



Fence Talk

April 2005



Upcoming Events

May 11Club Meeting
May 22Horse Trailer Rodeo
May 27-30..... Chiloquin Campout

UPCOMING RIDES & EVENTS

Saturday, April 23

Don Ferris will lead a ride on the newly reconstructed Collins Mountain Trail that is along Applegate Lake. This ride is a steady climb for the first couple miles and then follows the ridge line. It is about a 4-hour ride, mostly at an L-3 (water crossings, side hilling, etc). This is a very pretty ride and you can even see the Bigfoot trap assembled many years ago. Pack a lunch and coat. Meet for breakfast at Magnolia Grill in downtown Ruch at 8:30am or be there by 9:15 to head out. There is plenty of parking at the Watkins Day use area where the ride will begin. Call Don at 826-7656 for more info and to let him know if you are coming.

Saturday, April 30

Karen Matheny will lead a ride at the Prospect Peninsula in Prospect. This is a very easy ride on old sandy roads that wander around on Boise Cascade property. Meet at Two Pines Restaurant in Shady Cove for breakfast at 8:30am or be there by 9:15 to head out. Call Karen at 245-8511 for more info.

May Meeting

Date: May 11

Time: 7:00pm meeting

Place: IOOF Hall

1139 Hazel St., Central Point

Refreshments: Carol Powers,
Casey Scott and Sandy
Williford

Door Prize: Casey Scott

KLAMATH FALLS PACKING CLINIC

May 7 & 8 - 9:00am

Klamath County Fairgrounds

This great event has been around for years, and gets better all the time! Both days are filled with horse demos (many of which are *not* related to packing, but just horses in general). There are tons of vendors with everything from horse trailers to fly spray, and hundreds of horse people all under one roof! What more could you ask for!

This year's theme is "**Cookin' Up Mountain Memories**", so there will be a lot of demos on cooking ideas for camp trips. Also demos about Equine Massage, Identifying Plants, Women in the Outdoors, Hoof Evaluation and the list goes on!

Check it out at www.hdtrbch.org for a complete schedule or call Dan Applebaker - Clinic Chairman - (541) 798-5005.

From the President's Paddock

JCHA is awesome!!!! We had had a ball with our ponies this month.

Karen kicked things off on the 3rd with a great ride up around Willow Lake, and then we all spent the next week scrubbing, buffing, currying, and polishing to get ready for the annual Pear Blossom Parade. What a sight; all of those beautiful horses, perfectly coifed, with members proudly wearing their JCHA colors. Mike Lutz even led his beautiful young Mustang along with us, saddle and all. The sun was shining, and we took 2nd place in the mounted group division, right behind the Sheriff's Posse (they were awesome by the way). Special thanks to Diane Zieser and Tamra Quint for leading us with our flags, and an extra special thanks to Karen Matheny, Gina Ryan, and Carol Lutz for providing all of the laughs with "Operation Pony Potty". What a hoot! You ladies really know how to make fun out of the dirty work!

We had another GREAT meeting on Wednesday night, and lots of goodies to boot. Thanks to Carol Lutz, Julie Slaughter, and Charlotte Maynard for the yummy treats. I tell you what there must be something magical about the oven in Charlotte's house ... their goodies are always so addictive. We also had an incredible door prize donated by Denise Snyder and Linda Stockdill; a huge bag of horse treats and a complete Clicker Training Starter Kit! Thanks gals.

We kept things rolling with our big Trail Trial Clinic EXTRAVAGANZA last Sunday! You can read all about it in this issue of Fence Talk! I want to personally thank everyone who volunteered to make this SO successful (we had over 25 volunteers). A special thank you to Debbie Davenport, Bill & Nancy Konantz, and my husband Clayton for hauling all of the stuff, setting up Saturday night, AND tearing-down Sunday afternoon. Thanks also to the folks who stayed to help with them with the tear-down. And of course, thanks to Mark Walker for the delicious burgers and the countless members (and spouses) who pitched in to organize the lunch. This is what I really love about this club; all of the folks pulling together to make fun events so successful.

The fun's not over yet. Don Ferris is leading us on the new and improved Collings Mountain Trail this coming Saturday, the 23rd. This trail is truly AWESOME now that the work crew has repaired it. It's a long climb, but the scenery is worth it, and you might even spot Bigfoot up there ☺

Finally, Karen will round out the month with a nice easy ride at the Peninsula in Prospect on the 30th. This is a good one for any level rider and horse. If you haven't gotten your pony out yet this year, this is a great one.

Well folks, riding season is truly in full swing, and the fun is just beginning for 2005. If you can't make this month's rides, be sure to join us for the May meeting and another month-long list of fun for you and your pony!

Thank you for again for being a part of the Jackson County Horseman's Association. I would love to hear from you. Please feel free to call me at 899-1793, or drop me a line at StacieAndZach@hotmail.com or president@ridejcha.com. Remember: Life is just better from the back of a horse!

*God Bless –
Stacie Grier
President*

Equestrian Event Calendar

(Events not sponsored by JCHA)

May 1 – Etna Rodeo and Parade, Etna, CA

May 6-8 – Klamath Falls Packing Clinic

May 14-15 – Willow Prairie Horse Camp

Cleanup/Opening – OET- Mike Lutz – 826-8196

May 15 – Lingo Ride in Crescent City - Linda Athey
707-482-8845

June 4 – Poker Ride at Lily Glen Horse Camp - Sandy Hollingsworth 535-6482

June 11 – Poker Ride at Lake Selmac (Near Cave Junction) – Back Country Horseman – Susie Wood – 541- 596-2488

June 25 – Trail Horse Trial and Horse Bingo - Roseburg OET - Janet Miller 541-440-0450

July 9 – Trail Trials Clinic – Grants Pass – Sponsored by SOHA - Candy Harvey 541-472-1593

August 6 – Trail Horse Trail – Lily Glen – sponsored by SOHA – Candy Harvey 541-472-1593

October 9 – Fall Poker Ride in Crescent City. Eileen Mitchell 707-464-5895

Northwest Trail Riders LINGO Ride

The NWTR will hold their annual LINGO Ride on **Sunday, May 15th** in Crescent City. This ride is one of the best rides they have all year. Riding on the Mill Creek Equestrian Trail through the redwoods and then having a catered lunch at the top of the mountain! What a day! Not to mention that you might come home a winner! Registration will be in the trailhead parking lot off of Howland Hill Road. Cost is \$6 for members and \$8 for non-members. This includes a LINGO card and the meal. Additional cards can also be purchased.

Go over to Crescent City on Saturday, ride the beach, stay at the fairgrounds and then go on the ride Sunday!!

For more information call Linda Athey at 707-482-8845.

Brand Inspection

Several people took advantage of having their horses Brand Inspected by Karen Dollarhide at the Trail Trials Clinic. This will not only give you a permanent ownership record to carry with you when traveling, but will get your horse listed with the state of Oregon Dept of Agriculture which will help expedite a search if ever stolen or lost. Cost is \$20 per horse. She does ranch calls, but there is an additional \$10 charge each property, so get your neighbors together too! If you wish to have this done please call Karen at 621-8788.

(And, no, your horse doesn't have to be physically branded to have this done. She looks at markings and scars and records them on the form.)

Emergency Trailer/Horse Travel Assistance Questionnaire

Bill Ryan is busy compiling the list of members who have volunteered to help in a horse trailering related emergency - if the tow truck won't tow your trailer with your horses. If you would be willing to help out a club member in trouble as an assisting member, call Bill at 826-8171 to receive a form, or download one off our website at www.ridejcha.com .

A final call list will be compiled soon and a flyer will be made available to all members. It will also be posted on the member-only web site section.

Remember – this doesn't mean you have to ALWAYS be available, if you are called and can't help at that time, its okay!

JCHA Apparel Order

If you didn't get in on the order last month, we will be placing another apparel order at the end of April.

Here is a brief rundown of what is available with the JCHA logo (normally a large one on the back and a small one on the front shoulder):

T-shirts - white, gold, black, red, royal blue, navy blue, green, teal. Sizes S-XL \$9 2X-3X \$11.

Crewneck Sweatshirt – white, black, navy, red, royal, green, maroon, teal, gold. S-XL \$17, 2XL-3XL \$20

Hooded Sweatshirts – white, black, navy, red, royal, green. S-XL \$22 2X-3X \$25

Lined windbreaker – red, black, navy, royal, green, gold, white, light blue. S-XL \$23 2X-3X \$25

There are other items available too – Letterman Jackets, Henley shirts, tank tops, etc. Please call Debbie for info on these. Also, most items are available in youth sizes too.

Please call Debbie at 664-1635 by April 30th if you want to order.

HORSE TRAILER RODEO Sunday, May 22nd 12:00 noon to 4:00pm Fire District 3 – Agate Road, White City

Have you even heard of a school bus rodeo, where they practice backing and turning around cones? Well, we have decided to do a Horse Trailer Rodeo in a similar way.

There are MANY horse riders within our group that LOVE to ride, but are scared to death to pull their trailer for fear they may have to turn it around in a small area. This event will be dedicated to making them feel more confident by having the chance to practice in wide open space, (and with the help of someone other than their spouse). You can practice on a nice flat surface with no obstacles other than traffic cones (which bounce back really well if ran over).

We will also have a special guest, Sergeant Jeff Provix with the OSP, who will do trailer inspections and talk about trailer safety.

We encourage ALL members, no matter what skill level to attend this event. Be sure and bring your trailer (no horses, please)! We will also be doing some fun awards such as Most Improved, Most Perfect Backing, Closest to the Pin, etc.

Call Debbie Davenport at 664-1635 if you have questions.

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

CHILOQUIN CAMPOUT MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND

By Debbie Davenport

LOOKING FOR HOME: 23 year old Arab mare looking for a nice pasture for retirement. She can only be ridden lightly due to soundness issues, but is very gentle and has been a good companion for our younger horses. We are just looking for a good home where she can relax and be loved. Call Troy Griffith at 535-7974 for more information.

WANTED: Young man to help wrangle horses at the Diamond Lake Corrals. Starting in early June through early September (depending on school.) Duties are: taking out rides (one, two and/or three hours), feeding horse, some corral repair, saddling, helping me with pack trips, etc. He will be working with me and I will oversee and teach him what he needs to learn. It's not a tough job. I have a 32' Pace Arrow motor home and he will be staying with me. Food is furnished. He especially needs to know how to ride, is good with horses and can talk to people. The wage is negotiable according to experience. Call Marty Davis at 541-773-3702

FOR SALE: APHA, B.S., 11 year old mare. Baby doll head, stocky build, great stamina, good feet, 15.1 hands, loads easy. \$1,500 Call Carrie West at 541-846-0304

FOR SALE: ApHc, B.S., 1 year old filly out of a Doc Bar mare and Sir Plaudit Appy stallion. This young sweetheart has the mind and heart to go any direction. Call Carrie West at 541-846-0304

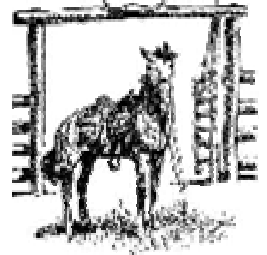
FOR SALE: 12 yr old AQHA Bay Mare, ridden on trails, done JCHA events. 10 yr old APHA BS Sorrel Flaxen mane & tail, also used on trail. \$2,000 each or? Western saddle, black cordura 16" \$100. Other horse items. Call Carol or Tom 855-2388

FOR SALE: 2003 Aluminum Exiss bumper pull 3-horse trailer. Used 3 times. New \$14,500, sell for \$12,000. Call Katherine at 541-779-5757

J.C.H.A. Board of Directors

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A couple of weeks ago Mark and I went to Chiloquin to check out the Happy Trails Cowboy Campground that was tentatively planned for the Memorial Day campout.



This privately owned and operated camp is still in the finishing stages, but will be ready by May 27! It will have 25 corrals, several designated camp sites, a few with power and water hookups, a round pen, a wash rack, many water faucets, a group dining area with a stage and some porta-potties. The only downfall is the camp is right on to Hwy 97, and a little noisy, but I think with a group there, all making noise of their own, you won't notice it. I have several photos that are posted to the website. Go to the Calendar page and click on the campout date.

The campsites are back-in, with plenty of maneuvering area. The corrals are across and about 150' from the camp sites. If you prefer to high line right next to you, there are plenty of trees to do so. Dogs are allowed, but must be on leash (remember, the highway is close!).

The owner, Bob Lafferty, also showed us maps of areas to ride in. He will have some of the trails/old roads flagged by then as well. The riding all looks easy, fairly flat, but several creek crossings.

The cost is \$20 per horse for the 3-night campout. Campers can arrive anytime on Friday, May 27th and check out is on Monday, May 30th. This will **not** be prorated if you decide to stay less days. Money will be collected when you arrive and the club will write one check for the campground.

I need to know by May 1st if you plan to attend. When you call me at 541-664-1635 please give me the following information: name, how many people, how many horses, type of RV (camper, tent?), length of RV and do you need hookups?

At the May meeting I will have written directions to the camp, which is about 1-1/2 to 2-hours travel time from Medford and more info on what to bring. There are other attractions in the area too... great fishing on the Willamette River and even a casino only 6 miles down the road.

TRAIL TRIALS CLINIC CHALLENGES 'EM ALL

By Stacie Grier

What a turnout we had for the annual Trail Trials Clinic at the Jackson County Expo on Sunday, April 17th! The weather held, and members were treated to an entire day of fun, on and off their horses. In addition to the trail obstacles, the Slaughters set up a roping clinic, Debbie Davenport showed us how to tie all kinds of knots & loops, and Karen Dollarhide did brand-inspections for us.



We had some great obstacles, from the old standby mailbox and bridge, to the fun and exiting Tunnel of Terror and Wild Woodlands Water Crossing. It was so fun to see all of our horses out there, from foals, to yearlings, to minis and seasoned veterans; everyone had some challenging stuff to try.

The water crossing proved to be the big stumper of the day. It's funny that our horses will cross darned-near any water crossing out there on the trail, but put it in an arena, and forget it! Of course our horses aren't stupid; they can clearly see that they can walk AROUND it So why bother going THROUGH it?!? We had some great attempts, and even a few successes. Personally I saw one mounted rider go through, and three or four in-hand horses go through (I'm not sure who got wetter; the horses or the handlers).



We had some tense moments, of course, and a lot of good chuckles throughout the day. I couldn't help but laugh at our own seasoned roping horse that was afraid of dragging a log with a rope – what a big baby!

My President's Choice awards go to:

BEST WATER CROSSING: Lisa Brostad and her mini (what a cutie)

BEST 8-SECOND RODEO: Tami Lallo (we are glad you are alright!)

BEST LAY-DOWN AND ROLL-OVER TRICK: Don Ferris and his young horse (and you thought only dogs could do that trick)

MOST FRUSTRATED AWARD: Mike Brooks (on BOTH of their geldings)

CUTEST BABY AWARD: Yeah right, like I could pick just ONE! I LOVE THE BABIES!

BEST HAUNCH TURN: Tamra Quint (wait a minute That wasn't required – what happened to my tarp?!?)

BEST DRESSED & GROOMED: Amanda Moore (alright, alright, so she JUST came from the big fancy Quarter Horse show)

The list could go on, and on, and on. The bottom line is; everyone had a good time, and our horses learned something, and did we mention there was GREAT food. No JCHA event would be complete without great food! The next Trail Trials opportunity will be at our annual Lily Glen campout in July, so start working on those water-crossings!!!!

Minutes from April 13, 2005 Submitted By Debbie Davenport

Meeting was call to order at 7:03pm by President Stacie Grier. Roll call of the board showed Betty Moore and Otis Hussey absent. Guests were introduced. She thanked the refreshment and door prize donors.

Motion was made and approved to accept the March minutes as printed in the newsletter.

Treasurer report, presented by Nancy Konantz stated we currently have \$5,619.73 in the checking, savings and petty cash. Our insurance for the year was \$400 and we sold the cook trailer for \$100. Report was approved.

Colleen Low reported she had sent a card to Ervin Weathers for his wife passing away and was just requested to send a card to Dave Doran who just had cataract surgery.

Bill Konantz talked about the Trail Coalition meeting. He said they discussed the June 4th National Trails Day and work party. More info next month.

Don Ferris said his last ride on Stein Butte was attended by only 5 riders. It was a beautiful day. His next ride will be on March 12th to Collins Mtn. Meet at the Magnolia Grill in Ruch for breakfast. Don also talked about OET and what our local chapter does.

Karen Matheny' ride on MP 26 had 7 riders braving the weather. Her next ride will be on April 30th to the Prospect Peninsula.

Stacie talked about the Pear Blossom Parade. We had 16 riders all decked out. And, three great pooper scoopers.

Stacie discussed the upcoming Trail Trials clinic set for April 17th at the fairgrounds. The venue was changed to the Barker Barn, not the Krause Barn. Parking will be limited due to the Quarter Horse Show. Club will provide burgers.

Stacie and Debbie are working on Lily Glen and have the flyer almost ready to go out.

Debbie reminded everyone about the emergency trailering list for JCHA members. Members that become stranded with horses in a trailer and find that their towing insurance will not pull the trailer with horses can call a volunteer member to help. Call Bill Ryan to get a form.

Jim Williford announced the Equifair in GP went wonderful. They have set the date of Sept. 30, 2006 for the next one.

Bobbi Bailey (Grant and Judy's granddaughter) finished the year in 1st Place in the BTM Barrel Racing Association!!

Motion was made and passed to rent Lily Glen for the Friday night prior to July 4th campout.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.



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Summer is coming!!
Get your horses washed,
tack cleaned, and it's a
good time to look under
the mats and check the
floor of your trailer too!