

Stillaguamish Valley Horsemen

May 2011



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Please remember SVH is an all volunteer club and we depend on the help of everyone to run our shows. Please plan on helping with raking, event set up, announcing, timing, etc.

Message from the President

Welcome to the 2011 SVH season! I can say on behalf of the whole board we are very excited to start the series. Although the weather has been quite wet this spring, we are working hard trying to get the ground ready for our first show on Sunday, May 15th. Thanks to Julie, Tami, Coy, Steve and several others for manning the sump pumps this week! As always, our shows are dependent on good ground (and good weather) so you should check before you haul if there's been bad weather.

In the next few days we are starting a Facebook page which will have the most up to date information on the shows. Should we have to cancel a show, we will post it on Facebook where it will be immediately accessible to everyone.

I am very excited to be president of SVH and to be able to work with such a great board and club members. My family has been gaming for four years - my husband, two daughters and I compete and my son started lead line last year. Looking for something fun to do as a family, we started out taking riding lessons from Brenda Vroman. Very quickly she and Julie Guthrie tried to convince us to try gaming. We were hesitant and it took a few years, but we finally tried it and were hooked. We are now the proud owners of 5 horses and a LOT of horse equipment! We love the family friendly aspect of Western Gaming which offers something for everyone from novice to expert. We feel so fortunate to have been introduced to this sport where we have not only found the thrill of competition, but friendships we know will be life-long.

Here's to a fun, competitive and safe 2011 season!

By Suzanne Damon

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2011 Summer Series

STANWOOD-CAMANO FAIRGROUNDS

Fees: All Day: \$20, Estimated Time Jackpot: \$3, Team: \$6 per team, Training: \$3 per event

6 Age Groups plus Novice and Little Trainers

Daily Paybacks to 6th place! Season End Awards for members Potluck on the Saturday of the July show.

Member must ride a majority of shows to be eligible for awards.

9:30 START

Sunday, May 15, 2011	Sunday, June 19, 2011	Saturday, July 16, 2011
POLES *jackpot SPEED BARRELS STAKE KEY TEXAS ROLLBACK NO TEAM	KEG WESTERN JUMPING STILLY FIGURE 8 *jackpot INTERNATIONAL FLAG FLYING W TEAM RIBBON RACE	POLES POLO 2 BARREL FLAGS HALF 8 *jackpot GYMKHANA JIG NO TEAM

Sunday, July 17, 2011	Saturday, August 20, 2011	Sunday, August 21, 2011
IDAHO FIGURE 8 *jackpot TOMAHAWK KEY STAKE BMRANGLE TEAM TWO MAN STAKE	STILLY FIGURE 8 BARREL AND STAKE POLO SPEED BARRELS *jackpot QUADRANGLE TEAM INTERNATIONAL	KEG IDAHO FIGURE 8 INTERNATIONAL FLAG HALF 8 BARRELS * jackpot NO TEAM

FAIR-Aug. 7th (day points & awards only)
POLES 2 BARREL FLAGS 1 JUMP SCURRY TEAM Ribbon Race TEAM Rescue Race TEAM Kansas Leadback STAKE (time permitting) STILLY F-8 (time permitting)

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LEAD-LINE Non-Competitive
 YOUTH 2001 to 1999
 JUNIOR 1998 to 1996
 INTERMEDIATE 1995 to 1987
 SENIOR A 1986 to 1972
 SENIOR B 1971 to 1964
 SUPER SENIOR 1963 and beyond
 NOVICE ANY AGE

Riders 17 & under must have a guardian present.
 Call before you haul if raining.
 Age groups, events and order are subject to change!
 If in the soccer field, clean up all hay and manure.
 Fill in any holes that are dug.
 No riding outside of arenas!
 Fair points do not go towards Year-end awards.
 Please keep all dogs on a leash.

NOVICE?

The NOVICE class is for anyone who is truly a novice rider or brand new to gaming. This class is designed to encourage new riders, parents of children already riding, husbands or wives supporting their spouse, or anyone who just wants to learn and get involved in this fun sport. Anyone with 1 year horse experience or less is welcome to join. If you have some experience but have never gamed before, this may be your class. Please remember this class is for beginner riders, not horses, and if you are an experienced rider we encourage you to ride in your age group. If after the first show, you are competitive in the majority of the events in your age group, you may be asked by the board to ride in your age group for all future shows. If you have any questions as to which group is appropriate for your riding abilities, please ask a board member.

CONCESSIONS!!!

Your board member Jeanine Hall has agreed to take on the task of locating vendors who will provide a variety of concessions at all of our shows again this year. In addition to a few items for breakfast, hamburgers, hot-dogs, specialty sandwiches, and/or a latte van should be available for all of us at every show this summer!

PARKING & CLEAN UP

Parking is not possible in the Poole's field (next to the warm up area) the first 2 shows due to the wetness of the field. Parking will be in the soccer field and in the blue lot (nearer to the new stage). Please park outside of any cones or markers to leave an area for other event participants to access other fairgrounds buildings. Remember to clean up any hay or manure your horse(s) may leave behind (even if it's not left near your trailer), usually this requires you to bring a pitchfork and put it in your trailer to take it home with you. It is up to everyone to maintain our reputation as a tidy and considerate club! There is absolutely no riding in any of the parking lots EVER, no exceptions.

MULLIGANS!

Ever finish a run only to wish you could have a "do-over"? This is also known as a "Mulligan". Unique to our SVH club, we offer you this opportunity!

- Your mulligan must be bought at this first show and can be used at any point throughout the season.
- Only 1 is allowed per rider.
- Cost is \$7, use it or lose it
- The mulligan must be requested by the rider immediately following their run, before they leave the arena
- The mulligan ride must be run in the same lane

Thanks Horse-Show Mom

I was genetically predisposed to a passion for horses. I say “passion” for a reason. As a child I didn’t just love horses, I was obsessed with them. Apparently God dove deep into my gene pool when he gave me this particular one. My immediate family did not share this love for horses, but what they did share was a love of me. (My parents did anyway, my brother frequently threatened to punch me in the backseat if I said, “THAT’S a pretty horse” one more time!) When I was five years old my Dad sealed the deal by bringing home my first pony. Even though that was a rotten, sour pony, there was still no turning back for me! Horses were “my thing”.

Growing up I would always choose horses over any other activity I could have been involved in. With little effort my Mother learned to make the perfect “bun” in my hair, sew ultra-suede chaps and tailor showmanship blazers. With a great deal of effort she paid for weekly lessons, undertook the frustrations and hassles of being the leader of my 4H club and learned to drive the truck and trailer. With what I now consider an extraordinary display of love, she hauled me and my horse to shows every weekend throughout the show season. My mom was not a horse lover, or a horseback rider herself, she was a “Horse-show Mom” and she was darn good at it!

In 1994 I was blessed to marry my wonderful husband, who set about making my dreams his dreams. Obviously, I still go to shows on a regular basis, only now I mostly go as a family. I have been fully experiencing the effort that goes into preparing to go shows for eight years now, and the reward is for me to have my two passions (family & horses) combine for a day or a weekend, making it all worthwhile.

The Moms (& Dads) out there who don’t ride do it all for the love of their child, and to witness the fulfillment of their passion. It is only as a adult that I have been able to fully appreciate what it takes to be a “Horse Show Mom” and I am not sure I could have done it so well myself without that horse-loving gene...

On behalf of all those children, who haven’t figured it out yet (and probably won’t until they become parents themselves), I’d like to say Thank You to all the Horse Show Moms (& Dads). You’re the best!

by, Tami Akins