

Oregon Family Equestrian Activities

Members' Edition June 2008

President's Message

The show season is off to a great start! OFEA is going strong, and we are gearing up for our Open Show Series as well as our Silver Buckle Gaming Series. The weather is finally starting to turn around. Trail rides, camp outs and family time will soon take over our lives, so enjoy every minute of it. Take a moment to call a friend, smile at a young child, or just sit back, relax and watch the sunset on the horizon.

Actions speak louder than words. Truisms don't become that way by accident. Everyone says they will perform, everyone says "You can count on me." However, the people who do perform, that we CAN count on, are very few. A picture is worth a thousand words. Show, don't tell. Focus on the deeds.

I look forward to seeing you all at the upcoming shows. Good luck and go out and "turn some dirt."

Karen Daugherty

OFEA Sponsors 2008 Gaming Series

OFEA kicks off the first of its three-show 2008 Silver Buckle Gaming Series June 14, 9 a.m. at the Polk County Fairgrounds, Rickreall.

"It's nice for OFEA to have expanded into the gaming community," said Karen Daugherty, OFEA President.

"It's just another opportunity for the equine community to show the versatility of our horses." Karen said.

The second show in the series will be held August 23, at Hopper Training Stables, 26326 Hwy. 99W, Monroe. The third and final show takes place September 13, at the Lincoln County Fairgrounds, Newport.

Daily high points in each age division will be awarded at all three shows. Series high points in the

age divisions will be awarded overall. (The same horse/rider combination must participate in two shows to be eligible.)

All three shows are being held in outdoor arenas. Food concessions are available only at the second show at Hopper Training Stables, so exhibitors are advised to plan accordingly.

For information and to volunteer at any of these shows, contact Karen, 541-336-5150 or 800-221-7727.

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OFEA Show Managers Talk About Benefits of a Show Series

This month, OFEA begins its annual double-judged Open Show Series June 28 at the Yamhill Co. Fairgrounds, McMinnville. It's the first of a two-part series, with the second show September 20, at Linn Co. Fair & Expo Center, Albany. Daily high points will be awarded for all age divisions, and overall age division series awards are presented at the September show.

In the meantime, two other approved series are well under way at the Pacific Equestrian Center (PEC) in Springfield and The Roddy Ranch near Albany. PEC started its first of a six-show series in April, and The Roddy Ranch had its first of five shows last month. Both offer daily high points, as well as overall series awards.

With the popularity of open show series growing each year, the owners of both facilities were asked why they traditionally put on a series versus organizing individual open shows. Here is what they had to say.

Berni Ogan, PEC:

"As a show manager, the benefits of a series means that once your show bill is finished, all you have to do is hire more than one judge and buy awards, of course. All the leg work to create the first show makes the following ones easier."

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"The downfall is that when people at the first show don't place well under that first judge, they often don't come back because they don't think they are in the running to win the series end award. Exhibitors need to keep in mind the beauty of a series is that you get many judges' opinions. So, if the first judge does not use you and your horse, chances are another judge will."

"As an exhibitor (I have daughters that show), you get to meet people who can become your friends, not just your competition. Also, you

know how a show is going to run for the series. Is the management organized? Do they offer nice awards? Are they pleasant?"

Mary Beth Roddy, The Roddy Ranch:

"We have been doing a series of Roddy Ranch shows for the past 13 years. We have always done five shows during the summer but you figure that a person can spend just as much time organizing one show as they can more."

"Some folks have asked us to do shows through the winter, but with our arena and parking, that would not be feasible. We have gotten things down to a simple system that keeps things smooth and moving along."

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"We have enjoyed seeing the same folks year after year and watching the young ones grow up. Having repeat customers is the highest compliment any show organization can have."

OFEA Approved Shows in June

6/14 Pacific Equestrian Center Summer Open Show Series, Springfield

6/14 OFEA Silver Buckle Gaming Series #1, Polk County Fairgrounds, Rickreall

6/21 The Roddy Ranch Open Horse Show Series, The Roddy Ranch, Albany

6/22 Lincoln Co. Rodeo and Royalty Return Benefit Gaming Series, Lincoln Co. Fairgrounds, Newport

6/28 OFEA Open Division Double-Judged Show Series #1, Yamhill Co. Fairgrounds, McMinnville

6/29 Polk County 4-H Leaders Bouncin Bottoms Open Show, Yamhill Co. Fairgrounds, McMinnville

Download show flyers at www.OregonFamilyEquestrian.org.

OFEA News Briefs

The Adaptive Riding Institute Needs a Stable for its Salem Program

A nonprofit serving people with disabilities needs your help.

The Adaptive Riding Institute (aka H.O.R.S.E.S. for the Physically Challenged) is looking for a stable owner who will donate facilities three days a week to house the Institute's Salem riding program.

The Institute is a nonprofit offering recreational horseback activities and related services to people with disabilities. Some OFEA members have volunteered with this program to earn volunteer service year-end awards.

For the past few years, the Institute has used Ridgetop Stables in South Salem, which has recently sold to house a private school. The Institute has a long-range plan to purchase a facility for the program.

In the meantime, the Institute's Board of Directors has an immediate need for a new location to continue their program. The location should be within 15 miles of Salem with an indoor arena that measures at least 70'x70' and is available three days a week. If you or someone you know can help, please contact Sue Rosen, Program Director, 503-873-3890.

Volunteers Needed for June 28 Show

Volunteers are needed to help with the OFEA double-judged open show June 28, at the Yamhill Co. Fairgrounds, McMinnville.

The first "shift" begins at 7:00 a.m. when the show office opens. Adults or older youth are needed to take registrations before the show starts at 8:30 a.m., during the lunch break before Western classes, and at the end of the day to close out open accounts.

In addition, volunteers of all ages are needed to give out awards, help with the gate, serve as ring steward, and set up and take down jumps and trail course.

For more information and to volunteer, contact Marcia Martin, 503-587-8655 by June 21.

Next OFEA Board Meeting is July 23

The OFEA Board of Directors will meet Wednesday, July 23 at 6:30 p.m. The meeting will be held at Izzy's Pizza, Corvallis. All members and interested persons are welcome. A no-host dinner precedes the meeting.

To submit agenda items for the meeting, contact Karen Daugherty via e-mail message, ekc845@msn.com or call her at 541-336-5150.

Make it a Weekend! Two Back-to-Back Shows June 28-29

Get out the camping gear and spend the weekend.

OFEA's first open show is Saturday, June 28 and the Polk County 4-H Leaders' Annual Fundraiser, Bouncin' Bottoms open show is the next day, Sunday, June 29. Both shows are being held at the Yamhill County Fairgrounds in McMinnville.

Camping spaces with electrical hookups and stalls may be reserved in advance by June 25. If you plan to attend both shows, you will need to pay two daily stall fees, one to OFEA and the other to the Polk County 4-H Leaders Association. A limited number of stalls will be available the day of the shows on a first-come, first-serve basis.

To reserve camping and stalls for the OFEA show, contact Marcia Martin, 503-587-8655. To reserve stalls for the Bouncin' Bottoms show, contact Carol Harris, 503-363-5667.

Concessions from the fairgrounds cafe will be available for breakfast and lunch during both shows.

Download both show flyers from the OFEA website: www.OregonFamilyEquestrian.org.



To Do Now

- Volunteer to help at an OFEA show. Visit the OFEA website home page for more volunteer opportunities that qualify members for year-end awards competition.
- Check out the website for the latest point standings, show listings and flyers. If you don't have Internet access and need a show flyer, call Eleni Boston, 503-581-7135.

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