

OHJA Newsletter: April 2009

Upcoming Oregon Area Approved Horse Shows

- Apr. 4-5** Avalon Schooling Show (Blue Ribbon Schooling Series), Ridgefield, WA
Jody Phillips (503) 750-7383; skittlehorse@aol.com
- April 24-26** Triple Rise Schooling Show (Blue Ribbon Schooling Series), Boring, OR
Mike & Mollie Gallaway (541) 954-5312; triplerise@earthlink.net
- May 2-3** Cornerstone Schooling Show (Blue Ribbon Schooling Series), Portland, OR
Wade & Linda Worley (503) 351-3253; jump@cornerstonehj.com
- May 6-10** Mother's Day Spring Classic, Eugene, OR
Mike & Mollie Gallaway (541) 954-5312; triplerise@earthlink.net
- May 23-24** Freeman Farm Horse Show, Molalla, OR
Laurie Freeman Swanson (503) 829-2528; lfsfreemanfarm@molalla.net
- May 27-31** Rose City Opener, Mt. Hood Equestrian Center, Boring, OR
Mike & Mollie Gallaway (541) 954-5312; hapshows.com
- June 17-21** Early Summer Hunter/Jumper Classic, Wilsonville, OR
Mike & Mollie Gallaway (541) 954-5312; triplerisehorseshow.com
- June 24-28** Willamette Classic, Wilsonville, OR
Mike & Mollie Gallaway (541) 954-5312; hapshows.com
- Prize lists for upcoming local horse shows may be posted on the OHJA website.

Upcoming Clinics

- Apr. 25** OHJA Course Design Clinic (see detail below)

Educational Clinics

We wish to thank Kathy Kerron for teaching the March 6 judging clinic and to commend participants for their excellent questions.

OHJA and Mike Gallaway will host a course designing clinic on Saturday, April 25th after the last class of the day at the Triple Rise Schooling Show held at Mt. Hood Equestrian Center. The clinic, which is open to all members, will be a great opportunity to learn course designing from Mike, one of the best course designers in the country. For more information, please phone Linda Worley at (503) 351-1002 or email her at jump@cornerstonehj.com.

2008 Year End Award Ribbons

Unclaimed year end ribbons will be available for pickup at upcoming horse shows: Local system ribbons will be available in the office of local and regional system horse shows; instructions for pickup of open system ribbons will be posted in the office of upcoming open horse shows. Thank you to Trish Helmer for organizing our ribbon presentation throughout the year!

Website Update

Have you visited our website recently? In addition to the calendar of upcoming OHJA approved horse shows, current postings include membership information, rules and bylaws, a photo gallery, prior OHJA newsletters, and banquet and year end award winners. Please direct

all website correspondence to Patty Shannon. Your comments and suggestions are welcome!

Membership Reminders

A reminder to members returning from any out of state show: Each exhibitor is responsible for making arrangements to have their show results forwarded from the show secretary to our Points and Membership Chairperson Melanie Pennington.

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 2009 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.** If you haven't yet joined or renewed your membership and need an application, please complete and mail a copy of the form shown in this newsletter. A membership application also may be downloaded from the OHJA website. Contact Melanie if you have any membership questions.

JEF

The Junior Equestrian Fund was established to provide financial aid to OHJA riders 21 years and under who compete 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. Please contact your Junior Representatives Alexandra or Olivia to volunteer to help with upcoming fundraising events.

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 leg-yielding?

Answer: Leg-yielding is a diagonal movement in which the horse moves away from the rider's leg and rein aids. It is laterally applied (on the same side) while the rider continues to provide support with the opposing leg and rein. The horse should be slightly bent away from the direction of the movement. Leg-yielding is used to help make the horse more supple, obedient and responsive to the rider's aids and to increase its engagement and collection.

Reference: Reflections on Riding and Jumping, by William Steinkraus, 1997, p. 73.