



October 2011

JCHA Family Fun Horse Show Recap

What a fantastic turnout for this show that was rescheduled from June!! There were about 66 participants in the all day show.

Many thanks to **Carol Dombrowsky, Shari and Dave Woods** for chairing the event. Also, a big thank you to all the members who donated their time to help run the show! It takes a lot of work to put it on, but having such a successful show makes it all worthwhile!!

Thank you to the following businesses who sponsored the High Point Awards:

Grange Co-op - Grants Pass and Medford, Hilton Fuel, The Real Estate Book, HH Ranch - Mike & Shannon Hilton, Oregon Morgans - Home of P T Cruiser, Joe's Mobile Glass, Mr. D's Insurance Inc, Cowboy Corral - Grants Pass, Southern Oregon Federal Credit Union, Shady Oaks Farm - Mike & Carol Lutz, Larry Anderson Contractor & Micki's Western Wash Boutique

HIGH POINT WINNERS:

Halter Championship: Great Balls of Cash, owned by Autumn Derry
Res Halter Champion: Austin, owned by Debi Schonebeger- Kubik
High Point English: Debi Schonebeger -Kubik with Austin
High Point Western: Amanda Brydon with New In Town aka Bailey
High Point Reining: Delaney Clark with Dottie
High Point Trail: Debi Schonebeger -Kubik with Austin
High Point Morgan (sponsored by the American Morgan Horse Assoc): Cole Anderson with Rocking Ringo

REMINDERS—

- At the November meeting we will draft the 2012 Calendar of Events to be voted on at the December meeting, so bring your ideas.
- 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 by the December meeting to be voted on at the January Meeting.

JACKSON COUNTY HORSEMAN'S ASSOCIATION

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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: November 9, 2011

Time: 7:00pm

Place: I.O.O.F. Hall

1129 Hazel Street, Central Point

Refreshments provided by:

Linda Carlson & Carol Powers

Door Prize provided by:

Karen House

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.

APPOINTED POSITIONS OPEN

The following board appointed positions are currently open. If you qualify, and would be interested in applying please contact President, Betty Moore at 541-951-0949.

Junior Board Member may be appointed to serve on the board for a one-year term (re-appointment acceptable). This person shall act as a liaison to other juniors, report on junior activities and encourage other juniors to join the club. Any junior member (age 15 to 17) in good standing may apply to the Board for the position.

Field Services Representative position is filled by appointment of the Board of Directors with the approval of the membership. This position acts as the liaison between private and government entities (Forest Service, BLM, City, etc.) to ensure the club is kept up to date with equine issues and will report any new information at regular monthly meetings. This representative will also schedule work parties in cooperation with the entities requesting assistance.

Saying THANK YOU.....

In these tough economic times it has been amazing how well our club fundraising events did this year! The spring gymkhana, July 4th Lily Glen Campout, End of Summer Lily Glen Lingo/Poker Ride and the Family Fun Schooling Show all made a huge profit!!

As a way to say THANK YOU to our members for supporting the club throughout the year, the cost of the Christmas Dinner has been reduced to \$5 per member. The club will pick up the additional \$10!! (Non-member guests will pay full price of \$15.)

The Christmas Party is on December 10th. Please come and join in the festivities !! There is more information on page 3.

\$\$ CLASSIFIED ADS \$\$

SERVICE: Micki's Western Wash Boutique. Will wash and repair: dog beds, horse blankets, sleeping bags, bed comforters and more! Most items are only \$10 each to wash. Call Micki at 541-840-0973 for pick up and delivery in the Rogue Valley.



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.

It Was The Trail Ride I Will Never Forget.....

By: Coral - member of OET-Roseburg Chapter

On Sept 27, 2011, Jim and I, camper, two horses and two dogs headed out from Days Creek to the trailhead for Acker Divide trail in the Rogue-Umpqua Divide wilderness. (This is out of Tiller, up South Umpqua Rd then out FS Rd 29.)

Next morning we headed out to make a 12-mile loop through the wilderness. A Tiller Ranger District employee had assured me all the trails were clear and open. Five miles out, the trail disintegrated under my 18 year old mare's left hind foot. As Nikkie went down on her right hip I saw my feet out of the stirrups, so I just stepped off. The remainder of the trail fell out from under Nikkie and she tried to scramble onto the trail with her front feet. In slow motion and with a pleading look on her face, she went over onto her back and slid into a huge hole left by a gigantic tree that had been blown over. She came to rest on her side, my saddle preventing her from rolling over. Her feet were higher than her body and she was stuck. She was groaning and trying to get up. I put my hand on her head to keep her still then my knee on her neck to reach all the buckles, girths, etc so I could take her saddle off, at the very least to lessen her discomfort and lighten her load. Jim was trying to figure out how we could put her out of her misery if he had to. I put a rope around her neck and bent her knees so her feet were out of the way so I could roll her over onto her chest. (Thanks to Rebecca Ondov for writing about her experience with a mule that fell off the trail. It really helped me have a clue of what to do.) Once there she gave a huge lift to her shoulders, got her front feet out in front and just willed herself to get up. She strained her shoulders and possibly her knees getting up, but both horses seemed able to go on up the hill. We thought walking it out would be helpful. We went on up the trail to Hershberger Mountain. Once we got up to the top we thought we would try to ride, but Nikkie could not go downhill with me riding.

So, we headed down the trail, me leading Nikkie and Jim riding Bet. It was a beautiful day and we figured we have plenty of time to make the remainder of the 12 mile loop back to camp, even with me walking. It was a 2000' descent to the next trail that would lead us back to camp. Then we started running into downed trees that we had to blaze a trail around to continue. Crossing a high meadow we ran into our first bees nest. We finally stopped to rest and have lunch. That was when Jim discovered he had lost his horn pack, which had his cell phone, and binoculars and maps and compass. He took off walking and found the pack a couple miles back.

Many logs and silly delays later we found the trail that crosses Fish Lake Creek and heads back to our camp. We had to climb out of the valley again, but it was only 4 miles back to camp passing Buckeye and Cliff Lakes, some of the prettiest scenery ever. About a mile into the climb we came to more downed trees. No way to get around and after trying for an hour to clear the trees or build a ramp, we turned around. Back down the trail we had just climbed, across the creek and at twilight made it to Fish Lake. Our goal now was to reach the trailhead, about 5 miles ahead, and sleep on the picnic table. My feet had had enough. I could feel the blisters and my legs were ready for a LONG rest.

There were no campers at the trailhead, so Jim, not wanting to be bear food, insisted we push on going back up 2000' to the top of the hill to catch another trail. Naturally I fell apart and insisted I could not go on. The alternative was for him to leave me at the trailhead alone in the dark with 2 dogs and 2 horses and return with the truck. FAT CHANCE! We had already hiked 16 miles! So back on the trail, headlamps lighting the way, exhausted and crying (at least I was) horses and dogs nearly spent. I could only go about 10' and stop to catch my breath and rest my legs which were by now cramping. When we stopped we both turned off our LED lights to conserve batteries then I really felt all alone. Add the fact that Jim's hearing aid had stopped working and he could not hear my shouts. (Probably a good thing as I was shouting some not nice things!) Nikkie stayed calm and rested her head on my shoulder and waited to go on. Bet would whinny for Nikkie who in turn would whinny back and Jack, our blue heeler, would howl. No wonder we never saw any wildlife, all the noise and the bear bells the four footed hikers were wearing. When I could not go on, Jim took Nikkie's lead and I followed behind hanging onto her tail and she drug me up hills without protest. When we reached the meadow near the road I laid down and said, "This is it, I am done". Jim finally got me up on Bet and led her and I hung on to Nikkie's lead rope.

We had a time figuring out where to go when we hit the road, even with 3 maps. Jim had remembered a comment made about Skimmerhorn and so we went down the road and found the camp there. It was 12:30am and way past my bed time! Still climbing....I was amazed Jim could keep going. Poor Bet now had to pack me and drag Nikkie along. Climbing and still climbing we started to recognize the area and that we needed to watch for the turn off to the trail back to our camp. We started down the trail and saw the sign, so we knew we were on the right trail headed to camp. Jim had

started to wear out and his shoes were causing a blister, but we were nearing the end of the "ride from hell". We still had at least 2 ½ miles to go ...all up hill. When we came to Little Fish Lake and made it through the creek bed we thought we had it in the bag! Then we came to another log across the trail and NO way around. We built up the near side with bark and debris and lifted Nikkie's foot over. She just barely made it over, but Bet said NO WAY! A little coaxing and moving Nikkie up the trail away from her and Bet finally got over the log. On we went. About a mile later Jim hit the "thus far and no farther" exhaustion. We had drank the last of our water at Fish Lake, hours before, but he ate an avocado I had forgotten at lunch, rested some and on we went. He was at the "stop every 20 steps" exhaustion and I knew how he felt. Sitting on Bet in the "blackier than the inside of a cat" darkness I could hear Jim had fallen asleep. After 20 minutes he would wake up at my urging and push himself on. We could tell we were almost there as the moonlight just coming up through the trees showed us we were nearly to the top of the mountain, also the trail became more familiar. As we made the final downhill trek into the campsite it was 4:30 AM, we had hiked about 26.5 miles, 9 hours of it in the dark. Jim went into the camper at my insistence. By now he was feeling the cold and needed to get warm. I took the tack off the horses, gave them some water and hay, tied them to their high-line, watered the dogs, drank some water and juice and got into my sleeping bag to warm up.

About 9:00am I crawled out of bed. I cannot wear shoes or walk, my arms are very sore from holding Nikkie's lead rope. Jim is not too bad but has a sore throat and one bad blister. In stocking feet I fed the animals, straightened tack and prepared to leave. We got home about 2:00pm, praising the Lord. So many miracles, so much protection from the Lord, so many answered prayers, God is so good!

I share this ...well just because. I learned a lot and I am sure this story will generate a lot of comments...but most of all I hope it will help someone else have a safe trail ride the next time they go out.

Editor's Note:

Coral is not a member of JCHA, but she agreed to allow me to share her story. Many of us have had similar experiences, and afterwards we look back and wonder, "what could I have done differently?"

Hopefully, this story will get you thinking about how to plan for your next adventure away from civilization.

JCHA Meeting Minutes ~ October 12, 2011 Submitted by: Debbie Davenport, Secretary

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm by President Betty Moore. Betty did roll call of the board and all were present. Betty welcomed members and guests were introduced. She thanked the refreshment and door prize donors.

Debbie Davenport asked if all members had read the September 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: \$8198.93; petty cash \$42.56; 1-year CD \$3007.75; JP Equestrian Fund \$2029.76, for a total of \$13,279.00. Report was approved.

Sunshine Report: Colleen Low said she sent several cards - Cindy Marotta broke her leg, Harvey Holtz had surgery, Gina Chadd passed away, Glenna Cresci got married, Linda Carlson's mother was in the hospital, Tal & Susan Thoms for the loss of their donkey, thank you to Orman Guest Ranch and Deborah Gadbury's husband passed away. Also, Ronald Ballard passed away on Sept 19th. She sent a card to Claudia.

Shari Woods said the Horse Show went very well. They made almost \$1400! Very good turnout, with some classes having 20+ riders. It was a long day, but there were no complaints. Carol Dombrowsky asked the club to give a 2012 membership to Shari and Dave Wood and Shari Mott for acting as judges. Also a one-year honorary membership to non-members Patrick Hampton and Melissa Cardinal for working all day. Motion was made and approved.

Karen Matheny talked about the Christmas Party at the Eagles Lodge. Everything is set. The room will hold 152 people. Debbie presented an idea the board discussed. Since it has been a profitable year, they would like to see the club repay the members for their hard work by dropping the price of Christmas dinner to \$5 per member. This could cost the club around \$1,000. Discussion followed, then a motion was made to reduce the cost to \$5 for this year's party for members only. Non-members would pay \$15. Motion was approved. Then Susan Thom suggested we get 2 \$100 gift certificates - one at Grange and one at Big R as door prizes. Suggestion was made we do one at the Horse Blanket instead of Big R, then a motion was made to get 3 \$100 cards - one at each business. Motion was approved.

Debbie D. will lead a ride for members on the Muir Creek Trail on October 15th because that is when they close the OHV trail. It is also the opening day of elk season. Meet at Shy's for breakfast at 9:00am.

We followed up on a few items that were in the minutes earlier in the year:

- Amanda Brydon and Shari Woods will meet and talk about doing a 3-show series next year. They will present the idea and budget to the club next month.
- Karen House, Amanda Anderson, Carol Dombrowsky and Judy Taylor formed a committee to check into creating a program that members could track their miles of trail riding and reach goals for an award. They had not met yet. Karen House was appointed as chairman and Joyce Colosimo asked to be on the committee too.
- The Field Services position was left open when Debbie became Secretary. Will put a note in the newsletter to see if a member will apply.
- Colleen was going to draft a letter to the county parks about the conditions at Lily Glen. She didn't have time, and it was agreed to not pursue it at this late date.
- Amanda Anderson suggested a Trail Report page on our website where riders could send updates on trail conditions. Debbie has not set up the page yet, but will have it ready to go by spring.

Carol Dombrowsky said she knows the new owner of the very large building near the corner of Vilas Rd and Crater Lake Ave. She has talked to him about making one of the areas into a meeting room that equestrian groups could use free of charge. He was receptive of the idea.

No one volunteered to lead any more club rides for the remainder of the year. Linda Stockdill said she walked part of the Sterling Mine Ditch from Deming Cr. The trail looks good, but not for a large group.

The Christmas Tree gathering is set for Dec 4. Betty will be the contact this year. It was agreed to skip breakfast and meet up on Hwy140 at 10am.

Discussed whether or not to have a printed calendar this year. Last year's calendar was about \$100 in the red. There was a serious complaint from a business owner about one of the coupons for the horse blanket cleaning that was misquoted. There was discussion about whether it was really needed since most events are posted on the website and in the newsletter and email. About 10% of the membership does not have email but they get a printed newsletter. It was motioned and approved to not have a printed calendar this year and look at it again next year.

Betty reminded everyone of the timeline for the remainder of the year - Nov - we will draft the 2012 calendar of events; talk about where to hold the Installation Dinner; December - the Board will present the 2012 budget for approval; vote on the 2012 calendar; accept nominations for Board of Directors; any proposed Bylaw changes need to be presented to the club. The Annual Meeting is January 11th with elections and the chili & cornbread cook off.

An email from Tommy and Dawn Rucker was read. They suggested doing a fund raiser with Roadhouse Grill and putting the proceeds towards youth donations. There was a lot of discussion about the fundraiser and it was approved to have Bruce House and Tommy Rucker go forward with the idea but not dedicate the proceeds to any specific fund until we determine how much was made. At best it will only be about \$200. Discussed the question about setting up an account for youth donations and it was pointed out that we already have a budget line for youth donations. All a young member, or other group, has to do is come to a meeting and ask. Motion was made and approved to have Amanda Brydon, with input from Tommy Rucker, develop a sponsorship application process for youth that would like a donation from the club. She will present the process to the board and then to the club for approval.

Next board meeting is Thursday, Nov 3 at 6:30pm at Abby's in White City. Next club meeting is Nov 9.

Door prize was won by Carol D. Buckaroo drawing worth \$60 - first name drawn was C Malone- not present, second name drawn was B & G Ryan - not present, third name drawn was the S & G Roberts - not present. Next month it will worth \$80. Meeting was adjourned at 8:25pm.

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 HORSEMAN'S ASSOCIATION
 2011 BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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

*Remember to set your
 clocks back one hour on
 November 6th*



Community Equestrian Event Calendar

November 5-7 - Police Horse Pros Clinic, South Stage Stables.
www.policehorsepros.com/seminars.aspx