

## **Oregon Hunter/Jumper Association News: January 2012**

### **OHJA Upcoming Events**

**Dec. 1** Beginning of the 2012 OHJA show season: Time to renew your membership!

**Jan. 7** 2011 Awards Banquet: Marriott Downtown Waterfront Hotel, Portland, OR

**Jan. 8** Annual membership meeting: Marriott Downtown Waterfront Hotel, Portland, OR

### **2012 Horse Show Calendar**

USEF-rated Oregon horse shows are posted on the website "Shows" page. Each upcoming OHJA Non-Rated horse show will be posted on the calendar *after* the approval process for the show has been completed. The combined 2012 calendar of events should be posted by late January. Please check the website horse show calendar for the latest updates.

### **2011 Annual Banquet and Silent Auction**

The 2011 awards banquet will be hosted by French Hill Farm and Stellar Sporthorses on January 7<sup>th</sup> at The Marriott Downtown Waterfront Hotel in downtown Portland. If you plan to attend and have not yet mailed your RSVP *and dinner payment*, please contact Joe Regan at (626) 644-6771 or email him at [joe@arborgroveequestrian.com](mailto:joe@arborgroveequestrian.com) ASAP to help ensure adequate seating and meal preparation for the banquet. 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.

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 French Hill Farm with this year's banquet, please contact Akiko Hamada. Your assistance will be greatly appreciated!

### **Annual OHJA Board Meeting**

The annual general membership meeting will be held on Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup>. 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 the continued growth and success of our organization. All members are strongly encouraged to attend!

*Bylaw/rule change proposals are posted on the opening page of the OHJA website.*

Please review the proposals in preparation for voting at the annual meeting.

### **Points and Membership**

December 1<sup>st</sup> marks the beginning of a new year for accumulation of points for the 2012 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.

To facilitate the correct recording of your points for year end awards, please make sure the owner, rider and horse registration names used on your renewal application and at the horse shows are *identical* to the names shown on 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. Please contact Melanie Pennington if you have questions regarding your membership or accumulation of points.

### **Website/Facebook Update**

For information about OHJA and its activities, please visit our website. All general website correspondence should be directed to Trish Helmer. If anyone at the 2011 banquet takes photos that they would be interested in posting on the website, please contact Trish Helmer for further details.

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:* Why would you apply poultice underneath a standing wrap or bandage?

*Answer:* A poultice is indicated whenever infection of inflammation must be "drawn out" of an injured area. When the skin is broken, it is advisable to consult a veterinarian before applying any poultice. Poultices may be effective for treating sprains, swelling, and bruises. Cold poultices minimize heat and swelling. Hot poultices increase circulation in the effected area.

*Reference:* *USHJA Trainer Certification Program* (manual), Topic: Bandaging (pg. 105)