



January 2012

Welcome 2012 Board of Directors !!

President – Debbie Davenport

Vice-President – Scott Doubleday

Secretary – Mike Lutz

Treasurer – Robin Keeton

Hospitality – Karen Matheny

Sunshine – Carol Dombrowsky

At Large – Tal Thoms

Chiropractic Care Clinic

Sunday, February 19, 2012

1:00pm to 4:00pm

Lighthouse Stables, Eagle Point

Jim Shackelford will do a live horse demonstration on chiropractic care for lameness, way of going and behavior in horses. He will also talk about the magic of the horse and nutrition.

This free clinic is open to JCHA members and personal guests. Please bring a lawn chair and dress warmly. It will be in a covered arena, so will be held rain or shine. (Please, no horses or dogs.) Coffee, tea and hot chocolate will be provided.

Directions: From Medford – Take Hwy 62 east to Eagle Point, continue through Eagle Point about 3 miles to 14440 Hwy 62. The stable is off the road on the right, but there is a large Lighthouse Stable sign at the entrance (just past the green restaurant).

Call clinic chairman, Carol Dombrowsky, at 541-821- 2914 for more information.

Jim Shackelford, ESMT (Equine Sport Massage Therapist) is a specialist in horse rehab and behavior, founder of Natural Horse Wellness, and originator of the Moment Methods™. He is known for his unique and provocative clinics, taking us deep within a horse's energetic conversation with us by showing it hands-on.

He holds a Bachelor of Science degree from Colorado State University and is Certified in TCM Theory and Diagnostics by the Institute of China in Beijing. And, he is the author of the upcoming books: Realigning the Horse & Seeking to Liberate the Horse.

JACKSON COUNTY HORSEMAN'S ASSOCIATION

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Upcoming JCHA Events

- Installation Dinner - February 4
- Pear Blossom Parade - April 7
- Trail Horse Trial Clinic - April 14

What's Happening ~

Meeting Notice

Date: February 8, 2012

Time: FOOD 6:15 ~ Meeting 7:00

Place: I.O.O.F. Hall

1129 Hazel Street, Central Point

Refreshments provided by:

Debbie Davenport & need one more??

Door Prize provided by:

Karen House & Susan Thoms

JCHA Board Meeting

A board meeting of the 2011 & 2012 Board of Directors will take place on Tuesday, January 31st at 6:30pm at Round Table Pizza in the Poplar Square next to Best Buy.

Any club member may attend the board meetings held throughout the year. All board meetings will be announced on the club website. Please check for date, time and place as it may move around.

Rogue Valley Equestrian Trails Association Meeting (originally Bear Creek Greenway Equestrian Assn) - January 24th at 6:30pm at 1631 Avenue F, White City

Rogue Valley Chapter of Oregon Equestrian Trails - Re-organizational meeting - February 9th at 7:00pm at Abby's Pizza in White City

Ride JCHA Awards Program

Participants must be current JCHA members in good standing and must maintain current JCHA club membership for the entire time they participate in the Ride JCHA riding awards program. If JCHA club membership is not kept current, participant must resubmit an enrollment application and fee, hours are restarted at zero.

Ride a registered, grade, horse, mule or pony. Participants do not have to own the equine. Time may be recorded for any activity in which you participate by riding. One bonus hour will be awarded when participating in JCHA club activities such as horse shows, gymkhanas, and parades.

Hours are accrued in the saddle and are based on the honor system. Hours are submitted to the "Ride JCHA" committee on the official "Ride JCHA" Log sheet at each recognition level. Hours achieved will be posted on the JCHA website.

You may earn double hours when riding on trails in national and state parks, grasslands, and historic areas. This will help keep our parks open to horse riding by using the trail systems.

Everyone goes at their own rate, depending on weather, time availability, etc. More hours doesn't mean you have a better horse, but you just have more time to ride.

Submit an [enrollment application](#) and a one-time enrollment fee of \$15.00 for adults, \$7.50 for youth. Participants will receive an official Ride JCHA Program Patch and log sheet upon enrollment. For more information contact the committee chairman, Karen House, at 541-531-8703.

Award Levels -

25 hours - Bar Patch + ID tag

50 hours - Bar Patch + Cattle Bag

100 hours - Bar Patch + Trail First Aid Kit

500 hours - Bar Patch + Multi Tool

1500 hours - Bar Patch + Bronze Medallion

2000 Hours - Bar Patch + Award

3000 hours - Bar Patch + Silver Medallion

4000 hours - Bar Patch + Award

5000 hours - Bar Patch + Gold Medallion

JACKSON COUNTY HORSEMAN'S ASSOCIATION
Membership Renewal for 2012

Single Membership - \$15 ____ Adult (18+ years) \$10 ____ Junior (9-17)

Family Membership - \$30 ____
 (Two adults and children living in same household)

Name _____

Mailing address _____

City, ST, ZIP _____

Telephone _____

Do NOT list my telephone number on the membership roster

Email Address _____

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YES, I am willing to receive the monthly newsletter via the club website instead of snail mail to help save printing and mailing costs

Mail this completed form along with your check to:

JCHA
PO Box 765
Medford, OR 97501

Deadline to renew dues is February 8, 2012

REMINDER

Membership dues for 2012 are due and payable until the club meeting on February 8th. This year the dues for a junior member decreased to \$10. All others remained the same as they have been for many years!!

Please look at the mailing label on this newsletter. The year to the right of your name is when your membership expires. If it is 2011, then you need to renew. If it is 2012, then you are valid until the end of 2012. If it says Life or Hon, then you do not need to pay.

If you only receive the newsletter via email and the website, then I have included a list of names and expiration year in the body of the email.



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Installation Dinner ~

The annual Installation Dinner will be held on **Saturday, February 4, 2012** with doors opening at 5:30pm at the Elk's Club (Bud's Catering). It is located at 202 N Central Ave in downtown Medford. We will be honoring the new and outgoing Board of Directors. All club members and guests are welcome to attend.

Dinner will be (one-trip, buffet style) tri-tip and chicken, plus side dishes for \$15 per person. The no-host bar will also be open.

We must have payment prior to the dinner and do have to pay for the number we reserve. Please send a check and this form no later than **January 25, 2012**.

Installation Dinner Reservations
February 4, 2012

_____ # dinners at \$15 each

_____ Total amount enclosed

Name _____

Phone _____

Make check payable to JCHA and mail by

January 25, 2012 to:

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CHILI & CORNBREAD COOK-OFF WINNERS!



This year, eleven members brought chili to the annual meeting in January to compete for the coveted title of “**JCHA Prize Winning Chili**”.

About 50 members were present to taste-test all the chilies and cornbread and declared Carol Dombrowsky the winner of best chili!!! She received \$50 for her efforts.

Karen House was declared the cornbread winner for the second year in a row and won \$25 for her efforts!!

Congratulations Carol and Karen!!!

Quinn Meadows Campout

August 9-12, 2012

As announced via email last week Colleen was able to make a group reservation for this campout. But if you didn't get in on this, then you can still go to www.recreation.gov beginning Feb 9th and make your own reservation. Call Colleen Martin-Low at 541-560-3661 for more information.

More information on this campout will be available in coming months, but rest assured, it will be well organized, good trail maps, great food and plenty of camaraderie!!

Quinn Meadows is about 4 hours north of Medford near Bend on the Cascade Lakes Highway. Riding is into the beautiful Three Sisters Wilderness.

NORTHWEST HORSE FAIR

March 22-25, 2012

Linn Co. Fairgrounds, Albany

This major annual equine event is worth the 4 hour drive to Albany, OR. Every year there are different clinicians, vendors and activities.

They have released a tentative schedule that includes John Lyons and Julie Goodnight. This year's special event is the All-Breed Challenge.

For more information go online to:

<http://equinepromotions.net/northwest-horse-fair/>

If you are thinking of going, now is the time to secure a motel room!! They fill fast! (Here are some close by:)

Comfort Suites (541) 928-2053

Super 8 (541) 928-6322

Holiday Inn Express (541) 928-8820

Willow Prairie Campout

July 21-22, 2012

This is a fun, club campout right in our back yard!! Willow Prairie is only 30 miles east of White City. There are 10 beautiful sites with 4- horse corrals at each site.

The campout will be no-host (meaning no organized rides) but trail maps are available and if you are really unsure of the area there will be small groups going out that you can join.

There will be a potluck on Saturday night.

NOW is the time to make your reservation at Willow Prairie. Go to www.recreation.gov or call 1-877-444-6777.

Saddle UP for St Jude Benefit Ride

Saturday, June 16, 2012

Willow Prairie Horse Camp

Saddle Up for St. Jude is a volunteer-based fundraising event featuring horseback riding to raise money for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Participants can solicit sponsors willing to pay per mile of riding or a flat fee to sponsor your ride.

We are still in the planning stages for this JCHA sponsored event, but please put the date on you calendar NOW!! While this is a one-day event and trail ride, you can also make it a weekend campout. Make your reservations today for Willow Prairie Horse Camp. (As of today there are still five sites available.)

More information, sponsor forms, etc. will be available in the coming months. For more information contact event chairman, Karen Matheny, at 541-245-8511.



The gathering began at 6:15pm with the chili and cornbread cook-off. There were numerous other dishes provided too. Members took part in the tasting and were given the opportunity to vote for their favorite.

The annual meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Present Betty Moore. Roll call of the board showed all were present. Several new members were introduced.

Minutes from the December meeting were approved as printed in the last newsletter.

Treasurers Report – Robin Keeton reported we have \$5,502.99 in the checking account, \$42.56 in petty cash, \$3,012.68 in the CD and \$2,096.55 in the Joann Pool Equestrian Enhancement Fund, for a total of \$10,584.78. Report was approved.

Sunshine Report - Colleen Martin-Low said she sent a card to Dorcas Phelan for her mother passing and to the Rucker's for the loss of one of their horses. Couple members requested a card be sent to a former member, Dottie Smith, for the passing of her husband Bill. Also, Otis Hussey is at Three Fountains Rehabilitation Center after taking a hard fall.

Ride JCHA Awards Program Committee – Karen House announced this new program is underway and many members were signing up at the meeting. She had applications, Ride JCHA patches and logs ready to hand out. It is a one-time fee of \$15 to sign up. Logging the hours you ride is on the honor system. All the information will be on the website soon.

The Installation Dinner is set for Feb 4th at the Elk's Lodge. Cost is \$15 per person. Deadline to sign up is January 25th.

Scott Doubleday said he had to change the date of the Trail Horse Trial Clinic because Hilton's arena was not available until April 14th. Shannon Hilton donates the arena to us for this member and guest event. There is a \$5 per horse fee, payable to Shannon, to cover the cost of insurance.

Shari Woods reported on the changes with the Horse Show series. Amanda Brydon has stepped down from the committee due to health reasons (she is pregnant). Shari and Carol Dombrowsky said they are still willing to go forward with the series. She was questioned as to whether she feels she can get sponsors to make up the difference of the budgeted \$2200 and the projected cost of \$4500. She felt that sponsors and volunteers to run the shows will not be a problem. There was a motion passed last month to proceed with the series, but the committee needs to report to the membership at the April meeting and another vote will be taken whether to proceed based on updated info on sponsors and volunteer help. It was agreed to follow through with that motion.

Colleen Martin-Low announced she will be able to make a group reservation for Quinn Meadows this year and before the standard 6 months, thus eliminating all the reservation issues in the past. She will need to know by Jan 20th and have money by Jan 25th.

Nominations for Board of Directors were reopened. Mike Lutz was nominated as Secretary; Tal Thoms was nominated as At Large member. Linda Carlson and Vicki Noelle both declined the nomination as Secretary. Motion was made and approved to close nominations. Motion was made and approved to vote on the slate of directors by verbal vote. Vote taken approved the board as nominated – President, Debbie Davenport; Vice President, Scott Doubleday; Secretary, Mike Lutz; Treasurer, Robin Keeton; Sunshine, Carol Dombrowsky; Hospitality, Karen Matheny; and At Large, Tal Thoms.

Discussion was opened on the proposed bylaw changes. Several questions were asked and the member proposing the change answered as to why they felt the change was needed. Other members also gave their opinion on the changes. Voting for the bylaw changes followed by secret ballot. A short break was taken during the voting and tally.

New Business –

The club has a clinic on the calendar for February 19th. Carol Dombrowsky suggested getting Jim Shackelford, a local equine chiropractor, to do a clinic. Amanda Anderson volunteered to help her. Carol was appointed chairman of the member and personal guests only event.

Karen House, on behalf of Bruce House who was ill, presented an idea for a Volunteer & Participant Appreciation Program. Members who volunteer to help with events, etc and members who participate in club sponsored events can garner points. At the end of each year the members with a given amount of points will be eligible for a free Christmas Dinner or membership or some other form of recognition. We asked for volunteer committee members to help Bruce solidify the program and report back to the membership for a vote. Tal Thoms and Melody Bynum volunteered to help him.

Sarah Wheat, a junior club member, gave a presentation on why she would like to be awarded a sponsorship for 2012. She told about all the events she participates in with the high school equestrian team and what it costs to compete. Many members asked her questions and she responded promptly. She was thanked for her presentation and told that after sponsorship applications closed in April she would be informed if she receives one of the five \$100 sponsorships.

Winner of the chili cook-off is Carol Dombrowsky and the cornbread winner is Karen House. Both received checks for their efforts. The new Board of Directors was announced and the announcement made that all the proposed bylaw changes passed.

Request for an audit committee to go over the books with Robin – Vicki Noelle and Jackie Decker volunteered.

Door prize was won by Diane Schofield and the name drawn for the \$20 Buckaroo Drawing was Richard Smith. He was not present so next month it will be \$40.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25pm.

Jackson County Horseman's Association
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Don't forget to renew your membership!!
Please check the year next to your name on the label →



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HORSEMAN'S ASSOCIATION
2012 BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Debbie Davenport	President	890-6091
Scott Doubleday	V. President	450-3664
Mike Lutz	Secretary	826-8196
Robin Keeton	Treasurer	826-9257
Carol Dombrowsky	Sunshine	821-2914
Karen Matheny	Hospitality	245-8511
Tal Thoms	At Large	944-0256

**We're on the web
www.rideJCHA.com**

Community Equestrian Event Calendar

March 22-25, 2012 - Northwest Horse Fair and Expo, Albany OR

April 20-22, 2012 - Red Bluff Roundup Rodeo, Red Bluff, CA

May 4-6, 2012 - Klamath Falls Packing Clinic, Klamath Falls, OR

June 8-10, 2012 - Western States Horse Expo, Sacramento, CA