



November December Calendar

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- 14 Annual Meeting/Awards Banquet/Silent Auction
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List of members who should be attending the 09 banquet
C show and Hunter Fun shows

Becca Mercer, Jenny Hambleton, Sara Nordstrom, Reilly Ochs, Sara Nordstrom, Hailey Bouffiou, Gina Kumar, Michael Murray, Tiffany Odgers, Grace Mitchell, Kendall Graham, Shannon Peavey, Marina Horsting, Carol Youell, Ellen Coffin, Alison Smith,

Brian Mathews, Catherine Dugoni, Marin Plut, Reilly Davidson, Taylor Nash, Madison Boesch, Terry Portillo, Krista Taylor, Sierra Kenison, Kevin Goyena, Michelle Moore, Nicole Kurtenbach, Sydney Agate, Aliyah Greenbaum, Cedar Moulton, Lauren Boesch, Rosalena Portillo, Karen Agate, Trish Nilsen, Jessica Boesch, Megan Cook, Emily Wollenbach, Tessa Hingston

Do you have your ponies in a row?

Volunteer hours?

RSVP in for banquet?

Did I miss you and should you be on this list?

Contact me leapnliz@hotmail.com

LWSC Board Meeting-October 6,2009

Present: Suzanne Kagen, Ann Silvernale, Jennifer Duncan, Linda Treece, Karen Perry, Indra Krastins, Megan Davidson, Nancy Reilly, Cristina Dugoni, Mary Decher, Mary Welborn

Absent: Marv Besch, Lorraine Trosper, Olivier Arbey, Liz Hambleton (was available by phone)

1. Introductions and Housekeeping:

- a. Meeting called to order: 7:12 pm
- b. Approval of Agenda: Approved
- c. Reading of minutes of last meeting: Approved as written
- d. Confirmation of Next Meeting: November 3, 2009 7:00pm, New York Pizza
- e. Volunteer Timesheet distributed: Distributed

2. Review of Action Items: Reviewed and dispositioned.

3. New Business:

- a. **Donation to E.I. Auction:** Discussed having E.I. provide silent auction items to our auction and visa versa.
- b. **Powerline arena footing:** Footing is deep and could use routine dragging. The Board discussed providing a drag in that location which could be used by volunteers to routinely drag the arena. Mary is going to look for a drag that could be used. There was discussion regarding the best location to store the drag to ensure that it does not create a hazard for riders.

4. Old Business:

- a. **Banquet:** Banquet will be held at the Bellevue Courtyard Marriott on November 14, 2009. Liz was unable to attend due to a family emergency but was available by phone to discuss menu details, pricing and other logistics. The dinner will be a buffet called the "Northwest" selection with salmon, chicken salad, vegetables and chocolate cake and cheesecake. The price is \$55.00 a person regardless of age. The Board decided to subsidize the dinner to keep the cost at the same price as last year, \$45.00 for adults and \$30.00 for children.
- b. **Silent Auction:** Mary Decher is managing the auction this year with help from Linda Treece. Deadline for auction items is one week prior to the event, Saturday, November 7th. Mary's contact information is: H)425-885-1305 5249 140th Ave NE, Bellevue, WA 98005. Each Board member was asked to secure two items for the auction.
- c. **Year End Awards;** Jennifer reported that she has not received any annual award nominations despite placing the form on the web site and in the Saddler. Consequently, she asked Sue Shecket to email out the form to the email distribution list. Show Managers provided some candidates during the meeting. Jennifer will compile a ballot that will be sent out prior to the next meeting. Board selection will occur at the next meeting. Jennifer will ask Jane to send her the Horse of the Month articles so they can be included in the ballot.
- d. **Board Member Nominations:** Jennifer reported that current Board members whose term is ending have been contacted. Those interested in serving another term have been identified. There are two open positions and three possible candidates. In an effort to encourage individuals who are not currently involved, Jennifer was asked to contact one candidate and discuss participation. Jennifer will send the notification to Jane for publication in the Saddler.
- e. **Bridlecrest Trail:** This trail has been placed on the County closure list (involves the section from 132nd to 148th). It means that this section of the trail will not be closed but it will not be maintained. The County is interested in having Bellevue or Redmond take responsibility for this section of the trail. Redmond already has responsibility for other sections. Jennifer reported that letters from KCEHC have been sent and letters from the Saddle Club would be a good idea.
- f. **Club Brochures:** Suzanne will coordinate with Jane to have the brochures printed.
- g. **Equine Survey; Meeting with Dir. Of Agriculture:** Tabled.
- h. **Cook shack:** Nothing to report.
- i. **Friends of the Park Agreement:**
 - Scholarship:** Suzanne will discuss the scholarship at the Banquet this year.
 - Re-signing the Agreement:** Suzanne and Mary have not met to work on this but plan to meet soon.

5. 2009 Goals. -

Capital improvement goals:

- a. **Arena footing:** This item is being tabled until March of next year.
- b. **Cover for Round Pen:** Tabled for this meeting. Jennifer is looking into warranty and installation costs.

6. Next Generation Long Range Planning: Tabled until January

7. Membership Report: Alice was unable to attend. There was discussion regarding the opportunity to provide online membership registration using PayPal. There was confusion whether this was associated with an online membership service. Clarification was

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provided that this is not associated with an online service; it is just providing a form and PayPal ability to the existing web site. The form would be sent electronically to the member chair. There was discussion whether there was a need for a signature on the form and the alternative of providing a statement and checkbox on the electronic form. This topic will be discussed further at the next meeting.

8. **Treasurer's Report:** Linda provided a financial report.
9. **Saddler Editor's report:** Jane was unable to attend.
10. **Ring Rental Report:** Mary reported there are some 4H shows scheduled for October.
11. **Hunter/Jumper C Show Report:** Nothing to report
12. **English Hunter Fun Shows Report:** Nothing to report.
13. **Jumper Fun Shows:** Nothing to report.
14. **Dressage Show Report:** Nothing to report.
15. **PlayDay/Western Show Report:** Nothing to report.
16. **Web site:** Nothing to report.
17. **Bridle Trails Park Foundation Report:** Nothing to report.
18. **Park Maintenance Report:** Stalls need to be removed. Liz will coordinate removal. Mary reported that trails are being graveled in preparation for winter.
19. **Bellevue/Kirkland City Council report:** Nothing to report.
20. **Blue Skywish list:** Nothing to report.

Adjourn: 8:45 pm

2010 Board Elections

Board of Trustees election will be held at the Annual Meeting on November 14, 2009

Terms for six Trustee positions are ending. The following individuals are being nominated as candidates for the Board of Trustees:

Liz Hambleton*
 Indra Krastins*
 Karen Perry*
 Linda Treece*
 Maggie Phillips
 Sue Shecket

*Current Trustees seeking reelection

Additional nominations can be made from the floor at the annual meeting

We would like to thank Lorraine Trosper and Marv Besch who served on the Board of Trustees and are not running for re-election. Your dedication and hard work are sincerely appreciated. We are looking forward to your continued participation and support!

LWSC Board Meeting
New York Pizza Bridle Trails shopping Center
Tuesday, December 1. 7:00P.M.



Annual Meeting / Awards Banquet / Silent Auction

November 14, 2009

Auction starts at 5:30pm

Dinner served at 7:00pm

\$45.00/Adult

\$30.00/Children

Bellevue Courtyard Marriott
11010 NE 8th Street

Let's Party! We had another wonderful show season, let's trade our boots for heels, get a bit dressed up and celebrate another memorable year. This is Lake Washington Saddle Club's 64th year and we are planning another wonderful banquet. Besides celebrating year end awards it is our annual meeting with Board elections and annual report.

The event will be held at a new location this year, the Marriott Courtyard in Bellevue. Dinner will be a buffet with salmon, chicken, sides, salads, vegetables and most importantly Chocolate Cake and Cheesecake! Wine and a no host bar are planned as well. There are special room rates available so you could make a holiday out of it and spend the night.

Join with other Club members to congratulate year end champions and who knows - you may just be a winner yourself. The prizes are always great and of course, those fancy year end ribbons look terrific in your room, on the fridge, or in the tack room. Just be sure you have your volunteer hours, it would be a shame to miss out. If you do not have your hours yet, there is help needed with the auction and banquet. To be eligible for year end awards you need to have a total of eight volunteer hours and family members can help you.

The silent auction is being organized by Mary Decher. If you have not participated in the silent auction, it is fun. There are always great items, some are horse-related, some are handmade and some are very practical. Your help is needed to gather auction items. The deadline for providing auction items is November 7th, one week before the event. Please drop-off items by coordinating with Mary Decher. You can contact Mary at: mdlecher@hotmail.com or 425-885-1305 (home) or 425-283-7722 (cell). Proceeds from the auction are used to support Bridle Trails State Park, including things like arena footing, trail obstacles, PA system, etc.

This is a fun event and provides an opportunity to socialize with members you usually only see atop a horse, or at a show. What is better than good friends, food, wine and talking about horses? Invitations are being sent to all members - we hope to see you there!

Megan Davidson found this useful article on the Web
http://www.essortment.com/all/buyinghorsefir_rhgv.htm

Tips on Buying a Horse: By Brenda Ruggiero

Congratulations! You've decided to buy a horse. Now, do you just stop by the nearest horse ranch and pick one out of the stable? It's not exactly that easy. Since a horse is a major investment of both money and time, it's important to be sure you are matched with the proper horse before the final transaction is completed. A little research at the beginning will save you a lot of hassles in the long run.

One of the first steps that should be taken is to determine the amount you can afford. Remember that the initial investment is followed by regular costs for upkeep, veterinary care, and food. Determine what your budget is, then stick to it. Do keep in mind that they all cost the same to feed, so don't hesitate to make a good investment in a nice horse.

Next, consider your riding skill. Choose a horse that has experience a few levels above your own, since "your horse is your greatest teacher."

A horse that is too inexperienced for you can present a danger, but a horse that is more advanced will pose problems as well.

Another consideration should be your riding goal. Does it simply involve pleasure riding, or do you have hopes of competing in shows?

Determine what size horse you need, as well as which sex you prefer. Remember that first-time horse owners should never choose a stallion.

To determine what breed of horse to choose, do your research. Study the various breed choices and their uses to see what you prefer.

Remember that your location may also be a factor in your decision-making, since certain breeds are more prevalent in some areas. It's possible to buy a horse from another area, but you have to be willing to pay the price for transportation.

After the important questions have been answered, the next step is actually looking for a horse to buy. Expect to spend a lot of time before you find the right one. Start by searching ads in newspapers, horse publications, and the Internet - i.e. dreamhorse.com, equine.com, etc.... Check with other "horse folks" for leads as well.

When considering a particular horse for purchase, it is a good idea to observe it in its natural environment for awhile. Notice how the horse interacts with people, other horses and its surrounds. Watch it with its regular rider if possible to get a better idea of its personality.

Questions you should consider asking before purchase, include those concerning the horse's history. For example, what is the horse's age? How long has the owner had the horse, and what has it done in that time? What did it do with the previous owner? Does the horse have any bad habits - i.e. biting, bucking, rearing, kicking, cribbing -, and has it ever had health problems - i.e. founder? Finally, find out why the owner decided to sell the horse now.

If you have any doubts about your decision or if you are a beginner, it is a good idea to seek the help of someone who is more experienced with horses. A second opinion can help to point out something you may have missed. A pre-purchase exam from a veterinarian should also be standard procedure. From experience, you will likely want to drug test the horse while you are present, and have had the chance to ride the horse... Amazing what a little ACE will do to keep a horse calm. That vet test is a lot cheaper than buying a horse out of state, shipping them home, and feeding a "cripple" the rest of their life...

Although the quest for the right horse may turn out to be a long one, the extra time and effort is well worth it in the end. The result will be a horse that is well-matched to your needs, and the relationship can last a lifetime.

Horse of the Month



Little Dee – my teacher, my friend

By Trish Niemi

Little Dee, he was known by many names, Dee, Deedles, Destiny Bay and when he was young, Little Devil; A bay thoroughbred gelding, only 15 hands, 1 inch tall. He was my best friend and teacher for 18 years.

Terrie Hook found him at a race horse estate sale. His owner had passed away before Dee could be sent to the track. Terrie kept Dee in the front pasture right next to the arena. When it came time to ride him for the first time, he acted as if, “well, it’s about time!” and off they went. Terrie actually had me come down to take a portrait of Dee for an advertisement. I’m not sure that she ever placed that ad, because I bought him.

I brought him up to Gold Creek Stables in Woodinville where Christina Drake continued on with his training. He was a quick learner. I was able to trail ride him right away. He was only 3 years old.

Dee went on to train as a hunter with Colleen Armstrong and Angie Morse Chamberlin at Hunter’s Run. He did well in the small hunters with Angie - and somehow packed me around in the 3 foot adult amateur hunters as well as the low jumpers. After a couple of years at Hunter’s Run, I brought Dee home but his career had just started.

We had loads of fun eventing with Terrie Hook at beginner novice and novice levels. He was usually in the ribbons. At his very first event, he earned 2nd. Dee loved to go to the shows at Bridle Trails. Debbie Marrs coached us to multiple championships and helped Dee and me win in the equitation classes. Dee was year end high point winner for the C Shows and the Fun Shows more than once. As always, we continued to trail ride.

One time we were riding in the Redmond Watershed. All of a sudden there was a big thunderstorm with lightning. We were out in the open, but Dee safely carried me to cover under the trees and back to the parking lot.

Unfortunately Dee was injured in a trailer when he coliced and tried to go down. He had a big wound on his shoulder but I didn’t realize that his knee was affected. He ended up with arthritis in that knee. Thanks to all of his vets, especially Dr Keri Deleeuw, I was able to keep riding him, on a limited basis, until a year before his death.

On May 25, 2009 Dee was down in his stall. We ended up taking him to Pilchuck where we made the hardest choice to end his suffering. Dave and I were there until the end and I am glad we had the strength to make that choice.

I was so lucky to have Dee as my best friend for 18 years. He was a happy, forgiving soul; kind and gener-

ous. He taught me to ride in the hunters, jumpers, dressage and cross country. He taught me horsemanship and stewardship. He taught me to never give up.

Here is a list some of the people that helped Dee live such a wonderful life: Terrie Hook, Christina Drake, Debbie Marrs, Sara Carter, Liz Hambleton, Wendy Meyers, Sara Smith, Monty White, Dr Ann Robinson, Dr Richard Panzer, Dr Steve Latimer, Dr Conrad Bolton, Dr Steve Bryant and Dr Keri Deleeuw. I thank each and every one of you!



Little Dee

Coming events

NEXT WEEK SATURDAY --LAST FARM TOUR OF THE YEAR...

ENUMCLAW, WA
Saturday, November 14th
10am to noon

FARM TOUR: Get Your Horse Property Ready for Winter!

BONUS: Building horse property? These owners want to share how having a KCD farm plan helped them with permitting, allowing them to get cost-sharing and reduced creek buffers. **Enumclaw, WA. Saturday, November 14th, 10 to noon, FREE!** Register & receive directions: King Conservation District at 425-282-1949 or signup@kingcd.org

Send me your news

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