



November 2011

Proposed 2012 Calendar of Events

The following calendar was drafted at the November meeting . It will be voted on at the December meeting, so if you would like to propose any changes please be at the meeting or let one of the board members know in advance. Note that the events in **bold** are club fundraisers open to the public. The events in *italics* are NOT club functions, but of importance when creating the calendar.

January 11	Annual Meeting, elections & chili cook off
February 4	Installation Dinner
February 19	Clinic/Seminar for members
March 3	Trail Horse Trial Clinic
<i>March 22-25</i>	<i>Northwest Horse Fair – Albany</i>
April 7	Pear Blossom Parade
<i>April 20-22</i>	<i>Red Bluff Roundup</i>
April 28	Spring Gymkhana
<i>May 4-6</i>	<i>Klamath Falls Packing Clinic</i>
May 19-20	Willow Prairie Work Party
<i>May 31-June 2</i>	<i>Central Point's Wild Rogue Pro Rodeo</i>
June 10	Horse Show (1 of 3)
June 16	St Jude Ride, Willow Prairie
June 29-July 1	Lily Glen Campout & Events
July 21-22	Willow Prairie Campout
Aug 5	Horse Show (2 of 3)
Aug 8-12	Quinn Meadows Campout
Aug 31-Sept 3	Crescent City Campout
Sept 15	Lily Glen Lingo/Poker Ride
October 7	Horse Show (3 of 3)
Dec 2	Christmas Tree Gathering
Dec 8	Christmas Party

JACKSON COUNTY HORSEMAN'S ASSOCIATION

Fence Talk

REMINDERS—

- Nominations for 2012 Board of Directors will be accepted at the December meeting and voted on at the Annual Meeting in January. Please consider running for an office.
- Any changes to the bylaws should be presented to the membership at the December meeting to be voted on at the January meeting.

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Upcoming JCHA Events

- *Christmas Tree Gathering - Dec 4*
- *Christmas Party - Dec 10*
- *Annual Meeting - January 11*

What's Happening ~

Monthly Meeting Notice

Date: December 14, 2011

Time: 7:00pm

Place: I.O.O.F. Hall

1129 Hazel Street, Central Point

Refreshments provided by:

Karen House and Robin Keeton

Door Prize provided by:

Debbie Davenport

Christmas Tree Gathering

Sunday, December 4th

This is a fun event for members and guests. NO breakfast this year.

If you want to caravan, meet at the Brownsboro Rd/Hwy 140 intersection at 10:00am. We will go up to the entrance to Willow Prairie Horse Camp (Hwy 140 to Rd 821) Depending on the snow, we will set up camp right there and then everyone can head out for a tree. You can bring 4-wheelers, etc.

Also, bring some firewood, a potluck dish to share, table service and little table if you have one. Be sure and get your tree permit at one of the Forest Service offices prior to the outing. Call Betty at 541-951-0949 if you need more info.



ASHLAND WATERSHED TRAILS MEETING

Saturday, November 19th

4:00pm to 6:00pm

Bellview Grange,

1050 Tolman Cr Rd

Even if you don't live in the Ashland area, please come to this meeting to show your support of separation of use trails for equestrians and hikers on this vast trail system.

Contact Joy Lowell at 541-951-3008 for more information or to sign a petition.

Members Only trail ride -

Weather permitting on **Sunday, November 27th**, Robin Keeton will lead a ride on the Worthington Trails out of Eagle Point. This is the area that she has been doing a couple exploratory rides to see what trails are passable. It is a little steep in a couple areas, but most of it meanders through open meadows all the way to the top. The ride is about 3 hours long. Bring a snack and water, and a coat of course.

Be at the trailhead at 10:00am. Go up Worthington Road to the school bus turnaround, then come back to the trailhead gate and park along the RIGHT side of the road. (look on www.ridejcha.com for directions)

Please call Robin at 541-826-9257 to let her know if you are attending.



Happy Thanksgiving

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

For Sale - 3 Terrific Horses - Bargain Prices! Need to Downsize; looking for good homes. CASEY - 8. Sweet natured bay mare, black mane & tail, white blaze, very pretty face. Green broke only. Proven good brood mare. Needs more time under saddle. Friendly. Just \$550. **FAWN** - 4. (Born 5-3-07). Striking pastel sorrel with white blaze, 3 stockings, flaxen mane & tail. (Dam a sorrel & white paint, sire a black & white paint.) Leads, loads, and had some time in round pen (seems to have her mother's bright mind), has been wormed & trimmed. Friendly and inquisitive. Also has been walked down the road 1-1/2 miles several times. Good, fast walk, will be great for trail riding! Just \$500. **RUTHIE** - 4. (Born 5-18-07.) A beautiful chestnut Quarter horse/Arabian. Dam (Fancy) a registered Arabian. Sire (Fudge Bar) just 4 generations from Wimpy P1, first registered Quarter horse, so terrific lineage! Beautiful face, good natured, very friendly. Leads, loads, and has some time in round pen, wormed, trimmed. Has been walked down the road without other horses, always good training for green young horses! A good mind. Responsive to any time spent with her. Sweet & friendly. Just \$500. Call: Jeani King at 541-826-5016 or email jeani@the-cutting-edge.org

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm by President Betty Moore. Betty did roll call of the board and all were present except for Colleen Low, but she came in a little later. Betty welcomed members and guests, and new members were introduced. She thanked the refreshment and door prize donors.

Debbie Davenport asked if all members had read the October minutes posted in the newsletter and if there were any changes or corrections. Motion was made and approved to accept the minutes as printed.

Robin Keeton gave the Treasurer's Report: Checking account: \$7901.61; petty cash \$42.56; 1-year CD \$3007.75; JP Equestrian Fund \$2071.02, for a total of \$13,022.94. Report was approved.

Sunshine Report: Colleen Low said she sent a card to Jackie Decker.

Debbie reported that the Muir Creek Ride on Oct 15 had 18 riders. Weather was perfect! All went well except for a few bees and the mule who didn't like the bridge, but all survived!

Robin reported she has done two rides up on the Worthington trails to get a feel of the area and get input from other riders. There are a couple possible loops and miles of riding. More flagging needs to be put up. This area does get muddy so wintertime riding will not be possible. Discussed the pros and cons of following through with BLM in getting the area closed to OHVs. One concern is whether the trails will soon become overgrown without the extra traffic. Other concern is the OHVs are tearing up the trail on the steep sections, so much that they are not passable on horseback. Debbie suggested we go ahead and pursue it since it will not happen very soon since it is a government entity. Robin would like to plan another ride up there before winter hits. She will check the weather and her schedule.

Christmas Party is all set for Dec 10th. Reservations are rolling in. Deadline is Dec 1st. Christmas Tree gathering is still a go for Dec 4th.

Special Committee Reports:

3-Show Series: Amanda Brydon did a presentation promoting a series of three horse shows next year, spring, summer and fall. She calculated it would cost about \$700 per show (with non-paid judges). There would be high point awards for each event and year-end high point awards. She pointed out that sponsors for the high points were very important. Benefits to the club include more memberships, opens up to a wider range of members, and a good source of income. Local shows are lacking recently and with the poor economy equestrians are not traveling as far to show. Several questions were asked: For year-end award you would need to participate in 2 of the 3 shows and be a member of JCHA. Discussed having a gymkhana the day after the shows. Suggested she add in the cost of the awards in lieu of sponsorships for a more accurate cost. There was much discussion about having enough volunteers to support 3 shows. It takes at least 8 people to run the show efficiently. Amanda is hoping to get help from 4-H kids that need to volunteer time. She said a schedule would be set so volunteers did not have to spend all day if they chose not to. The vote to proceed was tabled until next month with the following info to be presented: Robin will pull the last 3 years costs and incomes for the shows; Amanda will check with 4-H about volunteers; dates will be checked on.

Miles/hours of riding program: Karen House said that she met with Amanda Anderson and Carol Dombrowsky. The program will be called Ride JCHA Trail Rewards Program. Hours, not miles will be tracked; must be a member of JCHA; log sheets will be kept by the individual rider on the honor system; log sheets will be turned in monthly; members will pay a small fee to enter the program; club patch will be available to participants; awards for x-hours in the saddle on the same horse will be decided on; would like to launch the program at the 1st of the year. Motion was made and approved for the committee to proceed with the program.

Roadhouse Grill Fundraiser: Bruce House said he talked with Tommy Rucker and they want to wait until next year (after the holidays) and discuss this idea again.

Sponsorship For Youth Program: Amanda Brydon adopted the program from the Quarter Horse Assn. and then tweaked it to fit JCHA. She said any youth (18 years and under) wishing to request money would need to turn in an essay, then be prepared to make a presentation to the membership about why they wanted the sponsorship. If accepted they would be required to follow up at another meeting about how they did at the event(s). They would need to apply at least 60 days in advance to be able to plan the presentation. Discussion followed: Make them a

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JCHA member if not already one; call it an application, not essay; have all applications be turned in by a set deadline each year so all applicants can be reviewed at one time and the applicants chosen will give presentations. Motion was made and approved for Amanda to proceed forward with the program. Debbie suggested the board look at the amount of money in the budget for sponsorships and raise it for 2012.

Karen Matheny said she had received information on holding a St. Jude Ride and would be willing to chair the event. She would like to hold it at Willow Prairie in June.

Discussed the Installation Dinner held the 1st Saturday in February. It was suggested we talk to Bud about catering it since he is back in the Elk's Lodge. Another suggestion was holding it at the Eagle's Lodge just like the Christmas Party. Debbie will follow up with Bud first.

Carol Dombrowsky said she attended the last board meeting where the board asked if there should be any change to the membership dues for 2012. She said she would like to see the Associate Membership for other clubs and organizations reduced to \$15 since they only have one vote, just like a single membership. She feels more clubs will join if the dues are lower. We have not had any Associate Members for many years. There was discussion about clubs being able to afford the current \$30. She also would like to see the dues for a Junior member reduced from \$15 to \$10 since we are trying to get more juniors involved in the club. Motion was made and approved to reduce both of these memberships.

Joy Lowell, a new member from Ashland, discussed the Ashland Watershed Trails system that she is connected with. She said there is a push to get the trail system designated for only pedestrians and horses and also trails for bicyclists too. There is a meeting in Ashland on Nov 19 that she encouraged all equestrians to attend to show support.

Debi Kubik announced the Equestrian Teams were holding a Holiday Bazaar at the Expo.

Diane Schofield said she has been attending the Trail Users Meetings each month. They talked about the FS outhouse closure this past summer and the FS is looking for input about areas to close or keep open.

Next board meeting is Thursday, Dec 8 at 6:30pm at Abby's in White City. Next club meeting is Dec 14.

Door prize was won by Karen Matheny. Buckaroo drawing worth \$80 – first name drawn was D. Ferris- not present, second name drawn was R. Bulock – not present, third name drawn was Scott Doubleday AND he was present!! Congratulations Scott!

Meeting adjourned at 8:45pm

DENMAN TRAILS ARE ALL OPEN FOR EQUESTRIAN USE

I just wanted to give an update on the horse trail on Denman:

The heavy equipment stage of the fish restoration work that was conducted this summer at the mouth of Little Butte Creek is pretty well wrapped up. There will still be some staff and equipment in there off and on over the next couple months planting vegetation and monitoring, but **the trail is open**. The mouth of the stream has been changed (moved back in its historic channel).

Local high school students working through Oregon Stewardship have recently completed a new trail beside the newly completed stream channel on Little Butte Creek. Please pass the word on to your club members that the trail is completed and the area is again open to horse traffic this fall. If you have any questions or if I can be of further assistance please don't hesitate to call me.

Clayton F. Barber, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife -
Denman Wildlife Area Manager (541) 826-8774

MORE ABOUT THE DENMAN WILDLIFE AREA.....

The Denman Wildlife area is a great place to ride throughout the fall and winter. It is located off Agate Road in White City. You can park outside the locked gate on Touville Rd access, or acquire a free key at the Oregon Dept. of Fish and Game on Gregory Rd. and then park inside the gate. The actual marked horse trail takes off about 1/2 mile down the graveled road, but you can take off cross-country towards it from the gate. Trails wind all over out in this area. Do be aware it is also a popular hiking area and dogs are allowed.

If you want to get out and exercise your steed for about 1.5 hours this is a good place to do so!! There are some muddy areas, so please avoid them when you can. We don't want to tear up the trails and have complaints against the horse traffic.

There is a map on the club website for directions to the entrance.



ANNUAL JCHA CHRISTMAS PARTY



When: Saturday, December 10, 2011

Where: Eagle's Lodge

2000 Table Rock Rd, Medford

5:30pm-Doors Open, 6:15 Dinner,

7:00-Gift Exchange

8:30 – 10:00 Lance Zimmerman Band

Dinner: **Choice** of prime rib OR 1/4 baked chicken

Served with: green salad, veggie, baked potato, rolls, coffee & juice

\$ 5:00 per member

\$15.00 per personal guest (including non-member spouse)

- **All JCHA members and personal guests are welcome**
- Please bring a dessert or hors d'oeuvre to share
- If you would like to participate in the gift exchange, bring a unisex wrapped gift valued at \$10 or more (appropriate for all ages)
- A no-host full service bar will be available
- Bring canned food or new toy for the Christmas Donation Drive

Reservation form and payment must be received by December 1st:

JCHA, PO Box 765, Medford, OR 97501

Call Karen Matheny at 541-245-8511 for more information

JCHA Annual Christmas Party Reservation Form

Members: # _____ Prime Rib @ \$5.00 each total \$ _____

_____ 1/4 Baked Chicken @ \$5.00 each total \$ _____

Non-members: # _____ Prime Rib @ \$15.00 each total \$ _____

_____ 1/4 Baked Chicken @ \$15.00 each total \$ _____

Names of Attendees: _____

Your Phone Number: _____

Mail form and check to: JCHA, PO Box 765, Medford, OR 97501 by 12/1/2011

Note: If you have a single membership, you are the ONLY member. Anyone attending with you, such as a spouse or friend is considered a non-member. If you have a family or life membership, your household members are considered members. NO refunds after December 1, 2011.

Jackson County Horseman's Association
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 HORSEMAN'S ASSOCIATION
 2011 BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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**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 18-10, 2012 -Western States Horse Expo, Sacramento, CA*