



Fence Talk

February 2006



Calendar

February 18.....Demo Clinic
February 27.....Vet Symposium
March 2.....Horse Show Meeting
March 5.....Horse Show
March 8.....Club Meeting
March 11.....Crescent City Trail Ride

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, February 25

Karen Matheny will lead a ride on the Prospect Peninsula, just east of the town of Prospect. This is an easy ride, mostly sandy, so shoes are optional. Meet at Chap's on Hwy 62 in Medford at 8:30am for breakfast or be there by 9:15am to caravan to Prospect (about 45 minutes). This ride is subject to the weather, so if in doubt, please call Karen at 245-8511.

Saturday, February 18th

We will be holding a special clinic for JCHA members and personal guests. Joyce Gay, Natural Horsemanship Trainer, and Jannalee Smithey, CST – CEMT, will jointly present a demo on natural horsemanship techniques and an osteopathic look at your horse and how to differentiate pain from attitude.

This demo will be held at the Lighthouse Stable at 14440 Hwy 62, which is between Rogue Equine Hospital and Hwy 234. It will begin promptly at 10:00am and go for about 4 hours. Bring a lawn chair and warm coat.

Sunday, March 5

JCHA's Family Fun Schooling Show. Open to the public, but there are special classes for JCHA members too!! Come join the fun. It begins at 9:00am in the Compton Arena. (See back page for all the info)

March Meeting

Date: March 8

Time: 7:00pm meeting

Place: IOOF Hall

1139 Hazel St., Central Point

Refreshments: Stacie Grier,
Brittany Morse and Carol Powers

Door Prize:

Stacie Grier and Brittany Morse

Northwest Trail Riders

St. Patrick Day Ride

*How about a beautiful day riding
in Crescent City???*



On Saturday, March 11, the Northwest Trail Riders are hosting a "Follow the Leprechauns" ride to the beach and through the dunes. The ride begins with lunch at 12:00pm. Riders may go out between 1:00-1:30pm to search for the Pot of Gold. Cost is \$6 for non-members. This includes lunch and a chance to win prizes.

Call Suzanne at 707-464-9093 or Debbie (in Medford) at 664-1635 for more information.

Directions to staging area: From Grants Pass take Hwy 199 west. Take the Washington Blvd exit off Hwy 101. Go right on Washington to Northcrest Drive and turn right. Go about 1/2 mile and take a left on Old Mill Road. Follow Old Mill Road to the Lake Earl Wildlife area (about 2 miles) and then go to the left on Sand Hill Rd. If you plan to stay overnight at the Del Norte Fairgrounds, please call ahead or the stalls will be locked - 707-464-9556.

From the President's Paddock

We lived through my first meeting as President of JCHA, and I want to thank you all for coming. Here it is Valentine's Day already... and sunshine for a change! What a beautiful day....spring is almost here.

Thank you for allowing me to take the reins of this fine organization for a while. Carol and I have been members for 4 or 5 years. We've taken part in a couple Trail Trials, Camp-outs and Lingo rides and been on a few rides with the Club. We've also been members of OET and helped with the corrals at Lily Glen.

I am getting better, but 5 years ago, I was pretty green at this horse thing. Some may remember my herd-bound steed screaming at Carol's horse from across Bear Creek through the brush during a Trail Trial. I was wondering if he was going to take off cross country! I did make it through that session unscathed, and am learning and trying to do better. Boy there is a lot to learn! I did have a horse when I was young. My grandfather gave me a cross-bred horse off the Oregon desert. No training, no instruction book and not much help. I figured that getting bucked off every time you got on was normal for a 2 year old white horse with white eyes and a 12 year old boy with more energy than brains. I really didn't want or expect to ever have another horse...and now I have five. Well, such is life. Sometimes the unexpected works out the best.

Since this is my first message, I should probably tell you a little bit about myself. I was born in Eugene and grew up in Harrisburg, a farming community north of there. I lived a young boy's life like Tom and Huck and worked for row-crop and seed farmers during the summers. I've had relatives down here since the late 50's and love the heat and dry weather. The moss between my toes is about gone, but still have webs. I was transferred into the valley in 1977 by a Savings and Loan, but quit them in order to try my luck at selling real estate. The recession and high interest rates of the early 80's took its toll and in 1984 I went to work for the Jackson County Assessor's Office. I would knock on doors to let people know we were going to change their tax value. (I sure made a lot of friends doing that work!) About 11 years ago, the County had an opening at the Road Department for a Right-of-way Agent (Real Property Specialist), which I got and really enjoy doing. I work in the Engineering section of Roads, assisting with the acquisition of additional land when needed to widen a road or build a new bridge. I contact and meet with the individual property owners around the projects and, usually, these people are not quite as sorry to see me knock on their door as when I was with the Assessor's office. My home is in the Sams Valley area and I live here with my beautiful, wonderful and extremely intelligent wife of 36 years (Carol), 5 horses (Shiloh, Sunny, Shasta, Rocky and Pete), 2 dogs (Kato and Boomer), 2 cats (Riley and Bear), 2 steers (no names...big mistake to name butcher steers), and 10 chickens (who names their chickens?).

I look forward to the coming year and getting to know all of you better. I will be counting on the wise guidance of members of the Board, and ask you to let me know if there's any issue you wish to be brought to a meeting. Thank you for the opportunity to be a part of this club.

Stay in the saddle,

Mike Lutz, President

Wild Horse Adoption

On February 24-25th a BLM Wild Horse Adoption will take place at the Josephine Fairgrounds in Grants Pass.

Contact BLM National Wild Horse and Burro Office at 1-866-4687 or the BLM Burns office at (541) 573-4400. Read about it on the web at www.wildhorseandburro.blm.gov.

JCHA 2006 Calendar of Events

February 18	Demo Clinic
March 5	Family Fun Horse Show
April 1	Trail Trials Clinic
April 8	Pear Blossom Parade
April 21-23	Red Bluff Roundup
May 21	Horse Trailer Rodeo
May 26-29	Campout at Willow Prairie
June 30- July 3	Lily Glen Campout
July 27-30	Quinn Meadow Campout
September 1-4	Coast Campout
October 7	Gymkhana
December 3	Christmas Tree Gathering
December 9	Christmas Party

Attention ALL JCHA Family Fun Horse Show Helpers!!

There will be a special meeting to discuss horse show issues and scheduling on Thursday, March 2nd at 6:30pm at Carol Dombrowsky's office – Mr. D's Insurance. It is located on Hawthorne St in Medford right across from Hawthorne Park. Call Carol at 821-2914 if you need directions.

J.C.H.A. Board of Directors

Mike Lutz.....	President.....	826-8196
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Eaglehorse Foundation Needs YOUR Help!!

As you may have read in the Mail Tribune, Eaglehorse, run by Jo Seby was broken into recently and several small saddles and other tack were stolen. This really puts a crimp in her ability to teach children to ride and care for horses!

Eaglehorse Foundation is a non-profit organization, which provides riding and other horse related experiences to anyone wanting to participate, regardless of age or income level. It is their belief that learning horsemanship and riding promotes self confidence, competence, patience, responsibility and teamwork. The lessons learned working with horses help provide skills which last a lifetime.

If you have any saddles or tack you would be willing to donate please call Jo at (541) 621-8935 or Jennie at (541) 301-6645. They also accept monetary donations! You can read the list of stolen items and all about the foundation at www.eaglehorse.net.

LILY GLEN EVENT IN QUESTION

At the February meeting it was brought up that some of the board members will not be present at the 4th of July Lily Glen Event due to other commitments. This raised a concern if there would be enough help to actually hold a gymkhana one day and trail horse trials with a LINGO ride the next day.

There was considerable discussion and the following suggestions were made:

- ask for a chairman and volunteers and go forward with the entire event
- reduce the size and length of the events and need less help to run it
- eliminate the public events and just have a fun campout for members and guests (we would keep the reservation and campers could pay the club).
- Cancel our reservations and don't do anything (we may lose \$100 on the cancellation).

PLEASE call or e-mail your comments to the board members or be at the March meeting because we will be making a decision.

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

FOR SALE: Red heeler puppies. 2 females and 1 male. Not papered but pure bred. \$50 each. Call 582-4880

FOR SALE: 20+ yr. old Sorrel Quarter horse gelding. Good for light trail work, due to age. Companion horse. Healthy and in good shape. Up-to-date vaccinations & dental. \$500 or best offer. Call Laura at 541-826-6382

FOR SALE: 2003 palomino paint gelding. Ricco is a short, stout, palomino paint gelding that has 90 days of professional training. He has a great temperament and would be good for a youth or lady due to his size. He is going to make a wonderful trail horse. Just needs miles put on him. He would also be a great 4H project. He is colored perfectly. Current on everything. \$3,800. Call Kathy Thomas 541 664-5719 or 541 601-0577

FOR SALE: 16 foot 4 horse stock trailer. Bumper pull, stored in barn. Floor and rubber are in great shape. Nice trail ride trailer. I've purchased a living quarter goose neck, so I need to make room in the barn. \$3,250 obo. Also, hog farrowing crate, rarely used, great shape, too busy with the horses to raise hogs \$100. Call 541-840-3692.

WANTED: Gaited trail horse. Must be experienced, registered, calm and reliable. Age, sex or breed is not important. Call Connie at 541- 899-7279

FOR SALE: 12-drawer Homak Tool Chest, 3 piece, locking, on rollers. Black with gold trim. Like new. \$200 obo. Call Debbie at 664-1635.

Crescent City's Kellogg Beach Area closed to ATV's

All off road vehicles (ATV's etc.) have been banned from the very popular Kellogg Beach. BUT "street legal" vehicles are allowed. (So locals are getting their ATV's legalized!!)



There is also a lot of confusion about where horses are still allowed. At the present time they can still access the beach but only on DESIGNATED trails. We will let you know as more develops on this issue.

Minutes from February 8, 2006

Submitted By Debbie Davenport

Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by President Mike Lutz. Roll call of the board showed everyone present. New members and guests were introduced. Thank you to the refreshment donors and door prize donor.

Motion was made and approved to accept the January minutes as printed in the newsletter.

Treasurer report, presented by Gina Ryan stated we currently have \$6,183.62 in the checking, savings and petty cash and \$2,000 in the Trail Enhancement fund. Report was approved.

Colleen Low announced no cards had been sent this month.

There were no club rides this past month and since the weather is so bad there are none planned for January.

Bill K. said a civil engineer had donated his time to help with Lily Glen. But, nothing has been done yet. Linda Stockdill is going to represent the equestrians at the Jacksonville Watershed meetings.

Karen said she would lead a trail ride the weekend of the 25th but not sure where as yet.

Mike recapped the Installation Dinner. It was slightly disorganized at Chap's but the food was good. We had about 28 in attendance. Stacie presented each 2005 board member with a little thank you gift.

Mike thanked Corey & Carla Resh and Carol D. for helping everyone at the community night at the Expo. They answered horse show questions and staged a mini show.

A reminder of the demo clinic on February 18th with Joyce Gay and Jannalee Smithey was announced.

Also a reminder of the fundraising horse show on March 5th. Carol announced a meeting for Horse Show helpers on March 2nd^t at her office at 6:30pm.

It was announced that some of the board members (Debbie, Mike and Gina) will not be attending the Lily Glen event over the 4th of July due to other commitments. Much discussion followed about whether to hold it or not. It was agreed to put a notice in the newsletter that we welcome comments and would discuss it at the March meeting. Karen M. commented that she felt board members should attend all the events including the campouts.

JF Sheppard dropped off a bunch of free Trail Rider magazines if anyone wants one. He writes an article in it each month.

It was announced that the annual Vet Symposium is coming up on Feb 27th at the Extension Office on Hanley Road beginning at 7:00pm, but not for sure. We haven't seen a flyer yet.

Mike said a question had come up at the last board meeting about keeping minutes for the board meetings and putting them on the website. All board meetings are open to anyone to attend. Mostly the members help put the newsletter together and talk about what should be discussed at the next regular meeting. They do not conduct business per se. He did not feel it was necessary at this time to post minutes from the meeting. The next Board meeting is on February 16th at 6:15pm at Marie Calendars.

Debbie announced the Pear Blossom Parade is April 8th and we need to send in our registration. Motion was made and approved to pay the \$35 registration fee. Also agreed to purchase vet wrap for the horses legs. Karen and Linda volunteered to pooper scoop. Also agreed to wear club gold t-shirts and blue jeans.

It was announced that Eaglehorse Foundation was burglarized and several saddles and tack were taken. They are looking for donations to replace the tack. Agreed to put it in the newsletter and if Jo still needed helmets maybe the club could make a donation.

Giddie Up Barkins Boutique in Talent is having a major moving sale.

A reminder that anyone who would like to lead a ride on their favorite trail this year should contact the board ASAP.

Gina reminded everyone of the Emergency Trailering List and to update their info.

Carol D. gave kudos to Jim Williford for stopping and helping a JCHA member in Grants Pass whose trailer tires caught on fire while going down the road.

Debbie talked about the problems at Crescent City with ATV's banned from the beach. She is going to the NWTR meeting tomorrow night and will follow up with more info.

Discussed whether to place an ad in the Equifair brochure this year and it was agreed that \$85 was too much so it was voted down.

Vicki Noelle won the 50/50 and Scott Doubleday won the door prize.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05pm.



Emergency Trailer/Horse Travel Assistance

Several club members had similar experiences with breakdowns in the past couple years. Even though they had towing insurance through AAA (with RV coverage) or other companies, the tow truck companies contracted would not haul horses because of the liability involved. Even if the towing company will tow your pickup and trailer, what do you do with your horses? Last year JCHA began maintaining a list of club members that would be willing to come get your trailer and/or horses. Club members who use this list would need to have towing insurance and the calling of assisting members on this list would be for an emergency only when the towing company won't haul your horses. The club member in trouble would be responsible for reimbursing the assisting member for their gas/diesel and any damage to their equipment and signing a release of liability form. The owner must handle and load their horses. If you would be willing to help out a club member in trouble as an assisting member, please complete the attached form concerning your willingness and capabilities and return it to Bill Ryan, 11322 Modoc Rd., White City, OR 97503 or e-mail it to him at wryan@medford.net. If you have any questions, give him a call at 826-8171. Also, if you complete a form and your information on the form changes, let him know ASAP. This Assistance list will be available to all members in the member's only section of the website and at the March meeting.

JCHA Emergency Trailer/Horse Travel Assistance

Name: _____ Date: _____

1. I would be willing to assist another JCHA member by hauling their horse trailer with horses back to the home of the member needing assistance. Yes / No.
2. I would be willing to assist another JCHA member by hauling their horses in my trailer back to the home of the member needing assistance . Yes / No.

3. My trailer towing capabilities are:

Bumper pull: Yes / No

Ball sizes: _____

Gooseneck: Yes / No

Type of electrical outlet: _____
(e.g., 5 prong, 7 prong (round pins) 7 prong (flat pins, etc.)

Trailer brakes capability: Yes / No.

Number of people I could haul in my truck: _____

4. Other information:

Number of horses I could haul in my trailer: _____

Restrictions on availability (e.g., work during the week and available on weekends, etc.)

Phone numbers: Home _____ Work _____ Cell _____

My Location _____

GPS capability: Yes / No

Weight restrictions: _____

Any other restrictions (e.g., distance, etc.): _____

JCHA FAMILY FUN SCHOOLING HORSE SHOW
Sunday, March 5, 2006 – 9:00am (Sign up 8:00am)
Isola Arena (Moved to the Compton Arena)
Jackson Co. Fairgrounds, Central Point, OR
~~ PAC Approved for APHA Competitors ~~

There are 47 classes in western, English, showmanship, halter, trail, pony driving, etc. Each event has a class for JCHA members only.

Non JCHA Members - \$6 per class OR \$60 for all day (includes a single membership to JCHA)
Current JCHA Members - \$4 per class OR \$40 for all day

High Point Awards to: 13 & under, 14 to 17, 18 to 38, 39 & over, JCHA Member,
Reining, Pony, Trail, Green Horse and Novice Rider.

All humane training aides allowed – No mechanical hackamores allowed
Show clothes not required

Trail Classes will run concurrently from 9:00am to 3:00pm.

For more information contact Carol Dombrowsky at 541-779-6017 or 541-821-2914
Or visit the website at www.rideJCHA.com

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