



# 4th Edition Western Pleasure Snowshoe Roundup



Snowshoe Racing Events 2017



**WESTERN PLEASURE  
GUEST RANCH**

## Race Information



Race Date: Saturday, January 28, 2017

Location: Western Pleasure Guest Ranch Sandpoint, Idaho

### Directions:

From Sandpoint, go east on Highway 200 toward Hope and Clark Fork. From the last stop light at (McGhee Street) go east 4.2 miles. Turn left (north) on Culburn/Colver road (watch for Forest Service sign for Grouse Creek). Travel 4 miles, turn right (east) on the Gold Creek Road (blue Western Pleasure sign). Go 3 miles to the upper Gold Creek Road (pavement ends), turn right (east) on gravel road and go 2 miles. Western Pleasure Ranch is on the left. Park in the parking lot at the lodge.

### Events:

- Snowshoe Races: 5k and 10k distances for ages 13 and up.
- Buckaroo Race—short distance snowshoe race for kids 12 and under.
- Sanctioned by the United States Snowshoe Association
- All events offer both recreational and competitive opportunities. No experience necessary—everyone is invited to participate!

Dion Snowshoe Company will be providing a limited number of running-type snowshoes for use free of charge by anyone that does not have them but would like to join in the fun. These will be available on a first come, first served basis. Dion Snowshoe Company will also be offering discounts on snowshoe purchases for race participants. Please see below.

Registration: Three ways to register: Please register early!

1. On line Registration: Click Here: [Ultra Signup](#)
2. On line registration will close at 5:00 pm on Friday, January 27, 2017. (To encourage online registration, there is no registration fee to register on line)
3. Mail in. Applications can be obtained on our website: [www.westernpleasureranch.com](http://www.westernpleasureranch.com), or emailed upon request. Contact Dennis at [runwild65@gmail.com](mailto:runwild65@gmail.com) or by phone (call or text) at: 208-946-1455. Fill out and mail back. Instructions are on the application. Must be received by January 25, 2017.
4. Race Day. Participants can register on race morning from 8:00 to 9:30 am. at the registration table in the lodge. A \$10.00 late fee applies.

#### Fees: 5K and 10K

- \$25.00--includes Western Pleasure Guest Ranch (WPGR) trail pass
- \$15.00--for those with a WPGR trail pass
- Race Day Fee: \$35.00, includes WPGR trail pass; (\$25 for those with WPGR trail pass).
- Buckaroo Race (12 and under) Free

#### Number Pickup and Late Registration:

8:00 am to 9:30 am at ranch headquarters. A \$10.00 late fee applies for race day registration.

#### Race Start:

10:00 Kid's Buckaroo Race

10:30 10K

10:45 5K

#### Race Course:

All races will start and finish at the lodge. The 5k and 10k snowshoe race courses will be held in the Big Hill area behind the ranch. They will consist of a combination of hills, meadows, forests, and open areas. Depending on snow conditions, courses may be snowshoe groomed, snowmachine trail, partially machine groomed, or a combination. They will be challenging and scenic. The Buckaroo Race will be a short distance race held in the lodge area.

Our intention is to have a separate course for the 5K and 10K races. The exact course locations will be determined as race day approaches and will depend on snow and weather conditions. Please check back for updates on course conditions. Course routes will be well marked. Aid stations will be located on the course as appropriate and will be stocked with water, goodies, and of course lots of encouragement!

### Race Changes, Cancellation, Refunds:

Due to unpredictable snow conditions, the race committee reserves the right to make changes, potentially at the last minute. Snowshoe races will be held regardless of snow conditions. If snow conditions are such that snowshoes are not practical, racers may use whatever foot wear is appropriate for the conditions. Sorry, no refunds.

### Awards:

Awards are handcrafted and unique. They will be given out at the finish line as runners complete the course. Awards include: 5K and 10K races—first 3 finishers, male and female in each race. All finishers in all races will receive a finisher's award to recognize their efforts.

### Food and Beverage:

Hot soup and beverages will be available for purchase in the lodge following the races. Sign up at number pickup in the lodge on race morning.

### US National Snowshoe Championships:

**\*\*This year, The US National Snowshoe Championships will be held in Bend, Oregon, March 24-26, 2017!\*\***

Since Bend, Oregon is reasonably close, we strongly encourage all of our racers to consider participation in this unique event. The Nationals rotate to different regions of the country each year, and will not be back in our area again for several years. Racers no longer need to qualify at a regional race in order to participate in the US National Championships, but must be a member of US Snowshoe Association (USSSA) in order to enter. In addition to the 5k and 10k events, the Nationals now include half and full marathon distances. For more information, please visit: [www.snowshoeracing.com](http://www.snowshoeracing.com).

Last year a number of our race participants competed in the National Championships held in Ogden, Utah. They include:

Forrest Boughner: Silver Medal, Men 25-29

Sara Boughner: Silver Medal, Women 25-29

Jennifer Comfort: Silver Medal, Women 35-39

Congratulations all!!!

Additional Activities:

The cross country ski trail system at Western Pleasure will be open for those not wishing to compete in the snowshoe races (trail fees apply) and also for snowshoe racers who didn't get enough exercise the first time!

\*\*Our Host, Western Pleasure Guest Ranch also provides old fashioned horse drawn sleigh rides in the afternoon, and sleigh ride/dinner packages in the evening. This is a "must do" for anyone that has not done it before or for those who know what fun it is and want to do it again. Reservations are necessary and can be made on line at [www.westernpleasureranch.com](http://www.westernpleasureranch.com) or by phone at 208-263-9066. Don't miss out on this one!! \*\*

### Dion Snowshoes

We are excited to have Dion Snowshoes as a sponsor of our event. Dion snowshoes were designed and are used by Bob and Denise Dion, both accomplished snowshoe racers and national champions. They are made in the USA in Vermont. Dion Snowshoes have been a major sponsor of the US National Snowshoe Championships for a number of years now and will once again be a sponsor in Bend, Oregon in February. In addition to providing snowshoes for our race, Dion Snowshoes is also offering a discount for snowshoe purchases for interested snowshoers. Please visit their website for more product information at: [www.dionsnowshoes.com](http://www.dionsnowshoes.com) Contact Race Director Dennis Aslett for discount information.

### Travel:

The nearest major airport is Spokane International Airport in Spokane, WA. Sandpoint is 81 miles and Western Pleasure is an additional 15 miles for a total of about 2 hours of scenic driving from Spokane.

### Lodging:

Our Host, the Western Pleasure Guest Ranch, has excellent overnight accommodations. Reservations are required. Contact the ranch on line at: [www.westernpleasureranch.com](http://www.westernpleasureranch.com) or by phone at: 208-263-9066.

There are also a number of motels in Sandpoint. A partial list includes:

- Best Western 208-263-3194
- Guest House Lodge 208-263-2210
- Holiday Inn Express 208-255-4500
- Quality Inn 208-263-2111
- Days Inn 208-263-1222

More Information: Contact Race Director Dennis Aslett: 208-946-1455 or [runwild65@gmail.com](mailto:runwild65@gmail.com)