

2017 Winter Newsletter

Hello Wagon Wheelers,

Hope this letter finds all of you in good health and good spirits, as we begin another Wagon Wheeler year.

I would like to remind you to get your dues in if you haven't already done so, we are planning another great year (this being the 81st year for the Wagon Wheelers) and I am working on making it a good one.

I know those of you who made it to the Christmas and New Year parties had a good time, if you missed it maybe you can make it this year.

Norman Shaw served a great meal for the **JANUARY ANNUAL MEETING**. Bonnie Laib and Leslie Pease were the recipients of the 2016 J. Michael Humphreys Memorial Scholarships. Bonnie was introduced and presented an overview of her current educational journey.

Andy Shaw received the Man of the Year Buckle for his service during 2016, representing his commitment contributed to our club.

The Board of Directors election resulted with four incumbents returning to the board, Les Clark, Robert Giger, Robert Guse, and Andy Shaw. Donna Hubbs was welcomed as a newly elected board member to fill the fifth position. Each will serve a three year term. The fifth incumbent Wayne Norton was appointed by the board as a Director Emeritus.

The officers elected were Andy Shaw serving his third year as Wagon Master and Meade Neal Assistant Wagon Master. Clark Hansen was appointed Treasurer and Carolyn Hansen was appointed Secretary.

COMMITTEES

ARENA/GROUNDS: Bob Holman Chair, Les Clark, Montie Banks, Wayne Narum, Meade Neal, Donna Hubbs, Kara Hubbs, Rick Guse

MAINTENANCE: Gary Carlyle Chair, Harold Brewer, Bob Giger, AJ Smith, Montie Banks

RENTALS: Clark Hansen Chair, Bob Holman, Les Clark, Charles Potts, Montie Banks, Meade Neal

STEERING COMMITTEE: Andy Shaw Chair, Clark Hansen, Bob Holman, Les Clark, Mead Neal

FUND RAISERS: Andy Shaw, AJ Smith, Charles Potts

BARREL RACES: Les Clark Chair, Gary Aichele, Clark Hansen, Bob Holman, AJ Smith, Meade Neal, Gary Carlyle, Montie Banks, Bob Giger, Bill Watson

CONCESSIONS: Kathy Narum Chair: Laura Brown, Donna Holman, Donna Hubbs

SOCIAL EVENTS: Bill Hof, AJ Smith, Charles Potts, Montie Banks, Carolyn Hansen, Andy Shaw, Meade Neal

CHRISTMAS PARTY: Les Clark Chair, Carolyn Hansen, Andy Shaw, AJ Smith, Meade Neal, Harold Brewer

NEW YEAR'S: Meade Neal Chair: AJ Smith, Andy Shaw

SCHOLARSHIPS: Clark Hansen Chair, Mead Neal, Charles Potts

JUNIOR WAGON WHEELERS: Donna Hubbs Chair, Shann Webley Asst. Chair, Andy Shaw, Charles Potts, Nisa Coers, Kara Hubbs

TRAIL RIDES: Rick Guse Chair, AJ Smith, Charles Potts, Meade Neal, Andy Shaw, Bob Giger

PARADE/DRILL: Clark Hansen Chair, AJ Smith, Wayne Norton, Montie Banks, Carolyn Hansen, Meade Neal, Wayne Narum, Les Clark

WEBPAGE/FACEBOOK: Mead Neal Chair, Les Clark

CARE OF AMERICAN FLAG: Bob Holman

SICK COMMITTEE: Bill Hof Chair, Donna Hubs, Clark Hansen, Joe Taruscio. **CLUB SHIRTS/EMBROIDERY LOGO:** We are getting an order together for the club logo and/or Wagon Wheelers name embroidered onto club shirts. If you have an item you would like embroidered with the club logo or name let Carolyn know by March 6, call **525-9360**. **Cost:** Left chest club logo \$5.68, Wagon Wheelers name on one sleeve \$10.28, if the sleeve seam needs to be taken apart to embroider then it is \$5 to take apart and \$5 to sew back together.

J. MICHAEL HUMPHREYS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS: Applications for the 2017 scholarship will be available soon. Each year two scholarships are awarded to a club member or a son, daughter, or grandchild of a club member. Applications are due **May 15, 2017**. If you would like an application or more information, please call **Clark Hansen 509-525-9360**.

2017 SPRING EVENTS

APRIL 23 NINE MILE RIDE: This is a great first ride of the season open to all members and their guests. All riders must complete and sign a liability release. We need help to man registration, poker hand checkpoints, and cooks for lunch at cow camp. BBQ lunch \$5 per plate, poker hand \$5 per hand, the winning high and low hands split 50% of winner's pot and 50% goes to our scholarship fund. Riders ride in groups with a "guide" to ensure all get to the right places and thru the right gates, and that those gates get closed, etc. First group out usually departs the staging area at 10am. Registration should be open around 8:30am; last group will depart 11am. No riders will be allowed to ride out after registration closes, so PLEASE be registered to ride on time. Follow Hwy 12 past Nine Mile Ranch, watch for signs to turn off point for staging area. Hope to see you there! For information call *Les Clark 509-526-9866*

APRIL 29 SPRING WORK DAY 9:30AM: If you haven't been out to one of these you should try it, we have many projects for the club house, grounds or arena, with a good turnout it doesn't take long. Bring some general tools (hoe, shovel, pruning shears, squeegee, bucket, sponge etc.). We provide a BBQ lunch for all workers. For information call *509-525-9360.*

JUNE 3 WAGON WHEELER BARREL RACE: Barrel races are one of our main sources of income and we will need your help. We have some faithful members that are always at the events swinging gates but we can always use more help setting barrels and help for the concession. *Info/help call Les 509-526-9866, Kathy 509-520-9176.*

JUNE 10-11 TUCANNON TRAIL RIDE: For members and their guests. All riders must complete and sign a liability release. For information call *541-938-6711/541-667-7131.*

JUNE 17 WAGON WHEELER BARREL RACE: Barrel races are one of our main sources of income and we will need your help. Need help setting barrels and in the club concession. *Info/help call Les 509-526-9866, Kathy 509-520-9176.*

JULY 22 & 23 FEATHERLITE BARREL RACE: WWW provides the use of the arena, grounds and clubhouse for some of the best barrel racers in the Pacific Northwest to compete and earn money and points. This is one of our main money makers and we need help in the arena and in the concession. *Info/help call Les 509-526-9866, Kathy 509-520-9176.*

AUGUST 12 WAGON WHEELER BARREL RACE: Our main sources of income and we will need your help swinging gates, setting barrels or in the concession. *Info/help call Les 509-526-9866, Kathy 509-520-9176.*

All members are advised that our liability insurance allow only current paid up members to use the grounds and arena. Junior Wagon Wheelers younger than 18 must be accompanied by an adult member. NO guests are allowed for adult or junior members.

For those of you who have not renewed your membership, please return your dues payment with the dues due notice included in this letter. We thank you for your continued support of the Wagon Wheelers. A pocket sized Activity calendar is included in this mailing for each member's convenience. Place it in your wallet, on your frig or somewhere to remind you of upcoming events. You can also check the calendar on the webpage for specifics.

The club encourages all members to become active in one or more of the clubs activities during the upcoming year. Call anyone on the board and volunteer your assistance in making our Wagon Wheelers' activities a success.

I'm sure I'll see you at one of these events, thanks for all of your support and for making Wagon Wheelers the great club that it is!

Andy Shaw, Wagon Master