

Oregon Hunter/Jumper Association News: February 2008

Upcoming Approved 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

April 25-27 Mother's Day Schooling Show, Boring, OR

Mike & Mollie Gallaway (541) 914-0052;

www.triplerisehorseshows.com

May 3 FarmHill Horse Show, Ridgefield, WA

Julia Kubicek (360) 798-6180

May 4 Cornerstone Spring Hunter Show #2 Show, Portland, OR

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

May 7-11 Mother's Day Spring Classic, Eugene, OR

Mike & Mollie Gallaway (541) 914-0052;

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2007 OHJA Awards Banquet

We wish to give a huge thank you to Cornerstone Equestrian for hosting the 2007 OHJA Banquet. Additionally, thank you to Linda Worley and Darcie VanderZanden for coordinating the activities and auction, to Jeff Denise as the announcer for the night and to Heidi Snider for organizing and transporting the Zone 9 awards to the event. Your teamwork was exceptional! The awards presentation, which included both division awards and certificate of merit recognition, was a wonderful celebration of our members' accomplishments for the 2007 show season. In addition to the show season awards, several other honors and trophies were presented:

Kubicek Perpetual Trophy: Kendall Bourgeois

Michael McMullen Perpetual Trophy: Madison Cameron

Winning Hands Perpetual Trophy: O'Connor, owned by Max Thompson

Senior Sportsman of the Year Award: Julia Kubicek

Junior Sportsman of the Year Award: Taylor Garber

Monthly Education Question Winner: Katherine Loosley (winner two years in a row!)

JEF Scholarship Award: Julia Butdorf, Kara Fergusson, Amy Mitchem and Kristi Waldal

Best Barn Basket: OZ

If anyone has not yet received his/her ribbon or award, please contact board member Trish Helmer. A complete list of division winners and certificate of merit recipients is posted on the OHJA website. Our congratulations to all participants!

OHJA Mother and Father of the Year

Congratulations to this year's Mother of the Year and Father of the Year award winners: Mary (Nana) Powell and Dean Fergusson. Please visit the OHJA website to read the winning letters.

Each year OHJA receives many nominations for these awards. Every letter is heartfelt and well written. It is clear that our juniors truly appreciate the support and commitment of their parents!

Annual OHJA Board Meeting

The first general membership meeting of the new year was held Saturday, January 5. The meeting included the introduction of the new board of directors, discussion and voting on proposed rule changes and an opportunity for feedback and discussion with members. The new rule/bylaw changes are posted on the website. Thank you to all members who attended the meeting. Your input is very important to the success of our organization!

2008 Board of Directors

Newly elected board members include Debbie Brawley, Mollie Butler, Jen Cox, Julia Kubicek and Joe Regan. Our new junior representatives are Kara Fergusson and Risa Reichelt. The Board wishes to thank departing board members Jackie Fleckenstein, Amy Ruge, Connie Tuor and Vicki Zacharias and junior representative Sarah Aschwald for their contributions in the leadership and management of OHJA. For a complete list of the 2008 directors and officers, refer to the OHJA sidebar shown in this newsletter.

Membership Renewals

Have you renewed your OHJA membership? December 1 marked the beginning of a 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 year to ensure that your points will count toward the 2008 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

Please note that the OHJA website address has changed to www.oregonhunterjumper.org. If anyone has photos from the 2007 banquet which they would be interested in posting on the website, please contact Trish Helmer for further details.

Education Corner

Starting in 2008, an education question and answer which “might” appear on a future medal finals test (hint!) will be included in each month’s newsletter.

February Question: Bits and bridles work on specific pressure points on the horse’s head. Name at least five possible pressure points.

Answer: Tongue, bars of the mouth, nose, roof of the mouth, poll, corners of the lips, chin groove (area touched by the curb chain).

Reference: *The United States Pony Club Manual of Horsemanship: Advanced Horsemanship*, pgs. 424-425.