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# WESTERN SADDLE CLUB NEWS



October 2010

Rickey Jones, President; Charles Duvall, Vice-President; Jody Jones, Treasurer; Terri Astin, Secretary  
Board of Directors: Dee Allen, Tim Conway (Chairman), Gary Cox, Cindy Ferguson, Shorty Gray, Greg Smith

## Meeting Highlights

The next meeting of the WSC will be held on Monday November 1st, at 7:30 PM, at the clubhouse. The October meeting was opened by President Rickey Jones. The Officers' reports were read and accepted by the membership.

### The old business addressed at the meeting:

- The Pink Ride was a great success this year and money raised increased by about 33% over last year. Our thanks to everyone who volunteered to make the event a great success.

### The new business addressed at the meeting:

- Elections for 2011 officers are coming up. Please see the article in this newsletter.

### Board of Directors

No new announcements

## 2011 Elections to Be Held at the Next Meeting.

It is now time to elect the officers and board members who will run our club for next year. Nominations for these posts were held at the last meeting of the club this month. A secret ballot will be held at next month's meeting, and you must be present to vote. The nominees for this year's posts are:

President: Rickey Jones  
Vice Pres: Charles Duvall  
Cindy Ferguson  
Treasurer: Jody Jones  
Secretary: Terri Astin  
Kathy Jones

Although you may not think about them, the Board of Directors regulates all activities of the club. In many ways, they are more vital to the success of the club than the officers. This year we will elect six members to the board. There are currently nine members running for the board. The nominees this year are:

Dee Allen  
Gary Cox  
Gladys Duvall  
Shorty Gray  
Greg Smith

Tim Conway  
Charles Duvall  
Cyndy Ferguson  
Kathy Jones

Elections are extremely important. Make an effort to attend and vote at this important meeting. The winners will be announced at the November meeting and they will assume office on January 1, 2011.

## Make Your Plans Now for the Thanksgiving Ride

The annual Thanksgiving Ride is the major fund raising event of the WSC for the year. After last year's very rainy weekend, everyone is hoping for a large turnout and a very successful weekend this year. The WSC has been listening to suggestions made by participants and here are the plans for this year's ride.

The dates for the ride will be November 26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>, and 28<sup>th</sup>. Like last year, the gates to the WSC grounds will be open at Noon on the 25<sup>th</sup> for anyone who wants to camp.

With the hard economic times this year, the WSC has lowered rates for this weekend. It will be \$50

for a family staying the weekend (2 adults and all children under 18). Single persons will pay \$30 for the weekend. Weekend rates will include a powered camper space if available. Day riders will be charged \$10 for that day's event.

The club has 42 camping spaces with electrical power. As a new feature this year, you may reserve a space for the event. If you want a reservation contact Jody Jones at 706-252-4169. A deposit for the full cost of the weekend must be received by Jody to reserve a space for you.

If you cancel your reservation eight or more days before the 25<sup>th</sup> of November, a \$10 service charge will be taken from your deposit and the remainder sent back to you. For any cancellations seven days or less, the deposit money is nonrefundable.

Events for this year's weekend include:

**Friday:** A short ride will start at 1 pm and it is expected to last about 2-3 hours. Had too much turkey? There will not be a potluck leftover dinner this year. Instead, the WSC decided to try a pizza supper at 6 PM for anyone who wishes to participate and share the cost of the pizzas.

**Saturday:** A full ride will start at 10 AM and should finish about 3 PM that afternoon. A new event for this year's weekend is a trail riding obstacle competition in the evening. This will be a judged event, and riders who want to enter this event will pay \$10 per horse (and you can enter more than one horse). Cash prizes will be awarded for the first, second and third place if six or more riders participate.

**Sunday:** A short ride will start at 10 AM and should be finished around 1 PM. This will give everyone plenty of time to pack for the trip home. The weekend is planned to end at 5 PM.

As always, there will be plenty of time on and off the trail to fellowship and make new friends. The WSC Clubhouse does have restroom and shower facilities. Make your plans to attend now!

## WSC Is Now on Facebook

Type in Western Saddle Club in the search box and join us online to share information, stories, and photos about the love of horses. Send the page to all your horse friends and encourage them to join our great club.

## 2010 Planned Club Activities

<b>Oct 23:</b>	Trail Ride	10 AM
	Running Show	7:00 PM
<b>Nov 1:</b>	WSC Club Meeting	7:30 PM
<b>Nov 26:</b>	Thanksgiving Ride	1 PM
<b>Nov 27:</b>	Thanksgiving Ride	10 AM
<b>Nov 28:</b>	Thanksgiving Ride	10 AM
<b>Dec:</b>	WSC Christmas Party	TBA

### 2010:

<b>Jan 3:</b>	WSC Club Meeting	7:30 PM
<b>Feb 7:</b>	WSC Club Meeting	7:30 PM
<b>Mar 7:</b>	WSC Club Meeting	7:30 PM

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