so simple as it sounds, the trip required a preliminary jaunt with car and trailer to carry supplies (including hay) to the camp site offered for the occasion by Dr. Schori, the lucky property owner. Then back home again, Mr. and Mrs. Joe mounted their mounts (!) and joined the rest of the club members, who all rode up together. Mr. Kamp, we learned, is Master of the "ride," which sounds to us like a far cry from an Old Cowhand.

State endorses LWSC stewardship. 60-70 members patrol in hunting season — 1946

Horsemen Patrols For 'Tree-Nappers'



Two "villains" were photographed in the illegal act of "chopping" down a Christmas tree last week in Bridle Trails State Park. The two "culprits" are Dick Evans, who is doing the "cutting" and Dr. Roy Toole, holding the tree. Both are members of the Lake Washington Saddle Club, which patrols the park during the Christmas season to protect the trees from the annual onslaught of Christmas tree hunters. The club has 14 members deputized by the County Sheriff to patrol the park. Evans and Toole actually are among the deputies, but volunteered to play the role of the "villains!"

LWSC had 14 members deputized by County Sherriff to patrol the park — 1964

Horses May Lose Stable Life



By BYRON FISH

If they had let horses vote in the recent Bridle Trails incorporation election, incorporation would have been approved. We have this tip straight from the horses' mouth. King County residents who are not familiar with the area may think Bridle Trails is only a park. Some even think the name must come from Lovers' Lanes in it, and that the spelling is Bridle Trails.

Actually, the area around the park northeast of Bellevue is King County's Horse Heaven for urbanite steeds. Hundreds of them live there in neat stables and corrals, surrounded by ranchhouse ramblers.

The setting looks tranquil, but the horses are engaged in an underground struggle for a stable life. Horses need space for graze-lous living. The second Lake Washington Bridge is aimed like a dagger at large-lot zoning, if not at Bridle Trails Park itself.

IT IS THE 'OLD story of the encroaching city. How long can single residences hold out against multiple residence zoning? How long can multiple residences hold out against commercial classification? How long can horse owners hold out against real-estate men?

That was the underlying question in the recent incorporation vote. Suburban horseowners are in an unhappy position to defend their own interests and — in the case of Bridle Trails Park — perhaps the public interest.

Since it takes money to own, feed and equip a horse, and more land than is needed for families composed only of humans, horseowners seldom are considered underprivileged. It is hard for them to gain a sympathetic audience.

But look at it this way: Lots of hobbyists are a little hairy. Some of them raise

privately, by the Lake Washington Saddle Club. The club raises the money from its annual Horse Show, which will be next Friday, Saturday and Sunday in the park's riding ring. The new lake bridge will make the park worth a couple of million dollars in small-lot residential development. Can the public schools withstand that temptation against the few thousand dollars it gets in annual rent? Maybe the state could swap the schools for land elsewhere. Horses or not, we think Bridle Trails should be pinned down now, as a genuine state park before a crisis arises over it.

By HIS MARK

Bridle relief

A law to reduce pressure to abandon Trails Park may be to the next state legislature. State Senator Albert Jr. said this week.

Redmond Files Action To Collect Taxes

Redmond, which only recently got the county and a group of Bridle Trails residents to agree that Redmond had annexed an area once called by all yesterday filed suit to collect taxes on the land.

Redmond, contending that its annexation of the land southwest of Redmond actually dated back to 1962, asked the Superior Court to order the county to return part of the county taxes paid on the lands and order future collection of taxes for Redmond.

The county, until the recent court settlement of the county-Bridle Trails-Redmond dispute, had refused to recognize Redmond's claim to the square-mile area.

The county had opposed no disturbance of the then status quo until an election Tuesday was held on formation of a new town in Bridle Trails. The Tuesday vote failed.

Advocating for making BT a State Park & protecting equestrian use. LWSC maintained the park. — 1963

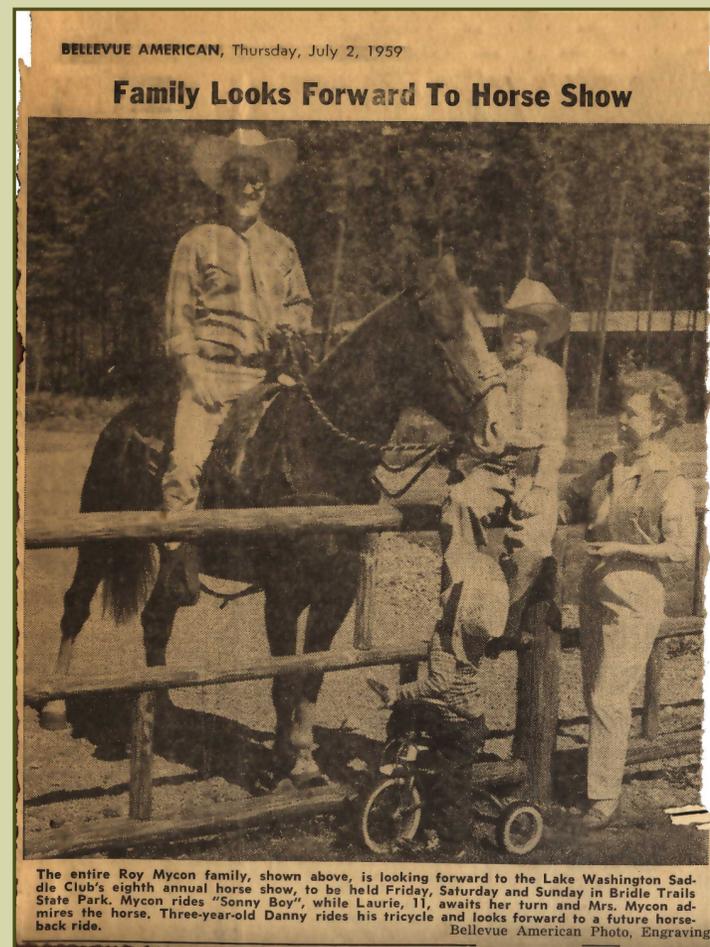


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Our shows are all about learning and gaining experience in a fun and nurturing atmosphere



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We hold events that encourage fun and friendship

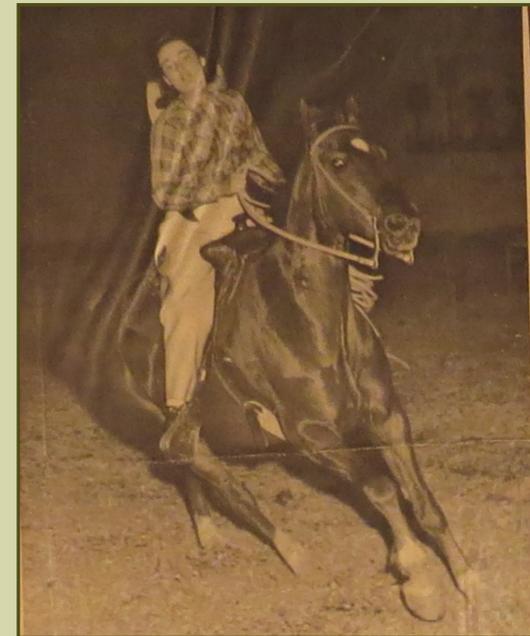
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Thrills On Horseback At Bridle Trails Ring

Something new on the Eastside which should provide good spectating whether one likes horses or not — the Western Games and Drill Teams Division Telegraphic meet at the Bridle Trails State Park Ring on 116th north of Northrup Road, this Sunday, June 27. If you haven't seen people on horses in a team barrel race, pole bending, 4 rider baton race, barrel race relay or trailer race, don't miss this Sunday's exciting events. Clubs competing at the Bridle Trails ring include the Lake Washington Saddle Club, Pegasus Club, Flying Horseshoe Saddle Club, Snohomish County Sheriff's Office, Hollywood Hills Riders, Lazy B Cowpokes, Evergreen Saddle Drifters, South Seattle Saddle Club, Sunnyside Saddle Club, the Alderwood Manor, Monroe Trail Riders and Westerners. These clubs will compete against other clubs riding at Rainier and Cashmere, where the next two meets will be held. Late events are Timed Events and results will be radioed from the location after each event.

Thursday, June 30, 1955

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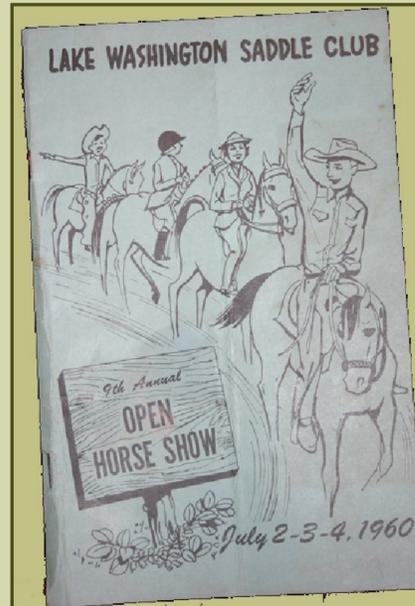


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LWSC 4th of July Show was held for many years and was epic! All breeds of horses and all types of riding disciplines



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- ☆ Morgans
- ☆ Appaloosas
- ☆ Hunters
- ☆ Jumpers

BRIDLE TRAILS STATE PARK

Bellevue - Kirkland Area
(116th Avenue N.E. at N.E. 53rd Street)

3 SHOWS DAILY



ADMISSION FREE

Olympic Equestrian Rich Feller and
Sure Chic—1977



Today Our Shows Also Support Many Types of Riding



Hunter classes are judged on the horse's rhythm, form and movement.



Jumper classes focus on getting as close to optimum time as possible without any penalties.



Obstacle training develops calmness, responsiveness to aides, and trust



Dressage tests the ability of horse and rider to perform a series of predetermined movements that vary in difficulty.



English/Western flat classes are judged on the horse's performance and on the riders ability.





The common bond LWSC members share is a devotion and love for horses... they are so special!





Please Respect The Long History of This Equestrian Park By Helping To Keep It Safe For Horses

- **No bicycles or motor vehicles allowed. This includes hover boards, one wheel skateboards, unicycles, tricycles, you get the idea!**
- **Dogs must be on leash.** Absolutely no exceptions. Dogs off leash create a hazard. Horses will kick if threatened. Horses startled by dogs off leash can bolt and unseat their rider, causing significant injury. Your dog may be friendly and well trained, but the rules still apply. This is a safety issue, please respect this rule.
- **Equestrians have the right-of-way.** Horses are prey animals, their instinct is to flee in any scary situation. Pedestrians, including runners, encountering horses should stop, make their presence known and step to the side of the trail (but don't hide behind a tree!). Wait for the horse to pass or equestrian lets you know you can continue.
- **Pedestrians and equestrians must remain on trails.**
- **Consider running without ear buds or with just one.** That way you can hear a horse coming.
- **Consider leaving the stroller at home.** They are very scary to a lot of horses!



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75 Years and Still Going Strong!

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