

**CITY OF LAKE OSWEGO  
CULTURAL RESOURCES  
INVENTORY FIELD FORM 1988-1989**

HIST. NAME: Oswego Hunt Club  
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: 1938  
COM/4ON NAME:  
ORIGINAL USE: Hunt Club  
ADDRESS: 2725 Iron Mountain Blvd  
OWNER: Lake Oswego Hunt Club; P.O. Box 2030  
Lake Oswego, Oregon 97035  
PRESENT USE: Hunt Club  
ARCH./BLDR.: J.D. Annand  
T/R/S: 2S 1E SAD  
TAX LOT: 400 Acres

STYLE: N/A  
RESOURCE TYPE:  
Structure  
THEME: Recreation/  
Engineering  
ADDITION:  
BLOCK: N/A  
LOT: N/A  
QUAD: Lake Oswego  
LOT SIZE: 14.08  
ZONE: R-15

PLAN TYPE/SHAPE: Rectangular  
NO. OF STORIES: One  
FOUNDATION MATERIAL: Concrete  
BASEMENT: Known  
ROOF FORM & MATERIALS: Bowstring arch trusses  
WALL CONSTRUCTION: Wood  
STRUCTURAL FRAME: Stud  
PRIMARY WINDOW TYPE: Multi-paned ribbon; metal frame sliding clerestory  
EXTERIOR SURFACING MATERIALS: Tongue and groove  
DECORATIVE FEATURES: N/A

OTHER: Stable contains 40 horse stalls, locker rooms, tack rooms, feed room, grooms quarters; gabled roof  
CONDITION: Good  
EXTERIOR ALTERATIONS/ADDITIONS: 91erestory window frames replaced with metal frames; (n.d.) entrance gates reconstructed (n.d.)  
NOTEWORTHY LANDSCAPE FEATURES: N/A  
ASSOCIATED STRUCTURES: Stables

SETTING: Located on the n. side of Iron Mountain Blvd. at base of Iron Mountain Cliffs, mid 20th century residences to the e. and w.

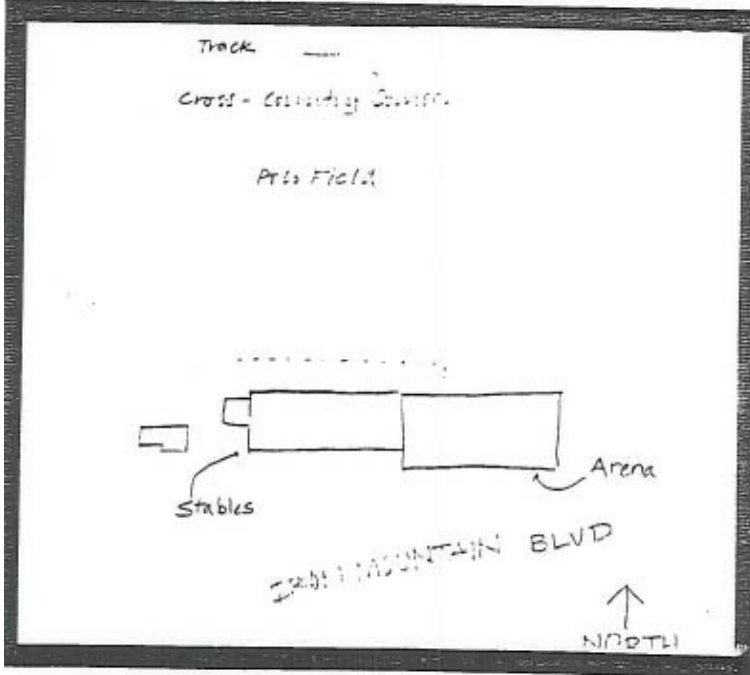
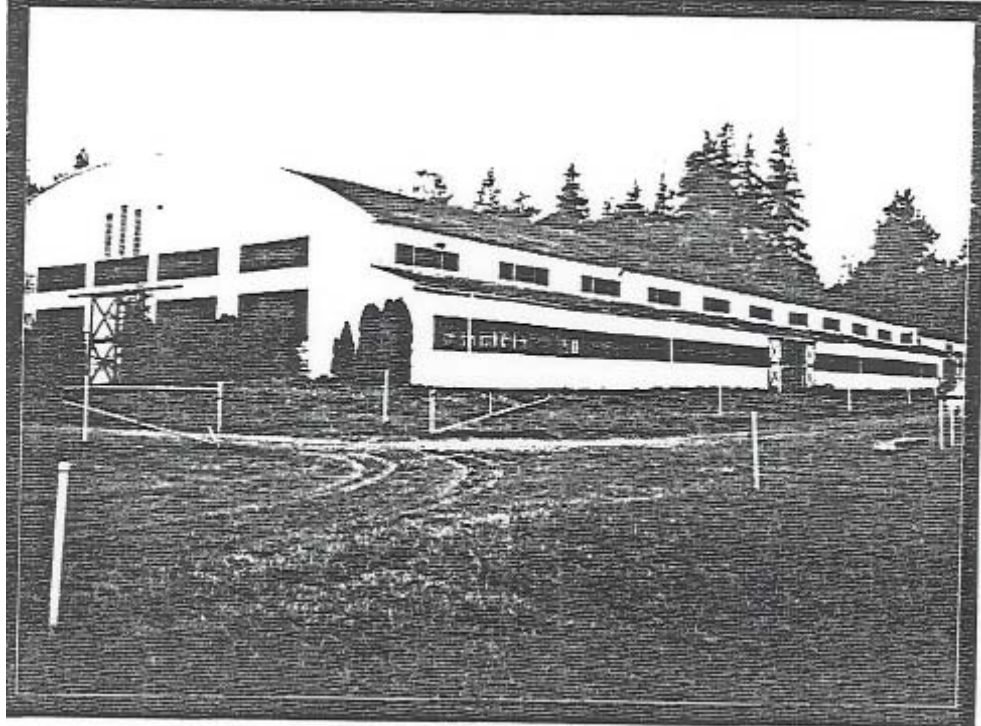
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DATE :  
FIELD

# CITY OF LAKE OSWEGO CULTURAL RESOURCES INVENTORY

ADDRESS 2725 IRON MOUNTAIN BLVD.  
TAXMAP/LOT 2S 1E 8AD/300/400  
SHPO# \_\_\_\_\_ ROLL/FRAME# \_\_\_\_\_



## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Address: 2725 S. W. Iron Mountain Blvd.  
Historic Name: Lake Oswego Hunt Club

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES. The Lake Oswego Hunt Club, recently nominated to the National Register of Historic Places, got its start when Multnomah Hunt of Portland merged with the Forest Hills Hunt Club which operated a riding arena on First Street, where Wizers sits today. In October, 1936, the Willamette Iron and Steel Company, a subsidiary of The Oregon Iron and Steel Company, proposed developing riding and polo facilities to complement the Lake Oswego Country Club, developed earlier under its auspices. After several conferences, the Lake Oswego Hunt decided to accept title to 19 acres of land and a network of trail easements. The Club borrowed \$10,000 from the donor company to finance construction of an arena and *barn*.

The club building ensemble was constructed in 1936-37 in an open space at the base of Iron Mountain. At the Undeveloped center of the holding sits a regulation size polo field circumscribed by an oval galloping track. The structural facilities, designed by local architect J. D. Annand, consist of a fully enclosed riding arena and adjoining barn with stables. Jack D. Annand, a Portland architect, specialized in educational and industrial buildings throughout his career. Annand, having been raised on a farm, showed special interest in the Hunt Club project. He commuted daily to the site from his home in Tigard to oversee the construction. Much of the millwork was done on the site including production of doors, bleachers, and stalls.

The all-wood arena, 106 by 240 feet, is believed to be the largest, oldest wood arena in the west. The rectangular structure is constructed of fir and all exterior walls and doors are tongue and groove construction. Bowstring arch trusses frame the roof. The ends of the riding arena are banked and rounded to both give better traction and to accommodate the turning radius of racing buggies. The riding arena, which includes spectator seating, is separated from the barn by lean-to sections containing the club room, buffet kitchen, office and groom's closet.

The stables building contains 40 horse stalls, men's and women's locker rooms, tack rooms, feed room, groom's quarters and bath. The gable-roofed structure has post and beam construction with hay loft. The ground level interior is organized into six rows of box stalls served by three wide aisles. It was enlarged in the 1940's with the addition of 22 stalls in two annex halls.

Horseback riding and polo provided an option for those people who were not focused on waterfront activity in Oswego. At one time hundreds of miles of riding trails wound around Lake Oswego, from Dunthorpe to Maryhurst and over to Iron Mountain. Activities over the years have varied: riding lessons, paper chases and egg hunts, shows by the Clackamas County Posse, fox hunting and indoor polo matches.

The Hunt Clubs polo team was founded in 1935 and competed with other teams from Oregon, Washington and California until the country entered in World War II. Polo was reinstated in 1950. Past presidents and charter members include Elston Ireland, George and Roberta Saunders, Ralph Giesy, Zepherine Murphy, Evelyn Neighbor, Bill Hedlund and Frank O'Connor.

The Hunt Club is significant for the role it played in the development of the Lake Oswego area. The arena is also important for its method of construction.

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