

Lake Washington Saddler

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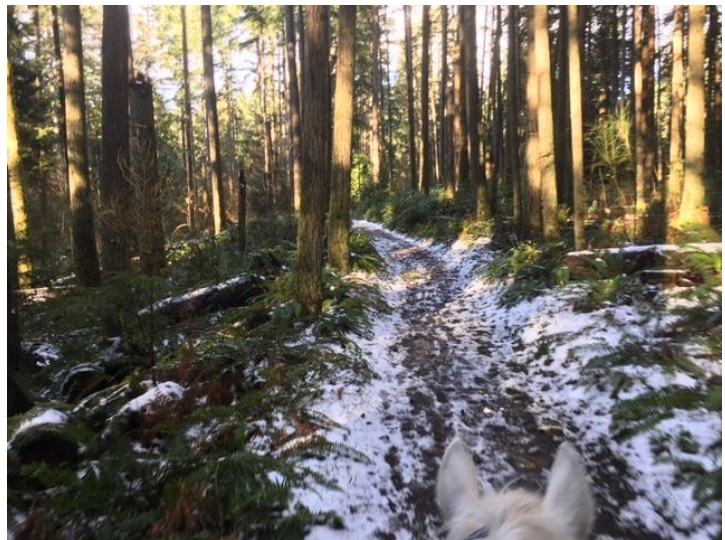


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Nature's Diary

Call me crazy, but I LOVE winter! I love riding in the park during the winter, the soft ground, the open view, the quiet! I just plain love winter. It's more and more precious to me as I notice how much shorter and generally milder it is becoming, and how much fiercer the summers are now. I mean, I well remember winters when snow meant easily 6 inches of very cold, and sometimes sticking- around- for- days type of snow. Now, it's a quick wet squall, if that. The daffodils didn't used to bloom until late March, yet now are out 3 weeks earlier! The Skagit Valley Tulip Festival is often AFTER the tulips have peaked.



For those that are complaining about winter's wet, or the gray or the cold, don't forget the weeks of hot, muggy and forest fire soot filled days of last summer. Enjoy the cold and crisp, while you can. Keep winter in your hearts as beautiful and precious as it is! And, get out and RIDE!

Is this Goodbye?

If you haven't renewed your **membership** for 2018, then this is the last *Saddler* that you will receive. Don't miss out on all the news, renew now.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdbY8GDzOCxZvsMZ7PP4arALpRMW6xUh590wvNzluBj-pta6Q/viewform>



Entry Fee Scholarship! Applications due by March 31st!!!

Like we did last year, we are offering Entry Fee Scholarships (multiple) to worthy applicants. What this means is that you can receive freedom from entry fees for ONE show of your choice! Full details and a link to the application process are at: <http://www.lakewashingtonsaddleclub.org/entry-fee-scholarship.html>

Full time Year Round Senior Park Aide will soon be ours!

The LWSC and the Bridle Trails Park Foundation are joining forces and dollars to increase our financial support to State Parks to ensure that we will have a quality, experienced and full time Senior Park Aide ALL YEAR LONG!!! In the past, the State has funded a portion of the year, and our club, and the BT Park Foundation have jointly funded an additional 4 months. This left a gap during the winter, when our full time Ranger had no dedicated Park Aide, which meant that when large trees came down, it could take a while to get the manpower to the park for cutting and removal. (State Park safety rules dictate that there always be at least two trained staff members for chainsaw operations). State Parks is currently searching for the right candidate, and she/he will start in April. This funding decision was carefully considered by the LWSC Board, and was felt to be an excellent expression of our club's mission of supporting Bridle Trails State Park.

If you or someone you know would like to apply for a senior park aide position, here is a link:

<http://parks.state.wa.us/1063/Park-Aide-Info>

LWSC and Eastside History

You may not know this, but our club is older than it looks. We are, get this, now 73 years old! The club was formed back in 1945! We have always been an integral part of the Eastside's history, and in particular we've been linked to the health, and even existence of Bridle Trails State Park. For the full story, take a minute and read up via this link: <http://www.lakewashingtonsaddleclub.org/history.html>



The photos shown there are just a few of the MANY photos that are part of our clubs 'scrapbooks'. These were created over the earlier years by dedicated members, full of photos, newspaper clippings, membership listings and fliers announcing the horse shows over the years. For those of us who have been members for many years, these scrapbooks are a real trip down memory lane.

However, they have had a bit of a rough existence, lacking in the kind of storage such aging documents need. Enter the Eastside

Heritage Center. We have reached out to them and they have offered to house and care for our club's historical documents in the loving and respectful way they need, and make them available to anyone who wishes to 'visit' them. To support their curatorial efforts on behalf of our scrapbooks, and their general mission of preserving Eastside history, the LWSC Board voted to donate \$1000 to accompany the loan of our scrapbooks. We may also be contracting with them to provide a display of the material at our Annual Meeting and Awards Banquet in November this year.

The pages of our scrapbooks were also painstakingly digitally photographed by Jim Erckmann from the Bridle Trails Park Foundation (Thank You Jim!) and the digital files will be provided to the Eastside Heritage Center. The Eastside Heritage Center has created an online database of their digital material. At some point in the future, we hope that our scrapbook material will be available from their database. In the meantime, there is a lot of wonderful stories and maps and information to peruse. EXPLORE!

<http://www.eastsideheritagecenter.org/collection.html>

Art Nite! Thursday March 22nd, 7:00pm, Redmond

Would you like to learn how to paint a picture of a horse? Come and join your friends for food, fun and painting. Hurry! Only 9 tickets left! **SOLD OUT!!!!**

Members' Only Field trip:

Pegasus Training and Rehabilitation Center, Saturday, March 24th 1:00 pm

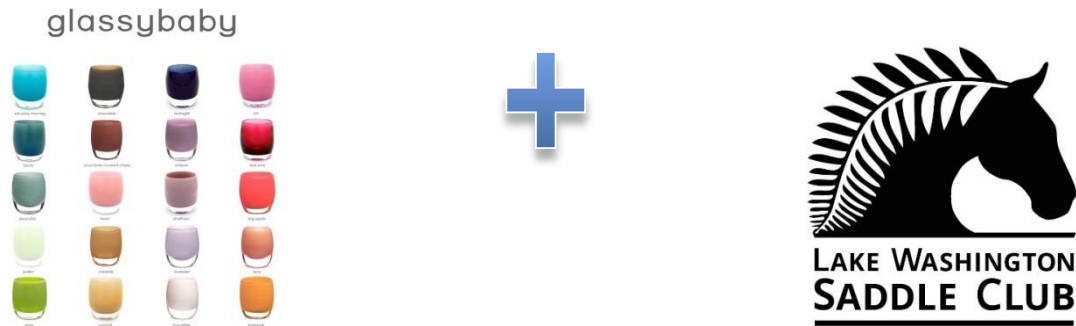
LWSC has arranged for a tour of Pegasus Thoroughbred Training & Rehabilitation Center in Redmond. The [Pegasus Training and Rehabilitation Center](#) brings together the ultimate resources and equipment for "care without compromise" of the equine athlete. No other equine center in the world



features the Pegasus combination of leading exercise therapies, advanced cross training equipment and cutting-edge medical treatments, which make the difference between early retirement and optimal peak performance. Sign up soon, space is limited, Free! and members ONLY:

<http://www.lakewashingtonsaddleclub.org/pegasus-field-trip-sign-up-form.html>

Glassybaby fund raiser!!!



Love Glassybaby? Love Bridle Trails State Park? Love LWSC?

Ten percent of every glassybaby ever sold is always donated to help people, animals and our planet. For one special day, the Lake Washington Saddle Club is thrilled to be the recipient of this 10% of all sales at the Bellevue store on:

Friday, April 27, 2018 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

10230 Main Street
Bellevue, WA 98004
(425) 256-2927
www.glassybaby.com

Can't make it to the Store? No problem! If you cannot make it to the store that day, you can call the number above and order an item with free shipping, and our club still gets its 10%. What color will YOU buy?

BOARD MEMBER TALENT SEARCH!

ISO: Two Fantastic, Kind, Dedicated, Hardworking, Patient and Practically Perfect people to become members of the board!

(Just kidding. We'll take normal human beings!)



WANTED: Two New Board Members

Two board members recently 'retired' which means that we are in search of two NEW board members. If you are even a little bit curious about becoming a board member, please contact Jennifer at:

president@lakewashingtonsaddleclub.org

I'm not gonna kid you, there is a time commitment involved, but there is also a deep sense of satisfaction, and a great feeling of camaraderie. We are particularly in need of folks with computer savvy, and/or fund raising/grant writing and non-profit management skills. But, heck, they took ME, and I don't have ANY of those skills!

Membership Coordinator NEEDED! (Does not need to be member of the board)

Our membership coordinator extraordinaire, Corrie Scalisi, is moving to California (boo hoo!). We thank her for all she's done, and know it will be hard to replace her. . . But, we do need to find someone to fill her shoes. While her feet are teeny tiny in reality, (really, I'm not kidding, she has small feet) we will happily accept a size 11, if you're up for it! Here's a job description:

This position requires lots of data entry, using Excel. So knowledge of the ins and outs of Excel and The Cloud is needed. The time commitment varies during the year, with the heaviest efforts during the show season (April – September), about 10 hours per month, spread over several days.

Other functions include:

- Being the point person and maintaining good relationships with our members;
- Working with the Board on encouraging membership;
- Good technical skills to maintain, update and perhaps revise the membership database;
- Overseeing the membership renewal process – updating forms, recording membership records in the database, sending (email) renewal/new membership welcome letters;
- Providing a current list of members to the show secretaries/managers;
- Reconciling the membership payments to PayPal and our accounting records;
- Reporting membership data to the Club's Board of Trustees monthly. Attendance at the meetings is not required, but we'd love to have you;
- Attendance at the first couple of Hunter/Jumper Shows to process membership applications.

Don't let that list scare you away. It sounds like a lot, but we will assist you in coming up to speed. You will not need to attend every board meeting, unless you wished to. Your contribution would be HUGE, and greatly appreciated. If you wish to make this volunteer contribution as a MEMBER OF THE BOARD, we can put you into consideration for one of the two spaces currently open.

If you are interested, please contact [Jennifer Duncan](#) or [Suzanne Kagen](#).

Porta Potty is coming! Porta Potty is coming!

The Board has voted to fund a temporary porta potty, to be situated at the south end of the parking lot, for the duration of the show season. This means you won't have to go ALL the way to the main arena when Nature screams at you. Nice, huh?

Off Leash Dog Reports

We now have a link where in you can report off leash dogs, or bicycles in the park. The data is used to get a picture of how many violators there are, and if there is any patterns that can help with patrols. Compliance patrols are taking place and knowing which area of the park to focus on would be very helpful to the Ranger. <http://www.lakewashingtonsaddleclub.org/report-off-leash-dog-or-bicycle.html>

Bizarre Kidnapping attempt in BTSP!

As many of you may have heard, earlier this month there was a very strange incident in the park, near the main parking lot, where a transient woman attempted to forcefully take a toddler from the hands of her grandmother and run off with the child. Fortunately, the bizarre kidnapping attempt was stopped by the mother, and Kirkland police, who by great good fortune were patrolling nearby, and were on the scene and able to apprehend the perpetrator immediately.

We all know that such incidents are EXTREMELY rare, and most of us feel safe riding and walking alone in the park during the day. However, in order to improve security, the state parks will be making a couple of operational changes : The bathrooms will be locked after dark with lights extinguished, and they are looking into ways to improve security in the parking lot. Ideas include an automated gate to eliminate vehicle access off hours and placing emphasis on having a volunteer camp host reside at the park (there is an RV spot at the end of the parking lot).

As always, the best way we can keep the park as safe as possible is to report anything we see that is of a suspicious nature. **Ranger Matt's cell phone #: 425) 417-7871**

Passages:

Last year, long time LWSC member **Holly Fleming** lost her beloved bay Arabian gelding, **Echo**. Sadly, she was called to the final act of love, euthanizing him when he succumbed to founder. We send her our condolences and thank her for her offer to scribe at dressage shows. She has purchased a new horse and is bringing him along to become show ready.

The April 28/29 hunter/jumper clinic with Sally Collins is sold out!

We are so pleased to have such a vigorous response to these clinics. Many thanks to Kate Sharkey, Liz Hambleton and their team of dedicated assistants for putting these wonderful clinics on. With such a strong interest, perhaps we should consider more? Should we?

The first H/J show of the season will be May 12/13. Knowing how quickly spots sell out, I recommend you get busy and get signed up NOW! Go to:

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

First Dressage show is June 10th. To sign up go to:

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

May 5th - "Spring Has Spring" Scavenger Hunt

Registration opens at 9:30am. First rider out at 10:00am, last rider out at Noon. Prizes awarded at approximately 2:30pm. Must be present to select prizes. Entry fee is \$10.00 for LWSC members, \$15.00 for non-members.

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

July 25th – Horsemanship from the Heart Clinic is sold out!

Julie Carpenter is returning again this year to provide a 5 day horsemanship clinic. Clinic participants will work their horses individually each day and group activities may occur depending upon what the group is interested in. Although the clinic is full, auditors are welcome. LWSC members may audit for free, non-member audit fee is \$25.00 a day.

Ride a Test for Feedback! Sunday April 22nd at BTSP

The Lake Washington Saddle Club and Equestrian Institute are co-sponsoring a Ride-a-Test Fund-raiser for the USDF Region 6 Youth Program.

Sunday, April 22, 2018 at Bridle Trails State Park \$135 per rider, (remember, it's a fund-raiser!)

Riders, this is your chance to Ride Your Test and then discuss it with the Judge -- a "Ride-A-Test" Schooling Show/Clinic. LWSC and EI have joined forces to help fundraise for the Region 6 Youth Programs by offering this opportunity.

You start by RIDING your test in the Dressage Arena before one of our two judges, Kari McClain, "S" Judge from Olympia or Paula Kierkegaard, "R" Judge from Redmond.). After riding your test, you'll go up to the judge's box and discuss the test -- what was good, what could be better. You'll then go back to the warm-up area and work with one of the volunteer trainers (or your own trainer if you wish) on one or more of the issues highlighted by the judge (not too long but long enough to perhaps fix a thing or two). Then back before the same judge to ride the same test and see if you've made an improvement. Each ride "session" will be 12 minutes to allow time to talk with the judge and will give you time (about 25 minutes) to work with the trainer between the first and second ride.

These judges are donating their time :

Kari McClain, from Olympia, a well known USEF "S" Judge who judges all around the US and is currently working on her FEI Judges License. She is also the owner and primary trainer at her barn, Miari Stables in Olympia. Oh, and she was one of the very first to ride in the Young Riders Program (just a few years ago!).

Paula Kierkegaard, from Redmond, is a long time USEF "R" judge who judges and clinics around the US. Amongst many other things and awards, Paula was co-editor and author of the original USDF Instructor/Trainer Manual.

These trainers are donating their time:

The following FEI Level Trainers have volunteered to work with the entrants during the Show:

- Lindsey Anderson from Puyallup
- Molly Martin from Kirkland
- Sandra Tillman from Redmond
- Brook Martz

Classes Offered:

As this is a Schooling Show, just about any Dressage Class you want to ride can be offered including Freestyles and Eventing Classes (YES, you Eventers out there -- take this opportunity to work "in the sandbox" which is how you win!). If Management has a question about what Class you suggest, you'll be contacted. However, USEF Training - Fourth Level and FEI PSG, I1, I2 and Grand Prix in addition to all levels of Freestyles will be offered.

Cost -- This IS a Fund Raiser, your fee of \$135 gets you: Two rides, time with your Judge and work with one of our FEI Level Trainers on issues highlighted by the judge. AND best of all, supports the **USDF Region 6 Youth Program!**

How to Enter -- Entries will open March 1 and close April 10. If you have any questions or comments, contact: Show Secretary, Peter Rothschild,: pgr@tsandm.com