

New Page Being Established on NWAH'S "Members Only Web Site"

Dear Members:

The Board has approved an on-going article (page on members only website) for the NWAH website featuring questions and answers to and from members of NWAH. The types of questions that would be considered would not be items specifically addressed in the rule book, but would involve topics that are not necessarily written down, such as: information that would help new members, situations of etiquette in the show ring, barn, or trail, suggestions of show or trail preparedness, or requirements versus fashion of show ring attire. Some of the questions could be the type that informed members would automatically know the answer to, but maybe haven't considered lately, or that a new member wonders about to help him or her understand the world of showing, riding, or taking care of horses. The questions will be posted on the website and members will be able to e-mail responses to me at comnph@pinehurst.net. The answers would then be compiled and published on the website along with the next question

The topics can be numerous, for example:

- Am I allowed to use verbal commands or to cluck to my horse in the ring?
- What is the proper thing to do when another rider crowds you in the ring?
- What are the expectations and unwritten rules for the practice ring?
- What should go into a safety pack on the trail?
- Where should I start to begin training my horse for the Versatility classes?
- What is the best way to set up a tack room?
- What do I do if I drop something in the show ring?
- What should I do if I forget my pattern right before my turn?
- What are some things I can do if my horse gets nervous in the show ring?
- What if my horse won't stand still in the line-up?
- What is the best thing to do if there is a run-away horse in the ring?
- Does anyone have a fool-proof way to remember about water that is running at the barn?
- What should I do if I see something going on at a show that I know is wrong?
- How long should I wait before I start going again after I reverse my horse during a show?

Where would the questions and answers come from? This article would be member driven with people offering personal experiences and insights. Questions could feature a dilemma or situation that has arisen at shows or on trails. With member participation we can provide varying scenarios and possibilities of resolutions.

The first question:

What have you found to be most essential to take to a one-day show where you are working out of your trailer?

Send your answers to: comnph@pinehurst.net

Have an idea for a question? Feel free to forward it as well!

Thank you for your consideration, Tricia Comninaki, NWAH Member