



# Lake Washington Saddler

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## Now is a great time to renew your membership!

Let's start off the 'roaring twenties' by renewing our memberships! If you are a NEW member who just joined and paid your fee in November or December of last year, your membership fee will include 2020. Use this link to renew online or access mail in forms:

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

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**There have been questions as to whether or not a person can qualify for year-end awards if they join the club AFTER earning points at shows. This paragraph from our website should help clarify that:**

### Year End Award Eligibility

At the end of the show season, show management compiles data from the results of the entire season's shows and calculates the year end winners. Results from Hunter/Jumper, Dressage, English/Western Schooling and Academy Hunter/Jumper shows are within the scope of those calculations **for those who were members in good standing at the time of individual shows**. A member in good standing is defined as someone whose individual or family membership fee has been paid in full on or before the day of a show. **So for example, if a member attends all Hunter/Jumper shows in a given year but only renewed their membership in August, points for the shows prior to August would not be included in the year end awards calculation.** Awards and prizes are handed out at the year end banquet.

For any questions or concerns regarding membership, please send email to [membership@lakewashingtonsaddleclub.org](mailto:membership@lakewashingtonsaddleclub.org)

## 2019 Year End Awards Banquet and Auction report!

Another successful show season came to a delightful conclusion with our annual awards banquet. This year we had 174 official guests! Yep, those tables were a bit crowded. (We may need to consider a different, larger venue for next year). But, everyone had a grand time meeting up with their barn besties and their families. The program was packed with information. Jennifer Duncan, LWSC president, delivered the annual address that said, basically, that our club is doing well, we are working hard to preserve, protect and promote the equestrian lifestyle and our future is bright! **John Ernster, the State Parks Area Manager** and his wife were able to attend this year. John is a strong supporter of LWSC and we appreciate that he was able to attend the Banquet and say a few words. Bridle Trails Ranger Matt Birkliid, was not able to attend but he sent a short message of appreciation to everyone.



In a wonderful and generous show of solidarity, the **Bridle Trails Park Foundation** kindly sponsored all the wine on the tables, both red and white. The partnership we have with this terrific organization gets stronger each year and we sincerely appreciate their generous donation!



The auction was a big success. Many thanks to those who worked so hard on both the auction and the banquet planning. They are too many to list! Let me just say that the work required to put on these events is considerable, and it truly does take a 'village'.



<The absolute BEST dessert dash in club history!!!!

## 2019 Annual Award Winners

Our sincere and heartfelt congratulations to the following winners of LWSC's 2019 Annual Awards:

**Service Award** – This award is given to a member who has worked hard for the Club this year. They have shown a true dedication and enthusiasm for the Club, the Park, Club activities, etc.

- The 2019 Service Award was presented to **Caroline Callender**. Caroline has been a dedicated volunteer as a LWSC Board member, Saddler Editor and for a variety of Club activities including this Banquet, the Prize Rides and lots of other Club events. As a talented artist Caroline has applied her skills in creative ways to help the Club and Foundation. She designed an entire craft class for our Girl Scout Equestrian Event this year and is the organizer of the face painting activity at the Foundation's Party In The Park.

**Mother Of The Year** – This award is given each year to the Mom who goes that extra mile to support her children's equestrian efforts. For 2019, this award is being shared by two terrific Mom's:

- **Wanee Holzman** - Wanee has 2 incredible children that ride with Juliane Henry. Wanee supports her daughters' passion for horses and encourages their growth in riding. Wanee is also a rider and her passion for horses is huge. These girls are lucky to have such a great mom.
- **Beth Novak** - Beth is an amazing role model for her daughter and everyone else around her. When needed, Beth willingly put her showing aside and shared her mount with her kid. She has volunteered countless hours to the h/j and academy shows this year with a smile on her face and a willingness to get things done. Beth always seems to have her daughter's best interest in mind and steps up to make Alexis' dreams a reality.

**Father Of The Year** – This award is given each year to a Dad who always volunteers to roll up his sleeves and help or is always there for moral support

- **Eddie Seabold** - He jumped in and helped do jump crew at every show this year in the little ring. He went over courses. He held ponies. He polished boots. He help groom and tack up. He made runs back to the barn for forgotten hairnets and crops. He did coffee runs. He celebrated victories and encouraged when there was disappointment. From someone that was terrified of horses just 2 years ago, he certainly has come a long way!

**Trainer of The Year** - This award is given each year to a trainer who has provided exceptional guidance and support, helped their students learn good horsemanship, overcome specific challenges, or inspired them to achieve their goals. The 2019 Trainer of the Year is Juliane Henry, a Dressage trainer.

- **Juliane Henry** is a horse trainer every child should have. She instills in her students an incredible sense of empowerment by giving them the responsibility to handle the horses from the start of a lesson to the finish. The kids acquire a wonderful sense of self confidence handling

these large animals under her watchful eye. With her quiet demeanor she is patient, yet firm and uses humor to get many of her points across to the kids. The atmosphere she has created for our kids is incredibly welcoming and her passion for her horses is apparent every time you see her with them. She inspires our kids by allowing them to make mistakes and learn from them and most importantly, understand the bond between child and horse. Her ability to create amazing childhood memories for kids is exactly why she has been awarded 2019 Trainer of the Year.

**Horse of the Year** – Our horse of the year for 2019 is Kiwi. Congratulations!

- **Kiwi aka CTF Solaris** - Owned by Karen Perry and Shannon Peavey. Karen stated "Kiwi has shepherded several riders from ground poles to the 2'3. She is generous about taking care of her beginner riders. She will trot around at an appropriate pace like a metronome. As the riders progress she can take on the role of "tattletale" - telling the instructor that her rider is crooked or perhaps using too much rein. Once they are ready to show she helps them progress from ground poles to the big ring. She is a beautiful mover and often wins the flat classes for her kids. Although she did not choose to be a school horse, and perhaps is over qualified, she has delighted not only her students but her breeder and owners, Karen Perry and daughter- Shannon.

### **Senior Sportsmanship**

- **Olivia Gluth** Liv is tirelessly, selflessly helpful. She's always the first to volunteer and the last to stop working. She is tremendously dedicated to supporting others and she always puts the horse's welfare first.

### **Junior Sportsmanship**

- **Ella Petrou**- "Ella's smile and positive attitude is infectious. She is an earnest competitor who strives to learn and improve. Her desire to gain knowledge of her sport is mature for her young age. When she is not riding she can be found helping out. She happily jumps on less-than-popular tasks like mucking stalls for our team or manure patrol. She showed up to both Academy Shows this year and put in full days of volunteering. She regularly seeks chances to work around the barn to earn extra time in the saddle and has developed a very special bond with the pony she has shown this season, Ever So Clever. She set a goal at the beginning of the year to place in the LWSC Medals on him and she's done just that at every H/J show this season. Her dedication to this goal has been inspiring; she's typically the youngest in the class riding a chunky pony in a sea of bigger horses. We have a lot of amazing junior LWSC members, but Ella definitely sticks out as someone deserving of this award.

**Purple Horse Awards** – These small awards are tokens of sympathy and encouragement that are given to members we heard about who had an injury either on, or around their horse. We hope that 2020 finds them recovered and feeling good.

- **Jen Hambleton** - During Jenny's time in Kentucky working on a horse farm, she was stepped on, bitten, ligaments torn in her wrist, run over by two different mares on the same day resulting in broken ribs and straining muscles in her back.
- **Aubrey Adler** Aubrey suffered a level two traumatic brain injury when a horse flipped over backwards on her. As soon as she was cleared by the doctors to start riding again she was back on whatever horse came her way.
- **Kate Cunningham** Kate is an excellent rider and unfortunately a horse she was on reared and landed on her; breaking her pelvis in 3 places, breaking bones in her spine, and de-gloving her back. She has gone through multiple surgeries and is looking forward past it all.
- **Suzanne Hitzman** - A ride down a country lane and a couple of cows caused a tumble.
- **Karen Hall** – Unfortunately this is, we think, the 3<sup>rd</sup> year in a row that Karen has received a purple horse. We hope 2020 breaks this streak.

## **New - The Alice Prince "Friend of Bridle Trails" Award**



We are excited to announce a new annual award and perpetual trophy called the Alice Prince Friend of Bridle Trails award. For those of you who do not know Alice, she is a long time Saddle Club member since the mid-1970's and was a Board member almost all of that time. Also, she and her husband Don, were the driving force behind the creation of the Bridle Trails Park Foundation. They negotiated the agreement and formed the initial Board. To say that Alice loves Bridle Trails State Park and LWSC doesn't really convey the dedication and energy she has put into making sure the Park is protected. We have created this new perpetual trophy using a

Waterford crystal horse statue that Alice's mother gave her. This award will be given each year to an individual who has demonstrated their dedication and support for Bridle Trails. It would not necessarily have to be a LWSC member.

I am proud to announce that the first recipient of this award is long time Bridle Trails resident **Mary Decher**. Mary and husband Reiner can always be counted on to help with projects that help preserve or enhance Bridle Trails. Mary is on the Board of the Bridle Trails Park Foundation, organizes the entertainment for their Party In The Park, helps with all the trail events and can be found walking or riding in the park on a regular basis. Mary's love and



support for the Bridle Trails neighborhood and Park are exactly what we hope to recognize and celebrate with this new award. Thank you to Alice for suggesting this award and providing the trophy. Congratulations to Mary Decher!

## Jingle Bells! Jingle Bells!

Our annual Caroling on Horseback event, held this year on December 15, was a huge success! There was a total of 11 riders, and three families walked with us to sing. At the first house there were about 50 neighbors who came to greet us, pet the horses and sing with us. We walked/rode through the Silver Spurs neighborhood and into the shopping center parking lot, where another 50 or 60 folks came to greet the horses. In Bridle View, we stopped at 2 houses that made requests and it was very special to stop and sing for longtime member, Alice Prince.



Heather Andreini and Juliette Cimetiere showing the Christmas spirit of the famed Friesians of Black Horse farm. Heather is riding her new horse, Eros.



Caroling the neighbors of Bridlewood Circle

## Carrots and Cocoa at Bridle Trails State Park – A “NEW” New Year’s Day tradition!

Co-hosted by Lake Washington Saddle Club and Bridle Trails Park Foundation, we enjoyed a New Year’s Day hike and ride to start the year off right! While the weather had been very ‘iffy’ the days before, the day of brought a bit of a break in the rain. About 60 folks showed up all together; Nine riders and a LOT of walkers. Jennifer even brought her new horse, Johnny!



*Jennifer Duncan and Johnny on right.*



*Candice Boyd & Vicki Loe*

## Condolences and Celebrations

If you have lost a beloved horse or human family member, please let us know so we can grieve with you. If you've brought in a new equine or human family member, we want to celebrate with you!

It is always so difficult to lose our equine family members, our hearts go out to the following members who we heard lost a loved one.

- **We send our heartfelt condolences to Andi Lorig on the passing of her husband Bruce in December.** Their long standing support for the Club and Bridle Trails State Park has been fantastic and we want Andi to know we are thinking of her and sending our sympathy.
- **Heather Andreini lost Heidi**, her Fresian mare over the winter. Heidi was a wonderful mare that provided Heather and so many of her friends with terrific rides in the park. She will be missed.
- **Kate Sharkey lost Calvin**, her young OTTB just a few days ago. Calvin was so talented and so loved by Kate and all her students. He will be sorely missed.

We also want to share the joy of adding a new horse to the family. We send congratulations to the following members who added a new horse to their family!

- **Say Hello to Juanito aka Johnny!** After a long time being horseless after the tragic loss of her heart horse, Cody, **Jennifer Duncan** finally found her new trail mate; Juanito . . . or Johnny, whichever she feels like using. In time, one of those names is going to out-stick the other! We all knew he would just have to be a bay!
- **Say Hello to Balthazar!** After **Indra Krastins** retired her horse Iago, she just knew she could not live horseless, and started up the search for a new mount. She found Balthazar on Dream horse. He had been living in California, and is said to have been a "Mexican dancing horse" in his former life. He is a 5 year old Warlander, which is a Freisian/Andalusian cross.
- **Say Hello to Eros!** **Heather Andreini** welcomed a new Fresian to her Black Horse Farm
- Congratulations also to Beth Novak who cannot get enough chestnuts! She went and got herself another one, off the track and all of 17. 1 hh's!! Way to go!

## Schedule of LWSC Events 2020

**Mark Your Calendar!!! Here are LWSC events, by discipline. . . .**

<b>Hunter Jumper Clinic</b>	April 25 & 26
<b>Hunter/Jumper Schooling Shows</b>	May 9/10, June 6/7, August 22/23, September 19/20
<b>Academy H/J Schooling Shows</b>	May 17, July 19, September 12
<b>Dressage Schooling Shows</b>	June 14, July 12, August 9, September 13
<b>English/Western Open Shows</b>	May 16, July 18
<b>Prize Rides</b>	May 23, August 15
<b>Obstacle Challenge &amp; training</b>	May 24, August 16

**Julie Carpenter Horsemanship Clinic**  
**Juliette Cimetiere Liberty Clinic**

August 26-30  
July 11

**Field trips** For more up to date information on our field trips, and to submit ideas you may have for great places to visit, go to: <https://www.lakewashingtonsaddleclub.org/field-trips.html>

For a COMPLETE CALENDAR of events at the park, including those not sponsored by LWSC, go to:

<https://www.lakewashingtonsaddleclub.org/park-calendar.html>

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## **I'm Baaaaack!**

You may have noticed that it's me, Caroline, back as the editor of the Saddler. Suzanne Hitz did a lovely job, but doing the Saddler, AND working two 'real' jobs is more than anyone should be expected to do. We thank her for her efforts.

So, I'm back at the keyboard. I hope you will never hesitate to send me any bit of news you'd like to see in print here!



*My First Horse*