



November 2010

Dear Fellow WSHJA Members,

We are pleased to invite you to the 58<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the WSHJA which will be held on Wednesday, **December 1, 2010**, 7:00 pm at the Sheraton Bellevue, 100 112<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE, Bellevue, WA 98004. We also invite you to join fellow members for hors d'oeuvres at 6:30pm. This year's agenda along with last year's minutes and the proposed by-law changes are posted at [www.wshja.org](http://www.wshja.org).

2010 was truly a redefining year for the WSHJA. For the first time in five years the WSHJA has increased its membership year over year. The WSHJA has raised the standards at its shows, investing in the exhibitor experience. The WSHJA has enriched its member benefits through the addition of the Horse Sense Series classes, member rewards, and member communications and relations. The WSHJA has also secured sponsors, adding to the bottom line, which has enabled the association to reinvest in all of its properties enriching the benefits to all its members. This increase in sponsorship allowed the association to secure "AA" status for the Northwest Autumn Classic, making it only the second "AA" horse show in the state of Washington. It also allowed the Association to give out a record breaking amount of prize money, \$74,218, roughly \$24,000 more than ever before.

All of these accomplishments help to fulfill the association's central and defining goals: to promote the hunter-jumper sport in the state of Washington, and to provide competitive and educational opportunities to members through the promotion of the association's horse shows, year-end awards and awards banquet, scholarship opportunities, and educational classes. The association strives every year to improve the membership experience, and we are sure that 2011 will be no exception. In order to continue to fulfill these goals in the future, the association relies on the involvement of its members. The volunteer Executive Board and the By-Laws of the association are integral to the operation of the association, and member involvement in the voting and by-law amendment process ensures that the association will continue to meet the needs and expectations of its membership.

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Included in this packet is an absentee Board Member ballot. This ballot must be received prior to the Annual Meeting on Wednesday, December 1, 2010. Please ensure that your name and membership number are included on the ballot so that your vote will be counted. All absentee ballots must be delivered to the association's Secretary -- Betsy Christianson by mail at 10820 113th Court NE, Kirkland, WA 98033 no later than Tuesday, November 31st, 2010 or by hand delivery prior to the start of the Annual Meeting.

This year, the Association has contracted with Lynn Trewin of Logo Garden to manage the Annual Awards Banquet which is greatly grown in complexity over the years. Look for your invitation in the mail soon. The Awards Banquet is scheduled for 5:00 pm January 6th, 2010 at the Meydenbauer Center in Bellevue. Cocktails and the Silent Auction will begin at 5:00pm. State awards will be presented before dinner and the special presentations and National awards after dinner. 100% of this year's Silent Auction proceeds will support the WSHJA Scholarship Fund and the auction is expected to be full of interesting and fun items. If you have items you would like to contribute, please contact one of your Board members. Please return your perpetual trophies from last year to Melody Gilmore or drop them off at Olsen's Tack Shop in Bellevue as early as possible. These trophies are an important part of the history of the WSHJA and the winner is responsible for engraving their name on the trophy.

The 2010 Executive Board would like to encourage all members to renew their membership as soon as possible. We will once again be offering a 10% discount on membership fees if you renew before January 1st, 2011. The 2011 membership form is available online now at [www.wshja.org](http://www.wshja.org).

The Washington State Hunter Jumper Association exists to serve the needs of its membership. The association relies on the dedication and hard-work of its volunteer Executive Board and Committee Members. We hope that you will all be able to attend the Annual Meeting and encourage all of you to take part in the many volunteer opportunities that the association has to offer. We look forward to seeing you at the Meeting.

Sincerely,

The 2010 WSHJA Executive Board

Shelly Kerron, Corene Smith, Nancy Lewis, Betsy Christianson, Karen Freywald, Sally Collins, Cara Anthony, Kim Stuckens, Lola Michelin, Heidi Snider Evans, Hannah Evans, Melody Gilmore, Sara Smith, Shannon Hendrickson, Jodi Davis, and Megan Chagnon