

Oregon Hunter/Jumper Association News: September 2009

Upcoming Oregon Area Approved Horse Shows

Sept. 26-27 Cornerstone Fall Schooling Show, Portland, OR

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

Oct. 16-18 Triple Rise Schooling Show (Blue Ribbon Schooling Series), Boring, OR

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

Oct. 24-25 Cornerstone Fall Schooling Show, Portland, OR

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

Nov. 7-8 Avalon Schooling Show (Blue Ribbon Schooling Series), Ridgefield, WA

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

Nov. 13-15 Triple Rise Schooling Show (Blue Ribbon Schooling Series), Boring, OR

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

Prize lists for the above horse shows may be posted on the OHJA website.

Upcoming Clinics

Oct. 10-11 Jeff Cook Clinic, Cornerstone Equestrian, Portland, OR

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Oct. 31-Nov. 1 Jeff Cook Clinic, Cornerstone Equestrian, Portland, OR

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Medal Finals Competition

Thank you to Shelley Campf, Lucy Franklin and Mike and Mollie Gallaway for hosting the 2009 OHJA Medal Finals at their Northwest Spectacular Horse Show. Thank you to Trish Helmer for her hard work in acquiring the ribbons and prizes for the competition and especially for writing the medal finals test.

Thank you to the year end show participants, trainers and families who attended the event. Additionally, thank you to all the businesses and people who generously contributed their time, services and financial support to make the medal finals a huge success!

Board Nominations

OHJA is currently requesting nominations for five (5) regular board positions to be filled for the 2010-2011 term years. Nominations are also being accepted for two junior representatives to serve for the upcoming year. **Member volunteers are a very important part of the success of our organization.** If you would like to run for a position on the board of directors, please contact Kathy Hall or Lorna Lowrie on or before October 15, 2009.

Membership

Points accumulated for the 2009 show season are posted on the OHJA website. Please verify your points and contact Points and Membership Chairperson Melanie Pennington if you have any questions regarding your point accumulation or membership.

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.

Scholarship Applications

Applications for academic scholarships are offered by OHJA to our college-bound junior members. Scholarship awards will be based upon information provided in the application and upon an individual interview to be held later this fall by the scholarship committee. Information regarding the scholarships is posted on the OHJA website.

To Our College-Bound Members

We wish the best of luck to our college-bound members and look forward to your return. Have a great year!

Website Update

Please visit the OHJA website to view the latest information about our organization, including a calendar of upcoming approved horse shows, the OHJA bylaws and rules, membership information, board contact information, member photos and a list of upcoming clinics. 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: What is the difference between a snaffle bit and other types of bits, such as a pelham or kimberwicke, in terms of pressure applied on the horse's mouth?

Answer: A snaffle bit, a bit without a shank, creates direct pressure without leverage on the horse's mouth. Unlike pelham or kimberwicke bits, a snaffle bit does not magnify the pressure applied by the reins. For example, one ounce of pressure applied by the reins using a snaffle bit will apply one ounce of pressure on the mouth. With a pelham or kimberwicke bit, one ounce of pressure on the reins will apply more than one ounce of pressure on the horse's mouth.

Reference: en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Snaffle_bit