

Oregon Hunter/Jumper Association News: January 2008

Upcoming OHJA Area Horse Shows

Feb. 22-24 Cold Feet Winter Schooling Show, Salem, OR

Mike & Mollie Gallaway, (541) 914-0052;

www.triplerisehorseshows.com

March 9 Cornerstone Spring Hunter Show #1 Show, Portland, OR

Linda Worley (503) 351-3253; www.cornerstonehj.com

March 19-23 Spring Hunter/Jumper Show, Salem, OR

Mike & Mollie Gallaway (541) 914-0052;

www.triplerisehorseshows.com

Upcoming Clinics

Jan. 11-13 Ronnie Beard Clinic, The Sherwood Forest, Sherwood, OR

Jennifer Cox (503)516-0275; FaceCard1@aol.com

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

Annual OHJA Board Meeting: New Date and Time!

The OHJA annual 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/bylaw 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!

Please review the proposed rule/bylaw changes in preparation for a vote at the annual meeting.

For your convenience, each proposal **will be** posted on the OHJA website.

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. If you plan to attend and have not yet mailed your RSVP, please phone Linda Worley ASAP to help Cornerstone calculate accurate seating and meal preparation for the celebration. A block of rooms is being 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.

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, year end awards, the annual banquet and other OHJA sponsored activities. Darcie and Linda have collected wonderful donations for this year's auction: Wine, clothing, trips, free rent on a vacation home, event tickets, gift baskets, equine equipment, jewelry, horseshoeing, vet exams and many other special items. Please join the bidding and have fun!

Membership Renewals

Have you renewed your OHJA membership? December 1 marked the beginning of **the** new year for accumulation of points for the 2008 year end awards. It is important to activate your membership and register your horses *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. An updated directory of current members is posted on the OHJA website. Contact Melanie if you have questions regarding your membership.

Website Update

Thank you to our webmaster Bryan Drennen for his ongoing design and updates of the OHJA website. We encourage you to visit our website for OHJA's most current information!

Education Corner

Beginning with this month's newsletter, an education question and answer which "might" appear on a future medal finals test (hint!) will appear in each issue.

January Question: During lateral work, a horse moves sideways as well as forward. What are some goals of lateral work? Name at least six examples of lateral movements.

Answer: Lateral work is used to improve straightness and balance and help make the horse more responsive to leg aids. It may also help strengthen and supple the horse on both sides. Examples of lateral movements include leg-yielding, shoulder-in, haunches-in, haunches-out, turn on the forehand, turn on the haunches, pirouette and half-pass.

Reference: *The United States Pony Club Manual of Horsemanship: Advanced Horsemanship*, pgs. 74-88.