



49er's Saddle Club

January 2016 Newsletter

49er's Web Site: www.49ersaddleclub.org

The January meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 11 at 7:00 PM at the club house.

The January meeting is the official annual meeting of the 49ers corporation. Annual 49er membership dues for the current 2016 year are to be decided upon at this meeting. We will begin planning now for the 49ers 4-D Barrel Race in August. A volunteer team is needed. Newly elected officers and board members will assume their duties at this meeting.

The complete list of 2016 board members follows:

President: Don Cook
Vice President: Nicki Huffaker
Secretary: Jamie Canning
Treasurer: Lisa Hawkins
Director (3 years): Anne Mushlitz
Director (2 years): Mike Cardwell
Director (1 year): Judy Whaley

Royalty:

We are still looking for young girls in our local horse community who are interested in serving as 49er's Royalty. If interested, they are asked to submit a Royalty Application to Kirstin Parvin, Royalty Director. Applicants need not be 49er members, but must become a member in order to serve as 49er royalty.

Kirstin's contact information:

208-413-3551

kirstinparvin@gmail.com

The Royalty Application form is available from our web site. Also - we are in need of a chaperone for the 2016 year.

Calling member attention to the commitment to which we agree and sign on the 49ers membership form:

I (My) family requests membership in the 49ers Saddle Club. I wish to associate with this membership of the equine community and build life long friendships and memories. I understand I will have privileged access to the Club grounds for riding and other benefits. I am aware this is a member owned facility and understand the need and responsibility to join in the stewardship of the grounds and facility by actively participating in its upkeep and activities. I (We) agree to actively engage in the maintenance of the facilities and/or activities of the Club.

President Ken Smith is completing his tour of duty.

I would like to especially thank all those who served with me during the last five years as officers and board members, and other members who have invested considerable time to improve the club and our facilities. The many contributions of time and effort and their special skills have significantly improved the grounds and the events held here.

**Karen Parvin
Crystal Moore
Jody Mallory
Tracy Dahl
Mike Cardwell
Judy Whaley
Judy Rowland
Jerry Rauch**

In addition, I would like to acknowledge the contributions of the following members:

Gary Rowland – for the construction of the tractor shed, and for the many days and hours of ground work with the tractor and groomer that have resulted in compliments from our members and many out of area contestants.

Kirstin Parvin – for her years of work coordinating and organizing the 49ers Royalty program.

Margaret Baker – for her innovative events and extensive contributions during this last year.

Don Cook – for his knowledge of how everything that moves works.

Many other members contributed as well, helping during events.

I thank all of the above for recognizing that a crucial part of membership means lending a hand.

Significant accomplishments and improvements made during my 5 year tenure:

A more powerful tractor was acquired to work the arena.

A new Black Widow arena groomer was purchased that has made it possible to have consistently good ground for our events.

A tractor shed was added to the equipment shed to protect our heavy equipment.

The warm-up arena was doubled in size, and metal panels were installed as a border.

A round pen with high metal panels and rubber lining was added.

A play area was added for children.

All new windows were installed in the announcer's stand.

An air conditioner was installed in the announcer's stand to help during hot weather.

A new laptop computer and laser printer were purchased to provide enough power to run the required software and to support printing of checks for our events. No more manual check writing!

New electrical wiring was installed by Avista from the pump house to the Diner and Announcer's Stand in order to support increased loads.

Electrical breakers were installed in the Announcer's Stand and Diner to add circuits.

The gate to the club house area was widened to avoid the problem of trailers striking the gate post.

New signs were installed to enhance the grounds.

Wall heaters were added in the club house.

The pump was lowered in the well to reach lower water levels.

**Ken Smith,
President, 2015**