# **CLUB NEWS**

## Woodbrook Hunt Club Lakewood, WA



### www.woodbrookhuntclub.com

After the soggiest fall and winter of hunting anyone can remember, we enjoyed glorious spring weather for our final few weeks of hunting. We closed our season on April 16, with a wonderful hunt where to cross our territories, we traversed a busy road led by member Lorna Anderson carrying the American flag in front, and flanked by a police escort in back!

Our hounds hunted 41 times this season, and hounds and horses crossed more water than you can imagine. And our foxes (Eric Stiemert and Simon Chapman who lay our drag on foot) have been treed or put to ground over a dozen times!

#### **Summer Activities**

What's next on the calendar for WHC?

May is a month of business and social gatherings for Masters, board trustees, and members, while hounds get a well-deserved rest, nap in the sunshine, and enjoy walks to their favorite swimming hole. We'll be posting hound walks and exercises, trailrides and trail clearing parties over the summer, so come and join us for one of these.

In May we'll kick off our Hunter Pace Series as well as a Kentucky Derby Viewing Party at the clubhouse on May 7th, and members will be starting to take their green or young horses out on the trails for some Foxhunting 101 lessons! Guests are welcome to join with their green horses!

### First WHC Hunter Pace May 7th

Each year Woodbrook Hunt Club hosts a series of three Hunter Paces, with our Sr. Advisory Master of Foxhounds Joanna Herrigstad judging. This is a wonderful event for the whole family and all levels of riders who ride in teams of 2, 3 or more. We mark a timed course through beautiful woods, prairies and fields, and all jumps have go-arounds. There is a minimum of three "flights", the "Full Cry" or fastest which mimics the pace following the huntsman and hounds during a hunt; the "Second

Flight" which is a slower walk, trot, canter flight; and then the "Hilltoppers" which on a hunt usually goes as fast as the slowest rider is comfortable with, usually a walk/trot group. Each group has a separate time.

Beautiful medals are awarded at the conclusion of each Pace, with Championship prizes for teams with the overall highest scores from the series awarded at the conclusion of our WHC Fall Hunter Trials Horse Show. If you don't have a partner, we'll find one for you!

The first Hunter Pace of the season will be May 7th and registration and parking will be at the clubhouse. The Pace will be on JBLM TA 7N.

The second Hunter Pace will run two days in conjunction with the Alpine Preview Hose Show at the Washington State Horse Park in Cle Elum on Friday, June 24th and Saturday June 25th 2016. The course will be open from 11am to 2pm each day and the entry fee \$30 per rider. Sign up will be on the grounds at the Windbreaker Lounge, every participant will receive a WHC memento, prizes for each flight. Contact Jenn Hansen for details (253) 377-4892 huntsmanhansen@gmail.com.

# WHC President Emily Rang invites all members to attend the WHC Annual Meeting.

This years Annual Meeting will be a Garden Party at the clubhouse, Saturday May 14, 2016 at 11AM. Hunt staff will be cooking up a delicious brunch, and the Agenda will include annual reports from each committee, awarding of Colors and special awards, and election of officers and trustees for the coming season.

Have you considered serving as a trustee?

Serving as a Trustee for WHC is a very important and rewarding honor! Trustees get to help decide social and fundraising events, support and recruit new members, coordinate improvements to our property Masters of Fox Hounds
Melody Fleckenstein, MFH
Michael Wager, Sr. Jt.MFH
RJ Argenzio-West, Jt. MFH
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Joanna Herrigstad, Sr. Ad. MFH

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### Contact Information Our website

### www.woodbrookhuntclub.com

is your greatest resource to learn more about drag fox hunting with us, our hounds, activities, and club history.

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Questions and information requests are best directed to:

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and host other activities. The Woodbrook Hunt Club would not be able to provide the fun of hunting without the service of our dedicated trustees. We are an all volunteer hunt with the exception of one paid kennelperson, so to keep dues affordable, everyone pitches in at some time of the year!

### MFHA Seminar - Middleburg, VA

Seven members of WHC are traveling to the heart of foxhunting country to attend the MFHA 2016 Staff Seminar! Highlights of that trip will be dinner with featured speaker

Jimmy Wofford, a 3-time Olympian and Eventing Hall of Fame member at Betsee Parker's lovingly restored Huntland Estate, an 1830's Federal Style mansion and kennels, once considered the finest foxhunting estate in the country.

## WoodbrookHunt Club Activities: May 2016

Date - Time - Activity

7th - 11am - Hunter Pace, Clubhouse

14th - 11am - Annual Meeting, Clubhouse June 2016

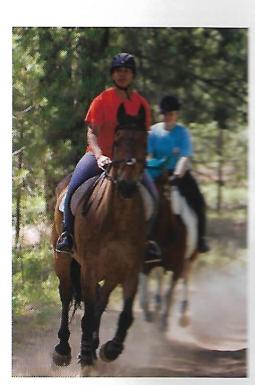
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24th - 11am - Hunter Pace, Cle Elum

25th - 11am - Hunter Pace, Cle Elum

Contact Huntsman Jenn Hansen to confirm times and fixtures. We do our best to notify members of changes via email and Facebook. If you'd like to be added to our "Friends" email list, email us at woodbrookhuntclub@gmail.com, and "Like" us on Facebook for updates.





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Hourds cooling off after a fast spring run. Photo credit to J. Andrew Towell

