



May 2007

Mark Your Calendars:

May 1 **Member's Meeting: 6:30 PM**
Where: AppleBee's Restaurant

Show Schedule

April 1 **Schooling Show**
Thanks for your support!

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

April Wrap-Up

Thanks to all the participants at the April schooling show who came out and participated. You make our club a true success!

A few words about the April show...At the April Board of Directors/Members meeting, it was determined that the show while fun, went too far into the evening. We have good confidence that the remaining shows will move along much quicker. We'd like to thank all the participants and supporters for their patience as we start the new year with a new crew of leaders and judges.

If you know or participate in a club activity that would like to earn some funding for their club, please contact us to see how you can help out at the shows to earn money for your activity.

We need volunteers. You can even save on your entry fees when you volunteer. Contact Dinah Linville for more info at: 541-840-4033.



Pro Grooming Tips

Here's a list of tips to help you shine on show day:

Two Days before the show:

For breeds that show with a shiny hoof, fill in any old nail holes with a spackling compound or wood filler (available at any hardware or lumber store) that matches the color of your horse's hoof as closely as possible. Holes can be colored with shoe polish and then regular hoof polish. We have also used filling successfully on small cracks. This can be done a couple of days before the show. To polish the feet

on show day, use the wax-based, cake shoe polishes to add a deep luster to the foot while protecting it from the drying effects of hoof lacquer (black or clear), which can be applied over the shoe polish. Appaloosa owners use clear only to show the striped color of their horses' hooves.

Clippers can give you the effect of a pulled tail, without having to pull out hairs. Run the clippers carefully along the outside of the dock and down about 4 to 6 inches, just up to the point where the hair begins to crest over. Thin the hairs along the top of the tail and blend longer hairs to gradually blend into the shorter ones. Be very careful not to shave the horse's dock area bald as he will suffer from sunburn and flies. (Not to mention it will look terrible.)

If you clip the inside of your horse's ears, place cotton inside to prevent hairs from entering the ear canal and also to deaden the buzz of the clippers.

When you don't need to pull the mane, use thinning shears to shorten it without having the chopped look of scissor cuts. Comb well before and during the process to ensure that you get a level mane.

For coarse tails, use a hot oil treatment (not too hot for you to touch) in addition to your regular equine conditioner to soften the hairs and make them flow.

The Day Before: Wash your horse with a mild shampoo. Pay extra attention to the around the eyes, mane, tail and heels A sheen product will help to repel dirt. If possible, keep a light sheet on to keep the coat clean.

Rub a dab of baby oil along the bridle path and inside of ears to get rid of that chalky, just-clipped look and make it shiny.

To cut down on static electricity in the mane and tail, use damp dryer sheets, a

little fabric softener, or hair gel on a damp cloth.

Braid the mane before you get too tired with your show preparations. Don't start braiding at 10 p.m.! If you get frustrated, the horse will become frazzled and will associate braiding with an unhappy time .

Show Morning and at the Show: If you chose not to band a western horse's mane, lay a dampened towel over the neck to help the hairs lie down smoothly. Again, comb a little watered-down styling gel into the mane. Let dry and comb again for a natural look.

Keep a wrap, stocking or tail bag on your horse's braided tail while traveling to the show grounds.

Apply hoof oil or lacquer. The oil will collect dirt, but the judge will know that you made the effort. Lacquer is best unless your horse has dry hooves as is has better staying power..

Instead of using rags to wipe down your horse, purchase inexpensive knit gloves (available at most drug or hardware stores) and apply the product directly to them. When you are finished, they can be washed.

For really white socks or stockings, dust the legs with baby powder or corn starch. (Be careful not to make too much dust for you and your horse to breathe in.) *Slightly* dampen the area to be whitened and brush on the starch/powder.

If your horse gets shavings in its braids, use a small, short-bristled brush to

gently remove them without damaging any of your work.

Keep damp cloths, a few elastics and a small brush with a ringside helper for last minute touch-ups to hooves, bit area and tack or to fix a stray braid..

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<http://www.raspberryridge.com/kids-Show%20grooming.htm>

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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