

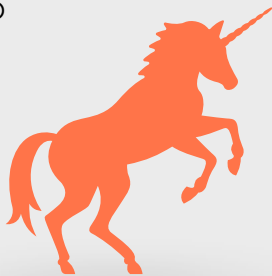
Whatcom County Dressage and Eventing Association

General Meetings

The Board meets regularly and you're invited! We have general membership meetings about every few months so stay tuned for dates and locations.

NEXT MEETING:

TBD



Who is WCDEA?

This dressage and eventing (& working equitation) club is an all-volunteer group of local horse enthusiasts committed to furthering our knowledge of our disciplines and providing equestrian-related educational and competitive opportunities in the local area.

Salish Dressage & Working Equitation Schooling Show Series

Hello members! It's schooling show season!

This summer we are offering one away-from-home schooling day and 3 schooling shows! There will be dressage tests of all kinds (Western, USDF and USEA) and Ease of Handling courses for Intro, Novice and Intermediate levels. You can ride only dressage if you'd like, or you can compete in the working equitation classes too.

The 3 relaxed, fun and informal shows will be held at Sunset Farm Park in Blaine, so mark the dates and plan to join us. No worries if you don't want to ride — we need lots of volunteers to make these events a success. No knowledge necessary as we're happy to train you!

•June 25 **SCHOOLING DAY ONLY** (Not a Show) - Misty River Ranch, Deming



[REGISTER HERE](#) WHILE WE STILL HAVE SPOTS LEFT!

SALISH SCHOOLING SHOW SERIES:

- July 16
 - August 27
 - September 24
- > Sunset Farm Park, Blaine



[Register HERE](#) for the Salish Schooling Show Series!





Sunset Farm Park

Do you know that Whatcom County has an extensive horse park? It's an all-volunteer effort provided by [Friends of Sunset Farm](#).

- All-weather outdoor arena
- Miles of wooded trails
- Water element and bank jump
- Seasonal cross-country course with obstacles from Grasshopper to Training Level

*The park is at
7981 Blaine Road, Blaine, 98230*

The Friends of Sunset Farm, a non-profit organization, was formed for the purpose of providing assistance to the Whatcom County Parks and Recreation Department in order to support, maintain and fundraise for the Whatcom County public equestrian park known as "Sunset Farm Park."

WCDEA hosts regular clinics and schooling shows at the Park. Keep an eye on the Park's [FaceBook](#) page and [Website](#) for real-time updates and happenings!

Because part of our mission is to support education and knowledge, we're literally putting our money where our mouths are. As a member of WCDEA you're eligible for an **educational scholarship!**

The Club has \$1000 in grant money waiting for applicants. We have decided to offer \$50 grants to each member who wishes to advance his/her education by attending a clinic, riding in or auditing a lesson, joining in a seminar or workshop, or most any other horse-related educational opportunity.

To apply email President Viki with information about your intended educational opportunity and why you'd like to attend. We just ask that you be willing to either write up a little something about what you learned when it's all said and done, or even better, speak about it at one of our membership meetings.



Do you like to partake of WCDEA's clinics and events?

Do you realize that it takes many, MANY hours of volunteerism to make this club work?

Do you know that to put on these shows and schooling opportunities we need lots of people to commit to helping?

Please check out our [SignUp Genius](#) website and consider where you're able to help for the upcoming show.

It takes a village to put on these shows for our community and we really appreciate you stepping up to volunteer your time to make them happen.

President's Page

Greetings! Spring has sprung and summer is about to be in full swing. Our spring clinics got us off to a great start. Kim Roe's cavalletti clinic was just what everyone needed. Each horse and rider were led through various exercises that improved balance, rhythm and sometimes helped regulate speed if needed. It was great to watch each horse and rider not only have fun but leave with a sense of improvement. Hannah Knaebel's saddle fitting clinic was amazing! She has so much passion and knowledge! Hannah brought over 20 saddles, girths and saddle pads to show us different types. She had a huge display showing all that is on the inside of a saddle from the tree to the stuffing that goes in the panels. She had brought a couple bathroom scales to stand on. By standing with a foot on each scale one could if there was a difference in how much weight you placed on each foot. I've never seen women line up and be so excited to get on a scale. Our Misty River's schooling opportunity is this month, which is perfect for getting ready for our upcoming shows. It takes many hands to put on these activities so please help out with what you can.

—Viki Schimke



Over 30 people were in attendance at the Saddle Fitting Clinic!



Have you ever seen so many women lined up to step on a scale before?!