

OHJA Newsletter: June 2009

Upcoming Oregon Area Approved Horse Shows

- June 17-21** Early Summer Hunter/Jumper Classic, Wilsonville, OR
Mike & Mollie Gallaway (541) 954-5312; triplerisehorseshows.com
- June 24-28** Willamette Classic, Wilsonville, OR
Mike & Mollie Gallaway (541) 954-5312; hapshows.com
- July 1-5** Hunter Creek Summer Show, Wilsonville, OR
Mike & Mollie Gallaway (541) 954-5312; hapshows.com
- July 8-12** The Country Classic, Wilsonville, OR
Mike & Mollie Gallaway (541) 954-5312; hapshows.com
- July 15-19** Oregon High Desert Classic I, Bend, OR
Dianne Johnson (425) 823-2802; dianjnsn@aol.com
- July 22-26** Oregon High Desert Classic II, Bend, OR
Dianne Johnson (425) 823-2802; dianjnsn@aol.com
- July 29-Aug. 2** Brawley Farms Summer Classic, Jefferson, OR
Judy Brawley (503) 743-4414; brawleyfarms.com
- Aug. 8-9** Freeman Farm Horse Show, Molalla, OR
Laurie Freeman Swanson (503) 829-2528; lfsfreemanfarm@molalla.net
- Aug. 19-23** Northwest Spectacular Week 1, Wilsonville, OR
Mike & Mollie Gallaway (541) 954-5312; hapshows.com
- Aug. 26-30** Northwest Spectacular Week 2 & OHJA Medal Finals, Wilsonville, OR
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- Prize lists for upcoming local horse shows may be posted on the OHJA website.

General Membership Meeting

The next general membership meeting will be held at the Early Summer Hunter/Jumper Classic Horse Show. (June 17-21) All members are strongly encouraged to attend. Your presence and participation are important to OHJA's success!

Under current OHJA rules, local system horses and riders may not accumulate points in any USEF "AA" and "A" rated shows. The 2009 Medal Finals will be held during the second week of the Northwest Spectacular (August 26-30) at Hunter Creek Farm in Wilsonville. Because this show is "AA" rated, a rule change is necessary to allow local system riders and horses to compete in the 2009 Medal Finals. Please visit our website for a draft of the rule change proposal, which will be submitted for vote at the general membership meeting.

Educational Clinic

The course design clinic hosted by OHJA and Mike Gallaway has been postponed. When the new clinic date is available, it will be posted on our website. For more information on OHJA's education clinics, please contact Linda Worley.

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.

Book motel reservations early for out-of-town horse shows.

Wear sunscreen (and hats!) at all outdoor horse shows!

JEF

The Junior Equestrian Fund was established to provide financial aid to OHJA members 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 fundraisers and visit the OHJA website for details on upcoming events. Your support will be greatly appreciated!

Website Update

Points accumulated for the 2009 show season are posted on the OHJA website. Please verify your points and contact Melanie if you have any questions.

In addition to the 2009 point standings, the website currently includes a calendar of upcoming OHJA approved horse shows, membership information, current rules and bylaws, our photo gallery, prior OHJA newsletters and a summary of 2008 year end award winners. Please direct all website correspondence to Patty Shannon. Your comments and suggestions are welcome!

Education Corner

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

Question: Name at least five (5) major jumping faults according to USEF hunter division rules.

Answer: The following are considered major faults: Knockdown; refusal; stopping for loss of shoe or broken equipment; stopping while on course; dangerous jumping; addressing a jump (coming to a stop in front of a jump in order to show the jump to the horse); completely missing a lead change; adding or eliminating a stride in an in and out.

Reference: *USEF 2009 Rule Book*, Hunter Division subchapter HU-5, Subject—Judging: Faults (pg. HU-16)