

# 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. 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.

## SPORT DEVELOPMENT

- Working with the coaching department to create new policies, and further develop existing policies to better align with ministry guidelines.
- Applying for an Ontario Sport and Recreation Communities Fund (OSRCF) grant with the goal of teaching Horse Facility Advisory Council members about the benefits of incorporating the Learn to Ride program into their lesson plans.
- Working towards identifying programming for the sport department for 2016 - 2017.
- Met with representatives from the Royal Winter Fair on Monday, Dec. 7 to discuss plans for 2016 Spirit of the Horse and OEF/RAWF clinic concepts.

## COMPETITIONS

- Feb. 27 – Equine Canada General Performance Judging Clinic with Lindsay Grice. Clinic will take place at the OEF office in Richmond Hill, ON. Registration is open to all! See our website for registration information.
- Hunter/Jumper Judging clinic – Date TBA – more details will be posted on our website as they become available.
- Would you like to see a certain type of educational clinic offered in your area? If so, we would love to hear from you! Please contact the office with your ideas.

## MEMBER BENEFITS

- **2016 membership packages** will include a copy of the 2016 OEF Member Handbook that outlines the benefits members receive. In addition, the package will also include a 10% TSC discount card and a 10% Mark's discount card. Keep these cards handy to ensure you receive your discounts.
- **TSC Stores** will be offering monthly online-only deals in January for OEF members. Please visit [tscstores.com](http://tscstores.com) for more details.
- OEF will be hosting a member appreciation party for members at the **2016 Can-Am All Breeds Equine Expo**. Members will also receive a special ticket price. Visit the [horse.on.ca](http://horse.on.ca) for details as they become available.
- OEF members now receive 10% on all **Herbs for Horses** products purchased online. Simply fill your shopping cart and enter your OEF number in the coupon code field. Visit [horseherbs.com](http://horseherbs.com)
- **Greenhawk** in Cambridge is hosting an OEF member-shopping day on Jan. 31 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Members will receive 15% off in-store purchases when they show proof of their 2016 membership. OEF representatives will be in the store to answer questions. Anyone who

joins or renews at the store will receive a coupon to save 15% on their next purchase.

## COACHING AND EDUCATION

- Over the last quarter, the OEF education department has administered the following:
  - 109 – English Rider Levels
  - 34 – Western Rider Levels
  - 2 – English Instructor of Beginner w/Jump
  - 4 – Western Instructor of Beginner

Coaching Events Held:

- Sept. 27 – Western Instructor of Beginner Evaluation, Triple S Stables, Stouffville, ON.
- Oct. 4 – English Instructor of Beginner & Competition Coach Evaluation Day Preparation Clinic, Belle Wood Equestrian Center, Greenwood, ON.
- Oct. 3-14 – Coach Developer Training, OEF Boardroom, Richmond Hill, ON.
- Nov. 29 – English Instructor of Beginner Evaluation, Belle Wood Equestrian Center, Greenwood, ON.

Upcoming Coaching Events:

- Feb. 6-7 – NCCP/EC Competition Coach Equestrian Specific Training Workshop, OEF Boardroom, Richmond Hill, ON.
- March 5-6 – NCCP/EC Equestrian Theory Workshop, OEF Boardroom, Richmond Hill, ON.

## CLEAN SPORT

- Drug technicians attended over 150 horse shows throughout Ontario in 2015, with close to 600 horses selected for random testing to date. Thank you to all the show organizers who welcomed the drug technicians and assisted them with their preparations for the day.

## COMMUNICATIONS

- A monthly *WHOA!* e-news will be sent to members on the first Wednesday of every month. The e-news will include timely industry news, upcoming events, successful Learn to Ride and coaching candidates and much more.

## EVENTS

OEF representatives will be attending the following upcoming events:

- January 31 – Greenhawk Cambridge OEF Member Day
- April 1-3 – Can-Am All Breeds Equine Expo
- April 20-24 – 2016 Equine Canada Convention