



**2011
EVENTS**

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

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East Coast WC/Reining
MURFREESBORO, TN

JULY 21-24, 2011
Country Music Circuit
HARRIMAN, TN

AUGUST 5-13, 2011
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OKLAHOMA CITY, OK

SEPT. 15-18, 2011
TQHA Holiday Circuit
HARRIMAN, TN

OCT. 7-30, 2011
All American QH Congress
COLUMBUS, OH

News from the president

Entries Down—Enthusiasm Not

Any of you that have been to any Tennessee shows lately will identify with the discouraging fact that participation is certainly down. Of course, there is a variety of reasons for this and it's not just shows in TN: economy, quality of show, etc.; and naturally, if we could make every thing better we would. The point I would like to make after stating the obvious is, even though show entries are down the enthusiasm to show is not. Did you happen to visit the Harriman All-Novice Show or the Youth Open Show (Spring Fling)? These venues are great opportunities to be reminded why we do this and why we love these animals (the enthusiasm is infectious). Even though you may no longer be in the early stages of riding/showing...stop by and visit one of these events and I promise you'll feel renewed and inspired.

TQHA SHOW-It is-It's not-It is?????

For Clarification:

There are a number of AQHA shows and special events approved by TQHA where participants are eligible to receive AQHA and TQHA points. However, that does not mean that they are managed by "TQHA". In fact, TQHA manages three circuits and two All-Novice shows, and other circuits/shows approved for TQHA points are managed by

Regions of the parent organization i.e. TQHA Region 2, Region 3 or Region 7 or by an individual such as Barbara Fisher.

If the show is managed by TQHA i.e. TQHA Celebration Circuit, the Show Committee elected by TQHA membership has organized that show from the judges to classes. Likewise, if the show is sponsored by a Region or another individual or group then all the planning for that show has been done by them. Should there be questions/comments about a show the show management for that show should be contacted first. We look forward to seeing you at a TQHA approved event.

Anne Brzezicki – AQHA Director

Congratulations to Anne on being elected as one of the newest members of the AQHA Board of Directors. Anne is probably tired of hearing me say it, but it was a proud moment writing the letter recommending Anne for Directorship. Sometimes you don't realize (or forget) the quality of your organization until you do something like that; let me assure you TQHA is loaded with talent throughout the membership and can be extremely proud of our representation at the national level.

-Randy Woodell
TQHA President



Under Construction

A special thanks to those who helped build!

Cold-weather shows and rainy days at the Roane State Expo Center are set to become even more enjoyable, thanks to the hard work of volunteers who helped to construct sliding doors on the main barn door and arena. Many thanks to those who contributed: Joe Harper, Jerry Allen, Sally Almond, Ken Berry, Barbara Fisher, Roger Jones, Deanna Freeland, Rose Mason, TQHA Region 2, TQHA Region 3, Randy Woodell, Steve Fowler, Ed Wigginton and Kevin Spangler.



Anne Brzezicki was confirmed as TQHA's newest director. Good luck Anne, and thanks for all your hard work!

*This current CEO of The Celebration has many decades' worth of experience in the equine industry. We asked **Dr. Doyle Meadows** how he judges one of the most precision-necessary classes: horsemanship.*

from the judge



Dr. Doyle Meadows

- 20 years as a Professor with the University of Tennessee
- Has been active with children and horses for 30 years and managed the State 4-H Show for 20 years
- Licensed Quarter Horse Judge and has judged shows in the United States, Canada, Mexico, Panama, Uruguay, France, The Netherlands, Switzerland, Germany
- Conducted numerous judging clinics and educational programs for the Walking Horse Industry
- Married to Gloria Gill Meadows and has two children, Mindi Meadows and Caroline Meadows
- He currently resides in Fayetteville, TN

Execute precisely.

I think the horsemanship class is one of the best classes offered at AQHA shows. Being an "old-timer", I remember when the classes (particularly for youth) were developed and scoring systems evaluated. As I view the class, the single most important part of the class is as follows: Did the youth/amateur execute the required performance maneuvers written in the pattern? If all maneuvers were completed then it is up to the judge to evaluate how well each maneuver was done. First things first – complete the pattern THEN how well was the pattern ridden.

Be speedy.

Today I want more speed and less hesitation to demonstrate a higher degree of difficulty. Speed should never be a substitute for functional correctness but can be used to judge the overall correctness and completeness of the pattern. I think

all judges want an attractive rider that blends in a union with the horse.

Place emphasis on the ride.

I think too much emphasis is placed on the attire and not enough emphasis placed on whether or not the rider can stop, 360 turn and lope off on the correct lead. It is not a beauty contest, it is a performance event. I use the rail to break ties unless an exhibitor has a major problem on the rail.

According to AQHA... Western Horsemanship

Designed to test the horsemanship abilities of Youth and Amateur riders using western tack. Divided into two sections, riders first follow a prescribed pattern of maneuvers at a walk, trot or lope. Finalists ride as a group around the perimeter of the arena. Judging focuses on the rider's body position, seat in the saddle and ability to control the horse.

SHOO, FLY!



Leave the flies and gnats behind this summer by coating your steed in fly spray before you hit the trail or head to the show ring. Nothing's worse than a fidgeting mare

during showmanship class or a stomping gelding on a trail ride, so apply liberally. If you're feeling particularly productive, mix up your own repellent according to the recipe below.

In a clean, empty spray bottle, mix:
4 ounces of Avons' Skin So Soft Original Bath Oil
1 cup of vinegar (either white or apple cider vinegar will work)
30 -40 drops of 100% pure citronella essential oil

Fill the bottle the rest of the way up with water. Shake well each time before applying it to your horse and since the oil will quickly separate, it's best to shake periodically while using it, to keep it well mixed.

Do you have what it takes to be the Queen?

If you have a royal mindset and want to represent Tennessee at the All American Quarter Horse Congress in October, apply to be one of TQHA's Congress Queens. Crack open the AQHA rulebook, work on your interview skills and get your hair done—it's all a part of this contest!

Direct Your Attention

Paul Bailey, one of Tennessee's Directors for AQHA, shares the latest news from the national association.

The 2011 AQHA Convention was held in Grapevine, Texas at the Gaylord Texan Resort in March. There were close to 1,500 registered attendees at this year's convention, which was an increase over the past couple of years.

Although we are at a very exciting resort, we have little time to really enjoy all that it has to offer due to committee meetings that we, directors, have to attend. This year was my first year on the Nominating & Credentials Committee. This committee is charged with monitoring and advising on the governance of the association. One of those duties was to interview more than 60 applicants vying for 32 state director positions this year. Those vacancies were created when AQHA dropped the 20 year requirement on being named a Director-At-Large to 15 years of continuous service. One of those vacancies was for the state of Tennessee. I was very proud when Roger and Dave introduced Anne to the committee. She did an outstanding job speaking to the committee. After they left the room many members of the NCC commented on how Tennessee is always so professional and has its act together. Congratulations, Anne! At the close of the NCC meetings I was very blessed to be elected chair of the committee.

ous committees at the convention. Those items ranged from allowing weighted tails, lip chains, revising the incentive fund program, to AQHA having more television presence. The Executive Committee meets in April to give final approval of all committee reports and board action. The convention report will then be posted on the AQHA website.

Next year's convention will be held in Las Vegas at the South-Point Hotel and Casino. It will offer one the lowest room rates that attendees have seen in a long time. I want to encourage all of you to plan on going. In order for AQHA to become a better association we have to have membership participation.

Well, that does it for now. Remember you can reach me by phone, fax, or email anytime you may have a question.

—Paul

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There were a lot of agenda items to be discussed in the vari-



GET LUCKY

**May 5-8, 2011 Murfreesboro, TN
The Lucky 7 Classic**

Judges include Stephanie Lynn, Bruce Brown, Don Bell, Tanya Green and Buddy Fisher

The Lucky 7 has proven itself as a top show over the past several years, even being named one of the "Best of 2009" by GoHorseShow.com. This year, expect more of what you love—plenty of classes, fun entertainment, and of course, the opportunity to win one of the coveted McMillian all-around trophies.

Want more details? Visit www.tqha.org!

Youth News

Hello everyone, I hope you all had a blessed Easter!

On behalf of the youth, I would like to thank everyone who came out to Harriman to help us with the Spring Fling open show! Your efforts are greatly appreciated, and with your help the show was a successful fundraiser and a positive experience to its exhibitors.

Also, a big thank you to each of the TQHA regions that donated their show stalls for the youth's stall ticket fundraiser. We greatly appreciate your contributions, and the drawing winners sure appreciate them as well!

Congratulations to all of our AQHYA World Show qualifiers. Remember that Hardship applications are due May 31st.

Here are a few reminders for all of our team members: We will be collecting tack swap items for the 4-H State Show now through the Dogwood Classic. Silent auction items, service hours, meeting requirements, and fundraiser requirements are due at the Dogwood Classic (June 7-12).

Our next meeting will be held on a hunseat day at the Lucky Seven show in Murfreesboro. Hope to see you there!

-Kelli

Many thanks to our sponsors!

- Co-op
- Fowler Quarter Horses



Pack Your Bags

Summer is the perfect time to head out on the trails. For a short trip through the woods, leave the overnight gear behind, but if you plan on venturing out with your mount for several hours, hope for the best and prepare for the worst with emergency equipment like wound powder and a temporary shoe for your steed. Check out this list of commonly carried saddlebag items.

- Water
- Wound powder
- Gauze pads
- Elastic bandages
- Hoofpick
- Insect Repellant
- Extra set of reins
- Flashlight
- Raingear
- Pocketknife
- Temporary shoe



His multi-faceted riding skills range from his roots in barrel racing to his current affinity for jumping. **Cliff Hodge** knows that while these two disciplines might seem like opposites, they have one thing in common—**the need for speed.**

member spotlight



For TQHA member Cliff Hodge, diversity is the key word when it comes to riding. Hodge's horse life began early—he can't even remember when he didn't ride. His journey even took him to the rodeo where he rode bulls and saddle broncs until age 30.

"I have barrel raced all my life and I still actively compete," Hodge says. "About five years ago I decided I wanted to try something different, and I got interested in

Cliff Hodge and Oversea Asset ("Tiger") sail over a fence. The horse and rider duo were reserve champions in Amateur Select Jumping at the 2010 Select World Show.

jumping. I started taking lessons from Michelle Whitlow and fell in love with the sport. It's much harder than I expected. It's very physically and mentally challenging."

Hodge, now 55, has met the challenge head-on, experiencing many successes along the way. In addition to receiving multiple TQHA year-end awards over the years, he placed ninth at the 2009 AQHA Congress with his jumping horse, Tiger. In 2010 he and Tiger competed to a ranking of second in the nation in Limited Open Rider as well as earning second place at the prestigious AQHA Select World Show. In addition he garnered national rankings for two of his other horses—Frog in ninth and Cat in tenth. He also qualified Cat for the Select World in 2010 and has already qualified Tiger and Frog for the 2011 AQHA Select World Show.

Hodge credits his wife, Carol, a barrel racer and riding instructor, as being his greatest source of support along the way. "Carol has been wonderful and has made a lot of sacrifices so that I could compete on this level," Hodge says. "We have always enjoyed the horses as a family. Our daughters Brea and Erika grew up in AQHA and now our 4-year-old granddaughter Brylee loves to ride too. She says she can't wait until she can go over the big fences like her Papaw."

"The most rewarding thing for me has been riding and training my own horses," Hodge says. "I have also had the advice, encouragement and sharing of knowledge by some great friends who I admire and appreciate so much."

Cliff Hodge and his family are long-time TQHA members residing in Friendsville, Tenn. Cliff is also a farrier and is the owner of steel fabrication company Metal Craft.

Show and Tell

Show season is in full swing around the country—are you ready to ride? Saddle up and head to one (or all!) of these spring and summer shows.

•Hillbilly Classic: Harriman, TN, May 27-30, 2011
Judges include Bonnie Jo Clay, Lisa Moden, David Terrell and Rick Meredith
Circuit Awards for all classes, All-Around and Reserve All-Around Prizes

•Dogwood Classic: Harriman, TN, June 7-12
Judges include Debra Jones, Lita Hotell, Mike Perkins, Marty Jo Hayes, Jessica Gilliam and Tracy Willis



**JOIN US ON
THE WEB**

Jump on the virtual bandwagon and visit TQHA online! The association website features tons of great information—including current state point standings, member spotlights, AQHA news and plenty more. Visit www.tqha.org to get virtually involved with your favorite quarter horse-loving association!

In case you missed it...

The first all-novice show and clinic of 2011 was held on March 19-20 in Harri-man. Newcomers to showing learned a few tips to getting started in the show ring from horse show pros.

The youth hosted their second annual open show on April 15-16. Many thanks to these volunteers: Sally Almond, Cathy and Steve Fowler, Karen Spangler, Dee Freeland, Billie Henard, Bergen Lancaster, Lindsey Ross, Rose Mason, Bernie Garity, Maddy McDevitt, Randy Woodell, Kelli Woodell and Beth Merritt. Sponsors included The Horse Emporium, Rose Mason, Dee Freeland, Hughes Quarter Horses and Karen Spangler. A special thanks to Mitch Leslie, who judged the show free of charge, and to our fearless leader, Tina.

The severe storms that swept through the region on April 27 affected many of our TQHA members. Please keep the Ellis family from Cleveland, Tenn., and the Hughes family from Meadowview, Va., in your thoughts and prayers. Continue to check the TQHA Facebook page and your email for news and updates from these families.

GET INVOLVED

Say hello to TQHA's newest 2011 members!

- Jackie Adams – Springfield
- Alicia Enochs – Cookeville
- Hannah Frede – KY
- Penny Goddard – Clarksville
- Donna Grindstaff – Maryville
- John Hedgepath – Eagleville
- Jane Lugo – Parsons
- Victoria Poole – Knoxville
- Joni Price – AL
- Rachel Ragan – Jackson
- Dawn Walker – McKenzie
- Marcella Wilder – KY

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!**