



February 2007

Mark Your Calendars:

March 6 Member's Meeting 7 PM
Where: TBA

Show Schedule

April 1 Schooling Show
Where: JC Expo – Isola Arena

May 6 Schooling Show
Where: JC Expo – Isola Arena

June 10 Silver Buckle Series Show
Where: JC Expo – Isola Arena

July 8 Silver Buckle Series Show
Where: JC Expo – Isola Arena

Aug 5 Silver Buckle Series Show
Where: JC Expo – Isola Arena

Sept 16 Silver Buckle Series Show
Where: JC Expo – Isola Arena

Your Elected Officials:

- President:** Dinah Linville
- Vice-President:** Kim Samitore
- Secretary:** Sammy Pederson
- Treasurer:** Taina Glick
- Board Members:** Stephanie Snyder, Marie Manoguerra, Linda Blaser & Christine Russo.

Jackson County Wranglers

Changes in 2007

The February club meeting was called to order February 6, 2007 at 7 pm at the Medford Gun Club.

The following changes were proposed for the Silver Buckle Series Shows Only.

1. Reduction in Reining Classes. There will only be two classes: 18 & under and Open. There will be no buckle awarded for high point, but the classes will be award eligible.
2. Trail Classes will open at 10am and will close promptly at 3pm. It will not be held open late for those who have yet to complete the course during the scheduled time.
3. Two Hunter Hack classes will be added. Jumps will be no higher than 18 inches. There will only be two classes: 18 & under and Open. There will be no buckle awarded for high point, but the classes will be award eligible.
4. The driving classes will be expanded to include four classes: Pleasure Driving – 48 inches and under; Pleasure Driving – Over 48 inches; Reinsmanship; and Obstacle Driving.

The Following By-Law Change was also proposed to Article 9.

Article 9: Section 1, states: "The by-laws may be revised or amended at any meeting or annual meeting provided written notice to that effect has been given to members at least on scheduled meetings prior to such meetings at which time it is desired to amend the By-Laws.

The proposed change is that notice may be presented on the web page in addition to or in place of written notice.

2007 Fee Increases were also proposed as follows:

Membership fees will remain the same: \$20 for individual and \$25 per family.

Schooling Shows:

Pre Entry: \$6 (members) \$7 (non-members) Post Entry: \$8 (members) \$9 (non-members)

Silver Buckle Series Shows"

Pre Entry: \$8 (members) \$9 (non-members) Post Entry: \$9 (members) \$10 (non-members) Reining Classes Pre Entry: \$11 (members) \$14 (non-members) Post Entry: 12 (members) \$15 (non-members)

Maximizing Your Child's Fun With Horses

By Jennifer Forsberg Meyer

A childhood with horses is more than learning to ride and gaining responsibility--it's also fun! Here are some tips for adding a little horseplay to your child's life.

Is your child horse-crazy? Would you like to enhance the fun he or she has with horses? The options for doing so are limited only by your imagination and creativity. Here are a few suggestions, starting with those most appropriate for young children, to get you started:

Grooming play. Many youngsters, especially girls, love the "fussing over" aspect of grooming. Enhance the experience by providing her with her own set of child-sized grooming tools (they now come in bright, kid-friendly colors), and just-for-fun add-ons, such as glitter for manes/tails, coats and hooves.

The book *Fun With Ponies And Horses*, by Debby Sly (Hylas Publishing, 2003), also has terrific how-to's for braiding and "decorating" equines with ribbons,

bows and quarter marks (those cute designs to comb or clip into the hair coat on a horse's hindquarters).

Dress-up. Costume play--supervised as appropriate, of course--is fun as an informal activity to celebrate a holiday or birthday, or as part of a special class at a show. Suggest a "Pony Parade" of costumed riders and mounts at your child's trainer's barn, or help your child prepare her horse at home for, say, a special Halloween photo.

Pony sleepovers. If you're an experienced horse person with the appropriate set-up at home, invite one of your child's horse-owning friends and her horse or pony over for a sleepover. Let the kids make breakfast bran mashes the next morning for their charges, then help them decorate or costume their four-legged friends (see above). Older children might prefer a picnic trail ride (supervised, as appropriate).

Games. There are countless mounted games that are not only fun, but also skill-building. Suggest a "games day" at your child's trainer's barn, or supervise one at home with your child's riding friends.

Find great suggestions as well as safety precautions in *Games on Horseback*, by Betty Bennett-Talbot and Steve Bennett (HorseBooksEtc.com or 1-800-952-5813).

Riding camps. These combine the fun of a summer-camp experience with the joys of riding. As with choosing a riding instructor, you should select a camp on the basis of safety standards and curriculum as well as on cost and location.

For tips on encouraging a child's love of horses, see "The Riding Family" column in the April 2006 issue of *Horse & Rider*. For more on all young equestrian topics, pick up a copy of Primedia's *Growing Up With Horses*:

Parents' Handbook & Resource Guide, available wherever equestrian magazines are sold.

Source of this article: Equus Magazine.
http://equisearch.com/horses_riding_training/training/beginning_rider/funwithhorses_032106/

Send Us Your Memories!

If you have some photos of your first wranglers show, please send them to us including a story to go with the picture. The club is looking to create a historical archive, so stories young and old would be appreciated! Anyone out there with photos/stories from the original Wrangler shows in Ashland would be greatly desired! Please submit to: PO BOX 5317 Central Point, OR 97502 or horsemaverick@charter.net. Thanks.

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