

Ontario Equestrian Federation Quarterly Report

The Ontario Equestrian Federation (OEF) continuously works on behalf of its members to develop new programs, create new benefits and improve equestrian activity in Ontario throughout the year. To ensure its members are aware of the work being done, every issue of *WHOA!* includes a quarterly activity report that highlights current projects and those that have been completed. Articles within this issue of *WHOA!* will provide more details on these various projects.

ASSOCIATIONS

- There was a meeting of the Associations' Council on April 28. At that time, Associations were advised that the OEF was scheduled to meet with the Ministry of Tourism Culture and Sport regarding base funding and changes that would be coming into effect with respect to how funding is available to member groups.

FIRST SAFE STRIDES

- *A Guide for New Equine Exhibitors* is now available online and in print.
- The FSS program will attend various events across the province throughout the summer.

COACHING AND EDUCATION

- 61 English Rider Levels and 7 Western Rider Levels completed
- 5 new English Instructor of Beginner (4 with Jump) certified
- 2 new English Competition Coaches certified
- 1 new Western Instructor of Beginner certified

Coaching Events Held:

- April 6 – NCCP Fundamental Movement Skills & Training Workshop for Coaches of Young Athletes, Active Aldershot, Burlington
- April 13 – Western General Performance Events – NCCP/EC Analyze Performance Training Workshop for Western Competition Coach, Carter Training Centre, St. George
- May 3-4 – NCCP/EC Equestrian Theory Workshop, Equine Canada Boardroom, Ottawa
- May 10 – English Learn to Ride Program Evaluator Training, Myrddin Equestrian Centre, Erin
- May 12 – English Instructor of Beginner & English Competition Coach Evaluation, Graystone Equestrian Centre, Almonte
- June 20 – English Instructor of Beginner Evaluation, The Pickering Horse Centre, Claremont
- June 21 – English Instructor of Beginner Mentoring Clinic, Kuruka Equestrian, New Lowell
- June 22 – English Competition Coach Mentoring Clinic, Rushmount Equine Sports Ltd., Orillia
- July 3 – English Instructor of Beginner Evaluation, Foxcroft Equestrian Centre, Millgrove Ontario

Upcoming Coaching Events:

- Aug. 7-8 – NCCP/EC Equestrian Theory Workshop, Ontario Equestrian Federation Boardroom, Richmond Hill
- Aug. 16 - English Instructor of Beginner Evaluation, Kuruka Equestrian, Lowell

MEMBER BENEFITS

- OEF/OFA Member Days at TSC Stores – The summer sale event ran from June 13-26 and included a variety of items that were specially priced for OEF and OFA members.
- TSC Stores will be offering OEF and OFA members a 10% discount on regularly priced items starting July 15 until Aug. 31 – see page 24
- OEF members will have three options to save on their tickets to the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair horse show in November. Details will be available in August.
- New health and dental coverage available to OEF Members beginning Oct. 1 – see page 8
- Freedman Harness/OEF belt now available for members to purchase online – see page 18

RECREATION

- Jack de Wit submitted his resignation from the board of directors and the Recreation Council in April. The OEF wishes to extend their thanks and appreciation for his work over the years.

HORSE FACILITIES COUNCIL

- 119 Horse Facilities Advisory Council (HFAC) members online and in our web directory to date.
- We are in a discussion with a number of member barns to

support their efforts to have their coaches and camp counsellors certified, by bringing mentors, workshops and evaluations to their barn.

- We have received a great response to our new 2014 camp package, which includes T-shirts, educational books and an electronic package of support material (progress report, certificate of achievement, etc.)
- HFAC sub-committees have generated:
 - o A review of the HFAC accreditation standards to align with the new Code of Practice for the Care and Handling of Equines, as well as organizing standards in accordance with the disciplines and programs offered at the facility; and,
 - o Research to secure the Ontario Ministry of Education approval necessary to offer a series of equine related high school credit programs at OEF member facilities.
 - o In discussion with members to find ways to improve services to Western riding facilities.

COMPETITIONS

- Equine Canada Breeds clinic ran on Friday, March 21 and Saturday, March 22 at the OEF office with a total of 13 participants.
- Scheduled clinics in Orangeville, Ottawa and the GTA were cancelled due to insufficient registration. More clinics will be offered this fall/winter.
- Planning an Equine Canada Stewards clinic in conjunction with THJA for this fall. Watch the OEF website at www.horse.on.ca for more information as it becomes available.
- Team Ontario athlete declaration forms are now being accepted for the 2014 CIEC competition held in Blainville, Quebec on October 3-5.

CLEAN SPORT

- Drug technicians have attended 50 shows across the province since the beginning of the year, from bronze to FEI levels, with over 300 horses and ponies selected for drug testing as of mid-June. We would like to remind competitors and show organizers that Equine Canada sanctioned competitions fall under the Equine Medication Control Program and a drug technician could arrive at any time, on any day and your horse may be chosen for testing. For further information on the Equine Medication Control Program, visit the OEF website at www.horse.on.ca

GRANTS/FUNDING

- The OEF has submitted its annual base funding application to the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport. A requirement of all recognized provincial sport organizations, the application includes details on programs and initiatives the OEF has done to develop athletes, coaches, and officials; budgeting and financial reporting; membership statistics; and governance for the 2013-2014 fiscal year.
- The OEF also submitted a sport priority funding application to the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport. Results of successful applicants will be announced mid-July.

EVENTS

OEF Representatives attended the following events in spring/summer 2014:

- March 28-30 – Can-Am All Breeds Equine Expo
- April 10 – Ontario Sport Awards
- April 18-20 All About Pets Show
- May 16-18 – 2014 Classic @ Palgrave 1 CSI2*
- June 7 – Toronto Horse Day
- June 14 – Saddlefit 4 Life Seminar
- June 28 – Le Trec Clinic
- July 12 – One-Year Countdown to the 2015 Pan Am/Parapan-Am Games
- July 12-13 Ontario Carriage Driving Association Pleasure Show

OEF will be present at the following upcoming events:

- Aug. 1-3 – Emotional Fitness: Develop Your Mental Horsepower Clinic
- Sept. 9-11 – Outdoor Farm Show