

## **Oregon Hunter/Jumper Association News: September 2006**

### **Upcoming Events**

**October 31** End of accumulation of 2006 OHJA points

**November 1** Beginning of 2007 OHJA show season; time to renew your OHJA membership!

This is an exciting time for OHJA: Our membership has increased in 2006 to over 360 members and over 280 registered horses. The current Oregon horse show season has offered shows almost every week from June to September. OHJA sanctioned shows have been well-run and well-attended and have attracted many prominent West Coast exhibitors. Our horses and riders are becoming increasingly competitive and nationally recognized. We wish to congratulate our members on your accomplishments and thank you for your support!

### **Year End Awards Horse Show and Medal Finals**

The Year End Awards Horse Show and OHJA Medal Finals will be held September 7-10, 2006 at Oregon Horse Center in Eugene. In addition to the jumping phase, each rider who participates in the medal finals will be required to complete a written test. The test results will be included as a percentage of the rider's final score. Questions for the written test will be based upon the USEF rules/regulations pertaining to hunt seat equitation and medal classes, OHJA rules, and practical knowledge of horsemanship found in the U.S. Pony Club Manual (Level D). Please join us to celebrate the show and support our medal finalists in their competition. Many thanks to

Mike and Mollie Gallaway for hosting the OHJA medal finals at their Triple Rise year end horse show for the past three years.

The year end show and medal finals competition is one of OHJA's major fundraising events. Donations help fund the show and raise operating capital for OHJA, which is a non-profit tax-exempt organization. OHJA's purpose is to promote the interests of the hunter/jumper and hunt seat equitation community. We do this by having established rules and guidelines for divisions and classes, sanctioning horse shows, tabulating member points, hosting an annual awards banquet, and offering academic and other scholarships to junior members.

If you would like to contribute to the organization, please contact a board member or send your donations directly to OHJA, c/o Becky Hughes, 19221 S. Ridge Rd., Oregon City, OR 97045. For your convenience, a sponsorship form may be downloaded from our website [www.oregonhunterjumper.com](http://www.oregonhunterjumper.com). A copy of the form can also be found at the back of the Triple Rise Year End Awards Show and OHJA Medal Finals prize list.

### **Membership and Points**

The computer program which was leased and implemented for the 2006 show season to record member points has not been compatible with OHJA's current point system. Melanie Pennington has reestablished our prior computer program to record member points. Additionally, Jill Charboneau has entered our 2006 member points in the program, and the points are now posted on our OHJA website. **Please check the OHJA website to verify the accuracy of your points.**

Original member numbers used in prior years have been reactivated to comply with the revision to the prior points system. Membership cards showing the original member numbers

will not be distributed until the 2007 show year. If you have questions regarding your point accumulation or membership, please contact Jill at (503) 598-8733. The Board wishes to thank Melanie and Jill for completing a very labor-intensive task and its members for their support and patience during this process.

### **Website Update**

Please visit the OHJA website for the latest updated information about the organization and its members. If you have suggestions or information you would like to have posted on the website, please phone Trish Helmer at (503) 640-0471 or email her at [HYPERLINK "http://us.f376.mail.yahoo.com/ym/Compose?To=historygallopson@hotmail.com"](mailto:us.f376.mail.yahoo.com/ym/Compose?To=historygallopson@hotmail.com) \t "\_blank" [historygallopson@hotmail.com](mailto:historygallopson@hotmail.com).

### **To Our College-Bound Members**

We wish the best of luck to all of our college-bound members and look forward to your return. Have a great year!

### **OHJA Board Nominations**

The fall board elections will include three regular board positions to be filled for the 2007-2008 term years. In addition, two junior representatives will be elected to serve for 2006. This is your chance to help OHJA in its endeavor to strengthen its presence as a nationally recognized organization. If you would like to volunteer to run for a position on the board of directors, please contact Patty Shannon at (503) 577-8866 on or before October 15, 2006. Your assistance will be greatly appreciated!

### **Scholarship Applications**

OHJA offers academic scholarships to our college-bound junior members. For more information or to request an application, please contact Joan Liebenrood at (503) 690-3610.

### **Mother and Father of the Year**

It's time to write your letter describing the reasons you believe your mother and/or father should receive the annual Mother/Father of the Year Award. The winning letter, which must be received by OHJA no later than December 1, 2006, will be read at the 2006 Awards Banquet. For more information, please phone Patty Shannon at (503) 577-8866.

### **Education Question and Answer**

The OHJA Education Committee will have an education question included in each monthly OHJA article found in Flying Changes and Horses Inc. magazines. The first ten (10) correct answers received will be recorded each month, and the member with the most correct answers will be announced and receive a gift at the 2006 awards banquet. The answer to each month's question will be published in the following issue of the magazine. Answers to each education question should be e-mailed to [HYPERLINK "http://us.f376.mail.yahoo.com/ym/Compose?To=historygallopson@hotmail.com"](mailto:us.f376.mail.yahoo.com/ym/Compose?To=historygallopson@hotmail.com) \t "\_blank" [historygallopson@hotmail.com](mailto:historygallopson@hotmail.com) or mailed to Trish Helmer, 2969 SE 44th Ct., Hillsboro, OR 97123.

**September Question:** What is a horse's normal body temperature, pulse and respiration

rate when at rest?

**August Question:** Name five (5) rein aids.

- Answer:*
1. Direct rein (to maintain straightness)
  2. Indirect rein (to create a bend or turn the horse)
  3. Leading rein (to guide the horse; this is often used when training young horses.
  4. Neck rein (to have the horse yield away from the pressure of the rein; often used in western riding or upper level flatwork)
  5. Pulley (to make a quick stop; the inside rein is pressed into the neck while the rider performs an upward pull with the outside rein)

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