

**2011 TQHA Officers**

Randy Woodell, president  
 Amy Bailey, 1st vice president  
 Jerry Allen, 2nd vice president  
 John Ed Tabb, past president  
 Barbara Fisher, secretary

**2011 TQHYA Officers**

Kelli Woodell, president  
 Abbi Rutherford, 1st vice president  
 Katie Clark, 2nd vice president  
 Emily Adams, treasurer  
 Victoria Rand, secretary  
 Meredith Noah, sentinel  
 Tina Freeland, youth director

**2011 TQHAA Officers**

Deeanna Freeland, president  
 Dan Riegle, 1st vice president (not pictured)  
 Rose Mason, 2nd vice president  
 Tina Freeland, secretary

Want to be eligible to win some fantastic prizes? No problem. Just make sure to complete a **competition card** for the upcoming show season. Find a copy online or fill one out at the next show. Good luck!

**Welcome new 2011 members!**

- Matt Bennett - Maryville, TN
- Don Gill - Brentwood, TN
- Sandra L Kruse - Gallatin, TN
- Madden Ragan - Ft. Payne, AL

**2011 EVENTS****MARCH 5, 2011**

Reining/WC Special Event  
 BRISTOL, TN

**MARCH 10-13, 2011**

TQHA Celebration Circuit  
 HARRIMAN, TN

**MARCH 19-20, 2011**

All Novice Show and Clinic  
 HARRIMAN, TN

**APRIL 7-10, 2011**

Circuit by the River  
 HARRIMAN, TN

**APRIL 15-16, 2011**

TQHYA Open Show  
 HARRIMAN, TN

**APRIL 16, 2011**

Reining/WC Special Event  
 BRISTOL, TN

**MAY 5-8, 2011**

Lucky 7 Classic  
 MURFREESBORO, TN

**MAY 27-30, 2011**

Hillbilly Classic  
 HARRIMAN, TN

**JUNE 7-12, 2011**

Dogwood Classic  
 HARRIMAN, TN

**JULY 14-17, 2011**

East Coast WC/Reining  
 HARRIMAN, TN

**JULY 21-24, 2011**

Country Music Circuit  
 HARRIMAN, TN

**SEPTEMBER 15-18, 2011**

TQHA Holiday Circuit  
 HARRIMAN, TN

# Another new year kicked off

To the TQHA members that journeyed through the not-so-perfect weather conditions to our annual convention, THANK YOU. For those members unable to attend, you missed a great one. Accommodations were good, food and entertainment were great, meetings were professional and thorough, and awards were fantastic.

I have received numerous compliments from attendees that participated in all or part of the activities.

As is customary at the annual convention, officers and committee members have changed, and I would ask that you familiarize yourself with the new Board of Directors and Committee members. It is very exciting to see the changes and to identify with the individuals making a new and/or continued commitment to the future success of the TQHA.

**Convention highlights:**

► If you haven't heard, as a result of changes at AQHA, TQHA is eligible for another Director position at AQHA.

► Pursuant to this change and the requirements of application, Anne Brzezicki submitted her name for TQHA membership approval at the convention and received

unanimous support. As required, I have provided the necessary correspondence supporting TQHA's recommendation of Anne for Directorship.

► The show committee recommended and received approval for changes to the novice show schedule. Proposed changes to Holiday Circuit...stay tuned.

► Cheri Ellis was elected as the new Points Secretary. THANK YOU to Cathy Fowler for tremendous work in the past.

► New officers were elected for the Communications Committee. You will be seeing some great ideas coming from this group that will support and expand the tremendous efforts by Sarah Elder-Chabot and team. Dr. Dave Whitaker provided an inside look at the important activities of the Farm Animal Care Coalition in Tennessee (FACCT). Be looking for more information on this.

► If you weren't there, talk to someone who was—there was a lot more that went on. Also, check the website, friend us on Facebook, read your newsletters, stay tuned and stay involved.

*-Randy Woodell*  
 TQHA President





## TIME TO RIDE

**March 19-20, 2011 Harriman, TN**

Calling all novice exhibitors: it's time to head to Harriman for the all novice show and clinic. Showmanship, equitation and trail clinics will be held and leave the glitz and silver at home--this show is NO FRILLS! **Watch for details [www.tqha.org](http://www.tqha.org)!**

## Youth of the (TQHA) Nation

Thank you to all of the youth members who attended the state convention. We accomplished a lot and got off to a great start in the new year! For those of you that couldn't make it, you missed out. We had a wonderful speaker at the youth meeting, elected new officers and had a whole lot of fun out on the dance floor at the awards banquet! These are just a few of the highlights from yet another great convention.

A big welcome to our new youth adviser, Tina Freeland! And to Kaye Rutherford, an immense THANK YOU. Words can not express how grateful we are for what you've done for TQHYA over the last two years. We know Tina will continue with the great work, and we're looking forward to the year ahead.

The first youth meeting of the year will be held at the March show, and it's currently planned for Saturday evening. This is an important meeting—we will be discussing plans for the year and handing out letters of intent.

In regards to fundraisers, AQHA will no longer be providing the truck tickets, which has always been one of our mandatory fundraisers. Please be brainstorming ideas for fundraisers we could hold to compensate for this. This will be discussed at the March meeting as well.

We will be holding an open show at the Roane State Expo in April, although the exact date is not finalized. Updates on this will be made as the date and details are finalized. The show was a great success last year, and thanks to all of the generous donations we received, we were able to raise a lot of money for TQHYA! Please be promoting this event!

Be checking the TQHA website, the Facebook page, and your email, and keep yourself informed! Feel free to contact myself or Tina if you have any questions.

-Kelli



## Awards

What an exciting year 2010 was. Amy Bailey did an excellent job selecting the awards to be presented to all of our high point class winners and reserve winners. The all-around awards were drawings of the equine winners by Richard Maxy and were admired by everyone. The All Novice show high point and reserve high point youth and amateur exhibitors were also recognized and presented with awards. Visit [www.tqha.org](http://www.tqha.org) for a complete listing of the award winners. Be sure to nominate your horse for a competition card to be eligible for year-end awards, youth world and Congress teams. The form is part of the membership form which is also available at the website.

If you have questions, contact [TQHAHorse@aol.com](mailto:TQHAHorse@aol.com).

From Italy to Japan, **Charlene Carter** has traveled the globe, judging horse and rider teams for the best skills and picture-perfect performances. Check out **her top three tips** for making your next showmanship pattern the best one yet.

## from the judge



Charlene Carter holds cards in AQHA, APHA, PHBA, ApHC, NSBA, NRHA and POA. She will be judging the POA Internationals and the APHA Youth World this summer.

**Know the rules.** When I give a clinic on showmanship, the first thing that I ask the student is if they have read and understand the rules on showmanship that is listed in the AQHA rule book. They are the core for the scoring that the judges use to arrive at the score that you and your horse receive. They will give you a more detailed understanding of the things that will be credit earning and the things that will be considered minor, major or severe faults.

**Make a good first impression.** The judge's first impression of you and your horse is critical. Judges will unconsciously put you in one of three categories—the top, middle or bottom. When the judge first looks at you, he/she must see a perfectly groomed horse and exhibitor. One of my pet peeves is to be judging on a Sunday and it looks like the horse was clipped on Thursday.

You need your horse perfectly groomed and your clothes and hat should be clean, fitted and neat.

**Be prepared—for anything.** It doesn't matter if you have a trainer or not, you must personally practice with your horse if you want your patterns to have a fluid and continuous flow. Your timing will only develop with a lot of one on one practice with your own horse. One tip that will help with flow and overall layout, is being sure that you keep your horse's spine completely straight from the dock of his tail to the top of his poll. This will put polish on your lines, spins and backups!

**Good luck and remember that perfect practice makes perfect!!! You are the one and only one that in the end can truly make yourself a continuous winner!**

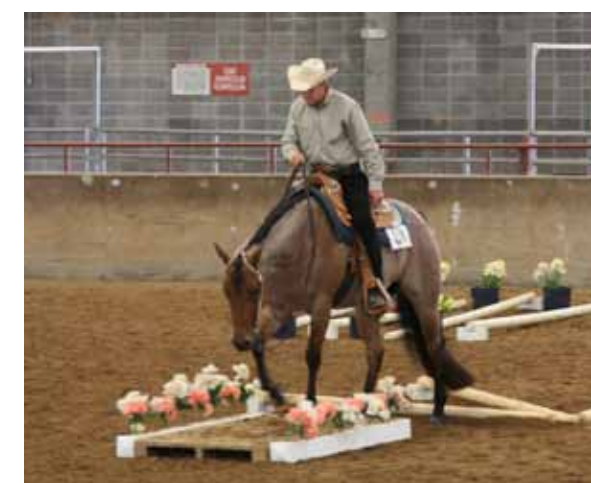
## Show and Tell

Circuit by the River April 7-10, 2011  
Harriman, TN

Judges: Kenny Hall, Mike Hawkins, Butch Carse

•The Hillbilly Classic, which usually occurs during the Memorial Day holiday weekend, will be held on a Friday - Monday format this year. Please join us May 27 - 30 in Harriman. The program is available at the TQHA website.

•The TQHA Holiday Circuit, which has previously been held after the Christmas holidays, will be moved to September 15-18 in Harriman. When available, the program will be posted at the TQHA website.



## TQHA SPRING CELEBRATION

While a snowy Tennessee winter may have left many in the barn instead of out on the trails, warmer weather--and show season--is just around the corner. Join TQHA at the **Spring Celebration Circuit March 10-13, 2011**. Judges include Patty Campbell, Butch Campbell, Larry Little and Andrea Simon.