

Oregon Hunter/Jumper Association News: January 2007

Upcoming Clinics

January 13-14 Lindy Townley Clinic, Rain Creek Farm, Oregon City, OR

Contact: Vicki Zacharias (503) 631-8000

If you have an upcoming clinic you would like to have recognized in the next newsletter, please email Patty Shannon at pshannon010@yahoo.com.

2006 OHJA Awards Banquet

The 2006 awards banquet hosted by Triple Rise Equestrian Center will be held on Saturday, January 6, 2007 at the Salem Conference Center. A block of rooms for OHJA members is being held at the Phoenix Grand Hotel, which is located on the center grounds. To learn more about the facilities, make a Phoenix Grand Hotel reservation or get directions to the Center, please visit the Salem Convention Center website at www.salemconferencecenter.org.

OHJA Annual Meeting

The OHJA annual meeting will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, January 7, 2007. The meeting will provide an opportunity for members to vote on proposed rule changes, meet the new board of directors, receive information on current and upcoming activities and offer suggestions and comments on strengthening our organization. All members are strongly encouraged to attend!

Silent Auction Donations

The silent auction held at the annual banquet each year is one of OHJA's major fundraising events. Proceeds from the auction are used to fund programs such as scholarships for our college-bound junior members; financial aid to juniors to help defray costs of competing at regional and national level competitions; and other OHJA sponsored activities. Please join in the fun and bid often, bid up and bid generously!

JEF

JEF will offer for sale at the banquet an updated OHJA membership directory. Our sincere thanks to all advertisers who supported the directory and to board member Darcy Mize and JEF members who have been hard at work preparing the directory for publication.

Horsemanship Clinics

Cornerstone Equestrian, LLC will host a series of horsemanship clinics at their farm. The clinics will be held from 3-6pm on the following dates: Sunday, January 7; Saturday, February 10; and Saturday, March 3. A portion of the proceeds from each clinic will go to OHJA as a benefit for the Junior Equestrian Fund. All members are encouraged to attend to learn more about horses and meet fellow members. For more information, please phone Linda Worley at (503) 351-3253 or email her at jump@cornerstonehj.com.

Membership Renewals

Have you renewed your OHJA membership? November 1, 2006 marked the beginning of a new year for accumulation of points for the 2007 year end awards. It is important to activate your membership before attending your first show of the new season to ensure that your points will count towards the awards. Your prompt renewal will guarantee that you receive Flying Changes magazine, which will be included as part of a membership package for those who join or renew by March 31, 2007. If you have any membership questions, please contact Melanie Pennington.

Website Update

We wish to welcome Bryan Drennen as OHJA's new webmaster. Bryan will continue to design and update our site with OHJA's latest information. We encourage you to visit www.oregonhunterjumper.com and welcome your comments and suggestions! Please continue to direct all website correspondence to Trish Helmer.

Education Question and Answer

The member with the most correct answers to the 2006 education questions will be announced and receive a gift at the 2006 awards banquet. Member answers to each education question should be emailed to historygallopson@hotmail.com or mailed to Trish Helmer, 2969 SE 44th Ct., Hillsboro, OR 97123. The correct answer to November's education question will be published in next month's newsletter.

January Question: Name three artificial and three natural aids.

December Question: Name the types and number of teeth normally found in an adult horse's mouth.

Answer: Types of teeth:

- * Incisors (12): Front teeth used to tear off grass.
- * Molars and premolars (24): Back teeth used to grind food.
- * Canine teeth (4): Smaller, pointed teeth found just behind the incisors; usually found only in male horses, although a few mares do have canine teeth.
- * Wolf teeth (1-4): Small, extra premolars found in some horses. A wolf tooth may be removed if it touches the bit and causes discomfort.

A male horse has 40 teeth, including 4 canines. Mares usually have 36 teeth. (no canines)

Reference: U.S. Pony Club Manual of Horsemanship, Intermediate/C Level Edition, pages 212-213.

Best wishes for the new year!