President's Message
The Horse Race Begins

As we can see, winter has finally let us out of the cold into some nicer weather. The sun is starting to warm us up from the snow and letting the horse hair fly. I see our calendar on the WSH website filling up with show dates. Horse Show Division has numerous shows on there as well as the Games Division.

The Games Division has already had a few shows and we are looking forward to seeing more in WSH. They held their Washington State Championship Benefit Show on March 25th and had a great turnout of over 50 riders. Circle C Riders held a show in Graham and, even though it rained, they still had a great turnout and participation. It looks like they ran almost every event except Bareback Relay and Cowhide Race. They said it was a little wet and muddy to be dragging anyone through the mud. That would have been a sight to see!

To all new members and returning members, we are glad to see that you have made the decision to join us in a great adventure. Our organization is unique in the aspect that we offer Games, Horse Show, Trails and Pleasure, Working Horse, and Youth Merit. We have all types of discipline within the Horse Show from Dressage to Driving and quite a few others in between. If it’s the need for speed, then Games might be your thing. If it’s the quiet time in the woods or out and about, then look no further than the Trails and Pleasure Division. For the younger members (17 and under) Youth Merit is there for you where you learn about horses and their impact on us today and in the past and earn points towards awards given out at our WSH Convention. We are still looking for someone to lead the Working Horse Division and if you are interested please contact me.

This year our Convention is in Yakima at the Red Lion. This is the year we elect our President for the 2017-2018 term. Our Vice-President and Directors at Large 1, 3, 5, 7, and 9 are up for election as well. So if you think of someone that would do great in any of these positions, please contact our Nominating Chair, Gloria Marley.

Our next Board meeting is the 8th of April and we hope to see all Board and Committee Members there. We will be meeting at the Kittitas Valley Event Center in Ellensburg at 10:00 a.m. If any WSH members would like to attend, they are more than welcome to join us and watch us govern our awesome organization.

So with this I close with this quote from Will Rogers, “You know horses are smarter than people. You never heard of a horse going broke betting on people.”

- - Chris Thompson
**YOUTH MERIT**

A Free Program for WSH Members 17 and Under

Are you 17 years of age or under? Are you a member of Washington State Horsemen? Do you like earning great awards? Then we have just the program for you and it is FREE with your WSH Membership! To enroll, visit the WSH website, download a Youth Merit application, complete and return to either Jane Rodriguez (West Side) or Jessie McLaughlin (East Side). The website also has the workbooks for you to download and begin in. Youth Merit Members that don’t write yet, will utilize Workbook 1. All others will begin in Workbook 2. You will be completely surprised on what you are already doing at school, church, and in your community that you can be earning points for! Don’t miss out on this opportunity...enroll today! Here are a few of the tasks that you may already be doing (or know):

- List the ten WSH Zones (Task 13.10 / 2 points total).
- Explain what a red ribbon in the tail means (Task 1.13 / 1 point).
- Explain what a red ribbon in the forehead means (Task 1.14 / 1 point).
- List basic contents of an equine first aid kit (Task 3.1 / 4 points).
- Make an equine first aid kit, check yearly (Task 3.2 / 4 points).
- Read a book about a specific breed of horse / list the title and breed (maximum of 10 per year). Task 5.1 / 4 points each.
- Participate in a riding / driving / vaulting lesson. List dates (maximum 10 lessons per year). Task 8.9 / 2 points each.
- Help take care of a friend’s barn or animals for at least two days. Maximum of 6 times per year (Task 3.5 / 2 points each).
- Attend a regular meeting of your Zone (Task 12.5 / 1 point each).
- Attend church (maximum of 12 per year). Task 14.10 / 1 point each.

We are still hoping to get an adult representative from each of the Zones to serve as Youth Merit Advisors. This person would serve as a point of contact for youth in your area providing answers to questions posed, gathering workbooks at the end of the “season”, and gathering the youth together (as your schedule permits) for meet-ings, service projects, etc. So far, the following have been identified as 2017 Youth Merit Zone Advisors: Jane Rodriguez (Canal), Sue Dillman (NC), Allyson Jacob-son / Cheryl Beck (NE), and Willie Hansen (Prairie). Thank you for your continued commitment to our youth!!

We want to thank Erica Lackey for her support of our program. Those youth reaching the 300-point level last year received beautiful t-shirts designed and printed by Erica. They were beautiful and Erica DONATED them. Thank you so much! Speaking of point levels, this year’s awards will be received at the following levels:

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It is never too early to begin thinking about proposals for the 2017 Convention. If you have a proposal to either add a task to one of the Workbooks or to better the program as a whole, please e-mail them to LDSMacs@comcast.net with a subject header of “Youth Merit Rule Proposal”. We’ve received one thus far (see below). All proposals will be printed in the October Canter and voted upon at Convention during the Friday night Youth Merit meeting.

Proposal - High Point Winners will receive a replica plaque in addition to the perpetual trophy.

Youth Merit had two essay submissions this last year - Connor McLaughlin and Courtney Stockman (both from Northeast Zone). They presented their essays (along with accompanying videos and fact tables) during Friday night’s Youth Merit Meeting at Convention. The essay subject for 2016 was “Equine Legislation”. Connor’s essay on the Wild Horse Oversight Act was published in the January issue of the Canter. Our final Equine Legislation essay comes from Courtney Stockman.

“I’m going to be talking about the soring of horses. This method is mostly used on Tennessee Walkers. A little background on this breed is they are known for their gates. There are three basic gates they do; one is the flat walk, this is a brisk long walk that can cover anywhere from four to eight miles. During this gait the horses will swing their head to the beat of the cadence. Another is the running walk which is a smooth noted gait. This gait the horses can reach speeds anywhere from 10-20 miles per hour. The third is the canter, which is like other breeds but have a way to make it more natural looking.

The definition of soring is a painful practice used to get the horse’s gait the way they want it. To accomplish this they use different methods by either injections or applying caustic chemicals, or mechanical irritants. The horses try to relieve the pain, so they snatch their legs up quickly which helps the pain go away, and shifts its weight to the back, so hardly any weight is on the front. This technique got started in the early to mid-1930.

Mechanical soring can be just as painful as chemical soring. “Stacks” are up to 5 inches tall and filled with a variety of substances to add weight. This causes the horse to stand taller on the front end in an unnatural position causing constant pain. Chains are also used. The chains are worn around the pasterns, and can range from moderate to extremely painful. 6-pound chains used in shows can still be very painful if chemical or heavy chains were used prior to shows. The light chains during shows will bounce and hit the sore spots and be very painful. They also use a method of shoeing called “pressure shoeing”. This causes direct contact of the sole and the frog with a heavy metal shoe. Some other “tricks” they use is bruising the frog by placing “V” springs over the tip of the frog and only removing them right before the show. Or by warming up on the road right after having the hoof wall rasped away and nailing a shoe on which is called road founder.

Chemical soring involves using mustard oil, diesel fuel, kerosene, salicylic acid, and others which is placed on the pasterns, bulbs of heels, or the coronary band of the horse. This effect causes blisters and a burning sensation. The owners have to wear gloves and or use a brush to apply the chemicals, which then was sometimes wrapped in plastic while the chemicals were being absorbed. The mustard oil is probably one of the worst ones because it instantly goes to the tissue causing the blistering and burning. The horses don’t only suffer from immediate pain, it can cause them to sustain internal damage. One horse that was a world champion a few years ago died from colic not too long after the show due to being sored with chemicals.

To tell if a horse has been the victim of soring you look right above the coronet band and the bulb of the heel to see if there is a blistering or swelling; they also could have tenderness, abrasions, bleeding, and oozing of blood or serum. Or if they are abnormal insensitive or sensitive they were most likely suspects of soring. A distinctive scarring pattern is a pretty sure sign that there has been soring. This can be covered by dye or the horses legs can be soaked in salicylic acid before being stalled. Many horses cannot stand this treatment.

In April 2015 an act that was called the Prevent All Soring Tactics (PAST) was introduced to the Senators by a strong bipartisan group. The act prohibits people encouraging another to use methods for soring. This act also will strengthen the HPA and would allow for a bigger crackdown on this method to get them to perform this way. The HPA allows U.S. Secretary the right to send a representative to any show and inspect the horses. If the horse shows any signs of soring at shows, auctions, sales or being sold they will not be able to exhibit at any shows. After shows the winner of the class must be re-inspected for signs of soring. This bill aims to abolish this cruel training style and corrupt self-policing practices allowed. This act outlaws stacks and pads on the horses as well.

Tennessee, California, and Virginia have all passed laws specifically outlawing soring of horses. The Humane Society has been trying to have the PAST act passed because it will allow no one to use the methods of soring.”

For more information contact:
East Side Chair - Jessie McLaughlin at LDSMacs@comcast.net / 509.926.3642
West Side Chair - Jane Rodriguez at janeshouseindia@msn.com / 360.871.8471
A list of the remaining shows for 2017 are included below and we would love to see you at them this year. We are State Championship Show through their financial support. Be sure to e-mail. The key is to begin asking NOW...don't wait until summertime. If you make contact with a sponsor, please support at this year's show. Ad space begins at just $25 and we would love to see more ads this year in the pro-WSH website under the Games Division forms. Please begin asking those you come in contact with for their help in making sure that we can reach that goal again for 2017. The sponsorship packets are available on the years to give away approximately $15,000 in cash and prizes to those competing in the WSCS. We need your Sponsorships for the Washington State Championship Show. We have been super fortunate over the past few place. Please become an official today and help share the load so that EVERYONE can have a good time at are getting close (if they aren't already there) to burning out. Without officials, the shows will not be able to take place. Please become an official today and help share the load so that EVERYONE can have a good time at each of the shows!

It is time to renew your Judge's / Timer's cards! They were only good until March 31, 2017 (if you haven't re- newed your card already this year). If you are in need of renewing, please be sure to e-mail wshgd2007@yahoo.com and request the updated test. If joining before March 20, 2017, we have a list of current WSH members. If joining after March 20, please e-mail a copy of your current WSH card along with your request. If you haven't taken the path to become an official yet, please do so! Most of our officials are riders as well and would like to ride. If you could assist with a portion of event, allowing the official to properly warm up their horse and run their event, this would be a huge help! It would also help the morale of the group as many of the officials are getting close (if they aren't already there) to burning out. Without officials, the shows will not be able to take place. Please become an official today and help share the load so that EVERYONE can have a good time at each of the shows!

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A list of the remaining shows for 2017 are included below and we would love to see you at them this year. We are a super fun group of people to play with so please be sure and mark us on your calendars now. See you soon -- Melissa Stockman.

### 2017 OFFICERS

| Melissa Stockman (Director) |
| Heidi Lyngstad (East Side Vice) |
| Mike Ricert (West Side Vice) |
| Jessie McLaughlin (Secretary) |
| Heather Seiler (Treasurer) |
| Tracy Crotsley (Times Keeper) |
| Amelia Howe (Jr. Rider Rep.) |
| Sammi Kuhman (Jr. Rider Rep.) |
| Courtney Stockman (Jr. Rider Rep.) |
| Scott Lyngstad (Rules Committee Chair) |
| Sharon Kelsey (Rules Committee) |
| Tracy Crotsley (Rules Committee) |
| Gabe Valdez (Rules Comm. Alt.) |

### 2016 SPONSORS

**SADDLES AND AGE HIGH POINT**

- Bob-Mart Central Washington Concrete
- Desert Duellers / Circle C Riders
- Jodie Fields and Associates
- Knotty Girz / Trejbal Family
- North Central Zone
- NW Orthopaedic Specialists
- Triple Creek Ranch / Jim Riddle

**SUPPORT**

- Apple Awards - Heidi Harrington
- Camden Gap Saddlery
- Colville Animal Hospital
- Cowgirl Up
- CT Custom Designs
- Earl Insurance
- Evergreen Cosmetic & Family Dentistry
- EZ Wand
- HS Mayken Co., LLC / Heather Seiler
- Hubbards Iron LLC
- Hurd Mercantile & Company
- Jewel in the Lotus / Sandy Garcia
- Luft Trailer Sales
- Mark Beuscher PA-C
- McCoul / Lowry Families
- Michael Houston & Schneider Electric
- Moore Storage
- Mountain Empire Veterinary Services
- MR Equine Designs
- Olde World Trading Co.
- Perrenoud Roofing
- Russ Hendrickson
- Ryan L Bates DDS PS
- Sally Cloke Memorial
- Tonie Lamb
- Valley Vet Supply
- Wheatland Bank
- Will Rogers Saddle Co.
- WSHGD Concessions

### GAMES DIVISION

DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE: The year is off to a great start! A big “thank you” to all of those that attended the Washington State Championship Benefit Show in Spokane on March 25. Over 50 riders spent the day grabbing times to count towards their 2017 WSCS qualification. Together the riders put in a total of 396 runs; the inaugural run of the day being made by Buckaroo Josie Beck. We worked a handful of officials to death and I would like to thank Scott Lyngstad, Jessie and Emma McLaughlin, Darrin Stockman, Sharon Kelsey, MJ Franks, and Richard Parnell. There were others that assisted but it seems like their names kept reoccurring on most of the arena sheets. Again, thank you because we could not do what we enjoy doing without our officials! Also, a great big expression of appreciation to Char Trejbal for the time she spent at the lunch donation table. Several assisted with monitoring the parking areas and aprons for manure clean-up and this also really helps. Almost $800 was raised in rides and arena fees. The lunch counter brought in a little over $200 for a total of over $1,000 going directly towards your 2017 WSCS Awards. Great job! The following day, the Circle C Riders held their first 2017 Show on the West Side and it sounds like a great time was had by all of their riders on their quest to 5 clean times and a State qualification.

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**2016 WSCS HIGH POINT WINNERS**

| SADDLES AND AGE HIGH POINT |
| Desert Duellers 1 (Quincy) |
| North Country Riders 1 (Deer Park) |
| Desert Duellers 2 (Coulee City) |
| Circle C Riders 2 (Graham) |
| North Country Riders 1 (Deer Park) |
| Circle C Riders 3 (Rochester) |
| Desert Duellers 3 (Ephrata) |
| North Country Riders 1 (Deer Park) |
| Cowgirl Up (Springdale) |
| North Country Riders 2 (Deer Park) |
| Desert Duellers 3 (Ephrata) |

**2017 APPROVED SHOWS**

Show Committees...please e-mail your show approval forms to Secretary Jessie McLaughlin and mail payment to Treasurer Heather Seiler at least 10 days prior to your show for approval.

Thank you to our Show Committees for all of the hard work that they put into making it possible for our riders to qualify for a spot at the WSCS.

For more information contact the Games Division Chair:
Melissa Stockman at stockmansaddlery@aol.com / 509.220.9099
WORKING HORSE DIVISION

The WSH Working Horse Division is off to a great start in 2017! Several of our members have already attended clinics and shows to spread the word about WSH and the Working Horse Division. At the end of January, we met up with old friends and met many new ones at the Cowgirl Retreat hosted by Mary Jane Brown Clinics. Participants learned about topics covering cow work fundamentals, equine nutrition and hoof care, competition scoring from a judge’s perspective, how to tie a wild rag, how to dress for competition and much more. On March 17-19, the Bonina Ranch Trail Challenge was held in Eltopia, WA, with a combination of fun (and challenging) courses that included cattle work, water obstacles, roping, and other skills necessary on a working cattle ranch. Robin Hudson won several classes with her horse Ace, and Sandy Goble and her horse Henry brought home the All Around Division II Rider Trophy. Mickie Maxson-Box and her Paint gelding Sam showed off their cattle working skills to take top scores in her Senior Horse class while Kinsey Nelson and her new horse Beamer topped the Senior Youth Division with a championship. Erica Lackey and her new horse Annabelle won a third place overall in a large and competitive Novice Rider division. Most of all, everyone had a great time kicking off the year with friends and horses! Congratulations to all!

Do you compete in mountain trail events, ranch versatility, cowboy dressage, mounted shooting, team roping, break away roping, ranch sorting or team penning? Join the Working Horse Division! High point awards are given to the exhibitor with the most accumulated points from October 1, 2016 to September 30, 2017. A custom belt buckle will be awarded to the overall high point winner in the Working Horse Division. Sign-up for just $25 with a paid WSH membership to join the fun! Contact Erica Lackey for more information at ericalackey123@gmail.com.

- May 12-14  BC Mello Ranch Trail Challenge Series #1, Goldendale WA
- May 13-14  Cowboy Dressage Gathering, Walla Walla Fairgrounds, Walla Walla WA
- June 2-4  Novice Trail Clinic and Competition, Eastern Slope Ranch, Baker City OR
- June 3-4  Wheatacres Trail & Cattle Challenge, Sherman OR
- June 9-11  Cowboy Mountain Trail Challenge, Maxson-Box Stables, Walla Walla WA
- June 23-25  Open Trail Clinic and Competition, Eastern Slope Ranch, Baker City OR
- June 24-25  Longhorn Ranch Horse Challenge #1, Longhorn Quarter Horse Ranch, Ellensburg WA
- July 8-9  Longhorn Ranch Horse Challenge #2, Longhorn Quarter Horse Ranch, Ellensburg WA
- July 14-16  Ranch Horse Versatility Clinic and Competition, Baker City OR
- July 22-23  Longhorn Ranch Horse Challenge #3, Longhorn Quarter Horse Ranch, Ellensburg WA
- August 11-13  BC Mello Ranch Trail Challenge Series #2, Goldendale WA
- September 8-10  Ranch Horse Versatility Clinic and Competition, Eastern Slope Ranch, Baker City OR
- September 22-24  BC Mello Ranch Trail Challenge Series #3, Goldendale WA
- November 2-5  National Mtn. Trail Championships, Oregon Horse Center, Eugene OR

Photos from the Bonina Ranch Trail Challenge (top left to right): Sandy Goble receiving her All Around Division II Championship Award. Robin Hudson and Ace maneuvering an obstacle. Erica Lackey, Kinsey Nelson, and Mickie Maxson-Box.

Photos (bottom left to right): Kinsey Nelson with Mary Jane Brown and Nina Lundgrin being congratulated for her Senior Youth Championship. Robin Hudson with Ace awaiting their next go.
TRAILS AND PLEASURE DIVISION

As of now sign-ups are slowing starting to come in. Currently have 15 people signed up. Several are new to Trails and Pleasure this year. With our current weather the way it is, I’m thinking that there may be lot of trail riding starting to be done, but if there is, then you need to get signed up and start tracking those hours. Make all your riding count! First step is to join Washington State Horsemen; this can be done either through a club or individually. Then get signed up for Trails and Pleasure. All of the forms are located on the WSH website for you to download, complete, and return. Also, please remember that you can belong to more than one division!

The first big trail ride of the year happened in Benton City on March 12, 2017, with their Annual Chili Ride. If you did happen to attend this ride and aren’t currently signed up for WSH Trails and Pleasure Division, you might want to think about getting signed up. One of the rules this year is that you can count your rides 60 days prior to the day you sign up.

Here are some helpful tips for making sure that your horse is ready to trail ride. Horses need to build their muscle strength and endurance gradually, just like humans. It is really important to condition and desensitize your horse in advance of a trail ride. This takes time and commitment. Conditioning rides should be conducted over similar terrain and in well-fitted tack. Arena riding generally is not adequate conditioning for trail riding.

Proper hoof care is vitally important to the soundness of horses used for all riding. Many horses are most comfortable trail riding with shoes. Other considerations for your horse’s well-being while trail riding:

- Allow your horse the opportunity to drink at every water crossing.
- Check your tack regularly for proper fit.
- Examine feet and legs carefully after riding.
- Pick feet before and after every ride.
- Groom or wash your horse before and after every ride.

The Trails and Pleasure rulebook and current forms are on the Washington State Horsemen website at www.WashingtonStateHorsemen.org. Please also feel free to ask me for any information that you would like, or just ask me questions, and I will do my best to answer them. I have also created a flyer that I can send out to any one that would like to place them in your local feed store, or just have for yourself. I can be reached by email at horse_krazy0713@hotmail.com or by phone at 509.760.0713. Please do not hesitate to contact me for any information about this Division; I am here to help you in any way that I can.

WSH BYLAW REPORT

From Bylaw Committee Chair, Willie Hansen - An interesting question has been asked concerning the method used to determine the Zone a member is assigned when they join WSH. I am going to offer my take on our current Standing Rules, with regard to this issue, and then a proposal to change our current Standing Rules, just to make things a little easier to understand as it is currently not spelled out clearly. As of now, the only reference to Zone assignment of a member is found in our Standing Rules and that does not mention how we are placed, just that no member may belong to more than one Zone, and how to go about transferring to another Zone if you are a non-club member.

As of now. When you join WSH, either as a member of a recognized club or as an independent, your Zone designation is set by your clubs or your own psycihcal address (county/area) by the “Membership Chair” when your application is processed. If for any reason a member decides they would like to be part of another Zone, the past practice has been to notify the President of your current Zone of your intent, make sure that you have no outstanding obligations to your current Zone, send a written request to the President of the Zone you wish to transfer to (asking that you be allowed to do so), and upon acceptance from your "new" zone, a written notification be sent to the WSH Membership Chair so that your Zone can be changed per your request. It is not necessary to notify the General Board during any of these actions, unless a dispute arises, at which time the member has the right to request a hearing by the Executive Officers of WSH to settle the issue. None of the above can be found anywhere in the present copy of our Bylaws or Standing Rules.

I would propose that the following be added to the Standing Rules (which will be voted upon at Convention 2017). No member of Washington State Horsemen may belong to more than one Zone at any given time. A new member of Washington State Horsemen shall be designated to his/her Zone by virtue of their physical address, unless they are joining as a member of a recognized club that gives a specific Zone designation. A new member of Washington State Horsemen may request a specific Zone designation, in writing, at the time of their application for membership, regardless of their club affiliation, or independent status. A current member of WSH may request a change of Zones as follows:

a. Notify the President of your current Zone of your intent.
b. Make sure there are no outstanding obligations to your current Zone.
c. Send a written request to the President of the Zone you wish to transfer to, asking that you be allowed to do so.
d. Notify the Washington State Horsemen Membership Chair, in writing, of your change of Zone once approval has been granted by the new Zone.
e. In the event of a dispute between member and Zone, the member shall have the right to request a hearing of the WSH Executive Board. The findings and decision of the Executive Board shall be final and binding with regard to the dispute between Zone and member.

Washington State Horsemen has always been a very open and democratic organization and it has always been our goal to make our membership association as enjoyable as possible for all our members. With this in mind, making your membership association with friends and family in the area of your choice is of paramount importance to us. This proposal will be one of the new recommendations made during the Bylaws committee meeting at the 2017 WSH Annual Convention. If you want a voice in how WSH operates, be sure to attend, bring a friend, and vote.
**HORSE SHOW CALENDAR**

**APRIL**  
22-23 Fat and Fuzzy (Spokane). Contact Michelle Fitzhugh at 509.928.1230 or Jole Sue Chick at chick_family@hughes.net for information.

**MAY**  
6-7 Springtime Open at the Franklin County Saddle Club (Pasco). Contact Laura Berg at 509.308.6973 or shows@franklincountysaddleclub.com for more information. NCZ, NEZ, SCZ, ASHA, OCAP, OEIP, PAC.

6-7 YEA Benefit and Zone Inspirational at the Tacoma Unit. Contact Teri Blair at 253.318.6010 or at terblair62@gmail.com for more information. FSZ, CZ, CCZ, PRZ, NWBZ.

27-28 OREC Horse Show Series at the Oakville Regional Event Center (Oakville). Contact Willie Hansen at 360.264.4043 or willieh47@aol.com for more information. PRZ, FSZ.

**JUNE**  
3-4 Summerfest at the Franklin County Saddle Club (Pasco). Contact Laura Berg at 509.308.6973 or shows@franklincountysaddleclub.com for more information. NCZ, NEZ, SCZ, ASHA, OCAP, OEIP, PAC.

7-9 Kitsap Saddle Club Open Show (Port Orchard). Contact Jane Rodriguez at 360.871.5471 or 360.620.5931 or janeshouseindia@msn.com for more information. Canal.

28-30 Star Spangled Horse Show (Port Angeles). Contact Sherri Ellis at 360.460.8481 or at the@olypen.com for more information. OPZ, Canal, FSZ, Prairie, Cascade, PAC, Pinto, ASHS, AMGA, OEIP.

29-30 3 In 1 Show at the Spokane County Fair & Expo Center (Spokane). Contact Cheryl Moriarty at 509.299.4191 or tpappys@gmail.com for more information. NEZ.

**JULY**  
5-6 Northwest Classic (Spanaway). Contact Karen Lanper at 425.533.6098 or ka48@frontier.com for more information.

11-13 Appaloosa Museum Benefit Horse Show (Spokane). Contact Lynette Thompson at 509.635.1114 or museum@appaloosa.com for more information. NEZ, ApHC.

**SEPTEMBER**  
16-17 Eddie McMurdo Memorial Horse Show at the Walla Walla Fairgrounds. Contact Laura Berg at 509.308.6973 or laurasberg58@gmail.net for more information. PAC, OCAP, OEIP, Saddlebred, NEZ, SCZ.

22-24 The Jerry Prigge Memorial WS Finals Show (Monroe). Contact Lisa Gardner at cuteloper@aol.com for more information. PAC, FSZ, PRZ, CZ, CCZ.

30 - Oct 1 56th Annual Late Late Dual Open (Spokane). Contact Jole Sue Chick at 509.954.3913 or at chick_family@hughes.net for more information.

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**Dressage Shows**

**MAY**  
5 Inland NW Dressage Association (Spokane). Lorraine Heath at 509.939.6035 or leheath8@yahoo.com.

6 and 7 May Flower I and II (Kitsap Saddle Club). Karen Walling at 253.223.8752 or kmwalling62@gmail.com.

12-13 Post Falls Equestrian Center (Post Falls ID). Gena Loper at 208.660.0955 or dunsroses@gmail.com.

21 Inland Northwest Dressage Association (Spokane). Lorraine Heath (see above).

**JUNE**  
10 and 11 Appleatechee Riders Dressage Show (Wenatchee). JoAnne Fenton at 509.630.5821 or jpfenton@live.com.

10 and 11 Jolly June I and II at the Sawda Eq. Center. Karen Walling at 253.223.8752 or kmwalling62@gmail.com.

**JULY**  
8 Sizzling Summer Chalice. Karen Walling at 253.223.8752 or kmwalling62@gmail.com.

8 Inland Northwest Dressage Association (Spokane). Lorraine Heath (see above).

**AUGUST**  
12 and 13 Hot August Nights I and II / Bainbridge Island Saddle Club. Karen Walling 253.223.8752 or kmwalling62@gmail.com.

**SEPTEMBER**  
3 Final Fall Fling I at the Lazy K. Karen Walling at 253.223.8752 or kmwalling62@gmail.com.

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22-23 Post Falls Equestrian Center (Post Falls ID). Gena Loper at 208.660.0955 or dunsroses@gmail.com.

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**APPROVALS:** Breed/Open Competition Breed - ABRÁ (American Buckskin Registry Association), ASHA (American Saddlebred Horse Association), OCAP (Open Competition Activities Program-Pinto), OEIP (Open Event Incentive Program-Arabian), PAC (Paint Alternative Competition), ACAAP (Appaloosa Competitive All-Breed Activities Program), AMHA (Morgan Open Competition), IMTHA (International Mountain Trail Horse Association).
Kitsap Saddle Club
2017 Events!

Open House & Tack Sale - Saturday, April 8
Dawn Fischer dd_fischer@yahoo.com (253)851-2921

Performance Schooling Shows on Saturdays
Lori Powers lpowers2006@gmail.com (253)884-6374
- April 22 - Patti Burns
- May 13 - Steve Bryson
- June 10 - May Edwards
- July 22 - Jaime Gray
- Aug 12 - Tammy Call-Jones
- Sept 9 - Barbara Lantz Manning

Games on Sundays
- April 23
- May 14
- June 11
- July 23
- Aug 13
- Sept 10

WSH B System Show Quad Judged Series July 7-8 – 9
Jane Rodriguez JaneshouseIndia@msn.com (360)620-5931
- Friday & Saturday Judges David & Heidi Masengale
- Sunday Judges Jaime Gray & Patti Burns

Trail Extreme Challenge – August 5 – 6
Dawn Fischer dd_fischer@yahoo.com (253)851-2921

Great Clinics!
- Jodi Dickey jydickey@yahoo.com 360-710-4453
- Kandas Horton
  - Dressage with Centered Riding June 3 & 4
- Mike Edwards
  - Ranch Riding July 29
- May Edwards
  - Performance July 30
- Steve Rother
  - Excel with Horses – Aug 26 & 27
- Lucia Clemetson
  - Horsemanship – Sept 16

More information on these events can be found by visiting our website at:
www.thekitsapsaddleclub.org

Check the Calendar of Events on the Website for other events:

1470 Saddle Club Rd, Port Orchard, WA 98366
Check out our Facebook page: “The Kitsap Saddle Club”
CONVENTION 2017

Zone 1 members, under the direction of Bonnie Schuchman, have again volunteered to assist with this year’s Convention and we couldn’t be more appreciative...thank you! Each Zone is asked to donate a centerpiece or $25 to purchase a centerpiece. The items will be raffled off at the end of Saturday’s dinner. It’s never too early to begin lining up vendors for this year’s Convention. If you know of someone that would be interested in participating as a vendor, please contact Convention Chair Bonnie Schuchman at bonschuchman@gmail.com. Additionally, if you know of a company that would like to provide promotional items (pens, magnets, etc.) for the Convention welcome bags, please let Bonnie know. We will need approximately 100 of the items.

The registration fees for this year’s Convention are the same as last year and thus those members registering on or before August 31 will see a considerable savings in the registration fee. This year’s Convention is scheduled for November 10-12 in Yakima. The host hotel is the Red Lion where we have a limited number of hotel rooms held for our members at the special rate of $80 per night plus tax (single or double occupancy) or $89 per night plus tax (triple or quad occupancy). When reserving (call 509.248.5900), be sure to tell them that you are with Washington State Horsemen to get the special room rate. We are required to have a minimum of 15 rooms Thursday Night, 30 rooms Friday Night, and 40 rooms Saturday Night in order to meet the conditions of our agreement with the hotel. Please be sure that you CALL the hotel to make your reservations. If you do it through the Internet or through another service, WSH will not receive the credit for your room.

In order to keep our Convention costs low, we are asking members to help cover the cost of printing our Official Convention Program by obtaining ads for this year’s program at the rates listed below and e-mailing them to WSHCanter@yahoo.com on or before October 1. It could be an ad listing your club’s 2018 show dates. It could be an ad listing your horse’s accomplishments in 2017. It could be a special thank you to someone that has helped you this past show season. It could be your local hay dealer / tack store / veterinarian / etc.

BUY AN AD
Back Page - $75.00
Full Page - $70.00
1/2 Page - $35.00
1/4 Page - $25.00

Your help is needed to offset the cost of our Convention program. Please consider purchasing an ad! Send your ad in a Jpg or Pdf format to wshcanter@yahoo.com by 10/1/17.

The final schedule for this year’s Convention will be found in the October issue of the Canter. We encourage all members to put the full weekend on their calendars and join in the fun at the hotel with other WSH Members or out and about, in and around Yakima. Here are a few of the things that you could take in while visiting Yakima: Yakima Valley Museum (complete with soda fountain shop), Yakima Electric Railway Museum, McAllister Museum of Aviation, Yakima Area Arboretum, Fort Simcoe State Park, Yakima Greenway, Yakima Sportsman State Park, Meadowbrook Family Fun Center (miniature golf, arcade, and more), Casino Caribbean and Legend’s Casino, and Wine Tasting and Tours (several locations).

Yakima abounds in museums and attractions, shopping, outdoor recreation (hiking trails, fishing, hunting, mountaineering, wildlife viewing, scenic vistas, mountain biking and cycling), and locations for amazing food and wine. World-class wineries and wine country events help make the Yakima Valley a food and wine destination. Maybe take a quick trip to Zillah to see the Zillah Teapot handcrafted in 1922 by Jack Ainsworth serving as a gas station until 2005. The structure was placed on the National Historic Register in 1985. Today, the Teapot Dome is a popular tourist attraction located in the Yakima Valley’s Wine County. The building has moved twice. It was relocated in 1978 when Interstate 82 was constructed and again in 2012. It now serves as an information center and directs visitors to nearby attractions, recreation areas, and wineries.

Each year WSH awards special perpetual trophies to deserving members and clubs. Further information and criteria will be included in the October 2017 issue of the Canter however we encourage you to begin thinking about worthy nominees for this year’s Club of the Year, Twin Benson Memorial (Member of the Year), Junior Inspirational Award, and the Jesselyn Roehr Lifetime Achievement Award. Additionally, nominations will be accepted by Lisa Gardner for the Jerry Prigge Memorial Award.

As a reminder, the October Canter will also include all division rule change proposals and bylaw change proposals. Division rule change proposals must be submitted directly to Lisa Gardner (Horse Show), Melissa Stockman (Games), Glenna Ellers (Trails), or Erica Lackey (Working Horse) by the deadline established in each division. Bylaw change proposals must be submitted directly to Bylaws Chair, Willie Hansen on or before September 1.
Welcome to Washington’s Wine Country.

**LOCATION**
Red Lion Hotel Yakima Center is in the center of Washington and the center of downtown Yakima, steps from the Yakima Convention Center.

**ROOMS**
156 non-smoking rooms with signature Red Lion pillowtop beds, complimentary wi-fi, in-room coffee makers, irons and boards, and hairdryers.

**DINING**
Start the morning off right with the Roaring Start Breakfast Buffet located in the hotel restaurant. Johnny’s Lounge is open Monday through Saturday for a drink while you catch the game.

**TRANSPORTATION**
Complimentary transportation is available to and from the Yakima Air Terminal, and parking is complimentary while you’re here.

**RELAX**
Make a splash in two of our outdoor pools or keep fit on the road at our Energy Center.

**SERVICES**
We’re happy to provide guest laundry service and a business center located in the lobby.

**LOCAL INSPIRED**
You can always expect friendly service, but our staff is also here to help you find a uniquely local experience in Yakima. We don’t just hand you a map of the city and wish you good luck—our team will tell you where the locals go so you can know what the locals know. Here’s a few ideas to start you off!

**FOOD**
Try out a local gem like Gasperetti’s for the best Italian in town.

**WINERIES**
The Yakima Valley produces internationally famous wine—there are over 50 wineries to sample! Ask us for our favorites.

**BREWERIES**
If you’re more of a beer drinker, ask us about Yakima Craft Brewing Co., Bale Breaker Brewing Co., Treveri Cellars, and more!

**SHOPPING**
Yakima is littered with boutique shopping, but for a mainstream experience head to Union Gap and the Valley Mall.

**FUN**
Hit the links at the nationally recognized Apple Tree Golf Course or take in the acclaimed Farmer’s Market a few blocks from the hotel.

Ask anyone at the front desk for their favorite local restaurants, family fun, local landmarks and more!
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As a member of Washington State Horsemen, you are encouraged to become involved in all levels (club, Zone, and State) of our State-Wide organization. Contact your Zone President to see how you can become more involved. Start today by attending your Zone’s next meeting. Zone Meetings are designed to bring together members from all disciplines in neighboring vicinities to not only conduct business but to visit and share stories of their equine adventures. Members are also always welcome to attend the quarterly WSH Board Meetings.

Where can you find more information about WSH, Zones, and Clubs?

CASCADE ZONE
Ramona Haskin - Reporter

Members of Cascade Zone with the growing Cascade Riding Club put on a successful winter schooling series. Performance classes included; in-hand, English/Western equitation, pleasure, and trail, along with a few classes in reining, western dressage, western riding and ranch riding. The series garnered more interest in the WSH organization, new membership and lots of enthusiasm for the coming WSH show season. Look for the series high point winners in the upcoming open shows around the State. Series high point awards were awarded:

- Overall High Point - Samantha DeSmul and Calypso
- English High Point - Maggie Maris and Dixie
- Western High Point - Samantha DeSmul and Calypso
- In Hand High Point - Courtney Wolff and A Cat Apt to Cut
- Working High Point - Emma Haskin and Mr Chubby Chuckles

NORTHWEST BORDER ZONE
Barb Hento - Reporter

NWBZ started the year off with the January meeting having twenty-two people attend. People stepped up to take officer positions and many paid their dues. The current officers are: President - Kelsi Shelton; Vice-President - Allison Arund; Secretary - Lorrie Zweirs; Treasurer - Barb Hento; Horse Show Director - Kim Johnson; Trails & Pleasure - Suzie Biard. Thank you ladies for taking on these positions!

At the February meeting Suzie Biard went over the importance of logging your miles to help preserve our trails for the future. She passed out forms and explained how to fill them out. Horse Show rules were looked at and the following passed: 1. Two out of Zone Shows can be counted for points, provided they are approved by NWBZ. 2. The Zone Challenge show will count for points. Additionally, the following classes were added for Zone points: 1st & 2nd Year Walk/Trot Equitation, English or Western; 1st & 2nd Year Walk/Trot English or Western Pleasure Horse; and 1st & 2nd Year Pleasure Horse, English or Western.

NWBZ is looking forward to continuing to grow. Every meeting we’ve seen new faces and we hope this continues. Meetings are the 4th Thursday of the month at the Victor Hall, corner of E. Smith Rd and Hannegan Rd. We hope to see you there!

Pictured to the right is the McCleave-Clearbrook Reg Working Hunter Trophy. See Page 15 for more information.
The Northeast Zone is going, going, going already! Their first Games Show was held on March 25. Horse Shows are just around the corner and everyone is eagerly waiting! A reminder to our amazing members, if you have not already completed your WSH Membership for 2017, please do so today! It is MUCH easier to do so prior to a show than at the show (and your show committee will LOVE you for it). If you are joining as a non-club member, you can utilize the back page of the Canter or the form on the WSH website. If you have joined through a club, contact your Club Secretary for info on how to join (listed below).

Four Seasons Horsemens - Cheryl Moriarty at 509.299.4191 or tpappys@gmail.com

Knights of Santiago - Jole Sue Chick at 509.954.3913 or chick_family@hughes.net

North Country Riders - Melissa Stockman at 509.220.9099 or stockmansaddlery@aol.com

The Zone will meet on April 6 and May 4 then take the summer off to play with our horses (resuming in September). Meetings begin at 6:30 p.m. and President Terri Lehnertz is great about including the meeting location on the NEZ Facebook Page. April’s meeting will be held at the IHOP on Sprague Avenue near Costco.

The Zone members recently staffed a booth at the Spokane County 4-H Tack Swap on March 11 and did a great job of getting Canters, brochures, and division-specific information into the hands of non-members. WSH Queen Emma McLaughlin, Courtney Stockman, and Josie Beck also did a fantastic job visiting with individuals throughout the room that might have missed stopping by the booth for information. Thank you, ladies! Let the fruits of your labors be felt as we look to grow the NEZ membership this year!

Prairie Zone has finalized plans for our Zone Benefit Show, to be held at the OREC Arena in Oakland on Memorial Day Weekend, May 27-28. It will be an old fashioned “Quad” show, two full shows offering halter, showmanship, English, Western, and Trail each day. The overall high points for age groups from both days will be awarded on Sunday, however, you must show both days to be eligible for the overall awards. We are very excited to have a “King All-Around” working saddle to offer as our Top Overall High Point. This saddle will go to the one horse/rider combination with the highest overall point accumulation from this two-day show. Good Luck! We have overnight camping and pens available at the rodeo grounds on a first-come basis, so go to the WSH Horse Show website and get your entries in as soon as possible. We have a lot of interest in shows being held by other groups and a few of the kids are going to sign up for WSH points this year as well. I think we are off to a great start. We have several adults that have signed up for our Working Horse and Trails and Pleasure along with our youth and a few have signed up with a local clinic for gaming in our area, so we may even get that back up and running again. How cool would that be?! If you have any friends in the South Sound Area, tell them to get in touch. We would love to meet them!

**PRAIRIE ZONE**

**Willie Hansen - Reporter**

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Wow, are we off to a good start. Prairie Zone has held three Zone meetings and two Youth Merit meetings and it is hard to tell one from the other. The room is full of parents and kids, all excited to be part of something special, and full of new and great ideas! Just a reminder, we had to change our meeting day and location. We are now holding meet-

ings on the Second Tuesday of each month at Happy Teriyaki in Tumwater. Meetings begin at 6:00 p.m. The April meeting will be a full Zone meeting, May will be Youth Merit, June - Zone, July - Youth Merit (Youth Merit books are due by the first of August), August - Zone (nomination of officers), September - Zone (election of officers), October and November - Zone. We will not hold a meeting in December. A gentle reminder to all Prairie Zone members, you MUST attend at least ONE Prairie Zone business meeting this year to be eligible for year-end awards. For those of you outside of the “Greater Olympia” area, please contact me and we will arrange something.

We currently have 17 youth signed up for our Youth Merit program and all are very active, which I am happy to report. They are at two levels, first and second year. We have instituted a buddy system that has our second year’s helping the first year’s and more than a few that will probably complete both 1st and 2nd year this year as they are a bit older and playing catch-up. We have already had one clinic for Youth Merit, have two community events set for the kids to go and help do clean-up and repair, and plans are underway for at least two presentations by members of Youth Merit at their schools this spring.

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**PZ APPROVED EVENTS:**

**APRIL 23** - Trailer Safety Clinic / Tack Swap (Oakville Arena Grounds)

**APRIL 24** - #1 Gaming & Open Trail Course / Tack Swap (Oakville Arena Grounds)

**MAY 6-7** - WSH/YPEA Benefit Open Horse Show (Tacoma Unit, Spanaway)

**MAY 20** - #2 Gaming Show (Oakville Arena Grounds)

**MAY 27-28** - PZ/OREC Benefit Open Horse Show - WSH Approved Quad (Oakville Arena Grounds, camping and pens available)

**JUNE 11** - #3 Gaming Show (Oakville Arena Grounds)

**JUNE 24** - Bill Miller Memorial Open Horse Show (Oakville Arena Grounds)

**JULY 15** - Prepare for Fair Open Horse Show (Oakville Arena Grounds)

**JULY 16** - #4 Gaming Show (Oakville Arena Grounds)

**AUGUST 5-6** - Northwest Classic Open Horse Show - WSH Approved (Tacoma Unit, Spanaway)

**AUGUST 13** - #5 Gaming Show (Oakville Arena Grounds)

Please note, riders must attend 4 out of the 5 games shows to be eligible for the overall high point saddle.
Bonnie Schuchman (Buckskin Director) receives awards for her Buckskin partner, Lord Scotty. Also in photo, Anna Rodriguez and Emma McLaughlin (WSH 2017 Royalty).

Lea Wilson aboard Samurai, 1st Place Winners at 3rd Level in Dressage.

More photos from the recent Cascade Riding Club Show held in the Cascade Zone. Do you recognize these fantastic exhibitors?
ENGLISH: The English Division classes are open to horses and ponies and may be shown by riders of any age. Junior exhibitors are restricted to mares and geldings. It is strongly recommended that horses enter the ring at the trot/intermediate gait and use the entire arena. The main English gaits are walk, trot/intermediate gait, and canter depending on the classes. In some classes collections and extensions can be asked for. Unless specified otherwise, acceptable bits for classes in this division include the following: regulation snaffles (including twisted with snaffles), curb, pelham (including kimberwicks), and full bridles. Judges must disqualify for a prohibited bit. Exhibitor may be penalized for a non-conventional type of noseband. The following are prohibited: gag bits, mechanical hackamores and flat polo mouthpieces. For horses being shown in Hunter tack refer to the USEF Hunter Division for tack and attire specifications. Unless specifically prohibited by class rule, Dressage attire and tack may be used in English Pleasure classes. Judges must disqualify a rider who has fallen off of their horse. Refer to USEF Hunter Seat Equitation and/or Saddles Seat Equitation Division for attire specifications. Different breeds showing in open classes are to be shown according to their breed type. Come out to the shows and have some fun showing your horse in English. For more information on the English Division, please contact Director Pamela Klein at acrsfrompride@localaccess.com or via phone at 360.748.6006.

PALOMINO: The Palomino has been treasured through history by ancient emperors, kings and queens. The Conquistadors brought this golden horse to the southwest. The name of “Palomino” is a Spanish surname. Many movies and entertainers made the Palomino the horse of choice. Palomino is a color consisting of a gold coat with a white mane and tail. Genetically, the color is created by a single allele of a dilution gene called the cream gene working on a “red” (chestnut) base coat. Many breeds have this color within it, therefore a Palomino can be double registered. “Palomino horses have been competing and winning in the world’s toughest all breed contests for many years, often seen in National Cutting Horse, Reining, and National Snaffle Bit Association events.” You will find these horses in breed shows. 4-H and Pony Clubs, many Rodeo and USEF events. They compete Western, English, Speed events and Jumping. There are two Associations that register Palominos. The original association accepts all breeds and is known as Palomino Horse Association (PHA) located at 10171 Nectar Ave, Nelson MO 65347. The second is the Palomino Horse Breeds of America (PHBA). PHBA accepts Palominos that are also registered with AQHA, AMHA (Morgan), ASHA (Saddlebred), AHA (Arabian), Jockey Club (Thoroughbred), TWHBEA (Walking Horse), AHHA (Holsteiner), RMHA (Rocky Mt), MFTHBA (Fox Trotter), just to name a few, PHBA’s office is 15253 E Skelly Drive, Tulsa OK 74116-2637. Washington State Horsemen’s Horse Show Division has a perpetual trophy for the registered horse (PHA or PHBA) that accumulates the most points overall in approved Horse Show classes at WSH “B” System shows. For more information on the Palomino Division, please contact Director Kelsi Shelton at kshelton510@gmail.com or via phone at 360.510.9409.

POKEY: Spring flowers and showers should be happening when you read this. Hopefully you are getting those ponies legged up for the driving activities starting in May. The first weekend in May has two shows, one in Pasco and one in Spanaway. Check the WSH website for show premiums and class lists. As a member of the Year End Awards club, I know there are 12 classes and miniatures can enter. Come and join the fun! Classes include trail in-hand and halter as well as showmanship. Also some of the driving classes are Zone Invite which means that you can come and represent your Zone at the show along with other members of that Zone. Just declare your Zone on the entry form and you are a part of the Zone Invite. This show supports your end of year high point awards given out at the November Convention. And we just have a lot of fun at this show! Please continue to check the WSH website for other shows that are including driving classes. Also keep in mind that there are Trails and Pleasure Division awards available for the time that you spend driving and doing ground work with your pony. See the Trails and Pleasure Division for information or contact their Director, Glennia Eilers.

On a sad note, I include the following obituary. Washington State Horsemen lost a long-time member that many of you will remember, Richard Rosenberg. Rick showed at and participated in horse activities in many parts of the State for over 55 years. I first met Rick and his wife, Ruby, when I was 15. They helped me with my second horse. Rick was also there throughout the years to lend a helping hand whether a training tip or just unloading or loading a pony cart. He trained and showed Sundrea Garcia’s “Little Miss Mouse”, a past President’s Cup winner, before Sundrea purchased her. We lost a very talented horseman and fine gentleman. We will miss your smile and friendship. Happy Trails, Rick. For more information on the Pony Division, please contact Director Judy Jo Roberts at drivingsody@hotmail.com or via phone at 509.925.3624.

RICHARD J. ROSENBERG, 85

Richard J. Rosenberg passed away March 5, 2017. He was born March 30, 1931 in Ellensburg, WA to William and Elizabeth (Richards) Rosenberg. He grew up on the family farm with brothers: Bill, Chuck, Don, Jack, and sister; Violet. He attended Kittitas Schools and was in the graduating Class of 1949. In February of 1954 he introduced to his future wife, Ruby, through a cousin who was stationed with Rick in the Army while in Kansas. Upon completion of his Army service, Rick headed back to Kansas where he and Ruby were married August 1, 1954. After the wedding Rick returned to Ellensburg with his new bride.

Rick will be remembered as a true horseman. His quiet, patient manner was truly a gift and inspiration. Rick's love of horses covered all breeds and disciplines. While at home on the farm family, they used horses to do all the farming. He showed horses for over 60 years, everything from halter, driving, English to Western all while riding Saddlebreds, Tennessee Walkers, AQHA, all breeds and his driving ponies. He loved to cow cut as well. He was even known to have dressed up to the ladies side saddle class.

He and wife, Ruby were 4-H leaders of the Stirups & Irons Club for well over 30 years. Along with all the horses he trained, he also loved to be a horse show judge - he loved to help kids with their horses and in general helped horses with people problems. The talent he possessed with horses was amazing, his passion ran deep, the connection with the mind of the horse is difficult to explain, if you knew him you were amazed. He was also a musician; he played the piano, organ, violin, and accordion. Back in the good ole' days, he played at Grange Halls, and was known to be quite the dancer too. After 30 years, Rick retired from the Kittitas County Public Works Department in 1984. He then could devote all his time to training and riding.

Rick was such a kind soul, soft spoken, gracious - never a harsh word spoken. He was a patient, loving husband, father, brother and granddad. His quiet presence will be greatly missed. This loyal devotion was obvious when he cared for his mother and Ruby. In the end, he was at peace, and was given the same unwavering care by his son, Tony. He was content and with those he loved - he truly blessed us. Thank you sweet Rick! Rick is survived by sons; Tony (Jody) Rosenberg, grandchildren; Tara (Adam) Bredfield, Tyrel, Tyler, and Dusty. Brother-in-Law David Johanson of Kansas, many nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his mother, father, sister; Violet, brothers - Chuck, Bill, Don, Jack, son; Fred, and wife Ruby. The family will hold a private service at a later date. The family would like to express thanks to all the Home Health and Hospice staff for all their wonderful care.
**BUCKSKIN:** Announcing the Buckskin Bred Program through the American Buckskin Registry Association, Inc. The ABRA is proud to implement the Buckskin Bred Program. We have all bred for the beautiful Buckskin and didn’t get the color to register our foals with ABRA. Now you can! It is very easy, Sire and Dam must be registered with ABRA, if only one is parent is ABRA registered, the other parent must be registered with an ABRA recognized breed association. Buckskin Bred Classes will be created for Buckskin Bred registered horses to show with other Buckskin Bred registered horses starting in 2017. Download the form and start getting them registered! Questions? Call ABRA Tulsa Office at 918.936.4707.

Lots of new rules and regulations, please visit the website with all the new changes and updates. We are looking for more buckskins to sign up for yearend awards. Come join the fun and activities that WSH has to offer.

On a personal note, the 2016 Horse Show season was a great year for Lord Scotty and me. Goals were set and with lots of hard work and determination, we were very successful. We ended the WSH 2016 season with year end Champion in Trail Horse 18 and Over, Buckskin Halter, Western Riding, and Quarter Horse HUS, S/N Around Buckskin. I also just received from ABRA, with yearend points, lifetime accumulations. We made the final honor roll in Disciplined Rail Western Top 5, and Ranch Pleasure Horse Reserve Champion. Superior ROM’s in Open Halter Geldings, Open HUS, Am Showmanship. I am so blessed and honored to have such a great equine partner in Lord Scotty. He is truly an all around horse. He is that horse that has done amazing things and never ceases to amaze me. Here is to 2017...just never know what each day will bring you. Good luck to all in your endeavors and cherish your times. For more information regarding the Buckskin Division, please contact Director Bonnie Schuchman at bonschuchman@gmail.com or via phone at 509.424.0906.

**DRESSAGE:** Happy Spring! The show season will soon be here. Shows are counted from October 1 through September 30. To sign up for high score awards in this division, you must (1) Be a WSH member (2) Register for High Score Awards in WSH (3) Get a report form from the WSH website under the Horse Show Division’s “Forms and Downloads” at www.WashingtonStateHorsemen.org. Be sure to mail your membership application and Dressage Division sign-up forms to the address at the bottom of each form. Amateur cards are free for dressage riders competing in one high score award. You need to fill out an amateur form and mail it to Horse Show Division, PO Box 1010, McKenna WA 98558. The rider is responsible for submitting his/her own scores to the WSH Dressage Points Keeper at the end of the season (Gena Loper via e-mail at dunsroses@gmail.com or PO Box 3555, Post Falls, ID 83877). Make sure that the show name, date of show, judge’s signature and score are listed on the front cover of your test. Please submit scores immediately after your last show. This year, the Dressage Division will offer several WSH B System Shows. Lower Puget Sound Dressage Club will put on eight WSH/ODS shows, Appaloosa Riders and the Post Falls Equestrian Center will each offer two shows.

LPSDC held their awards banquet/auction on February 4th at The Inn at Gig Harbor. This was a gala event with 94 people in attendance. LPSDC awards as well as WSH awards were presented. Many of our members received Register of Merit Awards (ROM’s); Coolers, vests, jackets with the WSH logo were awarded. Over $1,200 was raised from the dessert auction and this will benefit a horse rescue. LPSDC offered a musical free style clinic given by Cynthia Collins on February 25-26. On April 7, our Chapter will host a Show Season Strategy workshop with Jennifer Verharen at the Gig Harbor Library. We are also planning a New Member Welcome and Volunteer Clinic to be held later in April. Our Sizzling Summer show will be held on July 9 at Chalice Farms with Debbie Spence “R”. A Ride and Review Clinic will follow on Sunday. But last not least, on October 14-15, the Chapter will offer a clinic with Mike Osiński “R”.

For more information regarding the Dressage Division, please contact Director Mary Brady at marybrady@ywame.com or via phone at 360.894.5855 or Points Keeper Gena Loper at dunsroses@gmail.com or via phone at 208.660.0955.

**DRIVING:** Washington State Horsemen shows get underway in April. Although most shows have not finalized their premium lists at the time of this writing, the growing popularity of driving as part of the WSH lifestyle means that more and more shows are likely to offer driving classes. The “green” horse and pony classes are especially popular for equines who are beginning their driving careers, and horses, miniature horses and ponies may compete in the "green" classes for their first two years in driving. Equines may compete as “green” so long as they are new to driving - even if they are veterans in other disciplines. Also, many shows offer at least one class specifically for miniature horses and some offer combined pony/mini classes. Jr./Sr. Driver classes are available, as is the Open (all breeds and sizes) class. Most shows offer a championship class, and several offer high point driving awards. Check out the shows at the WSH “Upcoming Events” calendar as premium lists are linked at http://washingtonstatehorsemen.org/events/category/horse-show-division/. Show committees are interested to hear your input about classes that you’d like to see offered as they put together their premium lists for 2017 and show secretaries are happy to explain prize lists. Come join the fun as part of the WSH lifestyle!

For more information regarding the Driving Division, please contact Director Sylvia Glover at syleste@comcast.net or via phone at 509.979.5017.

**HUNTER / JUMPER:** In looking in the WSH Horse Show Division rulebook, you will see that there are five perpetual trophies listed as McCleave-Clearbrook awards for Hunters and Jumpers. If you are new to WSH you might wonder who was this? When WSH first developed there was a riding club in Clearbrook, Washington (this is in Snohomish County close to Woodinville). Many of the original WSH members rode there as juniors. This riding club was run by trainer Jim McCleave. Many Hunter and Jumper champions came out of this barn. When the barn and club closed, the membership voted to sponsor perpetual trophies for the Hunter and Jumper Division of WSH, in the name of Jim McCleave and Clearbrook Riding Club. Thus the name on the trophies became McCleave-Clearbrook. If you look at the names on these trophies you will see the history of WSH Hunters, Jumpers and their riders, many who went on to the “A” shows and were active members of WSH throughout years. The six trophies are:

- McCleave - Clearbrook Good Seat and Hands over Jumps Medal, Junior 17 and Under
- McCleave - Clearbrook Jumpers
- McCleave - Clearbrook Jumpers Junior / Amateur
- McCleave - Clearbrook Junior Hunter
- McCleave - Clearbrook Regular Working Hunter
- McCleave - Clearbrook Adult - Amateur Hunter over Fences

The trophies are awarded on total points in its respective class at WSH approved shows and a photo of one of the beautiful perpetuals can be seen as part of the Northwest Border Zone Report in this issue of the Canter. For more information regarding the Hunter/Jumper Division, please contact Director Barb Hento at bbstables@earthlink.net or via phone at 360.398.2729.
WSH Membership Application

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MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES / NON-CLUB:

_____ Individual Member (17 or Under): $15.00

_____ Individual Member (18 or Over): $27.00

_____ Family Membership: $43.00

If you are joining through a club recognized by WSH, please contact the Club’s Secretary for registration. If you have any questions, please contact the WSH Office at info@washingtonstatehorsemens.org or by phone at 509.760.6760 or by mail at WSH c/o Teri Blair, 22313 139th Avenue Ct E - Graham WA 98338-7669.

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