

Oregon Hunter/Jumper Association News: August 2008

Upcoming OHJA Approved Horse Shows

July 30-Aug. 3 Hunter Creek Summer Show, Wilsonville, OR

Lucy Franklin (503) 539-7710; Shelley Campf (503) 704-7985;

www.hapshows.com

Aug. 2 Quarry Ridge Farm Friendship Series Hunter/Jumper Show, Battle Ground, WA

Julia Richard (360) 666-4762; www.quarryridgefarm.com

Aug. 9-10 Freeman Farm Friendship Series Horse Show, Molalla, OR;

Laurie Freeman Swanson (503) 829-2528;

lsfreemanfarm@molalla.net

Aug. 13-17 Oregon Summer Series #1, Wilsonville, OR

Lucy Franklin (503) 539-7710; Shelley Campf (503) 704-7985;

www.hapshows.com

Aug. 20-24 Oregon Summer Series #2, Wilsonville, OR

Lucy Franklin (503) 539-7710; Shelley Campf (503) 704-7985;

www.hapshows.com

Aug. 27-31 Northwest Spectacular, Wilsonville, OR

Lucy Franklin (503) 539-7710; Shelley Campf (503) 704-7985;

www.hapshows.com

Sept. 4-7 Year End Awards Show, Eugene, OR

Mike & Mollie Gallaway (541) 954-5312; www.triplerisehorsheshows.com

Sept. 28 Cornerstone Fall Hunter Show #1, Portland, OR

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

Oct. 4 Quarry Ridge Farm Friendship Series Hunter/Jumper Show, Battle Ground, WA

Julia Richard (360) 666-4762; www.quarryridgefarm.com

Oct. 17-19 Triple Rise Fall Schooling Show, Boring, OR

Mike & Mollie Gallaway (541) 914-0052;

www.triplerisehorsheshows.com

Oct. 26 Cornerstone Fall Hunter Show #2, Portland, OR

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

Nov. 14-16 Triple Rise Fall Schooling Show, Boring, OR

Mike & Mollie Gallaway (541) 914-0052;

www.triplerisehorsheshows.com

General Membership Meeting

Results of the recent vote on the three-tier system were announced at the OHJA general membership meeting held at the Brawley Farms Summer Classic Horse Show: The three-tier system proposal passed as written. The new rule and bylaw change package, which will become effective for the 2009 competition year, incorporates a "third tier" system into OHJA's rules, regulations and bylaws.

The rule and bylaw change will create the following tiers:

1. The *open system* will include “A” circuit competitors who compete both within and outside Oregon/SW Washington. Out-of-state members can only accrue points in the open system.
2. The *regional system* will include “A” circuit competitors who compete exclusively within Oregon/SW Washington. Regional system members cannot accrue points at horse shows outside the Oregon/SW Washington area but can accrue points at any USEF-rated show or at OHJA regional system show that is not USEF-rated.
3. The *local system* will include grassroots competitors who generally do not compete at USEF-rated shows. Local system members can accumulate points at local system shows, regional system shows and at USEF “B-” and “C-” rated open system shows within Oregon/SW Washington.

For a complete description of the changes, please visit the OHJA website. If you have any questions about the 2009 “three-tier” system, please contact board members Kathy Hall or Linda Worley.

OHJA Medal Finals

The medal finals will be hosted at the September Year End Awards Show in Eugene. In addition to the jumping competition, all OHJA riders must complete a written test. The written test results will count toward the combined score for each competitor in the medal finals competition. Specific information and guidelines to help prepare for the written test, including past newsletter education questions, will be posted in August on the OHJA website. Now is the time to start reviewing for the test!

The medal finals/year end show is one of OHJA’s major fundraising events, and members are encouraged to donate sponsorships to support the 2008 medal finals. All donations are tax-deductible. Donations should be made payable to OHJA and mailed to Joe Regan, Treasurer, % OHJA, P.O. Box 3890, Wilsonville, OR 97070. For your convenience, a sponsorship form may be downloaded from the OHJA website.

2008 Annual Banquet

OHJA’s annual awards banquet will be held January 10, 2009 at the Embassy Suites in Tigard. The Board is asking members to volunteer to help coordinate the evening and make the banquet a huge success. Please contact Trish Helmer at historygallopson@hotmail.com to volunteer at whatever level you are able.

Julia Richards of Quarry Ridge has graciously volunteered to coordinate the banquet’s silent auction, which is one of OHJA’s primary fundraising activities. It’s not too early to start thinking of auction donations or to help Julia with preparations for the event. If you have questions about donations or would like to volunteer, please contact Julia at www.quarryridgefarm.com.

Membership

Each horse, legal owner (or lessee) and rider must be an OHJA member at the time the horse is shown in order to accumulate points for 2008 year end awards. Additionally, each rider competing in an OHJA medal class must have a current OHJA membership before showing and must be prepared to present proof of membership (cancelled check or current membership card) before the class begins.

Exhibitors returning from any out of state horse show are responsible for making arrangements to have their show results forwarded directly from the show secretary to Melanie Pennington.

Website Update

Points accumulated for the 2008 show season are posted on the OHJA website. Please verify your points and contact Melanie if you have any questions regarding your point accumulation or membership.

JEF

The Junior Equestrian Fund was established to provide financial assistance to junior members to help defray costs associated with competing in regional or national medal finals competitions. Fundraising activities by JEF members are held during the year to support the fund.

To be eligible for financial aid, each JEF member must have actively participated in the current year's fundraising activities and must make a formal application to the OHJA Board. To help with fundraising efforts, please contact your junior representatives.

Education Corner

Each month's newsletter will include information that might be included on a written test for a future medal finals competition.

Question: What is a bowed tendon?

Answer: A bowed tendon is a tendon that has been overstretched during exercise or other activity. Tendon fibers are torn when the bowed tendon occurs, resulting in pain, heat and swelling. Scar tissue later forms, creating a thickening or "bow" in the tendon.

Reference: *The United States Pony Club Manual of Horsemanship: Intermediate Horsemanship/C Level*, 1995 Edition, page 326.