



Fence Talk

February 2007



Upcoming Events

March 4.....	Trail Trial Clinic
March 14	Club Meeting
March 18.....	JCHA Gymkhana

UPCOMING RIDES

Saturday, February 24 - *Note change in meeting place and time.*

Weather permitting Karen Matheny will lead a ride in Prospect at the Peninsula. This is an easy 2+ hour ride with good footing for shoeless horses. We will not be breaking for lunch on this short ride. Meet for breakfast at the Old Farmhouse on Hwy 62 just before White City at 8:00am or be there by 8:45 to head up to Prospect. Call Karen at 245-8511 if the weather is iffy.

Sunday, March 11 - *Note: Daylight savings time begins today so be sure and "spring forward one hour the night before".*

Weather permitting Debbie Davenport will lead a ride at MP 26 towards Willow Lake. This is an easy 2+ hour ride on old roads, with a little gravel in some spots. We will not be breaking for lunch. Meet at the Apple Peddler in White City at 9:00am for breakfast or at 9:45 to head up Hwy 140 to the 26 mile marker. Call Debbie at 664-1635 for more info and to be sure the ride is on.



Trail Horse Trials Clinic

Sunday, March 4

10:00am to 4:00pm

Place: Hilton's Barn at 6515 Truax Road in Central Point. (Directions: off Table Rock Road turn west on Gibbon Road, go about 1.5 miles and turn right on Truax Rd. Barn is on left about ¼ mile)

This clinic is open to members and guests only. The owner is charging \$5 per horse. So, please bring money and pay the owner when you sign the hold harmless agreement.

There will be many different types of obstacles set up. You can take your horse through them at your own pace. (There will be several horses in the arena at the same time doing different obstacles.) You can also ride the Greenway trail from here.

We are going to have a potluck lunch around 12:30pm. Hamburgers, hot dogs and the condiments will be provided by Jaspers!! Please bring a salad, dessert or chips to share. The Club will provide the table service, but bring your own beverages and chairs.

Call Karen Mathney at 245-8511 for more info.

March Meeting

Date: March 14

Time: 7:00pm meeting

Place: IOOF Hall

1139 Hazel St., Central Point

Refreshments: Tim & Judy Taylor, The Quint's & need one more!!

Door Prize:

Lisa Brostad

JCHA Calendars

There are still a few JCHA 2007 Calendar's left. This year's calendar lists all the proposed club rides and events, as well as other community activities. Also, this year it is devoted to horse camps in a day's drive from Medford.

The calendars are for members and we only ask for a donation to help cover the printing costs (\$4.30). If you would like to have one mailed to you, you do need to send at least \$1.50 to cover postage to: JCHA, PO Box 765, Medford, OR 97501. Call Debbie at 664-1635.

Spring Gymkhana
Sunday, March 18, 2007
Jackson Co. Fairgrounds
Krouse Barn
Sign up 8:30am
Games begin at 9:30am



This event is open to the public as well as club members. This is a special gymkhana to raise money to pay for our new electronic timers.

There are 5 age categories and 5 events. Cash prizes (\$3, \$2, \$1) go to the winners in each event. We also split each event into an A and B division so everyone – fast or slow – has a chance to win! High Point winners in each age category will receive a Gift Certificate to the Horse Blanket for \$30.

This is a FUN Gymkhana and a great way to get into the sport of barrel racing. Come on down, compete, or just watch. We can always use some help as well.

Cost to enter is \$30 for all five events providing you pre-register by March 9th. If you enter at the Gymkhana each event is \$7. Time only runs are \$3 each (not competing for cash or High Point).

Call Debbie at 664-1635 or Betty at 826-2190 for more information. A registration flyer can be downloaded on our website at www.ridejcha.com or is also available at the Horse Blanket.

Trail Horse Clinic

March 31 – April 1

Firefly Ranch Andalusians, White City

Presented by Hoover's of MJ Rising H Ranch

An in-depth clinic on communication, techniques, etiquette, etc for horse and rider.

Cost is \$270 for both days.

Call Dianne Berto at 541-826-8301

PEAR BLOSSOM PARADE

Saturday, April 14th

Downtown Medford

We have signed up to ride in the parade again this year. It is always a fun event for the club to participate in. The parade begins promptly at 11:00am. We need to be ready and in place by then. Please be at the staging area by 9:00am to saddle, wrap legs and get settled. The club will provide the wraps (blue and gold) and butt sashes. Please wear JCHA colors, preferably one of the club's gold and blue t-shirts or sweatshirts and dark blue jeans. Hats are optional.

PLEASE call Debbie at 664-1635 to sign up to ride in the parade.

Following are the parade guidelines. These guidelines are for your safety as well as the safety of the other members and spectators.

PARADE RIDING GUIDELINES

These guidelines have been created to keep members safe while riding in parades and in consideration of liability issues for both JCHA and the parade sponsors. Remember, you are representing JCHA in the parade, and you should uphold the standards of JCHA.

- Only members in good standing are eligible to ride in parades.
- Report to the parade starting point and be ready to ride on time. Allow plenty of time to saddle, wrap legs and attach your parade sash. And, to allow you horse to settle in before the parade starts.
- Keep a distance of six (6) feet between you and the rider in front of you. Keep a distance of three (3) to four (4) feet between the rider beside you and crowd.
- Riders 12 and under must wear a riding helmet.
- No stallions allowed.
- Members should wear JCHA colors (gold or blue) and boots. No tennis shoes or sandals.
- Members should ride at a walk, maintaining the appropriate distance between riders. No trotting, galloping, trick riding, etc. Pay attention to the horses in front of you and anticipate the next stopping point.
- If your horse acts up (nervous, rearing, bucking, running into other horses, etc.) you must get off your horse and walk. This is for your safety as well as those around you.
- No throwing anything from your horse, including candy.
- Safety and common sense should prevail.
- **Above all, relax, smile, wave and HAVE FUN!!!**

Northwest Horse Fair & Expo

March 23-25, 2007

Linn Co. Fair and Expo Center - Albany, OR

Reserve a room now!

Best Western (541) 928-6322	\$69-\$79/night
Comfort Suites (541) 928-2053	\$66-\$76/night
Days Inn & Suites (541) 928-5050	\$59-\$69/night

Trail Riding Guidelines

With the riding season approaching it's a good time to review the Club's guidelines.

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 or 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. Use the trail levels and definitions below to help you decide which ride(s) is the best for you and your horse. 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 REMEMBER.... A SMILE IS CONTAGIOUS ☺**

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

FOR SALE: Quality locker beef. Pasture, hay and grain fed. Half or whole. \$1.65/pound hanging weight. Call Mike Lutz at (541)944-9192.

FOR SALE: Two-horse Circle J trailer, straight load. \$1,700 Also, one-horse trailer, tall and wide. Perfect condition. \$1,700 Can also be seen at the Horse Blanket. Call Carol at (541)776-5197

NEED TO SELL ASAP: 42 hp diesel tractor - Allis Chalmers diesel, front loader, rear blade. \$4,500.00 For more information please call (541)621-2611.

FOR SALE: 15 yr old Palomino. She is a retired barrel horse. She can no longer run barrels, but she can be used as a trail horse, light riding horse, or a broodmare. No registration papers available. She needs and experienced rider. All offer considered. For more info call 541-621-2611

FOR SALE: 2004 Tennessee Walker gelding. Registered, started under saddle, nicely gaited, great disposition, Dam and Sire on premises. \$3,800. Call Kristy at 541-292-0175

STALLION SERVICE: 2003 Medicine Hat Paint Stallion - Summer Escalades. Call 541-830-0202 for more info.

FOR SALE: Absolutely adorable Fluffy Valentines - the ones that keep on giving. PEKE/POM puppies - Parti colors. 2 females at \$400 each, 1 male at \$350. Will have first shot and wormed. Call Margo at (541) 855-9522

FOR SALE: Get warm and cozy in this 5 person spa! Save \$\$\$\$\$ Like new, lightly used for 6 mos. Microban shell, (prohibits bacterial growth) 2 therapy seats plus a bench. 27 jets including hand and wrist, shoulder jets and neck/shoulder waterfall. Also has built in ice chest to keep drinks cold and a lockable, insulated cover and chemicals. Cost new was \$6,000, now \$2,500. Call Christine at 541-840-3843

From the President's Paddock

Hi Again,

Whoa, never thought I would be President, but I don't feel quite so anxious with such a great board to work with.

We had our first outing last weekend at the Lighthouse Stables. Carol Dombrowsky got Jan Norman to come show us how we can train our horses by using clickers or at least the sound of a clicker. You need lots of patience and lots of treats to do this, and with my hungry horse, I may run out of money buying treats before he actually learns anything. No difference, I had a great time and it was a beautiful day to get the ponies out of all the mud.

Hope we have good weather for our first ride this weekend. This is an easy ride on mostly granite, so even my tender footed horse can handle the terrain. Hope you can make it if it doesn't rain. We will have breakfast at the Old Farmhouse Restaurant (formally the Road Runner) on Hwy 62 just before White City on the left at 8:00 a.m. or be there by 8:45am to head to Prospect.

Our next big event is the Trail Trials Clinic at Shannon Hilton's arena off Truax Rd. We have some neat things planned to challenge your ponies, so be sure to come even if it isn't the best of weather. Shannon has lots of room to get out of the weather and lots of parking. After playing in the arena you can ride down her long drive to Bear Creek and ride over to the Greenway Trail. What fun!!!

The Gymkhana is next on the calendar. Be sure to send in your form that was in the newsletter last month, or get one at the event. There is something for everyone in this club - lots of fun and the best people in the valley. Well, here we go again, so little to do so much time. Strike that, reverse it!

See you on the trail,

Karen



Equestrian Event Calendar

(Events not sponsored by JCHA)

March 23-25 – Northwest Equine Expo in Albany

Mar 31- April 1 – Trail Horse Clinic, White City 541-826-8301

April 22 – NWTR After-Easter Ride, Crescent City 707-464-9093

May 5-6 – Klamath Falls Packing Clinic

May 19-20 – 2007 Equifair in Grants Pass 541-479-4791

May 27 – NWTR Lingo Ride, Crescent City 707-487-7109

June 9 – BCHO Poker Ride, Lake Selmac, 541-596-2488

Sept. 23 – NWTR Poker Ride, Crescent City 707-464-5895

Meeting Minutes – February 14, 2007

Submitted by Debbie Davenport

Karen Matheny. She thanked the refreshment and door prize donors.

The Rogue Valley Harmonizers sang two songs to the ladies in honor of Valentine's Day, compliments of Keith Brostad.

Roll call showed all board members present except for Keith Brostad who had to leave before the meeting. She asked new members and guests to stand up and introduce themselves.

Minutes from January were approved as printed in the newsletter.

Treasurers Report by Gina Ryan – We have \$2,557.08 in checking, \$42.56 in petty cash, \$4460.58 in money market account and \$2000 in the Joann Pool Trail Enhancement Fund. Question was raised why we didn't get interest on the Enhancement Fund. Gina will look into moving it to an interest bearing account. Report was approved.

Sunshine Report – Janet Lopez said she had not sent any cards as yet. Requests were made for cards to be sent to Keith Brostad, twisted ankle, Otis Hussey, pneumonia, and Linda Stockdill.

Amanda Moore gave a Junior Member report stating that Trail Dust was the end of February, SOBRA finals are on Feb 18th, and the 4-H spring shows are coming soon.

Bill Konantz talked about the Trail Coalition meeting. National Public Land's Day is June 23rd. They are asking for trail help from all organizations. The MRA is looking at buying 130 acres up near John's Peak. Linda Stockdill should have more on this after the next Jacksonville Forest Park meeting. He will be attending the next JC Parks meeting where fees for rafting guides will be the topic. Bill asked for a volunteer to take over as representative at the Trail Coalition meetings. Bill Ryan volunteered. Karen M. will also be available to attend when necessary.

Karen Matheny will lead a ride at the Prospect Peninsula on February 24th weather permitting. Debbie D. will lead a ride to MP 26 on March 11th weather permitting.

Debbie recapped the Installation Dinner held at the Elk's Lodge on Feb. 3rd. There were 46 in attendance. The meal was very good. Mike gave all the board members and a few key members a little memento and his thanks for a great year. The club presented Mike with the President's Belt Buckle.

Carol Dombrowsky announced Jan Norman's Clicker Training Demo is on February 17th at the Lighthouse Stables in Eagle Point. It begins at 1:00pm.

Clinic is set for March 4th at Hilton Arena on Truax Rd in Central Point. It will go rain or shine. Bring your \$5 per horse to participate. The Hilton's asked if their boarders could participate so the motion was made and approved to allow guests to this event. The Lenz's have agreed to provide the hamburgers, hot dogs and condiments for a nominal fee from Jaspers. Each family is asked to bring a dish to share for the potluck.

~~Debbie announced the Installation Dinner is at the Elk's and reservations need to be in by Jan 22nd.~~ Corrected March 14, 2007

The Pear Blossom Parade is April 14th. Motion was made and approved to participate and to send in our entry fee of \$35. The new leg wraps are in the works.

Debbie D. reminded all about the March 18th Gymkhana to raise money to pay for the new timers. She showed the timers to the group.

Red Bluff Roundup has only three names signed up so far. The last possible date to get money to Debbie is February 21st.

Reminders: this is the last chance to pay dues for 2007; the next meeting is March 14th; Equine Expo in Albany on March 23-25; and the Grants Pass Equifair is moved to May 19-20.

Scott Doubleday said the Sheriff's Posse did some major clean up on the Greenway. The horse trail is clear from the Expo to Blackwell Road. We still need to set a date to the JCHA portion of the trail behind the picnic area.

Dianne Berto announced she was hosting a Trail Horse Clinic in White City on March 31st.

50/50 was won by Judy Bailey and the two Door Prize's were won by Karen Matheny and Alex. Buckaroo Drawing was won by Grant & Judy Bailey for \$40!! Next month it will be back to \$20.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm.



J.C.H.A. 2007 Board of Directors

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ONE HOUR ON MARCH 11TH!!!