



August 2007

Mark Your Calendars:

July 24 Member's Meeting: 6:30 PM
Where: Call 541-840-4033

Show Schedule

April 1 Schooling Show
Thanks for your support!

May 6 Schooling Show
Congrats To All Who Competed!

June 10 Silver Buckle Series Show
Great Job Everyone!

July 8 Silver Buckle Series Show
Thanks For Your Support!

Aug 5 Silver Buckle Series Show
Where: JC Expo – Isola Arena

Sept 16 Silver Buckle Series Show
Where: JC Expo – Isola Arena

Your Elected Officials:

President: Dinah Linville

Vice-President: Kim Samitore

Secretary: Sammy Pederson

Treasurer: Taina Glick

Board Members: Stephanie Snyder, Marie Manoguerra, Linda Blaser & Christine Russo.

Jackson County Wranglers

Daily High Point –
July 8, 2007

Pony:
Ashley Rau & Star

9 & UNDER:
Brook Torson & Party Time Joe

10-13:
Nichole Perry & Princess
Autograph

14-17:
Meghan Casebier & Impress Me
Sunny

18-38:
Erin Trumbly & Asia

39 & OVER:
Susan Smith & Tommy Lee

1ST YR GREEN HORSE:
Anne Barron & Unexpectedly
Good

OPEN GREEN HORSE:
Kim Samitore & Hot Looking
Tea

NOVICE RIDER:
Nancy Dinzillo & Hobbys
Scotch time

OPEN ENGLISH:
Olivia Maentz & 3 O'Clock
Rock

OPEN WESTERN:
Jessica Sigel & Slick

DRIVING:
Diane Dorigan & Max

A Few Reminders...

1. Please keep in mind that show clothing is required for the Buckle Series Shows. All riders must have a clean, neat appearance with a collared shirt – No tank tops please!

Shirts may be short sleeved or sleeveless, but must have a collar.

Jackets are not required in the hot weather for English classes.

2. If you wish to scratch a class you must do so 3-4 classes prior to the class starting/or before the entry sheets are sent to the announcer's booth in order to be eligible for a refund.

3. In order to be eligible for year end awards you must attend at least 3 out of the 4 Buckle Series Shows.

4. You can keep track of your placings and points on www.jacksoncountywranglers.com under the Buckle Series tab.

Signs of Poor Saddle Fit

Wondering whether your saddle fits your horse? Below are 7 potential signs of a poorly fitting saddle. If you're seeing any of these signs with your horse, you should take another look at how your saddle fits.

White hairs and friction rubs. A well fitting saddle will distribute the weight equally over the horse's back. An illfitting saddle can have uneven weight distribution that results in pressure points. Over time, pressure points can show up as white hairs or friction rubs in the hairs in the saddle area.

Dry spots. When you take off your saddle and pad after a long ride, what you want to see is an even wet pattern across the horse's back where the saddle makes contact. While the channel down the horse's [spine](#) should be dry, there should be even wetness on all contact points. Dry spots can be a sign of pressure points.

Rolling or rocking from side to side. A saddle that rolls to the side or rocks from side to side can be either a sign of poor fit or a sign of a rider who isn't balanced in the saddle.

Tipping up in back. Tipping is generally a pretty straight forward sign of a poorly fitting saddle and is usually caused by [saddle tree](#) bars with the wrong rocker and twist (angles) to fit the back of the horse.

Hindered movement by the horse. Restricted horse movement is a more difficult sign to detect and usually takes a more advanced rider to notice the difference in the way a horse moves under different saddles. A saddle that restricts a horse's shoulders will often impact how freely it moves out.

General crankiness under saddle. Many saddle problems are commonly misdiagnosed as behavior or attitude problems. Put yourself in your horse's place. How happy are you when you're wearing shoes that are one size too small? Behavioral signs from your horse can include:

Objecting to being saddled or cinched.

Fidgeting and refusing to stand still for mounting.

Hypersensitivity to being brushed.

Uncooperative and cranky when being ridden.

Difficulty being shod.

Pinning ears, swishing tail, and tossing head under saddle.

Bucking right after being saddled (known as cold-backed) or excessive rolling.

Saddle fit isn't an exact science. It takes some savvy to determine whether or not you have a good fit. These 7 potential signs of a poor fit are a good first step in building your saddle fit savvy.

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<http://www.western-saddle-guide.com/poor-saddle-fit.html>

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