

## Oregon Hunter/Jumper Association News: December 2010

### Upcoming Clinics

**Dec. 3-5** George Morris Clinic, Whip 'N' Spur Farm, Wilsonville, OR  
Shelley Fellers (503) 704-1238; Rich Fellers (503) 781-0413

**Dec. 10-12** Francie Steinwedell-Carvin Clinic, Arbor Grove Equestrian, Woodburn, OR  
Joe Regan (503) 981-1978; (626) 644-6771

Please note that upcoming clinics are not OHJA-sanctioned. Clinic details are offered solely for information purposes.

### Points and Membership

December 1st marks the beginning of a new year for accumulation of points for the 2011 year end awards. It is important to activate your membership before attending your first show of the new season to ensure that your points will count toward the awards. A copy of the membership application is shown in this newsletter or may be downloaded from the website.

The 2010 show season point summaries for each division are listed on the website. It is each member's responsibility to verify the accuracy of the points they have accumulated for the year end awards. Any discrepancy in points accumulated in the regional or local system must be reported to Melanie Pennington by December 15. November 30 was the deadline for reporting any discrepancy in points accumulated in the open system.

In each of the three systems, a division must meet specific requirements before division winners may receive year end awards. Please refer to the current OHJA Rules (Rule V--Year End Division Awards, Sections A, B, C) on the website to verify that the requirements for distribution of 2010 year end awards have been met in your division.

If you have any questions regarding your points or membership, please contact Melanie.

### Board of Directors

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

### 2010 Annual Banquet

Invitations will soon be mailed for the annual awards banquet to be hosted by Stone Hedge Farm on January 8th at The Nines (hotel) in downtown Portland. Please RSVP *at your earliest convenience* to help planners prepare adequate seating, food and drinks for the celebration. A limited number 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.

### Silent Auction Donations

It's time to start collecting barn baskets and other auction donations! The silent auction is one of our major fundraising events, providing funding for year end awards,

the annual banquet, scholarships, JEF financial aid and other OHJA activities. 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 banquet preparations, contact Jen Cox at (503) 516-0275.

### **Photographers: Help!**

Please contact board member Jill McGrady if you have any horse show/barn candid photos that could be used for display at the 2010 banquet.

### **Annual OHJA Board Meeting**

The annual general membership meeting will be held at The Nines on Sunday, January 9th. 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 will be mailed to members in December. Please review the proposals in preparation for voting at the annual meeting. *All potential changes this year must have been submitted by the November 1st deadline:* Potential changes will not be considered for approval if the changes are submitted at the January annual board meeting.

### **Scholarship Applications**

Applications for academic scholarships offered by OHJA to our college-bound junior members must be postmarked by December 1st. Scholarship awards will be based upon information provided in the application and upon an individual interview to be held by the Scholarship Committee during Christmas vacation. For information regarding scholarships, please visit the "Programs" page of our website. Contact Lorna Lowrie if you have questions regarding the scholarship program.

### **JEF Financial Aid**

JEF was established to give money to riders 21 years and under who compete at medal finals or in other finals classes, such as the Young Rider and USET events. To qualify for a potential award, the applying young rider must make a formal application to the OHJA board and must have participated in current year fundraising activities to raise money for the fund. Applications for 2010 financial aid must be postmarked by December 15. Please contact Lorna Lowrie for more information about financial aid or the application process.

### **Mother and Father of the Year**

Nomination letters for Mother and Father of the Year must be emailed no later than December 1st to Lorna Lowrie at [lornalowrie@gmail.com](mailto:lornalowrie@gmail.com). The winning letter will be read at the 2010 Awards Banquet. Contact Lorna if you have questions about the awards.

## **Facebook**

All members are encouraged to join the OHJA Facebook page for the latest information from our organization. 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:* (True/false) When holding a crop while mounted on a horse, the crop should be pointed back towards the horse's hindquarters and should rest on the rider's thigh. The crop should not hang perpendicular to the ground.

*Answer:* True

Reference: *USHJA Trainer Certification Program* (manual), pg. 239