



A note from the President

I am excited that the 2010 NWAHJA show season is just around the corner! We have a new board that consists of trainers, parents and a junior member. In addition our new board consist of new and many returning board members from years past. Please check out the short bios of our board members to read about the diversity of equine background and knowledge that will further enhance our shows. Look for updates and correspondents on our websites, emails and the new Facebook page (Northwest Arkansas Hunter Jumper Association; created by Maddy Brown).

The 2010 board have made several changes for this year from new classes offered to class price adjustments. This year we will offer exhibition rounds for riders (\$12 fee/ class). As our membership continues to bring an increasing number of green horse and horses who need further schooling prior to competing in the upper level divisions, we will continue to offer the maiden hunter (first year horses) as well as a new division, Progressive Hunter. Progressive Hunter is open to rider over the age of 12 and can compete over 18" cross rail, 18" vertical or 2 ft. vertical. Due to the option of height this course, it will be open throughout the day; however, the under saddle class will run after maiden hunter under saddle. The board has also reduce the price of warm-up classes to be equal to the regular class prices. However, due to the reduction of warm-up prices the board will carefully consider the needed time for open schooling breaks throughout the show, so that we are not running into the evening. Another class that we have added to the beginner day is beginner rider over poles, which will be part of the beginner horse/ rider division (will count for Champion and Reserve). The over poles class will be a progressive course throughout the season he will start with two poles and work up to four pole toward the middle of the season. We look forward to this class to be the next stepping stone for beginner riders to successfully work up to cross rail divisions. The Education Equitation Division will now offer a 2'9" option as well as both 2'3" and 2'6". In addition, please look at the Education Equitation scholarship requirements for the scholarship committee has revised the requirements for the scholarship. This division will increase from \$12 to \$15/ class in order to generate further funds for the year end scholarship.

It is shaping up to be an exciting new season and I look forward to seeing everyone at the Horses for Healing Horse Show held at the Benton County Fairgrounds! If there are any questions regarding the new season or new classes feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,
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