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The 2026 Washington State Championship Show, held in Cashmere WA on August 14-16 reminded those attending that friendships and fun are found amongst the personal records and competition. From silent auction to the Junior Rider Scavenger Hunt and Secret Pal Program, those attending truly did embody this year's theme of "The Games We Play". Congratulations to this year's winners and thank you to our sponsors, supporters, volunteers, officials, and cheering squads. Let's do this again...the 2026 / 2027 season has already begun!

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President's Message

Let's Celebrate 2026!



It's hard to believe another season is almost behind us, and what a season it has been. The Games Division has wrapped up, and a new season has already begun, while the Horse Show Division will close out their season shortly. Youth Merit books have been turned in, and the final hours are being logged for the Trail and Pleasure Division. As we begin turning our attention toward awards and convention, I am reminded of the dedication, time, and heart our members bring to every part of this organization.

Before we fully close out the year, please remember to return any perpetual awards to the awards chair so this year's winners can enjoy them as well. Convention will also be here before we know it, and I hope you will come ready to share your ideas for helping WSH grow, promoting all we have to offer, and continuing to celebrate the wide range of equestrians who make this organization special.

This year also brought challenges. Some of our shows struggled, and a few even had to cancel, while many across the state felt the effects of a difficult fire season. Even in such a difficult time, it was truly heartening to see the support, generosity, and donations that came forward from so many places. That kind of care is a powerful reminder of who we are as a community.

Looking ahead, our youth remain one of the brightest parts of WSH. They truly are the future of this organization, and together we can continue finding meaningful ways to get them interested, keep them involved, and help them feel welcome and excited to be part of our community. At the same time, I want to thank every member who volunteered on projects, committees, convention planning, awards, event promotions, and our publication, *The Canter*. Without the people who step up and give their time, this organization could not function as it does. Please take a moment to say "thank you" to these selfless members when you have the chance.

I look forward to seeing everyone in November at Convention. Thank you for the many ways you continue to support, strengthen, and contribute to WSH.

-- George Chick
#wshlifestyle



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HSD's Quarter Horse Division

The American Quarter Horse Association recognizes one Affiliate per state and numerous Country Affiliates around the globe. In Washington, the Washington State Quarter Horse Association (WSQHA) is the recognized AQHA Affiliate. Within WSQHA there are multiple avenues of involvement with activities for youth, amateurs and open riders alike. For Youth, WSQHA offers five scholarships! The first being Horse Crazy in memory of Jamie Solomon, Corina Girling and Tracey Larson. This scholarship is for children in 4th grade or higher coming from a household income under \$50,000 that is drawn to horses and riding lessons. This scholarship will provide financial support for lessons, a riding helmet and boots if needed to set up a young rider for success. The next opportunity is Pistols & Smoke Let's Go Show Scholarship. This scholarship is for a youth participating in a lesson program on a lesson horse to attend an Affiliate sponsored show in Monroe, WA. The last scholarship is the Region 1 AQHA Scholarship. This is a \$5,000 educational scholarship awarded to three applicants annually. This is awarded through the American Quarter Horse Association Foundation. AQHA manages this scholarship and all applications process through the AQHA Foundation. The funds for this scholarship are raised through entries into the Regional Championship Classes at the Region 1 Championship Show. If someone applies for the Region 1 Scholarship, but the committee feels they are a better fit for another scholarship, their application is moved to that section and there can be larger scholarships available!

New in 2027 is the Show Scholarship! At EVERY WSQHA hosted show there will be a scholarship available for a youth or amateur who has NEVER competed at a breed show. This scholarship will cover their show fees, stalls and an AQHA membership if needed! There will be an application available for each show. The goal is to encourage new comers to attend an AQHA show and hope they come back for more! In 2026 WSQHA formed the Stephanie Burns Grit & Grace Award. This grant is in Stephanie's memory after an eleven year battle with cancer. She fought with determination and courage. The grant is awarded in \$100 increments up to \$500 to WS QHA members who share Stephanie's values of being positive, having grace, and being determined. This grant can help with life's unfortunate circumstances, human or horse health issues. The grant is funded by support of WSQHA and donations.

Having an AQHA membership has great rewards, there are discounts available at many major retailers such as John Deere, Sherwin Williams, Chevy and more! For Youth, having an AQHA and WSQHA membership makes them eligible for so many scholarships, internships, the Youth Excellence Seminar in Texas and so much more! WSQHA annually hosts eight AQHA approved horse shows in Monroe with two being AQHA special events for the Ranch Events. WSQHA partners with the Southwest Washington Paint Horse Club, Mt. Rainier Appaloosa Club, Washington State Horsemen, Cascade Pinto Association and PNW Pinto. These partnerships allow opportunities for registered AQHA, APHA, ApHC, PTHA as well as All Breeds of horses to show at their horse shows. In addition to these breeds, the three shows with ranch events are also approved by the World Ranch Horse Association making qualifying for their world show easy! All information for scholarships and events can be found at wshqa.com. Written by: Erin Wieldraayer, AQHA Director WA/AL, WSH HSD Director.



2027 EVENT DATES

JANUARY 23	WSQHA CONVENTION
FEBRUARY 6 & 7	TRAINER INVITE
APRIL 16 - 18	SPRING ROUND UP
APRIL 22 - 25	NO SILVER, NO SEQUINS
JUNE 9 - 13	TROPHY CIRCUIT *ADDED DAY TO TROPHY CIRCUIT
JUNE 18 - 20	RANCH IT UP
JULY 29 - AUG. 1	FIESTA CIRCUIT & REGION 1
SEPT. 9 - 12	NW EMERALD
SEPT. 24 - 26	WS FINALS



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HSD's Pony Division

COFFEE & TEA SERVICE

at the 2026 Convention

from the WSH Pony & Driving Divisions

Co-Directors: Sylvia Glover & Lisa Lydon

See us at the Convention for info about our divisions and how to join the fun!



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YOUTH MERIT

Are You Missing This Opportunity?

A big "shout out" to both the North Central and Northeast Zones for their continued work with their youth in 2026! Three amazing volunteers have really given extra effort this year and we'd love to give them a huge THANK YOU!

The North Central Zone is blessed with two Youth Merit Advisors - Makayla Markwell and Erin Wioldraayer. Makayla leads her group from the Desert Duelers Club through meetings geared very much like 4-H. Erin has found really creative ways to engage her youth in the Sun Basin Riders Club through service activities, elections of officers, and more. The Northeast Zone is headed up by Emma Tanner who worked to set up a curriculum for the year and offered it through Zoom calls each month. Sadly the calls were only attended by a handful of youth each month but the hope is that "if they build it, they will come". Flyers will be available at their banquet this year announcing the 2027 dates and the topics in hopes that more youth will be able to join through Zoom given the Northeast Zone's VERY LARGE geographic region of their members.

At Convention this year, we will be meeting on Saturday, distributing awards to those receiving participation plaques through the Honor of Excellence level, and discussing the following potential addition to the workbooks (proposed by Emma Tanner)...

Add into the Riding Record portion, "Attend a Non-WSH Show (i.e. WAHSET, 4-H, YEDA, NRHA, O-Mok-See, etc.) and describe something new you saw (maximum of 6 per year at 2 points each).

As a reminder...the Youth Merit program is open to all members 17 and under and is an "added value" to your WSH membership - there is no extra fee to sign up! Below is the point system we are utilizing for awards in 2026 (and will be using again for 2027):

- Participation Plaque (50 Points)
- Yellow Tag / Certificate of Merit (100 Points)
- Red Tag / Certificate of Excellence (200 Points)
- Blue Tag / T-Shirt / Honor of Excellence (300 Points)
- Bronze Medallion (500 Points)
- Superior Jacket (650 Points)
- Silver Medallion (800 Points)
- Supreme Buckle (1,000 Points)
- Gold Medallion (1,200 pts)
- \$50 / 75 / 100 Cash Awards (1,400+ points)
- 3 Age Division High Point Awards and an Overall (based on new points)
- Community Service Award (based on new points)

If you didn't get a chance to participate in 2026, the new "season" has just begun. The Youth Merit year runs from August 1 to July 31 each year so it truly is a great time to jump into the program. And look at the great awards you could win! Don't let another day go by without joining us in Youth Merit!

HOW DO I GET STARTED?

1. Visit the WSH website, download an application, complete it, then scan and e-mail it to Jessie McLaughlin at the e-mail address below.
2. In the same location on the website, you can also download a workbook for you to work on. Workbook 1 is for Youth Merit members that cannot write quite yet (it acts as a record book for your parents to complete). All others are invited to begin in Workbook 2.
3. Reach out to your Zone President to determine who they have asked to serve as Youth Merit Advisor. Although not required (because you can complete the program independently) we recommend that you reach out to your Zone Youth Merit Advisor as they may have field trips, meetings, fun service projects, and special speakers planned for the near future.

We look forward to seeing you in 2027!

For more information contact:

Jessie McLaughlin at LDSMacs@comcast.net /
509.434.4555

TRAILS AND PLEASURE DIVISION

Here we are at the end of the trail, so to speak. I hope you've all had a great year riding / driving / leading your awesome horses!

Thank you everyone for sending in your hours! It's been exciting to watch the progress throughout the year. The end of our year is September 30, work your steeds and send in those last hourly sheets.

Awards are being sorted, buckles are ordered, working on shirts and things. I look forward to seeing you at Convention.

Kimberly Lansing

CONGRATULATIONS

Klompfen Farms won the 2026 Hay King Contest at the Grant County Fair. The farm is owned and operated by Bob and Anne Wioldraayer with help from HSD Director Erin Wioldraayer (members of the North Central Zone).



ELECTIONS AT CONVENTION

The following positions will be elected (or ratified) at this year's Annual Meeting.

VICE PRESIDENT (1-year term)

The following will be ratified -

Zone Director #2 / Northeast (2-year term)

Zone Director #4 / West Side (2-year term)

All Zone Presidents (1-year terms)

Zones listed above are required to hold elections by mid-October in order for their Director to be ratified at Convention. Please be sure to schedule your zone's election meeting as soon as possible for your members. Contact Jessie McLaughlin at LDSmacs@comcast.net if you need a Zoom Meeting set up.

CONVENTION AWARDS

E-Mail Us Your Nominations Today (Deadline October 23)

All letters of nomination for these awards should be e-mailed to Awards Committee Chair, Gloria Marley, at gjmarley@msn.com.
Any questions please contact WSH President George Chick at 509.954.7814 .

MAN OF THE YEAR AWARD

The "Man of the Year" award is a memorial to Twin Benson and is presented each year to an outstanding WSH member who has given unselfishly of himself or herself for the benefit of others. This is the spirit which made Twin beloved by all who were privileged to know him. Nominations for this award shall be made in the form of a letter setting forth those qualifications of the current year's activities which are believed to make him or her eligible, based on the following:

1. Service to Youth, within and outside his or her own club.
2. Service to his or her own club.
3. Service to Washington State Horsemen at Zone and State levels.
4. Service to the community.
5. Also, provide a past historical resume of this person in the above categories.

Nominations are not limited to members of the club to which the nominee belongs but any WSH member may submit nominate a person for this award, provided the letter contains information on the above items. A committee composed of the Awards Committee Chair and at least two impartial members shall determine the person most deserving of this award. This award is to be presented at the Annual Awards Banquet at Convention.

There are many outstanding WSH members and usually the decision is very difficult because of the fine qualities of so many hard working, active members. If in the past you have submitted a resume of someone you think deserving of this award, but who was not selected, please resubmit the name and resume.

JUNIOR INSPIRATIONAL AWARD

Is there a young person in your area who has been an inspiration to their fellow peers? A special perpetual trophy, sponsored by the former Mayor Larson of Yakima, will be presented to a junior WSH member who has gone out of his or her way to provide assistance or help to others and who through their personal endeavors has truly been an inspiration. The nominee should be one who has entered horse events, though need not be a top winner. The letter of nomination is to include the nominee's name, age, address, club if applicable, and agency through which he pays his WSH dues. Also, the reason for selection, necessary references for these reasons, and the signature of the nominating agency, i.e., family, club, zone, officer, etc.

A committee composed of the awards committee chair and at least two impartial members shall determine the youth most deserving of this award. This award is to be presented at the Annual Awards Banquet at Convention.

JESSELYN ROEHR LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

This award is to recognize and award that individual that has dedicated themselves to years of service to Washington State Horsemen based on the following criteria:

1. At least a 10 year WSH member.
2. Has served at State level (may include Board of Directors, Committee Chair, appointed or elected), State Judge, Steward, Timer, etc.

Recipients are selected by the Awards Committee Chair and at least two impartial members. This award is to be presented at the Annual Awards Banquet at Convention. Recommendations by any WSH member will be considered.

Twin Benson Man of the Year Past Winners

1960's

Chris Long (1963), *Dale Brannon (1964), Walt Johnson (1965), Robert Cunningham (1966), *Jesselyn Roehr (1967), Horace Poach (1968), and Everett Woods (1969)

1970's

Edmund Burke (1970), *Cap Galloway (1971), Wally Wilkerson (1972), *Dewey Bodle (1973), *Reatha Chance (1974), *Chet Kelly (1975), Howard Yeager (1976), Tudi Erichsen (1977), *Alton Lorang (1978), and *Wilma Hager-ty (1979)

1980's

*Harry Everhart (1980), *Fritz Lorenzen (1981), Morgan Dunn (1982), Jayleen Tjoelker (1983), *Kathryn Stran (1984), Marcellus Wiesner (1985), Karen Dillard (1986), Carolyn Kennedy (1987), *Patti Seldal (1988), *Ethel Lewis (1989)

1990's

*Amber Hay (1990), *George Shambrook (1991), *Bob Deardorff (1992), *Larry McGee (1993), Jack Weinz Jr. (1994), Bill Kinsella (1995), Oliver Call (1996), *Denise Boley (1998)

*Jeanette Peebles	2000
Dawn Spencer	2001
Lisa Gardner	2002
Sharon Kelsey	2003
Rose Ridlon	2004
Jim Cook	2005
Virginia Prigge	2006
Jessie McLaughlin	2007
Mary Brady	2008
Linda Fonville	2009
Patty Morrison	2010
Erica Lackey	2011
Patti Burns	2012
Jean Garcia	2013
Melissa Stockman	2014
JoAnn Thomson	2015
Gloria Marley	2016
Bonnie Schuchman	2017
Dan and Cheryl Moriarty	2018
Terri Lehnertz	2019
George and Jole Chick	2020
Jessie McLaughlin	2021
No Award	2022
Kimberly Lansing	2023
No Award	2024
Tina Tomonelli	2025

*Deceased

Barbara Seaman	1971
Karen Watts	1972
Sally Ann Smethers	1973
Cindy Aston	1974
Carla Breeden	1975
Stephanie Hagarty	1976
Debbie Ownes	1977
Lori Boling	1978
Cheri Williams	1981
Misty Lawson	1982
Loray Nash	1983
Ann Dunn	1984
Laura Seldal	1986
Lola Lang	1987
Scheilla Litchfield	1989
Kami Stigge	1990
Mandi Gates	1991
Erin Johnson	1992
Bevin Vogt	1993
Buffy Kaelberer	1994
Ann Forsman	1998
Devan Thompson	2000
Jessica Bland (NCZ)	2001
Danna Grieb	2002
Christy Eschliman (NEZ)	2003
Brittany Fitzhugh (NEZ)	2004
Emily Graham	2005
Callie Jones (Canal)	2006
Danielle Todd	2007
Halley Luther	2008
Brett Moriarty (NEZ)	2009
Sandra Spearman	2010
Shane Terry (Canal)	2011
Emma McLaughlin (NEZ)	2012
McCanna Sanders	2013
No Award	2014
Kinsey Nelson	2015
Anna Rodriguez (Canal)	2016
Amelia Howe (NCZ)	2017
Corbin Kuster (NEZ)	2018
Bailey Nowlin (NEZ)	2019
Payton Thurman (NEZ)	2020
Josie Beck (NEZ)	2021
Lindsey Kuster (NEZ)	2022
Hunter Coe (NEZ)	2023
Remmie Graff (NEZ)	2024
No Award	2025

Jesselyn Roehr Lifetime Achievement Award

*Ethel Lewis	1989
Norma Smith	1990
*Isabelle Moe and *Reatha Chance	1991
*George Shambrook	1992
Larry Lewis	1993
*George McDonald	1994
*Jole Birdsell	1995
*Sherron Carter	1996
Pat Johnson	1997
*Arlis McDonald	1998
No Award	1999
No Award	2000
*Jerry Prigge	2001
Carolyn Kennedy	2002
Karen Dillard	2003
Sharon Call	2004
Steve Bryson	2005
*George Shambrook	2006
*Jan Schuchman	2007
Virginia Prigge	2008
*Patty Seldal	2009
Dawn Spencer	2010
No Award	2011/2
Mary Brady	2013
Jessie McLaughlin	2014
Lea Williams	2015
Willie Hansen	2016
Rich Parnell	2017
No Award	2018
Lisa Gardner	2019
Tammy Call-Jones	2020
No Award	2021/2
Melissa Kelsey	2023
Cheryl Moriarty	2024
Dan Moriarty	2025

*Deceased



2026 WASHINGTON STATE HORSEMEN

Annual Convention Registration

November 13-15, 2026

Clover Island Inn - Kennewick WA

Those registering early will save by paying the "early bird" fee for registration and meals. Room reservations may be made by contacting the Clover Island Inn at (509) 586-0541. We have blocked only a few rooms this year so reserve early to get the group rate (under WA State Horsemen Convention). On the dinner portion of this form, please write either "A" for adult or "C" for child (12 and under) in the appropriate date column. Refunds (registration and dinners) will not be granted after November 6.

Attendee's Name (Please Print)	WSH #	Dinner 10/1-15	Dinner >10/15	Mtg 10/1-15	Mtg >10/15	Line Total

A = Adult Dinner Cost - \$47 (<10/15) or \$50 (after 10/15)

C = Child (12 and Under) Dinner Cost - \$29 (<10/15) or \$32 (after 10/15)

Individual Meeting Registration Fee - \$40 (<10/15) or \$45 (after 10/15)

Family Meeting Registration Fee (include on just one line of an attendee) - \$60 (<10/15) or \$65 (after 10/15)

Buffet Menu

6 oz Flat Iron Steak
Herb Crusted Chicken,
Scalloped Potatoes,
Seasonal Vegetables,
Green Salad with Assorted Dressings, Macaroni Salad,
Rolls and Butter,
Coffee, Lemonade

SUBTOTAL OF LINES ABOVE:	\$
DINNER DISCOUNT:	\$ - 20.00
TOTAL ENCLOSED **:	\$

**** New this year! If at least one of the attendees registered to attend meetings is ALSO purchasing a dinner ticket, reduce your total by \$20.00 !!**

Address: _____

Phone: _____

City / State / Zip: _____

Zone: _____

E-Mail: _____

Club: _____

Please Make Checks / Money Orders Out to WSH and Mail To:
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CONVENTION 2026

Get ready – this year's Convention is set to be one you won't want to miss! We're heading back to the beautiful heart of Washington wine country for a weekend full of connection, energy, and unforgettable experiences. Mark your calendars for **November 13-15, 2026**, as we gather at the welcoming Clover Island Inn (435 Clover Island Drive) in Kennewick. Whether you're a longtime member or attending for the first time, Convention is your chance to reconnect with friends, build new relationships, and be part of something bigger.

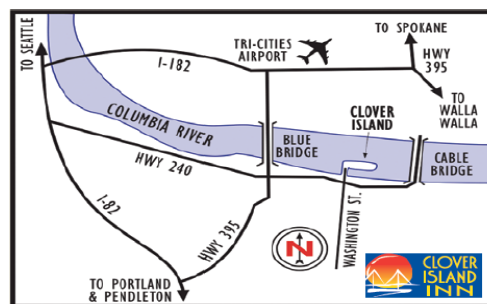
WHY YOU SHOULD BE THERE – Convention is more than meetings, it's an experience. Expect inspiring sessions and meaningful conversations, opportunities to connect with members from across the region, fun social events and shared memories, a chance to help shape the future of our organization, and of course...plenty of laughs.

HOST HOTEL HIGHLIGHTS – Our home base, the Clover Island Inn, offers beautiful riverfront views of the Columbia River, comfortable rooms with modern amenities, mini refrigerators and microwaves in all rooms, easy access to local attractions, and it's the perfect setting to relax, recharge, and enjoy your Convention weekend. The Crow's Nest (restaurant) is still undergoing renovation but great food is nearby at the Cedar's, the Ice Harbor Brewery, and various other amazing restaurants off the island.

DISCOVER THE TRI-CITIES – The surrounding Tri-Cities area (Kennewick, Richland, and Pasco) is packed with unique charm and surprising experiences. The region is known as the "Heart of Washington Wine Country" with 200+ wineries nearby. The mighty Columbia, Snake, and Yakima Rivers all meet here, creating stunning scenery and outdoor recreation. Howard Ammon Park offers gorgeous riverfront walking trails and views. The area enjoys 300+ days of sunshine a year. Agriculture thrives here – this region produces apples, cherries, grapes, and more. If you have extra time, consider wine tasting or brewery visits, scenic walks along the river, and/or exploring local shops and markets.



Kennewick, WA
November 13-15, 2026



MAKE IT A WEEKEND TO REMEMBER – We're planning opportunities for fun and connection beyond the main sessions – because some of the best Convention moments happen in between. Think relaxed gatherings, shared meals, and maybe even a few surprises. The committee, consisting of Steve Bryson, Arlene Marquart, Jessie McLaughlin, Emma Tanner, Laurie Tufford, and Anne and Erin Wieldraayer are hard at work on making this year's Convention one of the most memorable yet.

START PLANNING NOW – Registration details, schedules, and special activities will be coming soon – but now is the time to save the date, start making travel plans, and invite fellow members to join you. Come for the Convention...stay for the experience. We can't wait to see you in Kennewick this November!

IT'S NOT TOO EARLY – The Clover Island Inn is already taking reservations and doubles are highly sought after so call them today at 509.586.0541 and let them know you are seeking the Washington State Horsemen group rate (\$120 for singles and \$140 for doubles plus tax per night). The rate includes access to their morning breakfast on the fourth floor and FREE parking. Pets are allowed with a weekend pet rate. Visit at your next Zone Meeting to determine if you would like to donate a fun basket for the silent auction or donate \$25-50 to have one created. All funds raised help offset the award prizes for the Youth Merit Program...thank you!

DID YOU KNOW - Pasco was the first of the Tri-Cities to be incorporated, in 1891? Kennewick was incorporated in 1904, and Richland followed in 1910. West Richland, a suburb of Richland, as well as the fourth largest city in the metropolitan area was incorporated in 1955. And did you know that the confluence of the Snake and Columbia Rivers was a stop on Lewis and Clark's historic expedition? Today, Sacagawea State Park stands as a testament to her influence on the journey. Plus, Richland was home to Santino Fontana, the voice of Prince Hans in "Frozen." So whether you're a history buff, a Disney fan, or just love delicious, locally grown produce, Tri-Cities has something for everyone. One of the



oldest and most significant human remains ever found in North America (known as Kennewick Man) was discovered here in 1996 and is estimated to be over 9,000 years old. Additionally, in 1999, a nearly complete Ice Age mammoth skeleton was discovered in the area and it's one of the most intact Columbian mammoths ever found in North America. The nearby Hanford Site played a crucial role in the Manhattan Project, helping produce plutonium used during World War II. The Manhattan Project was an unprecedented, top-secret World War II government program in which the United States rushed to develop and deploy the world's first atomic weapons before Germany. The use of these weapons by the United States against Japan in August 1945 ultimately became one of the most important historical events of the 20th century. The project ushered in the nuclear age and left enduring legacies that echo all around us today. The Manhattan Project took shape at three primary locations across the country: Hanford, Washington; Los Alamos, New Mexico; and Oak Ridge, Tennessee. Typically, the tours of the Hanford site are over for the season by the time we reach Convention in November but if you are that direction this summer, visit the National Park Service website and book a free tour!

FAMOUS TIES - Brandi Carlile (Grammy-winning singer-songwriter), Shawn Kemp (Seattle Super Sonics), Drew Bledsoe (Super Bowl-winning QB), Damon Huard (Kansas City Chiefs and New England Patriots), Jon Kitna (long-time NFL QB and later a coach), Tyler Johnson (NHL standout), Sam Jaeger (known for roles in Parenthood and the movie American Sniper), Derrike Cope (Daytona 500 winner). Take a moment and look up these individuals to see how they actually "tie" back into the Tri-Cities. There's probably even more if we start looking around.

MORE ABOUT THE REGION - Kennewick sits in a high desert and receives only 7-8 inches of rain a year making it closer to a desert than a forest climate. The Tri-Cities area produces not only wine grapes but also a huge amount of table grapes, hops, and other crops helping make Washington one of the top agricultural states in the United States. The Columbia River hosts one of the most exciting stops on the H1 Unlimited Hydroplane Series each summer. Are you excited yet to join us in Kennewick! We can't wait to see you there!



Each year WSH awards special perpetual trophies to deserving members and clubs. Further information and criteria will be included in the October issue of the *Canter*. Please 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.

WSH PROFIT AND LOSS**October 2025 through September 30, 2026**

Income	
Convention Registration / Banquet	\$ 4,290.00
Convention 50/50	350.00
Division Sign-Ups	(12.00)
Marketing - Games	245.30
Marketing - Horse Show	476.20
Marketing - Trails / Pleasure	19.50
Membership Dues (less marketing)	6,669.00
Savings Interest	3.35
Trails and Pleasure	364.70
Youth Merit	402.06
Total Income	\$12,808.11

Expenses	
Accounting Fees	\$ 325.00
Awards (WSH Specials)	108.34
Canter Printing and Mailing	2,813.05
Convention Expenses	4,484.19
Insurance	2,426.45
Marketing Paid to Games	202.20
Marketing Paid to Horse Show	367.00
Marketing Paid to Trails / Pleasure	14.70
Meeting Room Rental	82.00
Other (Historical Committee)	0.00
Printing / Copying / Supplies / Postage	246.65
Subscriptions (Zoom / Constant Contact)	494.29
Trails and Pleasure Awards	446.07
Website	1,089.67
Youth Merit Awards	332.00

Total Expenses **\$ 13,431.61**

Net Income / Loss **(623.50)**

January 1 through September 30, 2026

Income	
Marketing - Games	245.30
Marketing - Horse Show	473.50
Marketing - Trails / Pleasure	19.50
Membership Dues (less marketing)	6,644.70
Royalty Court	0.00
Savings Interest	2.43
Trails and Pleasure	350.00

Total Income **\$ 7,735.43**

Expenses	
Accounting Fees	\$ 325.00
Canter Printing and Mailing	1,540.81
Convention Deposit	520.00
Insurance	2,426.45
Marketing Paid to Games	0.00
Marketing Paid to Horse Show	0.00
Marketing Paid to Trails & Pleasure	0.00
Meeting Room Rentals	82.00
Printing / Copying / Supplies / Postage	246.65
Website	997.34
Youth Merit Awards	0.00

Total Expenses **\$ 6,138.25**

Net Income / Loss **\$1,597.18**

Actuals through September 28, 2026 (slight adjustments may be made). A P&L Statement through October 31 will be presented at the Board Meeting on Friday night at Convention.

Account Balances As of 09/30/2026

Games Division Marketing	\$ 202.20
Horse Show Division Marketing	473.50
Trails and Pleasure Marketing	19.50
Royalty Court	1,984.80
Trails and Pleasure	979.71
Working Horse	822.55
Youth Merit	5,371.07
Checking	13,278.53
Savings	36,808.74

WSH Honorary Members

*Reatha Chance	1963
*Tom and *Ruth Burkheimer	1964
*Lyle and Ruth Clarkston	1965
Beatrice Rainwater Cross	1966
*Art Hannum	1966
*Dr. J. Spencer Purdy	1966
*Paul and Cathy McBride	1966
*B.J. Fotheringham	1966
*Glen and Jessie Cushing	1966
Arlene Tozier (Cruckshank)	1966
L.R. (Bob) Armstrong	1966
*Dr. I.W. and *Vera Mason	1966
*Alton and *Vernice Lorang	1966
Virgil and Mickie McVickers	1966
Pete and Kay Wilson	1966
*Max and Frances Iverson	1966
R.J. and Anita Cunningham	1966
*Gary and *Ethel Lewis	1968
*Don McCune	1969
*William and *Beverly McCamant	1972
*Wallace Wilkerson	1973
*William Frye	1975
*Yvonne McDonald	1975
*Jesselyn Roehr	1975
*Ivan and Pearle Munson	1975
*Ray and Donna Fletcher	1977
*Henry and *Zara Fitchner	1977
Robert and *Arlene Tislow	1978
*Chet and *Aileen Kelly	1979
*Kathleen Goodrich	1981
*Evelyn Juff	1983
*Del and Carolyn Haack	1984
*Helen Chapman	1985
Mary and *Russel Strandberg	1986
*George and *Arlis McDonald	1987
*Jerry Prigge	1990
Don and Jeannette Eaton	1990
*Larry Caseria	1990
*Isabelle and *Donald Moe	1990
*Chuck and Julie Hayes	1995
Virginia Prigge	1995
Karen and Tom Dillard	1997
Eddie and Gloria Armstrong	1999
Netta Goodin	2001
Steve and Jan Segle	2001
*Amber Hay	2001
*George and *Betty Shambrook	2003
Jim and Renna Cook	2006
Jean Garcia	2009
Dan Moriarty	2010
Jessie McLaughlin	2013
Carolyn Kennedy	2013
Shane Laib	2014
*Heidi Hopen-Wright	2014
Erica Lackey	2015
Emma (McLaughlin) Tanner	2023
Melissa Kelsey	2023

*Deceased

HORSE SHOW DIVISION

DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE: The Horse Show Division had a busy summer! We had horse shows on both sides of the state and many places in between! The Division has seen the regrowth of the Dressage Division due to the commitment of several show committees and passionate individuals. Year End Award Sign-Ups grew from last year and we will be awarding a lot of awards at Convention! The Annual Horse Show Division meeting will be held at Convention and is your chance to have your voice heard on rule changes, and matters pertaining to the Division. Please make plans to attend. The following Breed Director positions are open for 2027 - All Other Breeds, Buckskin Horse, Draft Horse, Drill Team, Equitation Division, Hunter and Jumper, Miniature Horse, Morgan Horse, Mustang, Paint, Palomino, Paso, Pinto, Reining, Saddlebred, and Walking Horse. A Breed Director's duties include promoting their breed, writing articles for the e-Canter and The Canter pertaining to their breed. Breed Directors also help with obtaining sponsors or items as 'keeper' prizes for their Breed's perpetual awards. We'll see you at Convention! Should you have any questions, please reach out to me at wshhsd@gmail.com or via phone at 509.760.6462 - Erin Wieldraayer.

RULE CHANGE PROPOSALS: The following will be discussed and voted upon at the Horse Show Division Meeting at Convention. Please make plans to attend and have your voice heard.

Rule 1 Section 4, Points Keeper Para A, Page 6. Currently Reads: Points keeper shall be paid \$300.00 per month for the months of April through November. Change to Read: Points keeper shall be paid \$300.00 per month for the months of **March** April through November. Reason: March is a busy month with sign ups and setting up the spreadsheets / points books with the classes being offered throughout the year. Submitted by Erin Wieldraayer.

Rule 10 #1 Page 51. Currently Reads: All equines are allowed in horse shows. All horse show rules applicable to horses also pertain to all equines (All horses, ponies, donkeys, mules and Jinny's) entered in the same events. Change to read: All equines are allowed in horse shows. All horse show rules applicable to horses also pertain to all equines (All horses, **miniature horses**, ponies, donkeys, mules and Jinny's) entered in the same events. Submitted by Tammy Call-Jones.

Rule 10 #3 Page. Currently Reads: Definition of Horse: The term "horse" as used in these rules denotes either a horse or a pony. Height is stated in hands. A hand is four inches. Horses must be over 14.2 hands. Exceptions: Registered Arabians, Half- or Anglo-Arabians, Connemaras, Morgans, Paso Finos, and Welsh Cobs. Ponies are animals that do not exceed 14.2 hands. Change to Read: Definition of Horse: The term "horse" as used in these rules denotes either a horse, **miniature horse** or a pony. Height is stated in hands. A hand is four inches. Horses must be over 14.2 hands. Exceptions: Registered Arabians, Half- or Anglo-Arabians, Connemaras, Morgans, Paso Finos, **Miniature Horses** and Welsh Cobs. Ponies are **equines** that do not exceed 14.2 hands. Submitted by Tammy Call-Jones.

Rule 10 #1 Page 51. Reorganize the list of General Rules so that Rule #2 pertaining to artificial tails is the new #20. All other items will be re-numbered. Submitted by Tammy Call-Jones.

Rule 10 ADD to be #3. *An Open class is open to all Equines of any age, size, or sex, as long as there is no qualification for the rider, driver, or handler except as specified in division rules for the particular category or level of classes.* Reason to add: To clarify that any equine can be ridden, driven or otherwise shown in any class unless there are height or registration requirements. Submitted by Tammy Call-Jones.

Rule 10 #5. Page 51 ADD to end of #5: Also add to Rule 3 Section 8 #1 add a #2 Page 22. If an exhibitor wishes to sign up for Year End Awards using their Breed Organization Issued Permanent number, WSH will recognize the number regardless of it being higher or lower than 500 as long as the number has not been assigned in that show year. Reason: A System shows are hosting WSH Classes and their exhibitors have permanent numbers issued by their association and national associations. Secretaries cannot track one exhibitor with two numbers. This is to encourage the ease of sign up and participation. Submitted by Erin Wieldraayer and Tammy Call-Jones.

RULE 10 #20 Page 53. Start with last sentence then, the rest of paragraph...No schooling allowed in the show ring. Judge (s) have the right to excuse any exhibitor not abiding **by show the rules or class instructions. Examples of not abiding: turned or no back number, not following all class instructions, blatantly schooling, etc.** Reason: People are taking advantage of open shows by entering just to school their horses. Submitted by Tammy Call-Jones.

Rule 10 #23 Page 54. Currently Reads: 23. The Fall of Horse and/or Rider will be a Disqualification in all Classes. Change to read: The fall of horse and/or rider will be a disqualification in all classes. 1. A rider/handler is considered to have fallen when: a. They are separated from their horse that has not fallen, in such a way as to necessitate remounting or vaulting into the saddle or handler standing up off the ground. b. Loss of contact of rein while horse is in motion. c. Loss of contact with lead shank when not specified in the pattern i.e. ground tying. 2. A horse is considered to have fallen when its shoulder and/or haunch and/or underline have touched the ground or an obstacle and the ground. Reason: LOC wanted better clarification of what constitutes a fall. Submitted by Tammy Call-Jones

Rule 10 ADD New #25 Page 54. All exhibitors are allowed one (1) - Five (5) minute time out/breakdown repair per class. Exceptions being: Trail, Reining, Showmanship, Equitation, Ranch Riding, Ranch Trail, Western Riding or any other pattern class once pattern has started. Reason: The time-out rule was inadvertently removed from previous rulebooks. Submitted by Tammy Call-Jones.

RULE 10 Add new #26 (or what the continued numbering is). No exhibitor may enter any show that has hired a Steward or Judge that they have given remuneration to for lessons, clinics, other coaching, as a trainer or agent in any capacity within the previous three months (90 days) prior to the date of the subject show. ie. Clinics are subject to this rule as the riders are paying a fee for the instruction being received during the clinic. Reason: Bring clarity to the 90 day remuneration rule. Submitted by Tammy Call-Jones and Erin Wieldraayer.

Create Parts for RULE 10 General Rules Horse Show Rules. PART A - GENERAL RULES (as written). PART B - DRESSAGE (passed rules for the Dressage section tack, attire etc will be found here). PART C - ENGLISH (add from English section). PART D - EQUITATION. PART E - WESTERN (add from Western section) with sub parts for Reining, Trail, Working Horse. This will help to save space and to cut down on duplicate places for the same rules are found in our rulebook. Each section will only have class specifications rather than the general rules of the discipline.

Keep 1-24 (as corrected). Move all general division rules to these parts and remove from their sections in the rulebook to make it easier to locate all of the general rules in one place, rather than back and forth through sections. Submitted by Tammy Call-Jones.

Rule 10 Add after the current rule 13 (renumber as needed). Horses and riders that are competing for WSH annual High Score Awards and are signed up in either or all of the Limit Rider Classes shall remain in those categories for the Current Show year regardless of the number of wins. At the end of the show year if an exhibitor or horse has not reached the maximum number of wins for the high point award category they signed up for, they may sign up for the same category and compete in the following year. Reason: further defining the Limit Status, more clarification and space saving. Submitted by Tammy Call-Jones.

Allow cross entry to three gait classes from any two gait class that currently prevent cross entry. (See class specs below)

RANCH RAIL OPEN, JR/SR EX W/J - Horses competing in Ranch Rail class should reflect the versatility, attitude, and movement of a working horse. The horses performance should simulate a horse riding outside the confines of an arena and that of a working ranch horse. This class should show the horses ability to work at a forward and working speed while under control by the rider. Light contact should be rewarded and horse shall not be shown on a full drape of reins. Allow posting and holding the saddle horn. The horses head position should be elevated and above the level at all gaits. The overall manners and responsiveness of the horse while performing the maneuver requirements, and the horse's quality of movement are the primary considerations. The class will be worked both directions of the arena. Exhibitors will be asked to walk, extend the walk, jog, extend the jog, stop from any gait, back, side pass to and from the rail, and turn of 180 degrees or greater. Any class size greater than 8 may be worked in lots at show management or judge's discretion depending on arena capacity and safety. No cross entry to three (3) gait classes same horse/rider combination.

CONVENTION AWARDS

Send Us Your Nominations Today (Deadline October 23)

All letters of nomination for these awards should be e-mailed to Awards Committee Chair, Gloria Marley, at gjmarley@msn.com.
Any questions please contact WSH President George Chick at 509.954.7814 .

CLUB OF THE YEAR

Each year many fine, active clubs compete for this award. Be sure to follow directions carefully so that you will not be eliminated because necessary information was not included, or directions followed. It is hoped that all clubs will compete so that each zone will have a potential winner as "Club of the Year". If your club competed for this award in the past, but was not selected, do not be discouraged. Try again because often the competition is very close with many fine, active clubs throughout the State.

Each year at the Annual Awards Banquet, one club is recognized as the Outstanding Club of the Year. To compete for this award, the club is to submit its qualifications for judging in letter form. Letters for consideration shall be in duplicate, with the name of the club appearing only on the original. Both copies shall be submitted to the Awards Chair. A committee composed of the Chair and at least two impartial members shall determine the Club most deserving of the award. This award is to be presented at the Annual Awards Banquet at Convention. Selection of the outstanding club will be based on the following. All letters to be considered MUST contain information in all categories for the current year.

1. Is your club's membership 100% Washington State Horsemen?
2. Ways in which your club supports meetings, officers, judges, stewards, timers, record keepers, committees, etc. at Zone and State levels.
3. Club sponsored activities to develop or support the Youth Merit Program; Educational (Clinics, etc.); Horse Activities other than shows or gymkhanas; Social Activities, etc.
4. Club sponsored activities in general, other than listed in item three above; Educational, Committee Service, Social, etc.

We would like to thank the following WSH Clubs for their continued participation and support in 2026!

Desert Duellers
Four Season Horsemen
Franklin County Saddle Club
Kitsap Saddle Club **
Knights of Santiago
Lope on In
North Country Riders
Northwest Saddle Club
Rock N Horse
South Sound Saddle Club **
Sun Basin Riders
Washington Equestrian Club

* Club did not have qualifying memberships in 2026 but remains active on the approved club list for 2027.

** Club did not have qualifying memberships in 2025 or 2026 and will need to have 5 memberships in 2027 to remain on the approved club list.

CLUB OF THE YEAR

1960's

Evergreen Saddle Club (1962), South Seattle Saddle Club (1963), K Bar M Riders (1964), Lake Washington Saddle Club (1965), Appleatchee Riders (1966), Lake Washington Saddle Club (1967), Willapa Valley Saddle Club (1968), and South Seattle Saddle Club (1969)

1970's

Ghost Riders of Omak (1970), K Bar M Riders (1971), Puget Sound Games Riders #1 (1972), Green River Saddle Club (1973), Fircrest Caballeros (1974), Nooksack Valley Riders (1975), Walla Walla Valley Horsemen (1976), Kitsap Saddle Club (1977), Nooksack Valley Riders (1978), and Mt. Josephine Riders (1979)

Gig Harbor Horsemen 1980
Morgan Horse Club of Washington 1981
Marauders 1982
Nooksack Valley Riders 1983
Anacortes Horsemen 1984
Franklin County Saddle Club 1985
Kitsap Saddle Club 1986
Meridian Riding Club 1987
Meridian Riding Club 1988
Valley Renegades 1989
Marauders 1990
Kitsap Saddle Club 1991
Grant County Horse Association 1992
Kitsap Saddle Club 1993
Meridian Riding Club 1994

Lower Puget Sound Dressage 1995
1996
1997
Silver Spur Saddle Club 1998
1999
Nooksack Valley Riders 2000
Silver Spur Saddle Club 2001
Green River Saddle Club 2002

2003/4
Meridian Riding Club 2005
Kitsap Saddle Club 2006
Year End Award Club 2007
North Country Riders 2008
Lope On In 2009
Walla Walla Valley Horsemen 2010
Valley Riders 2011
Circle C Riders 2012
Star Spangled Horse Club 2013
Fine As Wine Equine 2014
Walla Walla Valley Horsemen 2015
Desert Duellers 2016
South Sound Saddle Club 2017
Cascade Riding Club 2018
No Award 2019/20
North Country Riders 2021
Knights of Santiago 2022
Four Season Horsemen 2023
No Award 2024
Rock N Horse 2025

Do you have information to help us identify the Clubs that won in 1995, 1997, 1999, 2003, and 2004?
Please let us know!

For more information contact:

Convention Awards Committee Chair - Gloria Marley at gjmarley@msn.com.

HORSE SHOW DIVISION PROPOSED RULE CHANGES (Continued)

TRAIL HORSE, ENGLISH/WESTERN, SR AM, W/T - To be shown over and through obstacles at a walk and trot/jog/intermediate gait, on a reasonably loose rein without undue restraint. The same horse/rider combination cross entry to 3 gaited classes is not allowed. An Exhibitor/horse who has a major fault may not place over a horse/exhibitor with any minor faults. All horses/exhibitors eligible will be placed.

TRAIL HORSE, ENGLISH/WESTERN, OPEN, W/T - To be shown over and through obstacles at a walk and trot/jog/intermediate gait, on a reasonably loose rein without undue restraint. The same horse/rider combination cross entry to 3 gaited classes is not allowed. An Exhibitor/horse who has a major fault may not place over a horse/exhibitor with any minor faults. All horses/exhibitors eligible will be placed.

ENGLISH PLEASURE, OPEN - W/T Horses of any age may be shown in standard English tack. Tack and attire shall be suitable to horse's type; martingales, tie-downs and or training equipment prohibited. To be shown both ways of the ring at a walk, trot/intermediate gait. No extension of gaits shall be called for. May be asked to back. Judged on manners and performance 60%, quality and conformation 30%, and suitability of horse to rider 10%. The same horse/rider combination may not cross enter to three (3) gait classes.

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WESTERN PLEASURE, SR AM, W/J - Horses of any age may be shown in a standard Western bit (with one hand only) or in a ring snaffle or standard rawhide hackamore (two hands permitted). Tack and attire shall be suitable to horse's type; martingales and training equipment prohibited. To be shown both ways of the ring at a walk, jog/intermediate gait. No extension of gaits shall be called for. May be asked to back. Judged on manners and performance 60%, quality and conformation 30%, and suitability of horse to rider 10%. The same horse/rider combination may not enter three (3) gait classes.

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Reason: Many exhibitors do not read the class specifications or miss that there is no cross entry to 3 gait classes. Show secretaries miss it in the rush of trying to get exhibitors processed, especially if it is a post entry. Also, depending on the location of the class to the 3 gait class, exhibitors may use the 2 gait class to determine if their horse can do the 3 gait class. If the 2 gait class is a success for them they maybe inclined to post enter the 3 gait class(es). Submitted by Erin Wieldraayer, Jole Chick and Rulebook Committee.

Rule 10 #24 (If the rule change before these passes, the three to follow will become null) 24. B. The same/horse rider combination in English Pleasure, Amateur, W/T (Rule 18, Class #14), Western Pleasure, Amateur W/J (Rule 30, Part A Class #2), Trail Horse English/Western, Amateur W/T (Rule 30, Part B, Class #9) AND/OR English Pleasure, Open, W/T (Rule 18, Part A, Class #18), Western Pleasure, Open Walk/Jog (Rule 30, Class #9), Trail Horse, English/Western, Open, W/T (Rule 30, Part B, Class #10), Ranch Rail, Open JR/SR Ex. W/J (Rule 30, Part D, Class #13), Ranch Horse Trail Open, W/J (Rule 30, Part D, Class #16) MAY NOT cross enter to 3-gaited classes at the same show. They MAY ride in other 2 gaited classes, i.e., Green W/T/J or Limit W/T/J if qualified. IF cross entries occur, the Walk/Trot points shall be disqualified. Submitted by Tammy Call-Jones.

Adding dashes after 2 or 3 gaited where missing.

24. Cross entry clarification: a. Riders in Walk/Trot or Walk/Jog 10 and Under classes MAY NOT cross enter to 3-gaited classes at the same show. They MAY ride in other 2-gaited classes, i.e., Green W/T or W/J or Limit W/T or W/J classes. IF cross entries occur, the (three) 3gaited class points shall be disqualified. **However, 6 first places in 3 gait classes in the Division disqualify a horse/rider from Limit Horse/Rider 2 gait classes.** b. The same/horse rider combination in English Pleasure, Amateur, W/T (Rule 18, Class #14), Western Pleasure, Amateur W/J (Rule 30, Part A Class #2), Trail Horse English/Western, Amateur W/T (Rule 30, Part B, Class #9) AND/OR English Pleasure, Open, W/T (Rule 18, Part A, Class #18), Western Pleasure, Open Walk/Jog (Rule 30, Class #9), Trail Horse, English/Western, Open, W/T (Rule 30, Part B, Class #10), Ranch Rail, Open JR/SR Ex. W/J (Rule 30, Part D, Class #13), Ranch Horse Trail Open, W/J (Rule 30, Part D, Class #16) MAY NOT cross enter to 3-gaited classes at the same show. They MAY ride in other 2-gaited classes, i.e., Green W/T/J or Limit W/T/J if qualified. IF cross entries occur, the Walk/Trot points shall be disqualified. c. Riders in Green or Limit Walk/Trot or Walk/Jog classes MAY cross enter to 3-gaited classes in the same show as long as they are NOT also riding in 10 and Under or W/T or W/J SR AM or Open 2 gaited.

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b. The same/horse rider combination in English Pleasure, Amateur, W/T (Rule 18, Class #14), Western Pleasure, Amateur W/J (Rule 30, Part A Class #2), Trail Horse English/Western, Amateur W/T (Rule 30, Part B, Class #9) AND/OR English Pleasure, Open, W/T (Rule 18, Part A, Class #18), Western Pleasure, Open Walk/Jog (Rule 30, Class #9), Trail Horse, English/Western, Open, W/T (Rule 30, Part B, Class #10), Ranch Rail, Open JR/SR Ex. W/J (Rule 30, Part D, Class #13), Ranch Horse Trail Open, W/J (Rule 30, Part D, Class #16) MAY NOT cross enter to 3-gaited classes at the same show. They MAY ride in other 2-gaited classes, i.e., Green W/T/J or Limit W/T/J if qualified. If cross entries occur, the Walk/Trot points shall be disqualified.

c. Riders in Green or Limit Walk/Trot or Walk/Jog classes MAY cross enter to 3-gaited classes in the same show as long as they are NOT also riding in 10 and Under or W/T or W/J SR AM or Open 2 gaited classes. Corr: delete the word three, add dash where missing on 2-gaited, 3 gait. Submitted by Angie Argo.

Rule 15 – Dressage, Western Dressage and Eventing Division. Submitted by Tammy Call-Jones and Cheryl Beaudry. **New Part A:**

Dressage - Shall follow the current USDF (United States Dressage Federation) rules. Intro through 4th level shall be offered. If riding the same test twice, only the 1st test shall count towards any placings or high point.

Western Dressage - Shall follow current WDAA (Western Dressage Association of America) rules. Intro through 4th level shall be offered. If riding the same test twice, only the 1st test shall count towards any placings or high point.

RULE 19 Section 1 #6 House Keeping. Need space Paragraph 4 Page 86. Hackamores and snaffle bits may be used with Junior horses and rider may ride with two (2) hands in that equipment. New Paragraph Space - Bandages and boots of any type are prohibited..... Submitted by Tammy Call-Jones.

RULE 30A Section 1. # 1. C Page 129 House Keeping. Submitted by Tammy Call-Jones. Move to Section 1 #2 Create

- a. Appropriate Western Attire is required which includes pants (slacks, trousers, jeans), Female riders astride may wear split skirts.
- b. Long sleeve shirt with collar (band, stand up, tuxedo, etc)
- c. Neckwear (tie, pin, necklace, or decorated collar, etc.)
- d. Western Hat or ASTM/SEI approved riding helmet.
- e. Riding boots with a heel.
- f. Spurs and chaps are optional.
- g. Penalty for incomplete attire.

GAMES DIVISION

DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE: What a year it has been for the WSH Games Division! As I look back on another season, I am reminded once again that what makes this division special isn't just the speed, the competition, the trophies or the saddles...it's the people. It's the families who load up their horses and travel across their zone (and the state), the parents and grandparents cheering from the fenceline, the friends who help each other achieve a new personal record, the show committees who spend countless hours making shows happen, and the volunteers who are willing to jump in wherever they are needed from officiating to raking barrels (and everything in between). That is the heart of our Games Division. Our 2026 season once again showcased the incredible variety that we have to offer at our shows and our riders continued to demonstrate determination, horsemanship, and plenty of that "need for speed" that keeps us coming back for more! With opportunities for riders of all ages and skill levels, WSHGD truly gives families a place where everyone can participate, improve and celebrate their accomplishments together.

The Championship Show in Cashmere was incredible this year. Every rider who qualified, earning their place at the WSCS, should be proud. Outside the arena, the silent auction was fantastic and the junior rider event (complete with Italian Sodas from the Katzer Family) was loads of fun. Thank you to everyone that made these events special. Our sponsors and supporters deserve a tremendous THANK YOU as well. Their generosity helps us provide the awards, opportunities, and experiences that make the year truly special. The support received is an investment in our riders, our families, and the future of WSHGD, and we TRULY appreciate it!

And now, it is time to gather together again at the WSH Convention, November 13-15 at the Clover Island Inn in Kennewick. Our Games meeting will be held on Saturday morning followed by a beautiful dinner, saddle presentations, and more awards that evening. Come celebrate our riders, congratulate our champions, and share some laughs. The future of this division is built by the people who choose to be involved, and I am excited about where we are headed together. Thank you for another wonderful season and for helping make the Games Division the special community that it is - Melissa Kelsey.

- **PAGE 22.** Add, "In leadline events, the handler must exhibit control of the horse until they have crossed the finish line." Submitted by Heidi Lyngstad.
- **PAGE 29 / Age Divisions.** Combine Senior B and Super Senior A into one division. Proposed by Sharon Kelsey.
- **PAGE 29 / Age Divisions.** Combine Super Senior C and Super Senior B into one division. Proposed by Sharon Kelsey.
- **PAGE 31 / WSCS Qualification.** Change sentence to read, "Based on an average of five (5) best times for individual events and three (3) best times for 2-man and 4-man events during the current season - one of the times being from a second arena." Proposed by Sharon Kelsey.
- **PAGE 31 / WSCS Awards.** Change to read, "All WSCS riders (age 70 and under) must work in the arena for a set amount of time (amount determined by the WSHGD Rules Committee prior to the WSCS and published in the WSCS registration packet) in order to receive WSCS awards. ~~Those in Super Senior C are invited to work but will not be required to do so.~~" Submitted by Courtney Kelsey.
- **PAGE 32 / WSCS Special Awards.** Change 5th, 6th, and 7th sentences to read, "If less than four riders qualify to compete at the WSCS age groups will be combined (~~riding together under the age division with the most riders out of the two combined~~). Leadline and Buckaroo will remain a stand-alone age divisions. Riders in an age group without four riders All others will move up (or down) to the age division with the least amount of riders with the exception of Junior which will move up and Super Senior C which will move down. Proposed by Melissa Kelsey.

2026 OFFICERS

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 Mary Jane Lowry (Times Keeper)
 Ellie Snyder and Arabella Howe (Jr. Rider Reps)
 Sharon Kelsey (Rules Committee Chair)
 Amelia Howe (Rules Committee)
 Terri Lowry (Rules Committee)
 Arlene Marquart (Rules Committee Alt.)

Thank you for your service and dedication!

As a reminder, North Central and Northeast Zones having held shows in 2026 will be permitted to bring one rule change proposal to the floor following discussion of the above rule change proposals.

This is your division and your voice is important at the Saturday morning meeting. Please register today for Convention and join us in Kennewick on November 13-15. We will also be holding a Judge's / Timer's Clinic on November 14. Even if you are not currently a Judge or First Timer, this will be an opportunity to begin the process through a written test. The clinic will also be super helpful for ALL riders.

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2025 STATE CHAMPIONS



**Leadline
Yaya Fuentes
on Cutacow Side Step Bi**



**Buckaroo
Halo Katzer on
Dually**



**Junior
Macy Edwards on
Trav**



**Senior A
Alyssa Howe on
on Cutacow Side Step Bi**



**Senior B
Kimberlee McCoul on
Poco's Lil Fritz**



**Super Senior A and B
Angela Tanner on Whizkey
Dbl Blessed a.k.a. Winston**



**Super Senior C
Mike Coe on
Haylee**



**All Around and Individual Games Horse
Angela Tanner on Whizkey
Dbl Blessed a.k.a. Winston**

HORSE SHOW DIVISION PROPOSED RULE CHANGES (Continued)

RULE 30A Section 1 #4 page 130. Delete #4 See-Equitation Section of this Rulebook for appropriate Western Tack. (Renummer rest of section)

Rule 30D add

Section 2. RULES FOR JUDGING Page 152

Section 3. HIGH SCORE AWARDS Page 154

1. RANCH RIDING OPEN

Renummer rest of classes

2. RANCH RIDING, JR EXHIBITOR 18 & under

3. RANCH RIDING, SR EXHIBITOR 19 & over

Renummer rest of sections

Hackamores shall be round in shape and constructed of uniform braided rawhide or leather and have a non-metal flexible core. The noseband of the hackamore must measure at least 5 1/2" of smooth rawhide or leather before any braided buttons, a maximum diameter of 3/4" diameter at the cheek, and be at least 1/2" in diameter. The bosal must be a minimum one finger space (approximately 3/4") between the bosal and nose. Bosals shall be soft and flexible. Absolutely no rigid material will be permitted under the jaws or on the noseband in connection with the bosal, regardless of how padded or covered. Horsehair bosals are prohibited. This rule does not refer to the so-called mechanical hackamore which is illegal.

a. References to snaffle bits mean conventional O-ring, egg-butt, or D-ring with a ring no larger than 4" and no smaller than 2". The inside circumference of the ring must be free of rein, curb or headstall attachments which would provide leverage. The mouthpiece should be round, oval or egg-shaped, smooth and free of wire. It may be inlaid, but smooth and/or latex wrapped. The bars must be a minimum of 5/16" in diameter, measured 1" in from the cheek with a gradual decrease to center of the snaffle. Optional curb strap is acceptable however curb chains are not acceptable. These requirements remain the same for all classes in which a rider may use a snaffle bit.

b. References to a bit means the use of a curb bit that has a solid or broken mouthpiece, has shanks and acts with leverage. All curb bits must be free of mechanical device and should be considered a standard western bit. A standard western bit includes:

i. 8 1/2" maximum length shank to be measured as indicated in the judge's guide. Shanks may be fixed or loose.

ii. Concerning mouthpieces, bars must be round, oval or egg-shaped, smooth and free of wire of 5/16" to 3/4" in diameter, measured 1" from the cheek. They may be inlaid, but must be smooth or latex wrapped. Nothing may protrude more than 1/8" below the mouth piece (bar).

iii. The port must be no higher than 3 1/2" maximum, with rollers and covers acceptable. Broken mouthpieces, half-breeds, and spades are standard. Spade bits may have wire wrapped spacer bars.

iv. Slip or gag bits, donuts or flat polo mouthpieces are not acceptable. 5. A standard western bit has only one point of pull.

b. Only one hand may be used on the reins and the hand must not be changed. When showing one handed, the hand must be held in a traditional western fashion with the palm down and on top of the reins. Index/first finger only, or no fingers, between split reins is permitted at any time.

c. When a curb bit is used, a curb strap or curb chain is required, which must be at least 1/2" in width, lie flat against the jaw, and be free of barbs, wire, and/or twists. Submitted by Tammy Call-Jones.

Page 80. English Pleasure Horse, Hunter Type. Currently Reads: Not to jump. To be shown at a walk, trot, and canter; martingale prohibited. Judged on manners, performance, quality, and suitability of horse to rider. Light contact is recommended. Change to Read: Not to jump. To be shown at a walk, trot, and canter; martingale prohibited. *Saddle Seat and Dressage tack and attire are prohibited.* Judged on manners, performance, quality, and suitability of horse to rider. Light contact is recommended. Submitted by Heather Flores.

Page 83. Versatile Pleasure Horse (Eng to West or West to Eng). Currently Reads: It is optional with show management which section shows first. If English is first: To enter the ring in Saddle Seat or Hunt Seat tack and appointments and be shown both ways of the ring at a flat-footed walk, trot/intermediate gait, and collected canter. Extended gaits may be requested by the Judge. If Western is first: To enter the ring in Western tack and appointments and be shown both ways of the ring at a flatfooted walk, jog/intermediate gait, and a smooth easy lope without undue restraint. Following the first section, entries shall line up and assisted by one groom, change to English to Western or Western to English for the second phase. The same rider to ride both phases. All changes to be made in the ring; safety will be judged and speed is not considered. Horses must stand quietly and back readily. Judged on performance 70%; conformation 20%; appointments 10%; each phase counts equally. Note: Wins in Versatile Pleasure Horse are not counted against Novice or Limit status for either English or Western. **Change to Read:** It is optional with show management which section shows first. If English is first: To enter the ring in Saddle Seat or Hunt Seat tack and appointments and be shown both ways of the ring at a flat-footed walk, trot/intermediate gait, and collected canter. Extended gaits may be requested by the Judge. If Western is first: To enter the ring in Western tack and appointments and be shown both ways of the ring at a flatfooted walk, jog/intermediate gait, and a smooth easy lope without undue restraint. Following the first section, entries shall line up and assisted by one groom, change to English to Western or Western to English for the second phase. The same rider to ride both phases. All changes to be made in the ring; safety will be judged and speed is not considered. Horses must stand quietly and back readily. Judged on performance 70%; conformation 20%; appointments 10%; each phase counts equally. Note: Wins in Versatile Pleasure Horse are not counted against Novice or Limit status for either English or Western. Strike out the word collected for this rule, its not the correct gait to be calling unless it's in addition to the normal class call. Submitted by Heather Flores.

Submitted by Heather Flores. Add Starter and Modified to the Eventing Levels in Rule 15 Part C Section 1 as follows:

PART C – EVENTING

Section 1. EVENTING LEVELS

Awards to be offered to 5 placings at the following levels:

1. Starter
2. Beginning Novice
3. Novice
4. Training
5. Modified
6. Preliminary
7. Intermediate
8. Advanced

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13. Superior Champion Halter Horse. Currently Reads: Washington State Horsemen will confer a Superior Halter Horse Championship based on these requirements: Change to Read: Washington State Horsemen will *award* confer a Superior Halter Horse Championship based on these requirements:

14. Superior Champion Performance Horse. Currently Reads: Washington State Horsemen will confer a Superior Performance Horse Championship based on these requirements. Change to Read: Washington State Horsemen will *award* confer a Superior Performance Horse Championship based on these requirements

15. Superior Champion Equitation. Currently Reads: Washington State Horsemen will confer a Superior Equitation Championship based on these requirements. Change to Read: Washington State Horsemen will *award* confer a Superior Equitation Championship based on these requirements

16. Jerry Prigge Superior Driving Horse. Currently Reads: Washington State Horsemen will confer a Superior Driving Horse based on these requirements. Change to Read: Washington State Horsemen will *award* confer a Superior Driving Horse based on these requirements

CONVENTION SCHEDULE

Friday (November 13):

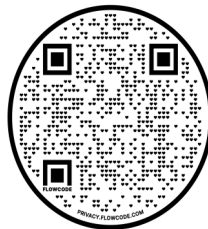
- 10:00-11:30 Finance Committee Audit (Quarterdeck)
- 3:30-5:30 Member Networking Event (TBD)
- 5:30-6:00 Registration (4th Floor Hallway)
- 6:00-6:50 Zone Presidents' / Vice Presidents' Meeting (Quarterdeck)
- 6:30-6:50 Registration (4th Floor Hallway)
- 7:00-9:00 Town Hall Meeting including Finance, Membership, Bylaws, Canter, Marketing and More (Plaza)

Saturday (November 14):

- 7:30-9:00 Registration (4th Floor Hallway)
- 8:30-9:00 Opening Session / President's Message (Plaza)
- 9:00-10:30 Games Division Meeting (Riverside)
- 9:00-Noon Horse Show Division Meeting (Plaza)
- 10:30-Noon Games Division Clinic (Riverside)
- Noon-1:00 Youth Merit Meeting and Awards (Riverside)
- 12:30-2:30 LOC Meeting for HSD Judges and Stewards (Quarterdeck)
- 1:00-1:30 Lunch Break on Your Own
- 1:30-3:30 Horse Show Division Set-Up (Plaza)
- 2:00-3:00 Trails and Pleasure Division Meeting (Riverside)
- 3:00-4:00 Ask the Horse Show Division Judges (Plaza)
- 5:00-5:30 No Host Social "Hour" and Dinner Check-in (Plaza)
- 5:30-6:30 Crown and Crest Banquet Dinner Sponsored by North 40 Outfitters (Plaza)
- 6:30-7:30 Special Awards Presentation and Silent Auction to Benefit Youth Merit Program (Plaza)
- 7:30 Games Division Awards (Riverside)
- 7:30 Horse Show Division Awards (Plaza)
- 9:00-11:00 Inter-Divisional Social Activity (Riverside)

Sunday (November 9):

- 9:00-10:30 Annual Meeting and Elections (Riverside)
- 11:00 Check Out Time



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CONVENTION RULES

Registration

Any person attending a business meeting on Friday and/or Saturday or the Annual Meeting on Sunday will be required to register and pay the registration fee and wear a badge provided by WSH. The registration rule applies to ALL persons attending meetings. The only exception will be guest speakers invited to specific meetings and their name and title is to be provided to the Treasurer. Admittance to the meetings will be permitted only by display of identification badges.

Conduct

It is requested that all members at Convention conduct themselves in a manner that conforms to the high standards of WSH. We are committed to high standards of conduct so that all members can enjoy themselves. Please act appropriately.

Meetings

The meeting chairperson, who shall be the Committee Chair, Division Director, or appointee by the regular chair or Director, shall admit only persons appropriately registered for the meeting. The chair shall appoint a secretary to record the business activities of the meeting, including motions or resolutions passed and names of newly elected officers if applicable. Elections of President and Vice President as well as ratifications of Zone Directors and Zone Presidents to the Board of Directors shall be held during Sunday's Annual meeting.

Reports

Reports submitted at the Annual Meeting by Committees or Divisions shall contain only the motions and resolutions passed in the respective committee or division meetings and shall include, where applicable, the names of newly elected officers of such committees or divisions. Rules and regulations adopted by a major Division at Convention cannot be changed, modified, or amended at the annual meeting. All reports are to be typed and a copy given to the Convention Secretary before presentation to the membership. All reports submitted at the Annual Meeting must be either "approved", "adopted", or "rejected" by vote in order to be official.

Voting and Elections

Beginning in 2020, each WSH Member 14 years of age and over (as of 01/01/26) registering for and attending Convention shall be entitled to a vote at the General Meeting including Officer Elections. Members 17 and under may vote at the Youth Merit meeting and their division meeting if said division allows for voting by all division members, regardless of age.

HORSE SHOW DIVISION PROPOSED RULE CHANGES (Continued)

17. Superior Champion Trail Horse (Ridden or In Hand). Currently Reads: Washington State Horsemen will confer a Superior Trail Horse Championship based on these requirements. Change to Read: Washington State Horsemen will *award* confer a Superior Trail Horse Championship based on these requirements

18. Superior Champion Dressage Horse. Currently Reads: Washington State Horsemen will confer a Superior Dressage Horse Championship based on these requirements: Change to Read: Washington State Horsemen will *award* confer a Superior Dressage Horse Championship based on these requirements:

19. Supreme Advances Equitation Rider. Currently Reads: Washington State Horsemen will confer a Supreme Advanced Equitation Rider Championship based on these requirements: Change to Read: Washington State Horsemen will *award* confer a Supreme Advanced Equitation Rider Championship based on these requirements:

20. Supreme Champion Show Horse. Currently Reads: Washington State Horsemen will confer a Supreme Champion Show Horse based on these requirements. Change to Read: Washington State Horsemen will *awards* confer a Supreme Champion Show Horse based on these requirements

22. Supreme Champion Driving Horse. Currently Reads: Washington State Horsemen will confer a Supreme Driving Horse Championship based on these requirements. Change to Read: Washington State Horsemen will *award* confer a Supreme Driving Horse Championship based on these requirements

24. Supreme Champion Dressage Horse. Currently Reads: Washington State Horsemen will confer a Superior Dressage Horse Championship based on these requirements. Change to Read: Washington State Horsemen will *award* confer a Superior Dressage Horse Championship based on these requirements

Change 'confer' to award to match throughout the ROM program. Submitted by Angie Argo

Proposed Updates to the WSH Register of Merit (ROM) Program. Co-Authors: Jole Chick and Joy Bjerke. To ensure a fair and balanced program that reflects our current demographic, we propose the following structural updates to the **Register of Merit (ROM) Program**:

1. Adjusting the Point Structure for Lower Show Volumes. The Issue: The original 1996 point system was built for a time when members could attend a show every weekend. With fewer shows available today, reaching historic point milestones takes much longer. **The Change:** We propose adjusting the point thresholds required to achieve each ROM tier. This makes earning a merit achievable within a realistic timeframe without lowering our high standards of excellence.

2. Redefining the "Ultra Horse" for the Modern Era. The Issue: In 1996, an "Ultra Horse" was a generalist. Today, our community features highly specialized athletes, a vibrant miniature horse division, and a rapidly expanding working horse group. **The Change:** We propose creating multiple distinct tracks for the Ultra Horse title:

- **The Ultra Performance Track:** For highly specialized horses dominating a specific discipline (such as Dressage, Jumping, or Driving).
- **The Ultra Versatility Track:** For the traditional multi-discipline horse showing broad capability across different rings.
- **The Ultra Working Track:** Tailored specifically for the rules, needs, and point structures of our growing working horse community.

3. Formal Inclusion of Mini-Horses and Specialized Classes. The Issue: Mini-horses and unique modern classes are often squeezed into point categories that do not fit their specific styles of showing. **The Change:** We propose establishing a dedicated ROM point matrix for Miniature Horses and new specialty classes. This ensures their unique competitive tracks are valued equally alongside traditional divisions.

4. Balanced Allocation of Class Points. The Issue: A smaller playing field means fewer classes are offered each year, creating an uneven advantage for some divisions over others. **The Change:** We propose a balanced point multiplier system. Divisions or shows with fewer annual class options will receive a weighted point structure. This ensures that every hour in the ring counts equally toward year-end goals, no matter how specialized the division.

Goal of These Changes. These updates will breathe new life into our program. By modernizing our rules, we will welcome back old friends, encourage new members to join, and preserve the true spirit of the 1996 founders: **recognizing true equine excellence across Washington State.**

Washington State Horsemen Rule Change Proposal. Co-Authors: Jole Chick and Joy Bjerke. Washington State Horsemen have had a long tradition of supporting and promoting excellence in our local and state communities. When the Register of Merit program, ROM, was started in 1996, you could find a WSH show somewhere in the state of Washington every weekend. These horse shows covered a wide variety of interests, and there were several specialty shows. For example, driving and jumping shows were common occurrences. For several years, we have found ourselves no less dedicated to excellence, but in a diminished playing field as far as the number of shows available in the state and hence the number of classes offered each year. We also find that what it means to be an ULTRA HORSE has changed from 1996. We have more specialized horses, more mini-horses, and an expanding community of working horses. **Goal for These Changes:** These updates will breathe new life into our ROM program. By modernizing our rules, we will welcome back old friends, encourage new members to join, and preserve the true spirit of the 1996 founders: recognizing true equine excellence across Washington State.

Proposal Changes: We are seeking to reduce the number of points needed in some categories in the early stages to promote participation for the average participant to complete the first ROM level in 2 years, then increase the points as the award progresses. We are seeking to expand the Working Horse category into every division. We are looking to change the definition of the ULTRA Horse. All points are to move forward from one category to the next. If nothing more is stated, the other criteria are to remain as currently stated in the WSH rulebook.

1. ROM:
 - a. Change Driving to 100 points.
 - b. Change Working Horse to 150 points.
 - c. Change Equitation to 300 points, including in-hand and/or riding classes.
2. SUPERIOR:
 - a. Change Driving to 300 points with 2 specialty classes which include championship classes. Remove part c of the current criteria.
 - b. Add Working Horse, and points would be set at 350 points.
 - c. Redefine Performance horse to allow for and/or English and Western classes. This will allow those who ride both disciplines to continue and not exclude those riders who are strictly English or Western riders from participating.
 - d. Change Equitation to 600 points, including in-hand and/or English and/or Western riding classes.
 - e. Change Trail to 300 points.
3. SUPREME:
 - a. Change Advanced Equitation to 1000 points, with 200 of those points in a specialty area which includes showmanship championship; all previous points move forward. Include both In-hand and riding classes under this definition. This allows members who own mini-horses and those who only show in-hand to participate in this category. As it currently reads, this award is unattainable.
 - b. Change Driving to 600 points, including 2 specialty classes; remove the points needed from these classes.
 - c. Change Trail to 600 points.
 - d. Change Show Horse to a total of 1200 points, English and/or Western, with 200 points in riding specialty class included in the above total. All points move forward from Superior Performance.
 - e. Add Working Horse with points totaling 650 points.
4. ULTRA SUPREME CHAMPION HORSE:
 - a. A horse may attain the Ultra Supreme Champion Horse by attaining a minimum of 3 of the following Supreme Awards: Halter, Driving, Trail, Working Horse, Performance Horse, and Dressage. (This will allow our fellow competitors who show/drive mini horses/ponies to participate).

WSH BYLAWS

Please make plans to attend the Bylaws Meeting on Friday evening as part of the Board Meeting. We will be discussing the following proposed bylaw changes. Bylaw changes passed during the meeting will then be moved forward to the Annual Meeting on Sunday for a membership vote. Only proposed changes that have been submitted in writing to the Bylaws Chair and published in the WSH Canter will be brought to the floor during Convention. No new rule changes will be discussed.

Article VIII (Committees) / Section 1 (Standing Committees). Change to read, "The President shall appoint a Chair for the Awards, Bylaws, Convention, Enforcement, Finance Review, Historical, Legislative, Marketing / Publications, Membership, Nominating, and Youth Merit Committees. The Board will then vote upon ratification of selected chairs at the January meeting."

Article VIII (Committees). Renumber sections based on alphabetization of committees.

Article VIII (Committees). Add new paragraph to read, "Awards Committee. The President shall appoint the Chair. The committee must include at least one representative from each major division. The purpose of the committee is to select the annual recipients of the Twin Benson Man of the Year, Club of the Year, Mayor Larson Junior Inspirational Award, and the Jesselyn Roehr Lifetime Achievement Award. Requirements and nomination instructions must be posted in the Canter. Nominations must be sent via mail or e-mail to the Chair prior to the Convention. Committee will convene to determine winner of each award, insuring that requirements are met by each candidate. Committee is to ensure that the trophies for the first three awards are returned in good condition, cleaned, and readied to award at the annual convention. Committee Chair will purchase the memento for the Jesselyn Roehr after obtaining available spending amount from WSH Treasurer. Trophies not award will be collected by Chair and stored in a climate-controlled environment for safe keeping."

Article VIII (Committees) / Section 3 (Enforcement Committee). Remove "riders" from the 1st paragraph. In "b" - change "his" to "an" alternate. In "c", change "advise members of the committee in writing" to "advise members of the committee in writing or by phone, e-mail, or text".

Article VIII (Committees) / Section 4 (Finance Review Committee). Change 4th sentence "submit quarterly reports" to "submit annual reports".

Article VIII (Committees) / Section 6 (Licensed Officials Committee). Remove paragraph.

Article VIII (Committees) / Section 7 (Legislative Committee). Remove final sentence.

Article VIII (Committees) / Section 8 (Marketing / Publications Committee). Change to read, "The President shall appoint the Chair. Chair shall select additional members with skillsets in marketing, Constant Contact, social media, and publications. Duties of committee shall include collection of content submitted by members / advertisers and coordination of publications including, but not limited to, the website, the Canter, and the e-Canter. A marketing outline for the following year, along with anticipated expenses, will shared with the membership during the Friday night meeting at Convention."

Article VIII (Committees). Add new paragraph to read, "Membership Committee. The President shall appoint the Chair. The committee may include other members as deemed necessary. The purpose of the committee is to maintain the historic and current membership database and to process membership applications. The Chair maintains the database with regular updates, receives renewal and new membership applications from WSH club secretaries, Horse Show stewards, and non-club individuals, and records information into the database assigning member numbers. The Chair mails welcome letters and membership cards to members, deposits membership dues into the WSH bank account, provides a deposit slip and record to the Treasurer in a timely manner. Chair provides current membership rosters to show chairs prior to scheduled events to verify current membership of participants as well as monthly rosters to Zone Presidents and WSH Treasurer and reports current membership numbers at board meetings. Chair and committee shall track trends in membership and provide input to the Marketing / Publications committee. Committee shall assist Chair as needed to accomplish listed tasks."

Article VIII (Committees) / Section 10 (Youth Merit Committee). Change 2nd sentence to read, "The Committee shall consist of the WSH Youth Merit Chair and the Youth merit Advisor from each Zone with an active program who duties shall be to further youth activity through the State. The Committee shall review the workbooks for changes at least every three years. Proposals for additions / changes will also be accepted from the Youth Merit members and active leaders prior to September 1 each year for inclusion in the Canter and to be voted upon at the Annual Convention during the Youth Merit meeting." Change "b" to read, "Youth Merit is offered to all WSH youth 17 and under." Combine paragraphs.

Article II (Purposes) / Section 1. Remove the Working Horse Division. If passed, remove all references of Working Horse throughout the Bylaws. Treasurer is suggesting that funds earmarked for Working Horse (\$822.55) be split equally between the Horse Show Division and the WSH General Fund.

Evaluating Your Year and Goals

No matter how your test went, you still want to finish strong by turning down centerline and making a straight and square, balanced halt. Paralleling this thought as we are in the last quarter of the year, let's finish strong with our goals! If you have not achieved your goal (s), how can you break down what's left into smaller pieces that are obtainable? What is something positive that can still happen? Do you need to change your goals for x, y, or z reasons?

Goals are not things that are set in stone. Sometimes we need to re-address or alter them along the way and that is alright. Sometimes short term goals need to be long term goals and sometimes long term goals arrive faster that we thought possible. The main purpose of goals is to help us move forward. The main thought is to not get hung up and/or sidelined just because something isn't working. It just means a different approach; maybe a different opinion or even help might be needed. It is OK to ask for assistance! From a quick assessment on the ground to someone walking you through some exercises- we all can benefit from another set of eyes or point of view. That's what friends, family, mentors and/or trainers are for. We all need a support team in some way or another. Use them! They want to see you succeed!

Now let's reflect. Healthy reflections should include positives and negatives to be balanced. For in reality very few journeys are in a straight line. Personally, I like to start with the positives; I think it sets one up for a better mindset long term and how we see ourselves. It doesn't matter how small they may seem, for they add up in the long game if we keep trying to make them the habit. So get out your note taking equipment and let's begin. What did you like about this year's opportunities? Did you try anything new? What were your training successes? What was your favorite day, show, or moment? Where did your success(s) come from? How will these move you into the next year and new goals?

By starting with the happier memories, I feel it lets us be more realistic or fair to ourselves with the less memorable moments to keep us motivated to keep moving forward. So, on the flip side, what did you need to scale back or revamp? Was there something in particular that was difficult for you or your equine? What did you learn about yourself or your equine? How could you prepare better next time to handle this situation differently? Hindsight is often referred to as being 20/20 and therefore is a valuable resource that allows growth. So that said, whatever it is, it is in the past, so learn from it and move forward on a new path with a positive attitude and enthusiasm for the future!

Feel free to add to your reflections page, as everyone's situation is different, but I hope these questions get you thinking outside the box of just riding your mount. I often tell my students, it's not THAT you rode, but HOW did you ride? What was happening and how did you lead or hinder the exercise? As team leader between you and your equine, it is your responsibility to be assessing and reviewing your driving skills. What was smooth, what wasn't and how do I continue or fix what happened? Bottom line is; if you want a different outcome than where you are presently, you have to be prepared to change what you are doing now and that is where these goals come into account. Your riding should look different as time goes by and you grow as a rider. A lot can happen in a month, 3, 6 or even a year. Reviewing and asking questions, will help us to write more focused goals for the New Year.

One last thought as we try to stay united as equestrians. Did you help anyone with their goals this year? Did you offer any positive comments to a fellow rider? Let's all make an effort to leave the arena a friendlier place than we found it! Congratulations on all your accomplishments this year not matter their size and until next time; enjoy your ride, rub your equine and we'll see you down centerline!

~ Cheryl Beaudry

HORSE SHOW DIVISION PROPOSED RULE CHANGES (Continued)

Again, we are looking to promote our ROM program so that it is attainable for the average participant to complete the first level within the first 2 years of competition; however, we understand it may take some longer. Please help us update this worthy award given our current situation. Further, if this proposal is accepted, we would like to allow for a one-time chance to move 2026 show season points forward. If the member signs up for the ROM program, they may use all of their 2026 show points, but they must pay the fee for 2026 as well as 2027 for any particular category.

HOUSE KEEPING SECTION:

Page 37. Section 1. PRESIDENT'S CUPS. There shall be seven President's Cups: Corr: There shall be seven (7) President's Cups: Submitted by Angie Argo.

Page 37. Section 2 A-SYSTEM. A System (All Breeds....). Corr: A-System. Submitted by Angie Argo.

Page 38. Section 3. B-SYSTEM. 1. TOP 3 ALL AROUND HIGH POINT SENIOR AWARD. Total points for all classes. Top three recipients will receive awards with WSH Logo. Corr: Top three (3) recipients will receive awards with WSH Logo. **2. TOP 3 ALL AROUND HIGH POINT JUNIOR AWARD.** Total points for all classes. Top three recipients will receive awards with WSH Logo. Corr: Top three (3) recipients will receive awards with WSH Logo. **4. HSD SENIOR INSPIRATIONAL LU ANN LE MON PERPETUAL.** To be awarded to the Senior that has shown leadership, good sportsmanship, and all-around promotion of Washington State Horsemen during the show season. Must be a current member of WSH but does not have to be signed up for WSH Year End awards. Members are encouraged to submit recommendations to the Horse Show Director. LOC Sponsored. Nominations must be to the horse Show Director no later than October 5. Corr: Nominations must be to the Horse Show Director no later than October 5. Submitted by Angie Argo.

Page 39. (continued from page 38).but does not have to be signed up for WSH Year End awards. Members are encouraged to submit recommendations to the Horse Show Director. Nominations must be to the horse Show Director no later than October 5. Corr: Nominations must be to the Horse Show Director no later than October 5. Submitted by Angie Argo

7. HARLAN BLUMENTHAL INSPIRATIONAL AWARD. A special perpetual Trophy sponsored by the Licensed Officials Committee, will be presented to a Senior WSH Member who has gone... Corr: A special perpetual trophy sponsored by the Licensed Officials Submitted by Angie Argo.

8. RETIRING A PERMANENT NUMBER. When retiring a Permanent show number, the following requirements must be met: a. Member must have been a WSH member in good standing for no less than 5 consecutive years and held the same show number for this period. (Number may be held inactive even though the member may not currently be active in events by paying a \$5 fee each year to the. Corr: When retiring a permanent show number, the following requirements must be met. Corr: a. Member must have been a WSH member in good standing for no less the five (5) consecutive years and held the same show number for this period.... Submitted by Angie Argo.

Page 40. Section 4. PERPETUAL AWARDS. 3. Perpetual trophies will not be held outside of Washington State and must be in the possession of the Exhibitor who won the award (or immediate family if exhibitor is at college). With Awards Committee approval, WSH members in bordering states may possess Perpetual Trophies. Corr: Perpetual trophies will not be held outside of Washington State and must be in the possession of the exhibitor who won the award (or immediate family member if exhibitor is at college). With Awards Committee approval, WSH members in bordering states may possess perpetual trophies. Submitted by Angie Argo.

Section 5. MERIT PROGRAM. 1. ROM's AVAILABLE. a. Halter Horse Register of Merit, b. English Performance Horse Register of Merit, c. Western Performance Horse Register of Merit, d. Pleasure Driving Horse Register of Merit, e. Hunter and Jumper Register of Merit, f. Junior Equitation Register of Merit, g. Adult Amateur Equitation Register of Merit, h. Trail (ridden and in hand) Register of Merit, i. Dressage Register of Merit, j. Working Horse Register of Merit, k. Superior Champion Halter Horse, l. Superior Champion Performance Horse, m. Superior Champion Equitation, n. Jerry Prigge Superior Champion Driving Horse, o. Superior Champion Trail (Ridden or In Hand), p. Superior Champion Dressage. Corr: h. Trail (Ridden and In Hand). Submitted by Angie Argo.

Page 40. 4. HALTER HORSE REGISTER OF MERIT. 1. Washington State Horsemen will award a Register of Merit for Halter Horses based on these requirements: a. The owner must be a current WSH member. The horse must be recorded for Annual High Score Awards in the halter class from which points are to be counted. b. A total of 175 points must be earned in Halter classes at WSH B- System shows. Points must be earned under a minimum of ten (10) different Judges. Corr: b. A total of 175 points must be earned in halter classes at WSH B-System shows. Points must be earned under a minimum of ten (10) different judges. Submitted by Angie Argo.

6. All perpetual trophies will be calculated with all classes counting; with the exceptions of green, limit, and equitation (except when specified for a particular award.) Corr: All perpetual trophies will be calculated with all classes counting; with the exceptions of Green, Limit, and Equitation (except when specified for a particular award.) Submitted by Angie Argo.

Page 42. 3. AWARDS. u. Supreme Champion Trail Horse (Ridden or In Hand) – Trophy buckle. Corr: Trophy Buckle. Submitted by Angie Argo

Page 46. 16. JERRY PRIGGE SUPERIOR DRIVING HORSE. f. Specialty Classes: A minimum of 25 points must be from at least 2 different specialty classes, but there is no specified number of points required from the same specialty. Precision Driving, Obstacle Driving, Reinsmanship. Corr: Specialty Classes: A minimum of 25 points must be from at least 2 (two) different specialty classes, but there is no specified number of points required from the same specialty which are: Precision Driving, Obstacle Driving, Reinsmanship. (Adding the words "two" and "which are"). Submitted by Angie Argo.

Page 51. RULE 10 – GENERAL HORSE SHOW RULES. 2. Artificial tails: at B-System shows, artificial tails and extensions are allowed on horses/ponies in all classes, except where prohibited by Breed Division rules. Corr: Artificial tails: At B-System shows, artificial tails and extensions are allowed on horses/ponies in all classes, except where prohibited by Breed Division rules. Submitted by Angie Argo

Page 52. 8. Presentation of Awards. c. All placings shall be announced in numerical order, beginning with first place and ending with Reserve, and all placings will be announced even though fewer than six ribbons may be awarded. Corr: All placings shall be announced in numerical order, beginning with First Place and ending with Reserve, and all placings will be announced even though fewer than six ribbons may be awarded. Submitted by Angie Argo.

Page 54. 22. For combined A and B WSH Year End Awards, only ONE (1) set of points per judge will be considered regardless of number of points per judge allowed by A show rules. Corr: For combined A- and B-WSH Year End Awards, only ONE (1) set of points per judge will be considered regardless of number of points per judge allowed by A-System show rules. Submitted by Angie Argo.

Page 55. RULE 11 - ALL OTHER BREEDS. Section 1. SHOW RULES. 1. Open to registered and unregistered equine. An unregistered horse has no papers or may not also show as "unregistered" for any other breed. Example: A registered Half-Arabian cannot be entered in an All-Other Breeds class as an unregistered Half-Saddlebred or unregistered Pinto. Horses of multiple breeds require multiple registrations to show in more than one class. Corr: equines. Submitted by Angie Argo.

Page 57. HIGH POINT APPALOOSA ENGLISH PERFORMANCE. HORSE, B-SYSTEM. A perpetual trophy donated by Palouse Empire Appaloosa Club. Awarded to the registered Appaloosa Horse that accumulates the highest point total from English performance classes in B-System Open shows. Horses must compete at a minimum of six (6) judges. Halter, Equitation, Western, Driving, and Breed Performance classes are not to count. Corr: Horses must have shown to a minimum of six (6) judges. Submitted by Angie Argo.

Page 58. HIGH POINT APPALOOSA WESTERN PERFORMANCE. HORSE, B-SYSTEM. A perpetual trophy donated by Inland Empire Appaloosa Club. Awarded to the registered Appaloosa Horse that accumulates the highest point total from Western performance classes in B-System Open Shows. Horses must compete in a minimum of six (6) judges. Halter, Equitation, English, Driving, and Breed Performance classes do not count. Corr: Horses must have shown to a minimum of six (6) judges. Submitted by Angie Argo.

PAGE 59. RULE 13 – ARABIAN/HALF ARABIAN. HORSE DIVISION. Corr: ARABIAN/HALF ARABIAN HORSE DIVISION. Corr: Formatting only, take the spaces out of Section 1, Items 1-5. The other breed sections do not have the spaces. Submitted by Angie Argo.

HORSE SHOW DIVISION PROPOSED RULE CHANGES (Continued)

PAGE 62. 3.BUCKSKIN WESTERN PLEASURE HORSE, OPEN. Open to Buckskins, Duns, Grullas, Dunalinos, Perlinos and Buckskin Bred Program Horses registered with the IBHA or ABRA, 14.0 hands and over. To be shown at a walk, jog, and lope both ways of the ring on a reasonably loose rein without undue restraint. Horses must work both ways of the ring at all three gaits to demonstrate their ability with different leads. Any of the gaits may be extended. The lope is described as slightly increasing forward motion. It is mandatory that the jog be extended in at least one direction. Horses cannot be asked to reverse at the lope. The Judge must ask that horses be backed, but may, at his discretion, require only the backing of the finalists in the class. To be judged on performance. CORR: his or her. Also, remove height requirement. Submitted by Angie Argo and Tammy Call-Jones.

BUCKSKIN HUNTER UNDER SADDLE. Open to Buckskins, Duns, Grullas, Dunalinos, Perlinos and Buckskin Bred Program Horses registered with the IBHA or ABRA, 14.0 hands and over. To be shown at a walk, trot, and canter both ways of the ring. The Judge may, at his discretion, require only those horses considered for a placing to back. This class shall be judged on performance, condition, and conformation. Maximum credit shall be given to the flowing, balanced, willing horse. Remove height requirement. Submitted by Tammy Call-Jones.

PAGE 70. RULE 17 – DRIVING DIVISION, PLEASURE SECTION. Section 1. SHOW RULES. 3.Harness: Recommend light harness (Kay collar or breast collar are required), color and type suitable to vehicle. Optional: type of bit (Snaffle, Liverpool, Buxton), blinkers or no blinkers, over or side-checks, or no checks, running martingale, and method of holding reins. Handholds, loop reins or buttons permitted. Thimbles are allowed. Quarter boots prohibited. Corr: Type. Submitted by Angie Argo.

PAGE 71. 7. Gaits: Walk: flat-footed, brisk, and ground covering; Trot/Intermediate Gait and Trot On/ increased Intermediate Gait: faster, well balanced, with longer stride. Judge may call for a walk on a loose rein. Only the gaits listed in the specifications may be called for by the Judge. Collected and/or extended gaits may be called for in Championship classes. It is recommended that shows restrict all Driving classes to a walk and trot only. It is considered a major fault to canter. Corr: Gaits. Walk: Flat-footed, brisk, and ground covering. Trot/intermediate gait and trot on/increased intermediate gait: Faster, well balanced with a longer stride. Submitted by Angie Argo.

Page 73. 4. PLEASURE DRIVING JR/SR DRIVER. To enter the ring in harness at a trot/intermediate gait. To be shown at a flat-footed walk, working trot/intermediate gait, and trot on/increased intermediate gait (extreme speed to be penalized) both ways of the ring. Emphasis on the flat-footed walk. To stand quietly. May be asked to back. Judged 70% on manners, performance, condition, and style; 20% on fit, condition and appropriateness of harness and vehicle; and 10% on conformation. CLASS REACTIVATED AT REQUEST OF NORTHEAST ZONE. Corr: CLASS REACTIVATED AT REQUEST OF NORTHEAST ZONE. Remove last sentence. Submitted by Angie Argo.

Rule 18 English Division Section 3 High Score Awards. English Pleasure Horse should be #4 and the sub divisions should be a., b., c., ... etc. renumber the rest of the list as appropriate English Pleasure Horse, Hunter Type should be #11 and the sub divisions should be a., b., c., ... etc. renumber the rest of the list as appropriate

Rule 19 – Equitation Division Section 4 B System High Score Awards. There are quite a few numbering issues in this section. Needs corrected from the beginning and the entire section renumbered and then ensure sub sections are correctly lettered.

NC ZONE

North Central Zone is excited for the new year! We want to congratulate all that were able to participate in the Washington State Games Finals! Youth Merit has been a hit in Sun Basin Riders and Desert Duellers. Desert Duellers is starting the new year with a show on September 26th and 27th in Coulee City WA. We are thankful for all our members and volunteer officers who make these clubs and this organization possible! The Sun Basin Riders have also had a great summer! Here is a brief summary of what they've been up to! **June** - Club meetings, made educational posters and displayed them at the Washington State Classic Open Show in Moses Lake. Members competed at the Washington State Classic Horse Show taking home ribbons and high point prizes! **July** - Club BBQ, riding meetings and the kids participated in a horsemanship clinic with Dusti Kissler, turned in Youth Merit Workbooks and earned A LOT of points! The kids also completed a craft and educational activity donated by Washington State Quarter Horse Association through the AQHA PeeWee Grant! **August** - Riding meetings and most of our kids competed at the Grant County Fair earning top placings and met personal goals! **September** - Riding meetings continue as they plan for fall! We are looking forward to a great 2027!

NORTHEAST



RC CARESAN and Candi Anderson showing at an A-Rated Arabian Show in Moses Lake. Candi is a 20-year NEZ member.

Wally Kachnik and Ima Original Chic showing at Summerfest in Pasco.

Wally is a 20-year NEZ member as well.



ZONE ONE

It's been an exciting yet challenging year for us. The Washington State Classic in June was a great show. We learned a lot about our show release through an unfortunate accident that occurred on Friday. As a Grant County Fairgrounds employee stated, "It covers everything but the pigeons!" Good to know! And if you didn't like the weather, you just had to wait a few minutes and it would change, LOL. The next few months, Rock N Horse Club along with Franklin County Saddle Club, went to work putting the final touches on the 1st Annual Fall Classic Dual Open and Fall Classic Dressage shows. Unfortunately for everyone, entries were lacking and we had to cancel but we are planning to try again in 2027 and will entertain a different date. Thank you everyone for all the support and good times, we'll do it all again next year!

WEST ZONE

Barbara Manning reports, "I am excited to share that the West Side had a fantastic 2026! The Cascade Pinto Show added Washington State Horsemen (WSH) classes, creating a wonderful opportunity to introduce more exhibitors to WSH. Steward Tammy Call-Jones attended these shows to promote Washington State Horsemen, and she reports that there was a great deal of interest from exhibitors.

A special thank-you to Emmeline Hopkins and her entire team for hosting such a great show 'The Homestretch' in beautiful Port Townsend and helping make it a success. We truly appreciate all the hard work and enthusiasm that went into bringing this new WSH show to the Zone!

If you are interested in learning more about Washington State Horsemen or would like to get involved, please reach out to me or our Zone Director, Allison Aurand. We would love to hear from you and answer any questions you may have!





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