

The Western Saddle Club News



February 2008

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Membership Renewal

Remember, its time to renew your 2008 WSC membership. Membership dues for 2008 have not increased. Dues must be received by March 31 to continue to receive your newsletter and use WSC facilities.

Meeting Highlights

The next meeting of the WSC will be held on Monday March 3rd, at 7:30 PM, at the club house.

The February meeting was opened by President Rickey Jones. The Officers' reports were read and accepted by the membership.

The old business addressed at the meeting:

- No old business was discussed.

The new business addressed at the meeting:

- All bids for the 2008 grounds maintenance for the WSC are needed by March 1st. The winner of the contract will perform all grounds maintenance including mowing and trimming twice a month. If you know of someone who might be interested, have them submit a bid to an officer or board member.

Board of Directors

- The Board has decided that there will not be any running shows this year, due to low turn out for the shows for the last two years.
- The Board has recommended that other activities will be held instead of shows during the ride and other weekends. See the article on activities planned for the WSC this year.

- The Board has moved to re-instate the mailing of the newsletter. The news letter will continue to be available on-line.

Show Committee:

- With no regular shows planned for this year, there will not be a show committee and this will be the last article for this year.

2008 Planned Club Activities

With no shows planned for this year, there will be several new and different activities available for our riders. Below is the schedule for these activities.

Be sure that you check your monthly newsletter as new activities or further information will be added each week.

March 22

The monthly trail ride will leave the WSC promptly at 10 AM. Be sure to get there early so we can leave on time.

April 26 and 27

There will be two rides this weekend and the one on Saturday is a Poker Ride. Hands are \$5 and cash prizes based on participation will be awarded for the best hand. Note: You DO NOT have to buy a Poker hand to ride. Sunday's ride will be a normal ride. Both rides will start promptly at 10 AM, so get to the WSC early.

May 24

This month's ride will be a Scavenger Hunt, and there will be prizes to win. The ride starts promptly at 10 AM. More details will follow.

June 7

A totally new activity this month is a trail ride competition. More details will follow later, but

basically you will have two, five minutes periods to complete the two courses. The courses will be on each side of the WSC arena.

Each horse will be given three chances to run the course and if it refuses, the rider and horse are disqualified. You will be judged on the time and how well you execute the course.

The cost for this event is \$25 per rider. There will be cash prizes of 1st: \$250, 2nd: \$150, and 3rd: \$100. For these amounts to be awarded, at least 25 riders are required to enter.

A maximum of 70 contestants may participate. More information on this event will follow in the newsletter.

June 14

AQHA Ride is planned. More information on this ride is coming later.

June 28

Regular WSC ride starts at 10 AM sharp.

July and August

No rides are planned due to the heat and the watering restrictions for the horses.

September 13

Pink Ride for the Cancer Association is planned. There will be a fee for all riders, and more information will follow.

September 27 and 28

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October 25th

Regular member ride leaves at 10 AM sharp.

November 28, 29, and 30

This is the annual Thanksgiving fund raiser ride. The gates open at 1 PM on Thursday the 27th for those who are bringing trailers.

Friday's events start at 1:00 PM with a short ride and a Pot Luck dinner at 6:30 PM.

Saturday's ride will leave at 10 AM and return around 4 PM. There will be a dance that starts at 8 PM. Sunday there will be a short ride that leaves at 10 AM and returns about 2 PM.

Cost for this event is \$30 per person camping or riding. \$10 for day riders and \$10 per trailer hook-up. Parent's fee covers children less than age 18.

SPECIAL NOTE: If you do not have a Berry Pass, you must be with the WSC group at all times. You cannot ride onto Berry Property from WSC on your own without this pass and may be fined if caught without it. The WSC agreement with Berry covers our planned rides.

December 6

The annual Christmas Party will be held at 6:30 PM. The club will provide the meat. Everyone is to bring a covered dish and a gift for the white elephant exchange.

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