



ORIGINS OF THE LAKE OSWEGO HUNT

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PART IV: THE HORSEBACK RIDING ACTIVITIES OF THE MULTNOMAH HUNT RIDERS - LATER LOH FOUNDER'S

Many of the LOH founders (Multnomah Hunt riders) stabled horses at the downtown Lake Oswego stable, discussed in Part III. This is a continuation of that era - before the construction of the Lake Oswego Hunt facility.

This group had a penchant for activities. An August 19, 1934, newspaper article in a scrapbook given to LOH is entitled, "Flat Saddle Riders Plan to Brave Round-Up Rigors". The article states that, "*A number of Portland's flat saddle riders, sons and daughters of the west who have adopted the English 'pancake' in preference to the good old western saddle are going boldly to attend the Pendleton Round-up wearing their 'choke bore' breeches, 'stove pipe' boots and all. At least 19 of them, members of the Multnomah Hunt and the Oswego Riding Academy, are not only going to see the Round-up --- but will establish camp 21 miles out of the city on the breaks of McKay Creek in the Blue Mountains. Nor is that all -- they are going to enter two race horses in the flat races and sponsor a new bucking horse at the round-up.*"

THE MAY 1936 "MULTNOMAH HUNT BULLETIN" WILL GIVE THE READER AN IDEA OF THE ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE. IT READS:

Sunday	May 3	10:30 A.M.	Treasure Hunt*
Sunday	May 10	7 A.M.	Breakfast at the Log Cabin followed by a 2-1/2 hour ride over Jack Lynch's paper chase trail.
Sunday	May 17	10:30 A.M.	Training event for Civic Show
		2:30 P.M.	Cross country ride
Friday	May 22	7:30 P.M.	Civic Horseshow - Aaron Frank arena
Saturday	May 23	Same	
Sunday	May 24	Morning open	
		2:30 P.M.	Cross Country ride
Sunday	May 31		Paper Chase**

*As part of the Treasure Hunt, the riders rode to houses in the area to ask for treasure. Treasure was also hidden in the woods and around the community.

** A notation on the Bulletin says that Liddy Snow Hilbruner won this paper chase and Louise (Carey) Rocky Evans was third.

(Author's Note: Lake Oswego Hunt riders of today should know that Tryon Creek State Park has wonderful horse trails. You cannot go "flat out", but it is a beautiful ride. There are bridges across the Creek. There is a parking lot for trailers. Also note that in August of 2005, a poker game event was held and there were 168 trailers with horses that appeared. These activities are still popular.)

THE 1936 CIVIC HORSE SHOW HAD THE FOLLOWING EVENTS:

Friday, May 22, 1936

1. Hunters: Conformation 40% Performance 60% Jumps at 4 feet
2. Jumpers: Touch and Go at sound of bugle. Jumps start at 4 feet
3. Three Gaited Saddle Horses to be ridden by gentlemen
4. Musical Chairs
5. Three Gaited Saddle Horses - Pairs
6. Exhibition Harness Class
7. Road Hack
8. Exhibition Five Gaited Saddle Horse Class
9. Ladies Side Saddle
10. Jumper Teams. One horse to go at a time. Jumps start at 4 feet

Saturday, May 23, 1936

Saturday Matinee

1. Children's Jumpers (12 - 16 Years Old) Jumps start at 3 feet
2. Three Gaited Saddle Horses owned by riding school
3. Three Gaited Saddle Horse - Pairs
4. Seat and Hands (under 12 years old)
5. Musical Chairs
6. Three Gaited Saddle Horses (Owner's Class)
7. Children's School Class (16 and under)
8. Three Gaited Saddle Horses (under 12 years old)
9. Children's Jumpers (12-16) Jumps to start at 3'6"

Saturday Evening

1. Novice Riders Jumping Class
2. Jumpers Sweepstakes Jumps start at 4 feet
3. Three Gaited Saddle Horse Class to be ridden by ladies
4. Exhibition - Five Gaited Saddle Horse
5. Trail Horse Class
6. Exhibition Chucker of Polo
7. Riding School Class
8. Exhibition Harness Class
9. Trotting Race
10. Balloon Busting Contest
11. Handy Jumpers - Jumps start at 4 feet

