

Oregon Hunter/Jumper Association News: December 2007

Upcoming Clinics

Nov. 30-Dec. 2 George Morris Clinic, Whip 'N' Spur Farm, Wilsonville, OR
Contact: Rich or Shelley Fellers (503) 691-2303, (503) 625-7173

Dec. 7-9 Buddy Brown Clinic, Christus Farm, Jasper, OR
Contact: (541) 726-1505; christus1@mindspring.com

Dec. 15-16 Lindy Townley Clinic, Rain Creek Farm, Oregon City, OR
Vicki Zacharias (503) 631-8000

Jan. 11-13 Ronnie Beard Clinic, The Sherwood Forest, Sherwood, OR
Jennifer Cox (503)516-0275; FaceCard1@aol.com

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

Upcoming General Membership Meeting

A general membership meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Monday, December 3 at Wilsonville's Izzy's Pizza. Discussion topics will include proposed rule/bylaw changes, the upcoming annual banquet and planning for the upcoming show season. We hope to see you at the meeting!

Annual OHJA Board Meeting: New Date and Time!

The annual general membership meeting will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 5, 2008. The meeting will provide an opportunity for members to vote on proposed rule changes, meet the new board of directors, obtain information on current and upcoming activities and offer suggestions and comments on strengthening our organization. All members are strongly encouraged to attend!

Bylaw/rule change proposals will be mailed to members in December. Please review the proposals in preparation for voting at the annual meeting.

2007 OHJA Awards Banquet

The 2007 awards banquet hosted by Cornerstone Equestrian will be held on Saturday, January 5, 2008 at Embassy Suites near Washington Square in Tigard, OR. Invitations will be mailed in December. Please RSVP early to help Cornerstone calculate accurate numbers for the celebration. A block of rooms will be held for OHJA members who would like to make reservations for overnight accommodations.

Silent Auction Donations

The silent auction held at the annual banquet is one of OHJA's major fundraising events, providing funding for year end awards, the annual banquet, scholarships, JEF financial aid and other OHJA activities. Suggestions for donations include (but are not limited to!) wine, clothing, catered meals, theme parties, trips, free rent on a vacation home, sporting and other event tickets (Blazers, symphony, ballet, theatre, etc.), gift baskets, memberships, services (horseshoeing, vet exams, photography, etc.), horse show entry fees and equine equipment. This year's auction also will include awards for several "Best Barn Basket" categories.

If you would like to donate an item or have questions about the silent auction, contact Darcie VanderZanden at (503) 504-2720 or Linda Worley for more information. For your convenience, donation forms may be downloaded from the OHJA website. Additionally, transportation for delivery of donated items to OHJA will be provided if arrangements are made with Darcie or Linda by December 1. Your generosity in supporting the silent auction will be greatly appreciated!

Board of Directors

A ballot for the election of new OHJA board members will be mailed in December to each current member of the organization. Please complete and mail your ballot early to ensure that it will be received by OHJA by the December 28 deadline.

OHJA Points Accumulation/Membership

November 30 was the last day to accumulate points for the 2007 year end awards.

By now you should have received both your 2008 membership renewal form as well as a summary of all points recorded for you and your horse(s) during the 2007 show year. Both forms were mailed to open system members the first week of November. Local system members should have received a membership renewal form the first week of November and several weeks later a summary of points printed after the last shows of the season submitted their results to OHJA.

If you received your membership renewal form but did not receive a summary of points, no points have been recorded for the horses and/or riders listed on your membership. If you did not receive a renewal or summary of points, contact Melanie to verify the accuracy of the address listed for your OHJA membership.

December 1 marks the beginning of a new year for accumulation of points for the 2008 year end awards. It is important to activate your membership before attending your first show of the 2008 show year to ensure that your points will count toward the awards. Your prompt renewal will also guarantee that you receive *Flying Changes*, which will be included as part of a membership package for those who join or renew by March 31, 2008. Contact Melanie if you have questions regarding your membership.

Scholarship Applications

Individual interviews will be held by the scholarship committee in December for applicants of academic scholarships offered by OHJA to our college-bound junior members. For more information about the awards, contact Nora Campbell at (503) 318-3976.

Mother and Father of the Year

Nomination letters for Mother and Father of the Year must be received by OHJA no later than December 1, 2007. The winning letter will be read at the 2007 Awards Banquet. For more information, contact Amy Ruge.

Membership Reminder

Remember to visit our website for the latest information on OHJA and its members!

Education Question and Answer

The member with the most correct answers to the 2007 education questions will be announced and receive a gift at the upcoming awards banquet. Thank you to all who participated in the

education question of the month for the past three years and to Trish Helmer for monitoring the program, which will end in the current newsletter.

November Question: Name at least five types of snaffle bit cheekpieces. (example: Loose ring) Additionally, name at least five types of snaffle mouthpieces. (example: French link) If you use a snaffle bit on your horse's bridle, which type of bit do you use?

Answer: Types of snaffle bits include loose ring, boucher, eggbutt, dee ring, full cheek, half cheek, elevator and gag snaffle bits. Types of snaffle mouthpieces include french link, mullen, jointed, roller, slow twist, corkscrew, twisted wire, Waterford, segunda, Dr. Bristol.