

Oregon Hunter/Jumper Association News: January 2009

Upcoming OHJA Area Horse Shows

Feb. 7-8 Avalon Horse Show, Ridgefield, WA

Jody Phillips (503) 750-7383; www.skittlehorse@aol.com

March 7-8 Cornerstone Spring Horse Show #1, Portland, OR

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

March 18-22 Spring Hunter/Jumper Show, Salem, OR

Mike & Mollie Gallaway (541) 914-0052;

www.triplerisehorseshows.com

Apr. 4-5 Avalon Horse Show, Ridgefield, WA

Jody Phillips (503) 750-7383; www.skittlehorse@aol.com

Upcoming Clinics

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

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

Feb. 7-8 John Turner Clinic, Molalla, OR

Laurie Swanson (503) 829-2528; lfsfreemanfarm@molalla.net

Feb. 13-15 Joan Curtain Clinic, Cornerstone Equestrian, Portland, OR

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

2008 OHJA Awards Banquet and Silent Auction

The 2008 awards banquet will be held on Saturday, January 10 at Embassy Suites near Washington Square in Tigard. If you plan to attend and have not yet mailed your RSVP *and dinner payment*, please phone our banquet coordinator Lorna Lowrie at (503) 317-4956 ASAP to help ensure 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.

The silent auction 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. Let's bid generously and have fun!

The banquet and auction are huge productions that depend significantly on member volunteers. To volunteer to help with this year's banquet, please contact Lorna Lowrie at (503) 317-4956 or email her at lowries@comcast.net. If you have questions about donations or would like to volunteer to help with the auction, please contact Lorna, Linda Worley or Trish Helmer. Suggestions for donations include (but are not limited to!) barn baskets, wine, clothing, catered meals, theme parties, trips, free rent on a vacation home, sporting and other event tickets (Blazers, symphony, ballet, theatre, etc.), memberships, services (horseshoeing, vet exams, photography, etc.), horse show entry fees and equine equipment. Please make arrangements with Lorna to deliver your donation at least one week prior to the banquet. Your generosity will be greatly appreciated!

Annual OHJA Board Meeting

The annual membership meeting will be held at 10 a.m. on Sunday, Jan. 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 the organization. All members are strongly encouraged to attend!

Bylaw/rule change proposals were mailed to members in December. Please review the proposals in preparation for voting at the annual meeting. For your convenience, each proposed change is shown on the OHJA website.

OHJA Points Accumulation/Membership

Have you renewed your OHJA membership? 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. 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, 2009. A copy of the membership application, which reflects the change to our new three tier system, is shown in this newsletter or may be downloaded from the OHJA website. Please contact Melanie if you have questions regarding your membership.

Website Update

Thank you to Trish Helmer, who is retiring from serving as our website coordinator for the past several years, and to our Webmaster Bryan Drennen for his ongoing website design and updates. Please direct all future website correspondence to Patty Shannon. We welcome your comments and suggestions!

Education Corner

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

Question: According to the 2008 Oregon Hunter Jumper Association Rules, define the following: (1) Baby green hunter, (2) Pre-green working hunter,

Answer: (1) A *baby green hunter* is a horse or pony in its first year of showing, regardless of age. Cross-entry into the pre-green division is permitted but uses up one (1) year of the horse's "pre-green" status. (2) A *pre-green working hunter* is a horse in its first two consecutive years of showing, regardless of age, that has never shown at or above 3'6". A pre-green horse status may not be reinstated.

Reference: 2008 Oregon Hunter Jumper Association Rules, Rule V—Year End Division Awards (Hunter Division Specifications)