

## **Oregon Hunter/Jumper Association News: November 2008**

### **Upcoming OHJA Approved Horse Shows**

**November 8-9** Avalon/Friendship Series Hunter Show, Ridgefield, WA

Jody Phillips (503) 750-7383; [www.skittlehorse@aol.com](mailto:www.skittlehorse@aol.com)

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

Mike & Mollie Gallaway (541) 914-0052;

[www.triplerisehorseshows.com](http://www.triplerisehorseshows.com)

**Nov. 30** Last day to accumulate points for the 2008 OHJA awards

**Dec. 1** Beginning of the 2009 OHJA show season; time to renew your OHJA membership!

### **Upcoming Clinics**

**Nov. 1-2** Joan Curtain Clinic, Cornerstone Equestrian, Portland, OR

Linda Worley (503) 351-3253; [www.cornerstonehj.com](http://www.cornerstonehj.com)

**Nov. 8-9** John Turner Clinic, Molalla, OR

Laurie Swanson (503) 829-2528; [lfsfreemanfarm@molalla.net](mailto:lfsfreemanfarm@molalla.net)

**Nov. 22-23** Jeff Cook Clinic, Cornerstone Stables, Portland, OR

Linda Worley (503) 351-3253; [www.cornerstonehj.com](http://www.cornerstonehj.com)

**Dec. 13-14** Lindy Townley Clinic, Rain Creek Farm, Oregon City, OR

Mollie Butler (503) 887-9297; [Calvindog1@hotmail.com](mailto:Calvindog1@hotmail.com)

**Jan. 3-4** John Turner Clinic, Cornerstone Equestrian, Portland, OR

Linda Worley (503) 351-3253; [www.cornerstonehj.com](http://www.cornerstonehj.com)

If you have an upcoming clinic you would like to have printed in the next newsletter, please email Patty Shannon.

### **Thank you!**

Thank you to the following people for providing OHJA with 30 wonderful horse shows for the 2008 season: Judy, Tommy, Debbie and Bob Brawley (Brawley Farms); Shelley Campf and Lucy Franklin (Horses and People); Mike and Mollie Gallaway (Triple Rise Equestrian Center); Dianne Johnson (High Desert Classic); Caroline Jones and Lynn Everroad (Hood River Classic); Jody Phillips (Avalon Management); Julia Richard (Quarry Ridge Farm); Laurie Freeman Swanson (Freeman Farm); Linda and Wade Worley (Cornerstone Equestrian). We look forward to our next show season!

### **OHJA Bylaws/Rules**

The Rules Committee is compiling potential bylaw/rule changes to be submitted by ballot to the general membership. If you have changes you would like to propose for consideration, please contact Kathy Hall.

### **Scholarship Applications**

Applications for academic scholarships offered by OHJA to our college-bound junior members must be postmarked by December 1. Scholarship awards will be based upon information provided in the application and an individual interview with the scholarship committee during

Christmas vacation. Please contact Mollie Butler for more information about the awards or to request an application.

### **2008 Annual Banquet**

OHJA's annual awards banquet will be held January 10, 2009 at the Embassy Suites in Tigard. It's not too early to make your hotel reservation for this year's celebration. A block of rooms will be held for OHJA members.

The Board is asking members to help with banquet preparation and presentation. Please contact Trish Helmer to volunteer to help make this year's banquet a huge success.

In addition to the banquet, the OHJA annual meeting will be held on Sunday, January 11. 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 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. It's time to start thinking of barn baskets and other auction donations or to volunteer to help with preparations for the silent auction itself. 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. If you have questions about donations or would like to volunteer, please contact a board member. Your imagination and generosity will be greatly appreciated!

### **OHJA Points Accumulation/Membership**

Please check the OHJA website [www.oregonhunterjumper.org](http://www.oregonhunterjumper.org) to verify the accuracy of your 2008 show season points. Any discrepancy in points accumulated in the open system must be reported to Melanie Pennington on or before November 30. Any discrepancy in points accumulated in the local system must be reported to Melanie by December 15. If you have a question regarding your point accumulation, please contact Melanie.

December 1 marks the beginning of a new year for accumulation of points for the 2009 year end awards. It is important to activate your membership before attending your first show of the 2009 show year to ensure that your points will count toward the awards. A copy of the membership application reflecting the change to our new three tier system may be downloaded from the OHJA website. Please contact Melanie if you have questions regarding your membership.

### **OHJA Website**

A description of OHJA's new three tier system is posted on our website.

### **Board of Directors**

A ballot for the election of new OHJA board members is being mailed to each current member of the organization. Please complete and mail your ballot early to ensure that it is postmarked to OHJA by the December 1 deadline.

### **Mother and Father of the Year**

It's time to write your letter describing the reasons you believe your mother and/or father should receive the annual Mother/Father of the Year Award. Letters must be received by OHJA no later than December 1. The winning letter will be read at the 2008 Awards Banquet. For more information, please contact Mollie Butler.

### **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 impulsion?

*Answer:* Impulsion is the activation of the horse's hindquarters, which sends the horse forward and energizes its movements. With impulsion, the horse's energy is contained within parameters established by the rider. The rider, without creating a faster pace or longer stride, uses impulsion to get the horse to carry himself.

Reference: *Anne Kursinski's Riding and Jumping Clinic* by Anne Kursinski with Miranda Lorraine, pgs. 119, 134