

Oregon Hunter/Jumper Association News: January 2010

OHJA Upcoming Events

Dec. 1 Beginning of the 2010 OHJA show season; time to renew your membership!

Jan. 9 2009 Awards Banquet: The Nines (Hotel), Portland, OR

Jan. 10 Annual membership meeting: The Nines (Hotel), Portland, OR

Upcoming Clinics

Feb. 6-7 Dale Petersen Clinic, Rain Creek Farm, Oregon City, OR
Vicki Zacharias (503) 631-8000

Feb. 12-14 Joan Curtin Clinic, Cornerstone Equestrian, Portland, OR
Linda Worley (503) 351-3253; www.cornerstonehj.com

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

2009 Annual Banquet and Silent Auction

The 2009 awards banquet will be hosted by Stone Hedge Farm on January 9 at The Nines (Hotel), which is located at the top of the former Meier & Frank building in downtown Portland. If you plan to attend and have not yet mailed your RSVP *and dinner payment*, please contact Joe Regan at (503) 981-1978 or email him at joe@arborgroveequestrian.com ASAP to help ensure accurate seating and meal preparation for the celebration. A block of rooms will be held for OHJA members who would like to make reservations for overnight accommodations. Details about the banquet, including room rates and parking accommodations, are posted on our website.

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. Please bid generously and have fun!

The success of the banquet and auction depends significantly on the efforts of member volunteers. To volunteer to help Stone Hedge Farm with this year's banquet, please contact Jen Cox. Your assistance will be greatly appreciated!

Annual OHJA Board Meeting

The annual general membership 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.

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 posted on the OHJA website.

OHJA Points Accumulation/Membership

Have you renewed your OHJA membership? December 1 marked the beginning of the 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 new 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, 2010. A copy of the membership application is shown in this newsletter or may be downloaded from the OHJA website. Contact Melanie Pennington if you have questions regarding your membership.

Education Corner

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

Question: Translate the following fence heights into metric units: (a) 3'1", (b) 3'7", (c) 3'11", (d) 4'3".

Answer: (a) .95 m, (b) 1.10 m, (c) 1.20 m, (d) 1.30m.

Reference: *USEF 2010 Rule Book*, Jumper Division subchapter JP-4, Subject—Fence Heights and Spreads (pg. JP13)