



March 2009

JCHA Spring Gymkhana Fundraiser

Our Spring Gymkhana is set for Saturday, April 25th in the Krouse Barn at the JC Fairgrounds beginning at 8:30 am. This event is open to the public as well as club members.

There are five age categories and five events—Texas barrels, speed barrels, keyway, bi-rangle and single stake. 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. We need people to score keep, open gates, rake, etc.

Cost to enter is \$30 for all five events providing you pre-register by April 13th. 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 (541)664-1635 or Betty at (541)826-2190 for more information. A flyer / registration can be downloaded from our website at www.ridejcha.com.

Pear Blossom Parade

The parade is on **Saturday, April 11th** in downtown Medford. We have volunteers to carry the club banner and American flag. But, we need a volunteer or two to do the pooper scooping. You can walk or bring a 4-wheeler and trailer.

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 t-shirts or sweatshirts and dark blue jeans. Hats are optional. Boots are required.

Directions to the staging area: take McAndrews Road west to Summit Ave (across from Sage Road). Take Summit to East Clark St. and turn left. Go to the end of E. Clark St. to the large parking area right next to the railroad tracks (Clark makes a jog to the right and left just before the parking area). Check in with Betty when you arrive.

If you are interested in helping or riding your horse in the parade, please contact Betty Moore at 826-2190 by April 8th. If you are new to riding with the club in a parade please read the parade guidelines on our website.

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Upcoming JCHA Events

- April 11*Pear Blossom Parade*
- April 25.....*Gymkhana*
- May 9-10..... *Willow Prairie Cleanup*

What's Happening ~

April Meeting Notice

Date: April 8, 2009

Time: 7:00pm

Place: I.O.O.F. Hall

1129 Hazel Street, Central Point

Refreshments provided by:

Sharon Andersen and Susan Thoms

Door Prize provided by:

Vicki Noelle

Notice:

The **Equine Stretch & Massage Clinic** will NOT be held on April 4th. Kim Samitore will be busy at the Equi-Fair at the Jackson County Fairgrounds. This clinic will be re-scheduled at a later date.

Also:

NO club rides were planned this month or April due to the weather and other events.

Meet Mereena Anderson - JCHA Junior Board Member

Hello everyone—I am 15 years old and a freshman at Crater High School and currently in the Natural Sciences small school there. I am involved in advanced animal science classes while being on Honor Roll. I am also participating in the FFA program this year and planning on showing and selling a pig at the 2009 Jackson County Fair. I will be showing a horse at the fair as well, this will be my 5th year showing in 4-H with my same horse. He is a 9 year old Arabian gelding named Smokey, he is about 14.2 hands and is a beautiful gray. I have done all the training on him since he was 4 and was able to receive a Reserve Champion placing in English Equitation my first year showing him at Fair. Smokey and I love riding English and western as well as trail riding, some gaming, and we previously jumped together. I look forward to being the JCHA Junior Member.



Classified Ads ~

SERVICE: Quality tune-ups for your horse. Guaranteed miles and many hours on a variety of terrain. Proven results! Call now to reserve your space so your horse will be ready for the coming trail riding season. Also available, private training for rider and horse. Fred and Carrie West (Williams, Or) 541-761-1511

FOR RENT: 2,000 sq ft beautiful custom home built in 2003 with 3 bedroom 2 bath, fireplace, 2 car garage, light and open. South Medford on one acre, with lots of parking, 2 stalls, round pen, tack room and hay storage. Horses welcome, other pets on approval. \$1,300 mo. plus deposit, ready now. Please call Diane at (541) 840-3248

FOR SALE: Simple silver headstall, basket weave pattern with heavy Weaver split reins and Schleister high port bit. Comes with a carrying bag. New, \$200.00 obo. Call Ed Oliver at 541-821-0134

FOR SALE: Grass hay, about 65# bales, \$5.50 each. Call Don Ferris at 541-826-7656

FOR SALE: 2 Arabian mares. Both broke, in good health and sound. Kelsea is a gray, 15h, 15 year old Trail / Endurance horse. She has successfully completed 30 and 50 mile races and her records can be viewed on the AERC site. National Grace is a 14.2h Liver Chestnut, 15 years old, out of National Fame and was mostly used for trail. \$1000 each or \$1500 for both / offer. Also open to a lease / option. Christine Evison (541) 826-5050

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by President Betty Moore. Roll call showed all board members present. Betty thanked the members who donated the refreshments and door prize. She welcomed a guest, Kathy, who has attended our meetings before.

Minutes from the February meeting were approved as printed in the newsletter. Treasurer’s Report –given by Gina Ryan -Checking Account \$3450.82, Money Market Account \$4,489.65 JP Equestrian Fund \$1,757.00, Petty Cash \$42.56. Bills were submitted for the Trail Clinic. Report and bills were approved.

Sunshine report was given by Karen Matheny. She sent a card to Ray Note’s family. No one knew of anyone needing cards.

Carmelita attended the Handicap Group meeting that is doing the work at the fairgrounds. The Rogue River Greenway meeting also discussed the Solutions Team that is working on the Gold Ray road project. Not much happening with any of the committees—not much forward motion.

Mike and Scott announced the Bear Cr. Equestrian Greenway committee will be holding a work party under the Upton Bridge to spread chips on Saturday, March 21st. Meet at Gate 5 at the fairgrounds at 9:00am. This group had two ladies from Cave Junction come talk about a new trail in their area. Scott D. suggested we get them to come talk to JCHA and everyone agreed. Hope Robertson will be talking at the next greenway meeting on March 24th.

There were no trail rides last month and none scheduled for this month. It is too wet and snowy.

Mike Lutz gave an recap on the hoof clinic. About seven people attended. Vicki Noelle said she already used some of the info when she had her horse trimmed this week. Scott felt it was more directed to shoeless than hoof care.

Karen M. gave a recap on the Trail Clinic. It was attended by about 50 people. She thanked all those that came early to help and special thanks to the Carter’s for cooking great burgers! Leftover food was donated to the Gospel Mission. Karen will send a thank you card to Shannon Hilton.

Everyone joined in to congratulate Betty Moore for winning a saddle in the SOBRA 4D competition.

Kim Samitore said she would like to postpone the Equine stretching and massage clinic on April 4th. That is the same time as the Equi-fair at the fairgrounds and she needs to be there. All agreed it was not a problem. Another date will be set later.

Kim Samitore talked about the Horse Show in June. She may have a free judge. She will have the flyer out by the end of the month.

Debbie said the spring gymkhana is set for April 25th. There are flyers out already.

Discussed the upcoming Pear Blossom Parade on April 11th. Betty has received a few calls for riders. Karen can’t do the pooper scooper so we need a volunteer.

Betty announced that the board has approved Mereena Anderson as the new Junior Board Member.

Brief discussion about Lily Glen Campout over July 3-5. Need to form a committee to plan the event. Please call Betty if you are willing to help.

Debbie said she had read about the stimulus money being given to the Forest Service and has contacted the High Cascades Ranger to have a meeting and discussion potential areas of concern.

Debbie read the correspondence from the last couple months—thank you letters from the 4-H, Back County Horsemen and PCTA.

Scott Doubleday brought up the tabled discussion about cancelling a meeting this year. It was agreed that the only meeting that would NOT be held would be August which was voted on last month.

It was noted an audit had not been done. Gina said that Carol Lutz and Carol Powers had volunteered but they had not been able to get together.

Kim Samitore wondered about how to go about changing the bylaws. She and a few others are wanting to change the date of the elections so that the new board will begin in January instead of February. The bylaws can only be changed at the annual meeting which is the January meeting or at a special meeting called for that purpose. She said no one knows this so wanted a note in the newsletter about changing the bylaws.

The door prize was won by Dave Doran and Ron Mente won the 50/50 drawing. Name drawn for the \$20 Buckaroo Drawing was John & Patty Puccini but they were not present so next month it will be \$40.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45pm.

BYLAW AMENDMENT INFO

Any member of JCHA can propose amendments to the current Bylaws. Below is the excerpt from the bylaws concerning changes. (Note: the annual meeting is in January.) The entire bylaws are available on our website in the members section.

ARTICLE IX
Amendment

Section 1. These Bylaws may be amended or repealed by a 2/3 majority vote of the voting members of said Corporation present at a regular annual meeting or at any special meeting of the membership called for that purpose. Changes to the Bylaws must be provided, in writing, to the members no less than ten (10) days prior to the meeting.

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Mereena Anderson	Jr. Member	831-1052

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

HELP WANTED: Lily Glen Campout & Events

We have reserved Lily Glen Group Area A for July 3 & 4th. We need a committee to start planning the event that will be open to the public. There has been discussion about holding a trail trials, trail ride and/or a gymkhana.

If you are willing to help with this endeavor please call Betty Moore at 541-826-2190 before April 8th. This event takes some planning and July will be here before we know it!

PLEASE pitch in to make this event a success.

Community Equestrian Event Calendar

March 20-22, 2009 *Northwest Horse Fair and Expo, Albany*
<http://equinepromotions.net/NWHorseFair/NWHFHome.html>

March 24, 2009 *Bear Creek Greenway Equestrian meeting*
6:00pm at Applebee's in Medford

May 2-3, 2009 *Klamath Falls Packing Clinic*
<http://www.hdtrbch.org/>

May 30-31 *Clinton Anderson Clinic, Klamath Falls Fairgrounds*
<http://downunderhorsemanship.com/>