

## **Oregon Hunter/Jumper Association News: November 2009**

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

**Nov. 7-8** Avalon Schooling Show (Blue Ribbon Schooling Series), Ridgefield, WA  
Jody Phillips (503) 750-7383; skittlehorse@aol.com

**Nov. 20-22** 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. 31-Nov. 1** Joan Curtin Clinic, Cornerstone Equestrian, Portland, OR  
Linda Worley (503) 351-3253; www.cornerstonehj.com

**Nov. 7-8** John Turner Clinic, Molalla, OR  
Laurie Swanson (503) 829-2528; lfsfreemanfarm@molalla.net

**Nov. 21-22** Jeff Cook Clinic, Cornerstone Equestrian, Portland, OR  
Linda Worley (503) 351-3253; www.cornerstonehj.com

**Nov. 28-29** Lindy Townley Clinic, Rain Creek Farm, Oregon City, OR  
Vicki Zacharias (503) 631-8000

**Dec. 4-6** George Morris Clinic, Whip 'N' Spur Farm, Wilsonville, OR  
Rich Fellers, 503-781-0413

**Feb. 13-14** Dale Pederson Clinic, Rain Creek Farm, Oregon City, OR  
Vicki Zacharias (503) 631-8000

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

### **Board Nominations**

Would you like an opportunity to have a positive impact on the future of OHJA and its continued success? OHJA needs your help: The Board of Directors 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. If you would like to run for a position OHJA, please contact Kathy Hall or Lorna Lowrie.

A ballot for the election of new OHJA board members will be mailed later this month to each current member of the organization. Please complete and return your ballot to OHJA early to ensure that it is postmarked by the deadline shown on the ballot.

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

Please check the OHJA website to verify the accuracy of your 2009 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 regional or local systems must be reported to Melanie by December 15.

In each of the three systems, a division must meet specific requirements to allow the division winners to receive year end awards. Please refer to the current OHJA Rules

(Rule V--Year End Division Awards, Sections A, B, C; pgs. 17-19) on the website to verify that the requirements for distribution of 2009 year end awards have been met in your division. If you have a question about the requirements, please contact Melanie.

December 1 marks the beginning of a new year for accumulation of points for the 2010 year end awards. It is important to activate your membership before attending your first show of the 2010 show year to ensure that your points will count toward the awards. A copy of the membership application may be downloaded from the OHJA website. Please contact Melanie if you have questions regarding your membership.

### **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 upon an individual interview to be held in December by the Scholarship Committee. Information regarding the scholarships is posted on the "Programs" page of the OHJA website.

### **OHJA Bylaws/Rules**

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

### **2009 Annual Banquet**

Stone Hedge Farm will host OHJA's annual awards banquet on January 9, 2010 at The Nines (hotel), which is located at the top of the former Meier & Frank building in downtown Portland. 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. Details about the banquet, including room rates and parking accommodations, are posted on our website.

In addition to the banquet, the OHJA annual meeting will be held on Sunday, January 10. 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 collecting barn baskets and other auction donations or to volunteer to help with preparations for the silent auction itself. Suggestions for donations include 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. Your imagination and generosity will be greatly appreciated! If you have questions about donations or would like to volunteer to help with the auction, please contact Jen Cox at (503) 516-0275.

## **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 2009 Awards Banquet. For more information, please contact Lorna Lowrie.

## **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 3 styles of body clips that may be used on a horse.

*Answer:* Full, hunter and trace clips. A full clip leaves the entire coat shorter than its summer length and, because of its neat appearance and ease in grooming, is often used for show horses. The hunter clip leaves the horse's legs unclipped to a height even with the belly. The trace clip removes the long hair from places that sweat most but leaves long hair for protection on the back and most of the body. Generally, the kind of clip given to a horse depends on the use of the horse.

Reference: *Practical Horseman's Book of Horsekeeping*, edited by M. A. Stoneridge, 1983, pgs. 210-215.