

Lake Washington Saddler

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GET YOUR TICKETS!



Awards Banquet and Auction . . . and fun!

Saturday, November 4th, (5:00ish to about 10:00ish)

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

Doors will open at **5:00** for appetizers and silent auction and meeting old friends. Registration is now open, via **Eventbrite**. This year you may request to be seated with other members and we will do our best to accommodate your selection. If you want to be sure to seat your group together, it is advised that you buy an entire table (10 seats) at one time. Again, we will try to accommodate all requests to be seated together.

Buy Tickets at:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2017-lwsc-awards-banquet-tickets-37353683874>

Silent Auction

We are asking members to get fired up about procuring donations for our ‘world famous’ silent auction. (It’s famous in MY world!). We know that you might have something in mind that you want to give, and you figure you’ll ‘get around to it’ when the date gets closer.

I’m here to ask that you get that “Round Tuit” you’ve been waiting for, and submit your auction donation form NOW! In all seriousness, we know that a ton of things tend to come in at that last minute, which makes things difficult for all concerned, so we are asking if you can take a minute, say . . . right now . . . and just DO IT!

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

if you have any questions regarding a donation, contact **Karen Hall @ 425-739-0751, kjhall@ymail.com**

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP????

We are very much in need of people willing to help put together the Silent Auction. There is a special need for someone willing to oversee the entire process and keep things on track for a successful outcome. Please contact Karen if you have energy and talent to share. You would be welcomed with crazy appreciation!

Would you be interested in becoming a member of the Board?

There will be openings in board positions and the nominating committee will be considering all persons who express a willingness to join and serve. More information at:
president@lakewashingtonsaddleclub.org

Hunter Jumper News

We have had an amazing year in Hunter Jumper land! Riders made huge strides (literally and figuratively) as they navigated the treacherous obstacles before them. Our \$500 Mini Prix sponsored by Burkwood Farm was won for a second year by Caitlin Hubbard and her lovely horse Launching Pad. The \$500 Hunter Derby sponsored by Cherry Blossom Farm was won by Park City, owned by Lindsey Prescott and ridden by Jennifer Wagner. Our Medals Equitation Series, presented by 5 Star Farm, was won by Madison Kniss. Congratulations to all our excellent riders and we look forward to seeing you at the banquet!

Hint list for banquet attendees: (if your name is on this list, you're gonna want to come to the Awards Banquet!)

Alexis Novak	Finley Nicholson	Lauren England	Sarah Haberman
Amy Amsden	Grace Madison	Lauren Jentges	Sarah Pringle
Annika Kim	Gracie Johnston	Lauren Plog	Shannon Peavey
Ashlynn Otteson	Gwynn Anderson	Lena Muno	Sophia Depew
Atticus Wills	Hadley Wagter	Lizzie Figgess	Sophie Samson
Audrey Newbrey	Hailey Blackburn	Lucca Connell	Stephanie Craig
Avery Jacob	Hana Roberto	Lucy Knowlin	Stephanie Schwagler
Bella Connell	Hayden Kifer	Madelyn Weinert	Thera Doukas
Beth Novak	Jaxson Tafoya	Madison Kniss	Victoria Fallarme
Brooklyn Tafoya	Jennifer Hambleton	Maisy Messmer	Violet Raker

Cadence Barber	Jennifer Kniss	Marin Hadley	Zoe Ward-Smith
Caitlin Bertelson	Jennifer Wagner	Michelle Jacob	
Caitlin Hubbard	Joanne Haberman	Naho Wills	
Caitlynn Sarin	Jodi Gearon	Natalie Barlow	
Chelsea Reyes	Jolie Nicholson	Olivia Gluth	
Chloe Darrow	Juliette Cimetiere	Paige Raker	
Cindy Haviland	Kailey Yager	Paige Wagter	
Duncan Nicholson	Kaitlyn Twentey	Pamela Watterson	
Ella Hallman	Kate Sharkey	Peggi Stewart	
Elle Biggs	Katherine McGhee	Penny Langley	
Emily Minnich	Katie Parker	Rachel Weston	
Erin Gluth	Korbin Barber	Rayna Simmons	
Erin Kifer	Kristin Foster	Rebecca Craig	
		Riley Corder	

Dressage News

Dressage ended the year with a great show on September 17th. We had some crazy weather which caused some horses to act a little crazy and a number of riders to decide not to show in the rain. We were thrilled to have two male riders this show. They were the first male riders of the season for us. Come on.... boys can ride dressage too!!! We look forward to seeing everyone at the awards banquet!

(Attached photo is of Brittney Stewart, riding Heidi at the September show)



Trail News

Halloween Themed Scavenger Hunt and Costume Contest!!!

Saturday, October 14th

A scavenger hunt will have people looking for objects related to Halloween. Participants will record all of the 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. Prizes awarded at approximately 3:00pm. Entry fee is \$10.00 for LWSC members, \$15.00 for non-members. No dogs, stallions, carts or ponying of rider-less horses allowed.

Please help us to plan the event by pre-registering. Lunch is available for \$5.00 if requested during pre-registration by end of day Wednesday October 11th.

After the trail ride, while the results are being compiled, people will have time to don their costumes and get ready for the costume contest. Depending upon the number of entries we will have an adult, youth and child classes. Ribbons will be handed out and maybe even a prize! The costume contest is expected to begin at around 2:30pm. Prizes for the scavenger hunt will be handed out around 3:30pm.

Capital campaign focus – Raising Money for Arena Stewardship

As you may know, the arena footing at Bridle Trails is GREAT. What you may not know is that it is no accident, or luck of the footing gods. We monitor the conditions every year and invest in refurbishing it periodically as needed. Each time we need to add sand, or supplement it with some type of filler, it typically costs \$20,000 to \$25,000. We believe that we are getting close to needing to perform some further arena maintenance for next season. In anticipation of this expense, we will be holding a "Raise the Paddle" fund raising activity at the Banquet this year. Please consider giving generously to this effort. The arenas are, literally, the foundation of most of Club's activities and we need to keep it in good shape.

Thank you!

Jennifer Duncan,
President LWSC

Have You Encountered People In The Park on a Bicycle or With A Dog Off Leash?

Instances of dogs off leash and bicycles have increased in the last few years. In an effort to begin gathering data so it can be reported to the Ranger, we are providing the ability for park users to report encounters they have with dogs off leash, or with bikes in the park. We are not in the business of enforcing these rules, nor fielding all complaints, but we will use this information to bring an awareness of the frequency and location of such issues. To make a report, go to:

<http://www.lakewashingtonsaddleclub.org/report-off-leash-dog-or-bicycle.html>

“Members Only” Field Trips

This year we have had the pleasure of taking ‘field trips’ to some really unique places, thanks to the creative thinking and hard work of **Candice Boyd**, our Community Outreach person and Board Member. She put together a diverse and appealing group of outings for LWSC members only. This sort of activity is another wonderful benefit to club membership. The last outing was to an Akhal-Teke breeding farm on San Juan Island. Here’s the story:

Sweet Water Akhal -Teke Farm Tour

The Lake Washington Saddle Club toured Sweet Water Farm in September 2017. Sweet Water farm is owned by Amrita Ibold and home to 18 rare Akhal-Teke horses. There are only about 400 Akhal-Teke horses in North America and 4,000 globally. The horses originally come from Turkmenistan in Central Asia and were nearly wiped out by the Russians in the 1880’s. They are Turkmenistan’s national treasure and the current President flies all breeders to Turkmenistan annually.



Akhal-Teke horses are famous for their glistening coats. They come in many colors, but the most famous is called Perlino that gives them the nickname “the golden horse”. The breed has hollow hair, which gives them the metallic sheen in the sun. The Akhal-Teke Association of America states:

“The Akhal-Teke is a true desert horse, and as such, should possess extreme stamina and hardiness. The presence of adequately dense bone is one such indicator of these traits. Akhal-Tekes have short cannon bones and low-set hocks, while the forearm and gaskins are long and smoothly muscled. Legs are dry, with tendons well defined. Joints are large. Knees should be flat. Pasterns should be long and display an identical angle to the hoof and shoulder. Hooves are small, round and extremely hard.”

Amrita had read about this beautiful horse as a child and never thought that she could own one. Fast forward – She and her husband sell their business in Seattle and decide to look

for a farm. They bought Sweet Water Farm and purchased their first two Akhal-Teke horses from Virginia and as they say...the rest is history!

The tour was so educational. Amrita is a wonderful ambassador for the breed and dressed up in traditional Turkmenistan gear – including the horses. She also set up an area for us to look at books, saddles, horse blankets and showed us videos from her annual visits.

Sweet Water Farm raises and breeds the Akhal-Teke. If you would like to visit, Amrita also offers trail rides to experienced riders. You can check out their website at: <http://www.akhalteke.cc>



For the love of mini Donks!

On a recent day I visited with Heather Andreini, our dressage show manager, and had a chance to meet some of her 9 animal menagerie! Many of you may know her for her 'twin' big, black Friesians, and their mini-me jet black, mini horse, Jett. But, did you also know she has mini donkeys??!!

Yep, two of them, since mini donkeys should always be kept in pairs. She had a pair of mini donks up until one of her beloved pets, Gunsmoke, became ill and died. So, she just

'had to' get the remaining donk a pal. So, she found and fell in love with **Pickle**! All you have to do is set eyes on him and feel his silken fur to fall madly in love with him. I could have spent all day petting them, and they would have been up for that, too! Who knew that mini donkeys were so affectionate?



Look for a very special donation by Heather at the Silent Auction at the Awards Banquet ,featuring her minis. You'll be able to bid on the chance to have her bring the mini donkeys to YOUR event! I'm going to be the first bidding!

Gunsmoke (RIP)

LWSC sent the following letter to retiring WA State Park Area Manager Rich Benson. Rich was Ranger Mary's boss for her entire career and he served WA State Parks for 40 years. He will be missed.

Dear Rich;

On behalf of the members of Lake Washington Saddle Club, I want to sincerely thank you for your many years of service and your support of the partnership between LWSC and WA State Parks.

Just to name a few of things we want to thank you for:



- We want to thank you for all the times you came into Bridle Trails after a storm and helped to clear the trails. THANK YOU!
- We want to thank you for all the times you cheerfully helped to park all those horse trailers and cars at our many events over the years. THANK YOU!
- We want to thank you for truly valuing and appreciating the long history and support that LWSC has provided Bridle Trails State Park. We felt your sincerity! THANK YOU!
- We want to thank you for saying Yes whenever possible and for saying No in the kindest way when something wasn't possible. THANK YOU!
- We want to thank you for being so approachable, we always felt heard and respected. THANK YOU!
- We want to thank you for your friendship, humor and for everything you did to foster this strong partnership. THANK YOU! You will truly be missed.

We wish you the very best in retirement. As a small token of our appreciation, we want you to enjoy a great dinner at Anthony's Homeport, on us.

With great respect and affection,

Jennifer Duncan, President
Lake Washington Saddle Club

Get your Custom Painted Christmas Ornaments!

Christmas isn't THAT far off! My hand painted ornaments make a delightful gift. Last year, I had them on commission at the Issaquah Grange, and they sold out in just days! If you want to be sure to get one, or even better yet, get THE ornament that is painted to look like YOUR horse, or your friend's horse, now is the time to get in touch with me. These are about 5 inches from head to tail.

Custom painted = \$25

Non-custom = \$ 20

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