

OHJA Newsletter: June 2010

Upcoming Oregon Area Approved Horse Shows

- June 4-5** Quarry Ridge Horse Show (Friendship Series), Battle Ground, WA
Julia Richard (360) 666-4762; www.quarryridgefarm.com
- June 16-20** The Oregon Trail Classic, Wilsonville, OR
Mike Gallaway (541) 954-5312; www.triplerisehorseshow.com
- June 23-27** Early Summer Classic, Wilsonville, OR
Mike Gallaway (541) 954-5312; www.triplerisehorseshow.com
- June 26** Lake Oswego Hunt Club Hunter/Jumper Schooling Show (Friendship Series; Nancy Wild Medal Classes), Lake Oswego, OR
Gail Stuart-Bowles (503) 636-0674; www.LakeOswegoHunt.com
- July 7-11** Country Classic Preview, Wilsonville, OR (new show!)
Mike Gallaway (541) 954-5312; www.triplerisehorseshow.com
- July 14-18** The Country Classic, Wilsonville, OR
Mike Gallaway (541) 954-5312; www.triplerisehorseshow.com
- July 21-25** Oregon High Desert Classic I, Bend, OR
Dianne Johnson (425) 823-2802; dianjnsn@aol.com
- July 24** Lake Oswego Hunt Club Hunter/Jumper Schooling Show (Friendship Series; Nancy Wild Medal Classes), Lake Oswego, OR
Gail Stuart-Bowles (503) 636-0674; www.LakeOswegoHunt.com
- July 28-Aug. 1** Oregon High Desert Classic II, Bend, OR
Dianne Johnson (425) 823-2802; dianjnsn@aol.com

A complete calendar of 2010 OHJA-approved horse shows is posted on our website. Prize lists for upcoming horse shows may also be posted on the website.

USHJA Emerging Athletes Program

The Emerging Athletes Program (EAP) was developed by USHJA to identify and provide opportunities for talented young riders to gain the education and skills they will need to become effective professionals in the equine industry. Level I and Level II training sessions and a Level III National Training Camp will be held each year for riders who have been selected to participate in the program.

The Zone 9 Level I training session for 2010 will be held June 12-13 at Oz, Inc. in Canby, OR. In addition, the Zone 9 Level II training session for 2010 will be July 26-27 at the Oregon High Desert Classic Horse Show in Bend, OR. For more information about the Emerging Athletes Program and the upcoming training sessions, visit www.ushja.org.

Show Management Update

Team NW Horse Shows, managed by Shelley Campf and Mike Gallaway, has changed its name to Team NW Equestrian Sports. Until the new Team NW website is established, please refer to www.triplerisehorseshow.com for information regarding their upcoming shows. Team NW has purchased the Brawley Farms horse show date and will hold their new Country Classic Preview July 7-10, 2010 at Hunter Creek Farm in Wilsonville.

Points and Membership

A reminder to members returning from any out of state horse 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.

A summary of points earned to date at 2010 horse shows has been posted on the OHJA website. Please note that the summary of points will be updated at least once a month during the show season. It is each member's responsibility to verify the accuracy of his/her points.

To facilitate the correct recording of points for year end awards, please make sure the rider/owner and horse registration names used on your renewal application are identical to the names shown in USEF records. All owners/lessees and riders must be current OHJA members at the time the horse is shown in order to accumulate points toward year end awards.

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 OHJA 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.

Please contact Melanie if you have any questions about points and/or membership.

General Reminders

With upcoming college graduation, summer travel and other events, lodging may be limited at hotels and motels for out-of-town horse shows. Please book your reservations early!

Wear sunscreen (and hats!) at all outdoor events!

Facebook and Website Update

In addition to visiting our website, we invite you to join the OHJA "friends" page on Facebook for the latest information on our organization.

Please email any OHJA-related photos you might be interested in posting on the website to Trish Helmer at historygallopson@hotmail.com. Please direct all other website correspondence to Patty Shannon. Your comments and suggestions are welcome!

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 Kelsi Schatz or Madison Cameron to volunteer to help with upcoming fundraising events. Your support will be greatly appreciated!

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 a shoulder-in?

Answer: A shoulder-in is a diagonal movement in which the rider bends the horse around his inside leg by bringing the horse's shoulders inside the track, positioning them with the inside reins and holding them there by controlling the outside shoulder with the outside rein. The outside leg is used to prevent the horse's haunches from swinging out so that the horse is held on three tracks. (with its inside hind leg stepping in the same track as its outside front leg) The horse is curved and looking away from the direction in which it is moving. The shoulder-in 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. 72-73.