

Good Morning, all!

I hope that this message finds all of you happy and warm and enjoying the lovely fall here in WA. I'm sure that you're all preparing for a wonderful holiday season with friends and family – and we wish you the very best.

If you're looking for gift ideas, have a look at Scot's clinics schedule for 2008. These dates are firm, and we're excited that we can still bring Scot to the Pacific NW to share his expertise with us. If you'd like to send a friend to a clinic, or have someone send YOU to a clinic, as a holiday gift, get in touch with me, and we'll get you all set-up. We can have Gift Certificates made for you if you'd like.

**2008 WA CLINIC SCHEDULE:**

- **Self Defense for Trail Riders**
  - Saturday, January 26
  - 9:00-12:00
  - Carnation, WA (covered arena)
  - This popular clinic will show you how to recognize possible predators on the trail, how to avoid a dangerous situation where you might be vulnerable, how to stay safely in the saddle, dispel some myths about how you can defend yourself, and how you can teach your horse to help you. As a mounted police officer, Scot had to be able to use his horse to assist with crowd control – and these techniques can be used by all of us to help us escape safely if we are attacked on the trail.
  - This clinic is perfect for BCH members, Search and Rescue members, posse groups, endurance riders who train on the trails, and young people who trail ride alone or in pairs.
  
- **Groundwork to resolve behavioral problems (Young Horses welcome)**
  - Sunday, January 27
  - 9:00-12:00
  - Carnation, WA (covered arena)
  - Do you have a young horse or weanling that needs to learn ground manners? Do you have an older horse with behavioral problems? Does your horse need trailer loading training? This clinic will teach you basic groundwork exercises and cues that you can use to solve a multitude of problems with your horses. It provides a great foundation for young horses who are not yet under saddle, as well.
  - This clinic is perfect for young horses or weanlings, horses who don't trailer load well, horses who won't stand still to be saddled or mounted, horses who drag owners around and in general don't respect your space.
  
- **Improving Your Balance and Feel Using a Bareback Pad**

- Saturday, January 26
  - 1:30-4:30
  - Carnation, WA (covered arena)
  - Do you remember how it felt to ride bareback as a child? Would you like to feel that secure again? Would you like to improve your riding cues and your balance? This clinic is designed to teach you the benefits of riding with a bareback pad, how to choose a safe pad, and how to get started so that you have a safe and productive experience.
  - The clinic is perfect for riders of all ages who want to refine their skills and develop better balance and feel.
- **The Making of a Police Horse**
    - Saturday and Sunday, March 8-9
    - 9:00-4:30 each day
    - Carnation, WA (covered arena)
    - This is your chance to learn how mounted police units train their horses, starting with the basics and developing safe practices. The clinic includes groundwork exercises, riding in groups to socialize the horses, and “bombproofing” training. Emphasis is placed on how horses think and learn so that you can continue to improve your skills after the clinic is over. Learn how to make your horse brave and confident – and improve the trust between horse and rider. If you have a horse who spooks or needs more confidence, then this is the place for you!
    - This clinic is perfect for all levels and types of riders (English, Western, endurance), posse groups, BCH members, and Search and Rescue riders.

If you would like more information about any of these clinics, please call or e-mail. And get in touch with us right away to register. We will be taking registrations and deposits right away to hold your place. First come, first served. Once the spots are filled, we will have to close registration. Don't miss out! Plan ahead and get these fun events on your calendars!

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