



Fence Talk

March 2004



Calendar of Events

March 19-21.....Equine Expo - Albany
March 27.....JCHA Gymkhana
April 6.....Expo Community Night
April 10.....Pear Blossom Parade
April 14.....Club Meeting

UPCOMING JCHA EVENTS

Saturday, March 20th

Karen Matheny will lead a ride to Medco Ponds. This is a very easy ride on nice ground. Pack a lunch, water and a jacket. Meet at the Road Runner Cafe on Hwy 62 just south of White City at 8:30am or be there by 9:15 to trailer up to Butte Falls. This ride is good for all levels of riders. Call Karen at 245-8511 for more info.

Saturday, March 27th

JCHA's (fundraising) Gymkhana at the Jackson Co. Expo. Open to all ages and horses. Sign up begins at 8:00am and the event begins at 10:00am. Call Bill Konantz at 899-4451 for more info. (If you would be willing to volunteer we could use some more help!) This event goes rain or shine.

Sunday, April 4th

Debbie Davenport will lead a ride up Stratton Creek out of Merlin. This ride is all on old roads (no vehicles) and follows above the Rogue River. It does not make a loop but we will ride out to a good lunch spot and then back. This ride is good for all levels of riders. Meet at Shari's Restaurant at the first Grants Pass exit at 8:30am or be there by 9:15 to trailer on up I-5 to Merlin and then down to the Hell Gate Bridge. Call Debbie at 282-0729 for more information.

April Meeting

Date: April 14

Time: 7:00pm meeting

Place: IOOF Hall

1139 Hazel St., Central Point

Refreshments: Bill & Nancy
Konantz, Vicki Noelle and
Joanne Pool

Door Prize: Denise Snyder

JCHA GYMKHANA

MARCH 27th



The Gymkhana is just around the corner! If you didn't pre-register you can still sign up at the event. We will be running six events and each one is \$5. Cash awards will be given to 4th place and a High Point Award will also be given to each age group.

The event begins with sign-ups from 8:00am to 9:30am. The games begin at 10:00am and will continue until all riders are done. If you would like to volunteer a couple of hours please call Bill at 899-4451 or Betty at 826-2190. You can also print out a flyer at www.ridejcha.com.

President's Podium

PEAR BLOSSOM PARADE

Howdy JCHAers!

If any of you are wondering, me, my horse, my trailer and my truck survived my first solo trailering outing to Joyce Gay's clinic several weeks ago. We made it with no mishaps! However, I was wrong. There is something more humbling than learning how to drive a truck with a horse trailer hooked up to the back of it. I found out just how uncoordinated I can be when Allee and I attended Joyce's three-day clinic. I don't know how many times Joyce had to correct me because I wasn't doing what she was asking and I can't count the times I hit myself with or wrapped the 12-foot lead rope I was using around one of my legs!

With this sunny weather we've been enjoying lately, I'm sure most of us have been thinking about trail riding. As you know, JCHA's trail bosses – Don Ferris, Karen Matheny, and Debbie Davenport – lead three trail rides most months. You can find out when, where, and what time by attending the JCHA monthly meeting or logging onto our website at: www.rideJCHA.com. Debbie also sends out an e-mail with the upcoming trail ride information following the monthly meeting and the rides will also be listed in "Fence Talk."

But thinking about trail riding also makes me think about what kind of shape the trails and horse camps are in. With funding for trail/camp maintenance at an all-time low, there may be many trails in our area that won't get cleared until much later in the riding season or won't get cleared at all. It's no fun to go on a ride and get so far down the trail only to have to turn right around and go back the way you just came because a tree is down and blocking the trail. Oregon Equestrian Trails and JCHA members have worked together on trail/camp maintenance projects in our area over the last several years, and I would ask each of you to consider joining a trail/camp maintenance work party this season. I know JCHA is a social riding group but I do think as riders and trail/camp users, we have a responsibility to help maintain the trails and camps we frequently use. I know some of you will not agree with me. I also know that this is why we pay our taxes. But the reality, I believe, is that trail/camp maintenance is towards the bottom of the priority funding list and will only sink lower on the list. I certainly don't want to see my favorite trails become unridable. Do you? Besides, work parties are a lot of fun, and they are a great way to meet new people and enjoy your horse and the outdoors! Okay, okay, I'll get off my soapbox!

So before this warm weather turns rainy again, get out there and **LET'S RIDE!**

Gina Ryan

This year's parade is on Saturday, April 10th, the day before Easter. The parade begins promptly at 11:00am. We need to be ready and in place by 11:30am. Please be there by 10:00am to saddle, vet wrap legs and get settled. The club will provide the vet wrap (blue and gold).

To get to the staging area take McAndrews Road to Summit Ave (across from Sage Road). Take Summit to E. Clark St. and turn left. Go to the end of E. Clark St. to the large parking area right next to the railroad tracks. Or, come into Medford on Court St. One block after Central Ave. begins turn right on E. Clark St. and cross the RR tracks.

PLEASE call Debbie at 282-0729 if you want to ride in the parade. We need to know how many to plan on. Also, the first 24 callers will get to use the butt sashes! If you would be interested in carrying a flag please let Debbie know as well.

The Board of Directors has adopted the following guidelines for parades. These guidelines are for your safety as well as the safety of the other members and spectators.

JACKSON COUNTY HORSEMAN'S ASSOCIATION PARADE RIDING GUIDELINE

These guidelines have been adopted by the Board to help 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 (plan for approximately one hour). Allow plenty of time to saddle, vet wrap your horses 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 need to 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!!!**

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

FOR SALE: Grass hay. \$3 per bale. Call Don Ferris at 541-826-7656.

FOR SALE: 2002 Reg. Arabian bay gelding. Very friendly and athletic. About 14 hands and still growing. He loads very easy and has been handled since birth. Would be a good project for a 4-H member. \$1800 Call Del or Betty 826-2190

WANTED: Youth saddle for an 8-year old to fit a full size horse. Call Charlotte at (541) 956-8925.

Tack Swap and Sale: 3/20 and 3/21. It will be from 9-5 at the "All American" Barn located at 2393 Rogue River Hwy about 1 mile north from Exit 45A. We are now taking reservations for tables to sell tack or horse related equipment and services. It will be in the covered arena so we are having the sale rain or shine. Hope to see you there! Call Cindy Wilson at 541-479-4791

FOR SALE: Two geldings, both well broke. Sunny is about 12 and Snipper is about 20. These belong to a lady that contacted me. Need to go together. I think about \$1500.00 for the pair. Call Michele & John-Paul Register 541-830-4999

Horsewoman Wanted for Housemate: Room for you and your horse at a great location 3 miles outside of Ashland toward Emigrant Lake. Nice home, incredible views (including the view of your horse), and generally a wonderful place to live. Master bedroom and private bath for \$550, or bedroom with shared bath for \$450. Prices include space for your horse. I would like to share my house with someone who wants to have fun riding together and share some of the chores associated with a horse addiction. Available in March. Call Lorie at 951-0490

FOR SALE: Bombproof, very nice buckskin mare. 12 yrs old, 14.1 -14.2 hands. Buttermilk with black mane & tail and black socks. She is a wonderful little foundation looking mare with tons of personality. Perfect for children or even an adult can ride her as she is stocky built. Only \$1200. Call Randy at 301-6058 or 830-5860

F.R. DODGE SADDLERY & LEATHERWORKS:

Featuring all kinds of saddle and tack repair, manufacturing any special tack need, custom made leather tack for show, pleasure, or special event prizes. No orders too small. Very affordable rates. Call for a quote or any repair needs you may have. Call Randy at 301-6058 or 830-5860

FOR SALE: 4 yr. old black BS Paint gelding. 4 white socks and white blaze on face. Great trail horse, started on working cattle and roping. Only \$1500. For more info call Randy at 301-6058 or 301-7696

Community Night at the Expo

Community Night is happening one more month and we have the Barker Barn again. The gates open at 5:30pm and close at 8:30pm.

Remember safety comes first. Please wear appropriate clothing, boots and head gear. Please keep your horse under control at all times. This is a confined area and we want everyone to be able to enjoy the activity.



!! HORSE ALERT !!

Have you seen this horse? If you have any information contact Res Q Ranch at (541) 830-4999 immediately.



JCHA LINGO RIDE

We are holding an open to the public LINGO Ride on **Sunday, June 13th**. The event will be held at the Willow Prairie Horse Camp Day Use area. If you would like to make a weekend of it, call ReserveUSA (1-877-444-6777) and make a reservation at Willow Prairie Horse Camp. We can flag trail on Saturday and also have a campfire get-together that night.

Sign up begins at 10:00am on Sunday with the last rider out by 12:00pm. LINGO Cards are \$5 each or 3 for \$12. Money pot goes to the winner. Flyers will be sent out to the public next month.



LILY GLEN SURVEY REMINDER

If you have not completed the short survey for the Lily Glen Barn Rebuild yet you have until April 1st to do so. The survey can be done online at www.lilyglenbarn.org or at most of the tack and feed stores in town.

This is a very important survey to determine the direction the rebuild will take.

J.C.H.A. Board of Directors

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 Debbie Davenport.....Secretary.....282-0729
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 Carol Lutz.....Refreshments.....826-8196
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www.rideJCHA.com

Since February 18th you can now enter the member's only section by typing in the address:

www.ridejcha.com/2004_member

We have just made it even easier to enter the site. On the JCHA logo at the top of the first page, place



your cursor in the lower right corner and it becomes a hand. Double click and you will go right to the Member's Only section.

Remember, the entire site is updated frequently with new information on upcoming events, new classified ads and more! Check out the calendar page for any changes in rides or events. Click on any underlined event and link to a special page.

If you would like to add anything to the site (new links, classifieds, up coming events with other groups, etc) please e-mail Debbie at info@ridejcha.com or call her at 541-282-0729.

SAVING POSTAGE

Michele Register recently presented the suggestion that we could save postage and printing costs by **not mailing** the newsletter to those members who have the ability to go to the website and print it out. Not only will you get it sooner than by US mail, but you will ALWAYS know where your newsletter is too AND you can print it in color!! Debbie will send out an e-mail as soon as the monthly newsletter is ready to view.

If you would like to help save the club some money, give this a try this month and then contact Debbie at 282-0729 and request to be removed from the mailing list. At any time you can request to be put back on the mailing list.

SILKSCREEN APPAREL ORDER

We are going to be ordering apparel on **March 24th**. At this time the only option is the standard logo (as seen in the website article) in small on the front shoulder and large on the back. Listed below are the items available and the prices. PLEASE e-mail or call Debbie as soon as possible with your order. We plan to have this back in time for the parade on April 10th.

Beefy-T Shirts

Adult Sizes: S-3XL

Youth Sizes: XS-XL

Colors:

White, Gold, Black, Navy,

Red, Royal Blue,

Forest Green, Teal

S-XL \$10 2-3X \$12



Crewneck Sweatshirt

Adult Sizes: S-3XL

Youth Sizes: S-XL

Colors:

Royal Blue, Gold, White,

Black, Navy, Red,

Forest Green

S-XL \$18, 2-3X \$20



Hooded Sweatshirt

Adult Sizes: S-2XL, Youth Size: S-L

Colors:

Royal Blue, Gold, White, Black, Navy, Red, Forest Green

S-XL \$23, 2-3X \$25

Lined Windbreaker

Adult Sizes only: XS-3XL

Colors:

Royal blue, Gold, Red, Black,

Navy, Kelly Green, White,

Light Blue

S-XL \$25, 2-3X \$27



Northwest Trail Riders

LINGO Ride

On **Sunday, April 18th**, the riding club at Crescent City will be holding their annual LINGO Ride into the redwoods via the Mill Creek Equestrian Trail. Ride begins at 10:00am. This is a beautiful time of the year to enjoy the redwoods, and you might even go home a winner!

Call Linda Athey at (707) 482-8845 for more information.

TRAIL TALK By Karen Matheny

Hi Again

Spring has sprung, the flowers are in full bloom and the ponies are loosing their hair. The birds are making their nests now so put your pony's hair on top of a post somewhere so the birds can get it so they may have a nice soft place to lay their eggs.

I just got back from the High School Boys Basketball State finals and had a great time. Our boys from the south lost their first game, but came back fighting and got 4th place in the State, not bad. The last game was a nail biter going into overtime 4 times before we pulled ahead and won. I was glad to get back home, so the minute I got here I called my bud Joanne and off we went for a ride on the Greenway. We found that the creek was a little to high to cross so we went back up to the road and rode what she calls the mile line, which goes along the road by houses part of the way. Lucky, who is normally a very calm and cool horse, found himself surrounded by a lot of unknown territory. He had horses running up to him from pastures, dogs barking and running, and goats bleating. The straw that broke his back was a small donkey braying on one side and while trying to figure this out, two dogs ran at him from the other side. He had it and blew up and out into the middle of the road, tail up and snorting. Lucky there was no car coming or I would not be writing this newsletter. I guess I learned my lesson about riding along roads, and I remember how dangerous it can be if your horse is not used to the noise and general activity. Joanne's horse, Drift, was just as calm as a cucumber, but he has ridden this a million times.

Don Ferris had another experience that all horse back riders hope never to happen to them. He and Bill Konantz decided to check out the Collins Mt. trail up at Applegate Lake before he hauled our group out there for a ride. The first thing they found was a locked parking lot, but found a place to park along side the road so off they went. They came across two large blow downs, but were able to go around them successfully up to their lunch spot at the Bigfoot trap. After this, they had to cross over a large rock that can be very slippery and we've had horses fall on their knees more than once, but Don has never had a problem there so they went on up. This time Don's horse slipped and down he went and kept falling down the hill rolling over and over. He finally stopped and Don went down and took his saddle off. He then proceeded to fall a little farther before coming to rest. He then rolled over and stood up and seemed to be fine, but Don gave him a week off to rest. Gina Ryan gave him a horse to use for last week's ride. I guess they found out there was too much snow at Union Creek, so decided to ride on Worthington Rd. It was such a beautiful day, I'm sure they had a wonderful ride. With all the wind last year we may find other trails hard to traverse, but hopefully the Forest Service will be in there soon and start clearing.

The weather looks great for my ride this Saturday, so be sure to come along and enjoy the nice day, a shorter ride and a great lunch along the Medco Ponds.

Thanks to Debra Francis for taking 9 riders on last month's ride up at Williams. They had a good ride along some roads and trails in the mountains. We really appreciate it when a club member comes forward and is willing to take our group for a ride. We learn new trails and see something different.

Remember to get your surveys in for Lily Glen; they need all the input they can get to decide what to erect on the old site. **SEE YOU ON THE TRAIL!**

KAREN

The Southern Oregon Chapter of ODS proudly presents

A Musical Freestyle Clinic with Barbara Gardner

April 17 & 18 2004 at

Wagner Creek Farm, in Talent, Oregon

Come and create the perfect Musical Freestyle for you and your equine partner, with a Performance Opportunity in the not-to-distant future: Sign up as a Demonstration Rider at the Saturday evening performance of the July 3 & 4 Stars & Stripes Recognized Show at the Jackson County Expo!

Barbara Gardner is well known for her innovative style, musical flair, and creative combinations of theater and dance. Her competition programs have been seen in World Cup competitions and the Olympics. *Space:* There is space for up to 16 riders, and lots of room for auditors. Barbara is emphatic about this clinic being as beneficial to auditors as riders, as there is so much activity taking place on the ground. So plan to join us!

Fees: Riders: \$80 each day, \$160 for both Sat & Sun (non-ODS members, \$165 for both days)

Auditors: \$45 for both days (\$25 for single day)(non-ODS members, \$50 for both days/ \$28 for one day)

(Note: Fees include refreshments Saturday and Sunday (but bring some lunch) and Saturday evening dinner.)

To register to ride or audit, or for more information, call Jannalee Smithey at 541.535.6607 (cell phone: 541.261.2338).

Minutes from March 10, 2004

By Debbie Davenport

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm by President Gina Ryan. She made announcements about calendars sales, clicker training; Riders in Defense and signing up to bring refreshments. Roll call showed all board members present. Gina thanked the refreshment donors and the Konantz's and Brostad's for donating the saddle rack for the door prize. New members and guests introduced themselves.

Minutes from the February meeting were approved as printed in the newsletter. Debbie read correspondence from the 4-H council requesting a donation again this year. She announced the newsletter deadline is Sunday, March 14th. Judy B. asked if the newsletter could be put on the website and Debbie told her it has been. It is on the Members Only section since it is one of the perks of being a member. Several members said they still could not access the members only section and discussion followed. Nancy's treasurer report showed a current balance of \$5,184.75. Report was approved.

Mandy gave the Sunshine Report stating that they had just received a call that Gary Matheny's step-dad passed away and they would get a card sent to him. She asked if anyone knew of any other people who needed cards.

Bill Konantz reported on the Lily Glen Barn Rebuild. The survey boxes are out and it is online too. About 160 have responded online so far. The deadline is April 1st. He also report on the Trail Coalition meeting. They discussed the trail head effected by the Trail Park Pass has been reduced. BLM is also attending these meetings now. They are trying to get a chain saw certification set up in this area in the near future.

Don Ferris reported on the project by Crater Lake National Park. They plan to reconstruct and move part of the PCT from Stuart Falls to the Hwy 62 crossing. He requested Gina send a letter expressing our approval of this project. BLM is asking for project ideas so Don is submitting one for the Worthington Road trail system. Don's ride last month was at Williams. Nine members attended the ride that was coordinated by Debra Frances. He also related the story of the ride that he and Bill Konantz took a couple of days ago up Collings Mtn. Don's next ride on 3/13 will be up by Union Creek on the Upper Rogue River Trail.

Karen Matheny reported that only 6 attended her last ride up Roxy Ann. Her next ride is 3/20 to Medco Ponds.

Debbie D. said her next ride will be on 4/4 going to Stratton Creek in Grants Pass.

Karen Matheny reported that the Audit Committee met and went over the books with Nancy. They were very pleased on the accounting method and everything was in order.

Gina asked everyone to look at the proposed budget that the Board had put together. A couple of questions were asked and then the budget was approved.

Gina thanked Linda Stockdill for a successful clinic on 2/21. About 20 members came to see her display on Natural Hoof Grooming.

Bill Konantz reported that the Gymkhana is March 27th and we have quite a few volunteers but could always use more.

Debbie discussed the Parade Guidelines that the board had adopted. This is to ensure the safety of everyone involved and to make JCHA a unified group. Motion was made and approved to pay the \$35 fee to ride in the Pear Blossom Parade on April 10th.

Debbie said she would chair the Lingo Ride and wanted to hold it at Willow Prairie Horse Camp. The ride is on Sunday, June 13th so people can reserve a site and spend the weekend if they wish.

The 50/50 pot was won by Bev Ford and the door prize was won by Debbie Davenport (yah-hoo!). Meeting was adjourned at 8:20pm.

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