



OFQHA NEWSLETTER

August 2008

AQHA Ranch Horse Versatility and Special Event Working Cow Horse Show

Don't forget and pass the word! On **Sunday, August 24th**, OFQHA will be holding 2 AQHA events; A Versatility Ranch Horse Show and a special event Working Cow Horse Show. The versatility show has divisions for open, youth, amateurs and novice amateurs. The Working Cow Horse show has divisions for Open junior and senior Working Cow horses as well as youth and amateur exhibitors.

The Open Ranch Horse Show will be held on Saturday, August 23rd.

We Need Help! ATTENTION OFQHA POINT EARNERS!

Help is needed in the following areas for the August Open Show and AQHA Show. None of the jobs are complicated and if you don't know what to do we will be so happy to have your help, we will be glad provide what little instruction is needed!

- **Set up on Friday night:** Please contact Larry Still at 740-743-3989
- **People to work in the entry booth:** Please contact Ann Pearson at 724-932-9169
- **Tear down on Sunday around 3:00 pm:** Please contact Larry Still at 740-743-3989

If you have been earning points at the shows, remember: Per OFQHA Rules you need to work 4 hours at one of the functions to be eligible for year end awards. This requirement can be met by working at the August shows or the September Horse Sale.

To All My Wonderful Friends at OFQHA, THANK YOU !!!!

You are amazing. Thanks also to everyone who donated items to the silent auction, and everybody that made donations, and everybody that brought items, what can I say, your generosity is overwhelming. A mere thank you doesn't seem adequate. I have said it before, and will say it again and again. I am so proud to be a part of such a great organization, the people in the OFQHA are the nicest, caring, most wonderful people to be around ever. Your generosity will be put to good use, as we have many medical bills. But God is awesome, and he always provides. I also want to praise God for the healing that he has given me, physically and spiritually, but recent tests show no more signs of cancer.

Thank you for all of your support and cards and well wishes and everything that you have done. And by the way, you all look really good in pink and so do your horses. That was an awesome day that I will never forget!!!!

God Bless each and everyone of you,

Jane Belew

OFQHA Horse Sale, Saturday, September 20, 2008

The fall horse sale will include Foundation Quarter Horses, Quarter Horses and Paint Horses. A Sale Consignment form is included in this newsletter. The deadline for consignments to be included in the sale catalog is August 25, 2008. If you have any questions or need further information please contact Greg Gessner at 330-204-1317. Consignment forms can be obtained by contacting Debra Collopy at 740-674-6395. Completed consignment forms, along with any applicable fees, should be mailed to Debra Collopy, PO Box 305, Duncan Falls, OH. 43734. Volunteer help for the sale is always needed and welcomed! Contact Greg Gessner if you would be able to donate a few hours or more to help.

A HUGE THANK YOU !

A standing ovation is due to all those who wore pink, donated services, money, goods and/or did the foot work and planning for the fund raiser for Jane Belew at the July show. It would be impossible to list all those who took it upon themselves to get involved. You know who you are and OFQHA thanks you. We know that all efforts and donations, no matter how small or large, came from the goodness of your hearts and that is what really counts. Over \$1,000 was raised to help Jane with her medical bills!

Report on the August Open Ranch Horse Show and Robin Stang Clinic

Pink was evident everywhere at the July show. A special class, an Egg and Spoon Race, was held as a fund raiser. From the show results, it appears that our youth entries are up! There were eight entries in the Youth Trail Class! Congratulations to all the youth who exhibited their horses!

The clinic on Sunday received very favorable reviews. Robin Stang questioned each participant in the morning session about what they wanted to work on and he helped each individual with their requests. In the afternoon session cows were turned into the arena and Robin provided individual instruction on cutting a cow from the herd, keeping it out of the herd and rating the cow. Rumor has it that Robin looked quite good in pink!

No One Right Way

Frank Dominguez was asked for a training tip that the average horseman could use when starting a colt or filly. He refused that request, instead offering this advice: "Be open-minded. If something isn't working, don't be afraid to change and try new things, or ask advice about a new (training technique).

"Too many people get balled up with cowboy pride if they can't figure something out. They get the attitude that, by God, they're going to make it happen no matter what. Don't. Make a change. If it works, fine. If it doesn't, then don't be afraid to ask if you run out of things to try. And stay around (horsemen) you respect, people who are good and have good reputations. Learn from them."

Western Horseman, August 2008

The Ultimate Horsemen's Challenge Association

Founded by a diverse group of horsemen from Kansas and Missouri, this extreme trail organization offers rider a full slate of outdoor obstacle events or challenges, hands-on clinics and even an "xtreme" trail horse sale. The regional events are open to all horsemen, of all ages, levels of ability and from any state. Core classes for each challenge include youth 17 and under, novice amateur, amateur and open. Year-end standings will be based on an individual's top five finishes. For additional information and a complete schedule of events, call 785-312-9348 or visit www.ultimatehca.org

Western Horseman, August 2008

Wither Stop

Instead of pulling on your horse's mouth to stop him in a fearful situation, teach him to stop when you touch his withers. "the more you're in your horse's mouth during and intense situation, the more hyped up he's going to get," says mounted patrol instructor Steve Cornellier. "If your horse tries to back out of a bad situation, you can use the wither stop to stay out of his mouth and keep him calm."

Teach your horse the wither stop in an enclosed area. Designate a place in the pen and ask your horse to stop by saying "whoa," taking a deep seat, pulling back on the reins and squeezing you horse's withers with your free hand. Reward him when he stops, then start again. Eventually, Cornellier explains, you will be able to drop the other cues and simply touch your horse's withers to ask him to stop. The key is to ensure your wither cue is stronger than the one in his mouth. Progress to teaching the wither stop at the jog, then the lope. Teaching your horse the wither stop requires practice and patience.

Western Horseman, August 2008.

2008 OFQHA Schedule—All Events and Meetings

- August 23:** OFQHA Open Ranch Horse Show and August meeting. Guernsey Co. Fairgrounds
- August 24:** **AQHA Versatility Ranch Horse Show.** Guernsey Co. Fairgrounds
- September 8:** OFQHA meeting, 4:00, Perry Twp. Firehouse
- September 20:** Fall Horse Sale. Guernsey Co. Fairgrounds
- October 5:** Fall Trail Ride, Potluck and October meeting, 10:00 at Barkcamp.
- November 2:** OFQHA meeting, 4:00, Perry Twp. Firehouse
- December 7:** OFQHA meeting, 4:00, Perry Twp. Firehouse