



April 2011

JACKSON COUNTY HORSEMAN'S ASSOCIATION

# Fence Talk

## JCHA Family Fun Horse Show

This club fundraiser will be held on Sunday, June 12th at Estremado Arena in Gold Hill. Shari & Dave Woods and Carol Dombrowsky are chairing the event this year.

All members who enjoy showing are encouraged to attend. There are classes for JCHA members only, along with the standard classes. Cost is only \$5 per class or \$45 for the day for club members; \$7 per class / \$60 for the day for non-members.



They do need help running the show. Gate keepers, office staff to sign in riders and tabulate the scores and someone to hand out the ribbons. They are also looking for a judge, so if you have any ideas call Shari at 541-659-9340. Also call for more information and/or to volunteer some time for this event.

We are also seeking sponsors for the show. If you would like to sponsor a High Point Award for \$50 or a class award for \$10, please send a check to JCHA, PO Box 765, Medford, OR 97501.

The class sheet and entry form are available on the website at: [www.ridejcha.com](http://www.ridejcha.com)

## Lily Glen Campout and Events—July 2-4, 2011

*Summer is coming!!!*

*Make plans now to join the fun at Lily Glen!!*

**July 2nd - Trail Horse Trial, LINGO Ride & Poker Ride**

**July 3rd—Gymkhana in the meadow & a Gymkhana Clinic too**

Saturday night there will be a potluck and BBQ meat supplied by the club. Lots of fun and games too.

Raffle items are being gathered. If you would like to donate a homemade item or service please call Scott Doubleday at 541-665-0553.

For more information and/or to volunteer to help please call Betty Moore at 541-951-0949.

There will be a flyer and registration form available soon on the website!!

***RIDE+PLAY+WIN=FUN!!***

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### Upcoming JCHA Events

- *Trail Ride—May 21*
- *JCHA Horse Show—June 12*
- *Lily Glen Events—July 2-4*
- *Chiloquin LINGO Ride—August 6*

# What's Happening ~

## Monthly Meeting Notice

**Date:** May 11, 2011

**Time:** 7:00pm

**Place:** I.O.O.F. Hall

1129 Hazel Street, Central Point

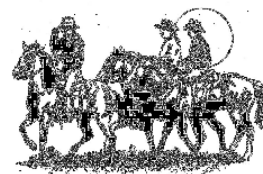
**Refreshments provided by:**

Vicki Noelle & Debbie Davenport

**Door Prize provided by:**

Carol Dombrowsky

## Upcoming Ride -



Colleen Martin-Low will lead a trail ride for members at the Prospect Peninsula. Meet at the Old Farmhouse Restaurant in White City (corner of Agate Rd & Crater Lake Hwy) at 8:00am for breakfast, or be there by 8:45am to caravan up to Prospect.

This is a nice easy ride to start the riding season. It is on old roads, not too rocky, but there may be a little mud. Remember to bring water to drink, a jacket or rain coat, a snack, and your halter and lead rope.

You MUST call Colleen by Friday, May 20th if you plan to attend! She needs to know who is stopping for breakfast since she will not be there (she lives in Prospect).

Call Colleen at 541-560-3661 for more information and to let her know you are attending.

## Junior Board Member Position Open

The Board of Directors is seeking applications for this position. If you qualify, and would like to be considered, please send a hand-written letter to: JCHA, PO Box 765, Medford, OR 97501

Qualifications and duties for this position are:

*A Junior Board Member may be appointed to serve on the board for a one-year term (re-appointment acceptable). This person shall act as a liaison to other juniors, report on junior activities and encourage other juniors to join the club. Any junior member (age 15 to 17) in good standing may apply to the Board for the position. The Board will be responsible for reviewing the candidates and selecting one Junior Member. If the Board feels none of the candidates are acceptable, the position may be left vacant.*



## \$\$ CLASSIFIED ADS \$\$

**FOR SALE:** Registered Fox Trotter mare, black and beautiful. Great trail horse, excellent feet, no shoes needed. \$1,000 firm Call Helen at 541-826-3295 or email [froggyreins@wildblue.net](mailto:froggyreins@wildblue.net)

**FOR SALE:** Featherlite 2-horse living quarters trailer. Honda generator extra. Asking \$20,000. Call Helen at 541-826-3295 or email [froggyreins@wildblue.net](mailto:froggyreins@wildblue.net)

**FOR SALE:** AQHA, Beautiful Grulla mare, 5 years old, long black mane and tail, 14.2 hands, excellent conformation, nice feet with thick hoof walls, fast walker, very good stop, well started \$1800.00. For more information please call Fred West 541-761-1511

**FOR SALE:** 2003 Charmac Living Quarters 3-horse trailer. Great condition, lots and lots of extras. \$25,000. Call Steve or Gretchen at 541-831-1806

## Meeting Minutes ~ April 13, 2011

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Meeting was called to order at about 7:00 PM, by President Tim Taylor. A roll call of board members present included President Tim, Vice President Tal Thoms, Treasurer Robin Keeton, Secretary Jackie Decker and Member at Large Mike Lutz. It was noted that after the resignation of Karen House as Treasurer and Bruce House as Hospitality in early February, per Article V, Section 5 of Bylaws of the association, the remaining board members present at the board meeting of February 16th agreed to replace Karen with Robin Keeton as Treasurer, and at the March 16<sup>th</sup> board meeting Jackie Decker was appointed Secretary.

President Tim noted that, since the last board meeting, Linda and Mereena Anderson had resigned their Sunshine and Jr. Member board positions. Susan Thoms is sitting in as Hospitality and Colleen Low said she would be Sunshine. These positions will formally be appointed by the remaining board members at the May 4<sup>th</sup> board meeting. Tim asked for volunteers for the Jr. Member position. After being drafted by what appeared to be a coalition of members, Audrey Moore said she would like to fill that position. In case there are other young members that want to get involved, Debbie Davenport asked that the Jr. Member position be posted in the newsletter, so others would know it was open for appointment by the Board.

Tim thanked Carol Dombrowsky and Robin Keeton for bringing refreshments and Vicki Noelle for the door prize for the meeting.

There was one guest, Joyce Colosimo. Before the end of the meeting, she filled out a membership application and became a member. Thank you, and welcome Joyce.

Secretary, Jackie Decker, asked if there were changes or corrections to the minutes of March 9 that were posted in the newsletter. Carol Lutz mentioned that Linda Stockdill was the door prize winner, instead of Colleen Low. This was the only correction and the minutes were approved as corrected.

Treasurer, Robin Keeton, reported that JCHA has \$2,293.35 in checking, \$42.56 in petty cash, \$4,493.15 in money market as of 12/31/2010 and \$1,850.12 in the Joann Pool Equestrian Enhancement funds as of 2/9/2011. Motion was made and approved to accept the Treasurers Report. Due to new bank charges, Robin reported that there were a few banks in the area that did not charge fees for the type of accounts we have, concluding that Rogue Federal Credit Union paid a small interest and only had a \$100.00 balance minimum. It was moved and seconded that JCHA move its checking account to Rogue Federal. Motion passed. It was also moved and seconded that we move the Joann Pool trail enhancement fund into the checking account, but have the Treasurer account for them separately. Motion passed. There was a discussion of the filing of form 990-N online for non-profits like JCHA. Robin reported that our liability insurance to cover our events has gone up to \$516 for the year due to adding an event to our schedule. Certificates of Insurance were issued to Estremado Arena and the JC Fairgrounds as required.

**Sunshine Report:** Members mentioned that a card should be sent to Trish and Don Ferris, as Trish's mother passed away and one was circulated and signed by members during the meeting.

**Special Reports:** There has been no trail maintenance lately, but members were reminded that if riding on paved trails near the fairgrounds to please remember to get off your horse and kick its poop off to the side.

Since there was no Jr. member report Vicki Noelle mentioned that the Oregon High School Equestrian event will be at the Expo on April 15-17 and encouraged all to attend. April 20 is the 4-H registration date for the Fair, and May 14<sup>th</sup> is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual 4-H fundraiser "Roses and Clover" at Del Rio Vineyards. Shari Woods mentioned the Mustang horse sale at the Grants Pass Fairgrounds on April 16.

### **Old Business:**

Betty Moore reported that they had ten riders in the Pear Blossom Parade. Mandy wrapped the horse's legs. Amanda Anderson was the pooper-scooper for the event. Carol Dombrowsky took pictures which she gave to the club.

Debbie Davenport reminded members of the Gymkhana event to take place Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, in the Barker Barn at the Expo. A number of members have volunteered to help with registration and gates, but all are encouraged to come out and help, and/or bring your trusty steed and participate in the event.

Shari Woods reminded us that the Horse Show is June 12<sup>th</sup> at Estremado Arena on Galls Creek Road in Gold Hill. She is looking for additional donations for class prizes and more event volunteers. The judge had to bow out and we are looking for another judge. She has a trail judge and is looking for additional trail obstacles. The entry fee for JCHA members is \$40 for the day or \$4 per class and for non JCHA members it is \$60 per day or \$6 per class. (NOTE: This is NOT correct pricing)

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Colleen Low reported that there may be a couple spots left at Quinn Meadows for the JCHA camp-out August 11 thru 14<sup>th</sup>.

Betty Moore is gearing up for the Lily Glen camp-out, July 2nd - 4th. They are planning a Lingo and Poker Ride, Trail Trial and potluck dinner on Saturday, with stereo music and a corn toss. The Gymkhana is on Sunday. First rider goes out at 10 am on Saturday. Awards and prizes will run about \$250.00 and Betty asked that the club provide meat for the pot luck, which should be about \$100.00. It was moved and seconded that the club provide \$350.00 for Betty to spend on this weekend event. Motion passed. Scott Doubleday inquired about a form that could be taken to businesses when getting donations for JCHA. Debbie said she would get it to him.

Storage Committee report: It was determined that Karen Matheny had room at her house to store JCHA material for now and we did not need to rent a facility. A motion was made, seconded and passed to not rent a storage unit and to continue storing JCHA material with Karen with our gratitude.

Debbie Davenport reminded members about the Willow Prairie clean-up May 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>, depending on whether the road into Willow Prairie is snow free. There's free camping if you help with camp and trail maintenance. If it isn't snow free, no other date is set.

Debbie is sending in an apparel order Friday the 15<sup>th</sup>, but only has 3 orders.

Members were reminded of the Sheriff's Posse poker ride, April 30<sup>th</sup>, at the J & P ranch going around Agate Lake. Take 140 to E. Antelope to Dry Creek to get to J&P Ranch. Cost is \$10 per hand for the poker ride and lunch at J&P.

**New Business:**

The issue of Trail Bosses was brought up. The club is looking for ways to encourage members to become Trail Bosses and lead rides. We talked about doing Trail Boss of the Year and/or a way to recognize members for the most miles ridden on JCHA rides, but no action was taken on this proposal. Robin Keeton was concerned about where the first aid kits were and if they were up to date. These kits are primarily for horses, but have some human supplies in them. Karen and Debbie will bring them to the next meeting, but noted they do need to be updated. Trail rides should have two bosses, a Trail Boss and a designated drag-rider to follow making sure all get back to the trailhead. The Trail Boss should make sure everyone gets back and be the last person to leave the trailhead.

Colleen Low said she would lead a ride May 21<sup>st</sup> at the Prospect Peninsula. If you want to eat breakfast, be at the Old Farmhouse Restaurant on Hwy 62 at 8:00 AM and ready to leave for the Peninsula by 9:00. It is a rather flat area and can be ridden by barefoot horses within a couple hours, so you may not need a lunch. Please call Colleen at 541-560-3661 if you want to ride. If no one calls Colleen, she will not plan the ride.

Debbie Davenport moved that the club establish a meeting attendance log to have at each JCHA meeting. Attendees can sign in, so we will know who was at each meeting. This motion was seconded and passed. Debbie provided a form that can be used to record attendance.

Door prizes were won by Amanda Brydon and Amanda Anderson. The name drawn for the Buckaroo Drawing worth \$20.00 was Cathy Thomas who was not in attendance, so the Buckaroo Drawing prize will be \$40.00 in May.

The next JCHA Board Meeting is set for May 4<sup>th</sup> at Abby's Pizza in White City at 6:30PM, and the next membership meeting is May 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM.

Meeting was adjourned at about 8:30PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Mike Lutz, Member-at-Large/Temporary Secretary and Jackie Decker, Secretary

*NOTE: After the March regular membership meeting newly appointed Secretary, Jackie Decker, indicated to the board that she was willing to be Secretary, but it was difficult to do since she was unfamiliar with the operations of the club and the members. In order to assist Jackie, President Tim Taylor, appointed Board Member-at-Large, Mike Lutz, as Temporary Secretary effective March 28 (per Article V, Section 2 of the Bylaws). Mike will assist until Jackie feels confident enough to take it on herself.*

*With the riding season approaching we thought it would be appropriate to post the General Rules and Trail Etiquette Guidelines for everyone to review and refresh their memory.....*

## **JCHA'S GENERAL RULES**

1. Stallions and dogs are a potential hazard and are not allowed on any Club ride.
2. Riders under 18 are welcome when accompanied by a responsible adult rider.
3. All children 12 years of age and younger will be required to wear a safety helmet while riding in any event/activity sponsored by the Club.
4. A current member must accompany guests on Club rides.

## **TRAIL ETIQUETTE GUIDELINES**

- All riders assume responsibility for themselves and their horses, especially under Oregon Equine Inherent Risk laws.
- The trail boss is in charge of the ride. He/she will lead the ride, determine breaks, and give assistance when requested. The drag rider will assist the trail boss by being the last rider at all times. Both have the authority to make decisions on the ride. Both will also carry basic horse/human first aid kits, but if you have a known allergic reaction to bees, are diabetic, etc., you must carry your own medical supplies.
- Riders and guests **MUST** be familiar with the Club rules and trail etiquette guidelines. Riders not following the rules and guidelines and causing problems for other riders may be asked to not ride with the Club. **REMEMBER:** The safety of all riders and their horses is the most important thing on a trail ride.
- Be sure you and your horse are in adequate physical condition for the trail ride. Be honest with yourself regarding your physical condition and the physical condition of your horse. Diseased or ill horses should not be brought to trail rides.
- If you are new to trail riding, let the trail boss or drag rider know **BEFORE** the ride begins.
- Riders **MUST** check in with the trail boss at breakfast or before starting the ride. Members with guests must also sign the guest liability waiver.
- If not already planned, the trail boss will be asking for a volunteer drag rider before the ride begins. Please consider volunteering on occasion.
- Check your equipment to be sure it is safe and good repair **BEFORE** the ride.
- Shod horses are strongly recommended for all trail rides.
- Riders should take a halter and tie rope along on the ride.
- Arrive early and **BE READY TO LEAVE** at the designated departure time. It is strongly recommended that you call the trail boss **AT LEAST THE NIGHT BEFORE** the trail ride so the trail boss will have an idea of how many riders will be attending the ride, and if there is a last-minute change, you can be notified.
- Animals may kick when crowded. If your animal kicks, tie a colored ribbon to its tail to warn others. (The trail boss has colored flagging).
- Know your riding limitations and the limitations of your horse. Don't put yourself and others in danger.
- Identify the problem and **ASK FOR HELP**. It is very important to communicate with the trail boss, drag rider, or closest rider if you are having a problem.
- If no one volunteered to be drag rider, riders need to keep up with the main group. If you become separated from the main group, you will be responsible for yourself and getting back to the staging area.
- If riders want to move out at a faster pace, please ask the trail boss, and on approval, go out ahead of the group after notifying the trail boss. You will be responsible for yourself and getting back to the staging area.
- **BE AWARE OF THE RIDERS AROUND YOU**. You should always keep another rider in view. Riders also need to be aware of their surroundings and/or landmarks in case you need to turn back. Keep your distance when riding. Rule of thumb is you should always be able to see the back feet of the horse in front of you.
- When approaching or leaving other riders, do so in a slow and controlled manner. **NEVER** trot/canter up behind or away from other riders.
- Always be alert and observant of hazards such as a wire, bad holes, bees, etc. Signal riders behind you of hazards. If bees are encountered, move down the trail quickly while maintaining control of your mount.
- Walk down into gullies or inclines at a safe distance; **NEVER** lunge or gallop into or out of them. This could cause a serious accident by unnerving other horses. Pass only on sections of trail that are safe. Give riders behind you time to cross creeks or other obstacles before riding on.
- Do not leave the group without notifying the trail boss, drag rider, or ask the closest rider to pass on to the trail boss/drag rider that you are leaving the ride.
- During short stops, tie your animal safely and securely to a solid object that will not break or pull off if the animal pulls back. Be certain to tie rope so it cannot slip down where your animal can get a foot over it. Keep distance between animals when tying. Be aware of pawing and cribbing. Repair ground damage and spread manure after stops on the trail.
- Do not leave trash on the trail or at the staging area. All riders should clean up the manure around their trailer at the staging area.
- The trail boss, drag rider, or person designated by the trail boss/drag rider will remain until all riders are accounted for at the trail head. This person will also wait for horses to be loaded up and riders are ready to head home. **BE COURTEOUS TO THIS PERSON – DON'T MAKE HIM/HER WAIT FOR YOU UNNECESSARILY!** If you are having a problem, let this person know.

**THE MOST IMPORTANT THING ON A TRAIL RIDE IS TO HAVE FUN AND BE SAFE!**

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**We're on the web**  
**[www.rideJCHA.com](http://www.rideJCHA.com)**

**Community Equestrian Event Calendar**

- May 6-8 2011** *Klamath Falls Packing Clinic* [www.hdtrbch.org](http://www.hdtrbch.org)
- May 21, 2011** *St Jude Ride*, Williams, OR
- May 22, 2011** *LINGO Ride*, Crescent City, CA
- June 10-12, 2011** *Western States Horse Expo*, Sacramento, CA

**ARE YOU PLANNING TO HORSE CAMP ON  
 NATIONAL FOREST LAND??**

If you are, then be sure and take **CERTIFIED WEED FREE HAY** for your critters. The Forest Service will write you a ticket if they find you with non-certified hay.

Weed Free Hay is baled with special colored twine that sets it apart from other hay. There is no paperwork to go with it; they only look for the colored twine.

In the Rogue Valley the only person we know with Certified Weed Free Hay is Steve Evans in White City. His phone number is 541-944-3006. (He is out now, but will have hay near the end of June).