

December 04 Alabama Amateur News

The end of another successful show season! Hope that everyone has met their goals for this year and have new sights set on 2005. The Alabama Amateur Quarter Horse Association has certainly been busy this year with many great projects that netted our association new members and friends. We started our year with the Horse Fair in January. A special Thanks to Cheryl Cardwell for heading that event up and making it successful. Be sure to attend the Alabama Horse Fair again next month in Montgomery on January 22nd and 23rd.

Our Amateur Show in June was a huge success that included a Western Pleasure Clinic presented by Steve Cardwell, a Silent Auction headed by Jeff Bedsole, A scooter auction and Hospitality Booth sponsored by Julia Caro. All these programs helped make our Team Tournament and show very profitable.

In September, Julia Caro was the Chairman for the ALAQHA Hospitality and information booth at the Alabama Open Championship show in Montgomery. Again, a success! Julia reports that there were several new memberships taken and alot of grateful exhibitors and spectators alike that enjoyed the refreshments provided at the booth. The booth also was a popular site for viewing quarter horse videos and picking up some informative AQHA hand-outs.

In October, Jeff Bedsole was the Chairman of the very successful "Who Wants To Be A Winner" clinic featuring AQHA Judges and Trainers Mike and Charlene Carter of Tennessee. There were thirteen riders and twenty auditors that were able to learn and improve their Showmanship, Trail and Horsemanship skills. Being able to sit down and have a great lunch and visit with these two remarkable judges and trainers was a treat! Mike even shared a poem he had written; very enjoyable! Several attendees reported that they were home the next day practicing "The Grid" and other tips they learned. Top Knotch job Jeff and Marcia!

A special thanks to all these lead persons and the volunteers that helped make these programs possible.

Susie Ulrey reports that she had a great time at this years Select World Championship show. Susie is excited to be a new Grandmom and also is looking forward to the arrival of a fancy new foal from her Champion mare, Clus Kids Lady and Mr Final Conclusion. Susie was also Reserve Champion 2 yr old and under at this year's AOHA Championship show showing DP Miss Statutory.

Donna Casey would like to send thanks to everyone that has sent cards and letters in concern for her two yr old gelding Flashys Redhot Image. Flashy is recovering from injuries he sustained at the state show in September. He has even started his riding rehab, very slowly.

Bev Davis reports that her 2 YO PHBA World Champion mare, Mr Be My Daddy won the 2 YO Mare Halter (Open) class at the Camden, SC "Spooktacular" show in October under both judges and also stood GRAND under both judges picking up 4 points! Bev and Mr Be My Daddy are getting ready for the Cajun Congress and the Dixie Nationals. Good Luck to this great new team.

Megan Bruder and her horse Heres Your Bonus were in the Top Five in the Sr. English Pleasure Class at the AOHA Show. The pair were 4th place in the event. Carrie Humber and Zip Star Leaguer were third in the Open Western Pleasure class. Congratulations to these sisters for a great job showing their horses.

Nancy Howard also reports that she had a great time and did well at the State Championship Show. Nancy's yearling filly, Designer Barbie stood Reserve Champion Open Yearlings, 8th in Two and Under and 6th in All Age Mares. Her two yr old Filly, Zippin Lady Luck was 6th in the Two Yr Old Snaffle Bit Class.

Angelia Yates and her good gelding Breakin All The Rules won the Hunter Under Saddle Maturity at the Perry, Georgia QH show in September. This team has had a great year in 2004!

Be sure to keep an eye on the upcoming events on our website at

alaqha.com. The Annual AQHA Awards Banquet and General meetings will be held in January. The date and location will be posted on the site. Be sure to plan on attending this year's meetings. ALAQHA and ALQHA need your input, ideas and support for planning a successful 2005 show season. Please be aware that anyone that has any interest in the Quarter Horse industry whether you show, breed or just ride for pleasure, is invited to attend these meetings. Contact names and address are on these two websites.

From your reporter, wishing you a great Holiday Season and exceptional New Year on 2005. As always, give your horse partner a special thank you pat on the neck and a treat for a great job in 2004. Keep em' warm ,dry fat and happy and we'll see you next year!
Good Showing!