

# Northwest Saddle Club

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Next Meeting Tuesday February 5, 2008 at the Show Grounds  
Youth Meeting begins at 7:00pm General Meeting begins at 7:45pm

### How Do I Get Involved?

Welcome to a new year. My name is Tammy Gibson and I am the newsletter writer. Please feel free to send me any items that you would like to see included in the monthly newsletter. It can be items for sale, items needed, help wanted, horse training or care tips, or any items related to horses

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How do I get involved? With a club as big as ours there are many positions and many things that need to get done. You have to just jump in and do it.

The new show season is rapidly approaching. There is so much to do before then.

This club is more than just the shows that we have in our arena. It is the friendships, the gatherings, and the wealth of horse knowledge available at every meeting.

If you are new to the club or you have been around forever the best thing you can do is dive in and help. There is always something to do. Look at the monthly Help Wanted and Items Needed section in the newsletter and contact the

person listed that is in charge. He/she will be thankful that you did and you will be happy that you could help.

Every member is the hands, feet and hooves of this club. Without everyone's help this club would not be the great club that it is. Please help us continue to be great by giving your time to help with an event. Thank you to all who have helped in the past.

### What's New at the Club?

At our January meeting we had the opportunity to get a sneak peek of the new clubhouse. It is beautiful! It will be great to have our meetings in a roomy place. The best part is that the youth will now have their own space to meet and hang out together while the general meeting is taking place.

The adults are working on some upcoming gatherings. We are working on a spring fun show for members, a dinner cruise as well as a spaghetti dinner at the October 7th monthly meeting.

We have approved the installation of a LED timer for the game shows so that times can be instantly posted.

Is there an interest for trail rides/trips in the spring or summer? We need some people to lead this up. If you are interested in planning and leading this, bring it up at the February meeting.

For other news and events please read the board and general meeting minutes posted on the website.

## Youth News

Hey Everyone, Welcome to 2008! I am happy to lead the Youth in to the New Year that awaits us. We have lots of fun activities ahead of us and I can't wait to start! So, first things first! On February 2nd we are going to have a bake sale for the club at the February 5th meeting. It will be held At Carolyn's house. She would like it if everyone could bring a bag of flour and some cookie sheets along with them. This will help us bake like

CRAZY! WOO HOO! I hope every one can come because really, who doesn't like to eat cookie dough and hang out with friends? So please RSVP to Carolyn or Sam. Also Jennisue and I are putting on the both again for the Minnesota Horse Expo. We would like to ask everyone to sign up to work the booth. It is really a good way to get some super easy hours! Also bring in pictures for a slide show that we will have at the Expo. Put your

name on the back of the pictures so we know who to return them to. I think that's all, hope you have a fantastic month, ride safe and see you at the next meeting!

If you have any questions my email is  
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Or my Phone # is 651-895-2098  
Sam Curren-president  
Carolyn Sween-vice president

## Help Wanted and Items Needed

Everyone's time is valuable and limited too, but nothing in our club can get done without you!

Our show season is quickly approaching. Without your help in the many opportunities that are available, we can't succeed. Any volunteering time counts toward your membership time commitments

Each month there will be Help Wanted postings. The postings for this month are as follows

**Silent Auction Helpers:** willing and committed people to help with mailings, collecting items,

organizing items, labeling items, calculating items, setting up and taking down. This is a major fundraiser for our club. It is a huge undertaking. If interested please contact Char Waddell

**Silent Auction Items Needed:** Donations needed to put into the auction. Please bring items to monthly club meetings until May. Try to solicit items from various people, businesses and places that you frequent. Items can be either horse related or non-horse related items.

**Horse Expo Booth Attendants-** Northwest Members are needed

to man the booth during Horse Expo April 25-27 8:30am-8pm, Sunday until 3 pm. To sign up, please contact Jennisue Wesch (jswesch@yahoo.com) or sign up at our next meeting.

**Pictures Wanted:** Northwest Event pictures are wanted to create a DVD for our NWSC booth for Horse Expo. Please include names on pictures so they can be returned.

**North Metro Banquet Helpers:** Help set up the kitchen and clean up it is our clubs turn to serve on 2/16

People on horses look better than they are. People in cars look worse than they are.  
~Marya Mannes

A horse is the projection of peoples' dreams about themselves – strong, powerful, beautiful – and it has the capability of giving us escape from our mundane existence.  
~Pam Brown

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## *Training, Showing and Care Tips*

In the cold winter months, be sure to warm up your horse with lunging and ground work before getting on and riding. This will allow you to check for stiffness and lameness due to slipping on the ice, hoof problems, or cold stiff muscles. Doing ground work basics will help to ensure higher success and attentiveness.

In the January issue of Horse and Rider it reminded us riders of the fact to keep ourselves fit. The winter is hard on our bodies as we tend to do some hibernating from the cold. Our joints and muscles get stiff too... There are some great exercises that you can do on the ground or on your horse to keep yourself fit and flexible. A favorite was power walking with your horse on a lead rope. It is a great way to warm up you and your horse.

If you have great training, showing or care tips please send them our way. The tips that are here will likely come from magazines or books that are read each month.

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