



CQHA News

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January 29, 2011
CQHA Banquet

JANUARY 2011

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- CQHA Awards Banquet
- CQHA Members Rock the World
- AQHA Rule Change Deadline
- 2011 Show Dates



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CQHA Awards Banquet....

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In anticipation of our annual Award Ceremony, honoring those members whose achievements have earned them the highest awards, the **Banquet Committee** has been hard at work to bring its members a night of glory for all their hard work.

Like any big event there are some who just wake up and it happens. You come downstairs in the morning and Christmas is there, you show up at the church and reception hall and there's a wedding, you walk into a banquet hall and there are the prizes. Well if life was that simple!

Just like those exhibitors who worked so hard all year long to achieve those honors there is a small group of members who started the day after the last banquet planning for this years celebration. Let us not forget the many hours of phone calls, point tallying, award selecting, meeting a deadline and missing some, the countless emails, the hair pulling, the

name calling (yes sometimes that happens) the deal makers and the deal breakers, that all happen to bring us this night.



Awards Banquet 2011

Come join us in celebrating those successes; Saturday, January 29th at the Rocky Hill Marriott, in Rocky Hill, CT. Cocktail hour will begin at 5pm with Dinner and the Award Ceremony following at 6pm. Kindly respond to Natalie Olson with dinner (full buffet or chicken tender dinner) and seating

choice by January 14th.

Please be aware of some new changes to the program of events. We will be starting earlier this year with the Cocktail hour starting at 5:00pm and sitting for dinner and awards at 6:00pm.

Membership Committee will be holding a raffle for a great prize to be awarded to anyone who signs up or renews their **CQHA** membership at the Banquet, if unable to attend just have someone bring your form (included in newsletter and online) with a check/moneyorder (no cash please) to the banquet to qualify.

If you get a chance please be sure to "Thank" Natalie Olson, Carol Watson and Heather Lange for all their time and effort to make this evening a success!

Show Committee.....

A newly re-energized **Show Committee** has been brainstorming on new and exciting ideas on how to make you show experience more productive, relaxing and fun. They have been working hard to come up with new ideas, goals both short and long term and to bring a general good feeling to showing with **CQHA**.

Some of their goals are larger classes which would equal repeated attendance, which will bring about show growth and increase member-

ship. With the hopes of bigger attendance, and more horses to compete in more classes. The committee hopes to accomplish some of these objectives by addressing the show programs and activities, making the shows more "fun" and providing incentives to attend.

A sampling of ideas for events are *Clinics, Barn Baskets, Frisbee Throw, Barn Cook-off, Aisle Hop, Sit a Buck, Calcutta, Meeting Attendance*

Score, CQHA Bingo, Karaoke Contest, Silent Auction, Freestyle Event, Tug o War, Pie Eating, Race Games, Hot Ball Competition and Monetary incentives.

2011 will prove to be a great time for the **Connecticut Quarter Horse Association**.

Hopefully you will join us and together we can make it a success!



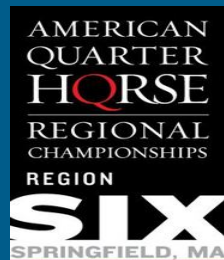
AQHA UPDATES.....

www.aqha.com



“New show rules to take effect January 1.”

“Rule change Deadline Dec 31.”



AQHA news, December 10, 2010

At the 2010 AQHA Convention, many showing rules were voted on that will take effect January 1, 2011. Check out which rules have changed before next year's show seasons starts.

More Horses

Previously, only two horses could be shown per exhibitor in classes that are worked individually. Beginning January 1, exhibitors can show three horses in individually worked classes.

“If the open classes are combined into an all-ages class at a weekend show, then it goes back to four horses total,” according to Charlie Hemphill, AQHA senior director of shows and new events.

In grouped classes, such as horsemanship, Select exhibitors can show one horse in the amateur class and a different horse in the Select.

All-Around Events

Cotton or ear plugs in horses' ears will be legal as well as the use of slip-on easy-care boots. In the past, this decision was left up to the discretion

of the judges.

“The show committee made the recommendation to allow them, and they are now legal,” Hemphill said.

Novice youth are now eligible to show any horse without filling out a novice permit. The novice and the horse's owner can show the horse at the same event, as long as it's not in the same youth class.

Reining

For reiners, a new pattern has been added to AQHA's approved lists.

New Class

Green jumping is a new class that will follow the rules of AQHA's other green classes. The horses will show at lower heights.

Cowboy Mounted Shooting

The Cowboy Mounted Shooting Association has teamed up with the American Quarter Horse Association to allow American Quarter Horse owners to earn points beginning in 2011. A limited number of CMSA shows will have approved AQHA-approved classes, including

Battle in the Saddle, July 4-9 in Oklahoma City.

Leasing to Show

Beginning in 2011, any youth or amateur exhibitor can lease a horse to show in AQHA events. To show a leased horse, an exhibitor needs two pieces of paper: a showing lease form from AQHA and a copy of the detailed agreement or contract between the horse's owner and the lessee.

Learn More

Members can get the Official Handbook of Rules and Regulation online at www.aqha.com in January.

To learn more about the new changes, be sure to read the December issue of *The American Quarter Horse Journal*.

AQHA news and information is a service of AQHA publications. For more information on *The American Quarter Horse Journal* or *American's Horse*, visit AQHA Publications.

Convention Agenda items—December 31 is the deadline for submitting rule-change suggestions for the 2011 AQHA Convention.

AQHA members have until **December 31** to submit your rule-change suggestions in order for them to be considered by the appropriate AQHA standing committees at the 2011 AQHA Convention.

AQHA's standing committees will meet March 5-7 in Grapevine (Dallas) Texas, to consider submitted items.

See a list of standing committees and download the proposal form and email your submissions on the AQHA website.

You can also submit your rule-change proposal form by mail to:

AQHA
ATTN: (Committee Name)
P.O. Box 200
Amarillo, TX 79168

Learn more about the AQHA Convention, including committee agendas and a tentative schedule at www.aqha.com

Region Six News.....

www.r6aqha.com

NEWS FLASH!!!!

Looks like there will be a **R6 AQHA** Regional Championship Show combined with a **AQHA** pointed Show (6 SETS OF POINTS!)

July 20—24, 2011 at the Eastern Expo fairgrounds in Springfield, Ma.



Calendar of Events*

December 31, 2010— *deadline for submitting rules changes of AQHA Convention.*

Jan 16, 2011— *CQHA Board Meeting—5pm @ Natalie Olsen's house*

Jan 29, 2011 (Sat eve) **CQHA Award Banquet**, Rocky Hill Marriott, CT 5:00pm cocktails, 5:45, 6-11:00pm dinner & awards

CQHA Show Dates 2011

Season : Oneco Ct

April 23-25

May 21-23

June 18-20

July 15-18

Sept 10-12

R6 AQHA 2011 Regional Champion Show

July 20-24—Springfield, Ma

Be sure and mark your calendar!

**Subject to change*



Oneco, CT
Home of
CQHA Shows



Live, Learn and Pass it On.....

I've spent most of my life riding horses.

The rest I've just wasted.Anonymous

Reminder:

Don't forget to return your dinner choice and seating preference for the **CQHA Awards Banquet** by the January 14, 2010 deadline. *Table reservations will be on a first come basis, late forms risk not having a choice of table/seating preference.*

Kindly make every effort to attend the Banquet to pick up your Award(s). If you cannot attend, please designate someone to pick up your awards for you. Please be advised that any award, including monetary checks, not picked up the night of the banquet will be forfeited and donated back to **CQHA**. No awards will be mailed, shipped or delivered.

NOTE : Both Banquet form and Membership form can be found online on the CQHA website

Continue to check CQHA's website for updates and information between newsletters!"



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Bits & Spurs.....

Nutrena Tags

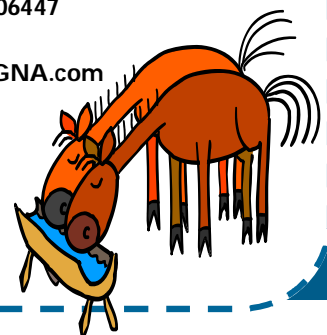
For those of you kind enough to collect **Nutrena** tags—**CQHA** will need to turn them into **Nutrena** in early January.

Natalie Olson is collecting them so please contact her to make arrangements to get your tags over to her.

Remember this is a win—win fundraiser and each tag means money for **CQHA**.

Pass collections have netted over Three thousand dollars, not bad for something that normally finds its way into the trash.

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CQHA Board News

The **CQHA** board of directors held a board meetings on October 3rd hosted at Natalie Olsen's home., November 1st hosted at David Miller's home and December 16th hosted at Whitney Lagace's home. Discussions included the upcoming show season and goals for the club, also the planning stages of the **CQHA 2010 Award Banquet** to be held at the **Rocky Hill Marriott** on **January 29th**.

Many agendas' were covered with the leading topics of improving membership and show attendance. The board reviewed the recommendations of incoming president Donna Rosciti and voted on changes to develop and improve the show programs.

Discussion on updating the current **CQHA** website and insuring the information is updated on a regular basis and being more user friendly will be implemented in the upcoming weeks.

There is currently an opening on the board of directors, which the current board would like to fill as soon as possible with an individual who will bring a new voice and be willing to help implement some of the new and exciting programs.

Join or renew your membership for the upcoming 2011 season at the Banquet! This year there will be a raffle with a great prize for those who join or renew their membership at the CQHA Banquet.

The board wishes to congratulate all of our **High Point** winners and **CQHA Champions**.

As always the general membership are welcome and encouraged to attend the board meetings held over the course of the year.

Now more then ever, your continued support is needed, and only by working together can we make a difference.

**"Wishing you and your family
a Happy New Year"**

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CQHA

** Members Shine **

CQHA members shined at the World Show, November 6th thru the 20th, in Oklahoma City this year.

These current members had awesome rides that resulted in:

Whitney Lagace of Higganum, Ct riding **Hot Rockin Potential**, owned by **Elizabeth Rinder** of Durham, Ct brought home the **World Championship** title for **Junior Trail**.

Alison Coe of Middlefield, Ct riding **Allie Gator Pie** owned by **Pauline Matson** of Berlin, CT claimed **World Reserve Champion** for **Progressive Working Hunter**, and was a **Finalist** in **Senior Hunter Hack**.

Tami McAllister of Southbury, Ct riding **Chipahde Do Dah** owned by **Heather Lange** of Norwalk, Ct secured **World Reserve Champion** for **Senior Trail**.

**"Congratulations on all
your hard work!!!!"**



Hot Rockin Potential
Exhibitor: Whitney Lagace
Owner: Elizabeth Rinder
Junior Trail Champion

Photo courtesy of JQurnal

Classifieds

16" Work Saddle For Sale

Seven year old rough out work saddle make by Billy Royal. Saddle is in good condition, leather darker in some areas from use. Kept in temperature controlled tack room. \$675.00 Email with any question or pictures.

kamatson@comcast.net or 860-655-4499 Kelly.

2011 CQHA MEMBERSHIP FORM



- Renewal Membership
 NEW Membership

TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP

- ADULT \$30.00 Individuals, 19 & over, as of January 1st 2011.
 JOINT \$40.00 Two (2) adults in the same household.
 FAMILY \$50.00 Two (2) adults & youths in the same household.
 YOUTH* \$10.00 Individuals 18 & under, as of January 1st 2011.
**Must be accompanied by a parent/guardian membership.*
 LIFETIME \$300.00 Individuals., 19 & over, as of January 1st 2011.
 JOINT LIFETIME \$500.00 Two (2) adults in the same household.

REMINDER: 2010 CQHA MEMBERSHIPS EXPIRE ON JANUARY 31ST, 2011.
 CQHA POINTS ACCUMULATION WILL COMMENCE WITH RECEIPT OF MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION AND DUES.
FOR CQHA POINTS ACCUMULATION (EXCLUDING WALK/TROT & LEADLINE DIVISIONS), HORSE OWNER MUST BE A CQHA MEMBER

NAME: _____ AQHA# _____
 OCCUPATION: _____
 SPOUSE: _____ AQHA# _____
 OCCUPATION: _____

YOUTH: _____ D.O.B. ___/___/___ AQHA# _____
 YOUTH: _____ D.O.B. ___/___/___ AQHA# _____
 YOUTH: _____ D.O.B. ___/___/___ AQHA# _____

ADDRESS: _____
 CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP CODE: _____
 TELEPHONE: (____) _____ - _____ EMAIL: _____
 TRAINER/BARN: _____

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP CQHA? **BE A SUPPORTING SPONSOR?** \$25 \$50 \$75 \$100

RESERVE YOUR FAVORITE BACK NUMBER(S)! HAVE YOUR FAVORITE NUMBER ALL YEAR FOR SHOWS AT FCF!

_____ \$15 _____ \$15 _____ \$15 _____ \$15 **TOTAL \$ _____**

RESERVE YOUR FAVORITE BACK NUMBER(S) FOR FIVE YEARS!!! FOR SHOWS AT FCF THROUGH December 2015!

_____ \$85 _____ \$85 _____ \$85 _____ \$85 **TOTAL \$ _____**

MAIL APPLICATION WITH CHECK (PAYABLE TO CQHA) TO: Lisa Rosner
 57 Bopp Road
 Canterbury, CT 06331

Date Received: ___/___/___ [office use only] Total Paid = \$ _____ Cash or Check Nbr _____

CONNECTICUT QUARTER HORSE ASSOCIATION YEAR END BANQUET

~~* SATURDAY – January 29, 2011 *~*~*

******SAME GREAT PLACE ******

Where: ROCKY HILL MARRIOTT
100 CAPITAL BLVD
ROCKY HILL, CONNECTICUT
1-860-257-6000

***** NEW TIME *****

When: 5:00 PM – 5:45 PM COCKTAIL HOUR
6:00 PM – 11:00 PM BUFFET DINNER & AWARDS CEREMONY

HOTEL ROOM \$99.00

- * MENTION CQHA WHEN BOOKING ROOM
- * ROOM RESERVATION RATE GOOD UNTIL JANUARY 7, 2011

DINNER CHOICE

~ FULL BUFFET - \$40.00 *~* CHICKEN TENDER MEAL - \$10.00

**PLEASE REMIT PAYMENT & COUNT TO NATALIE OLSON BY
JANUARY 14, 2011**

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MARLBOROUGH, CT. 06447
860-295-0520

*** * * * Attention CQHA Award winners * * ***

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NAME: _____

BARN or SEAT ME WITH: _____

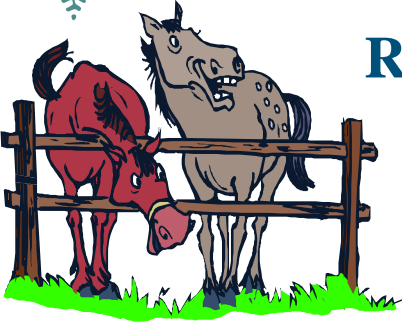
TOTAL # OF FULL BUFFETS: _____ @ \$40.00 each = _____

TOTAL # OF CHICKEN TENDER: _____ @ \$10.00 each = _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED: _____
(Check payable to CQHA)



CQHYA Roundup



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Co-Adviser: Heather Lange
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CQHYA President: Brooke Watson
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CQHYA said Goodbye to Emily Alger as Youth Adviser due to personal commitments that will prevent her to serve, she will be greatly missed. In her place Carol Watson was appointed to youth adviser and Heather Lange as Co-Advisor.

Newly appointed CQHYA President Brooke Waston and Vice President Malory Stimson are busy planning and organizing an exciting year of youth sponsored events to benefit the youth association.

The CQHYA new Officers and Board members goals are that they will

increase membership and activity level in youth events in 2011. They had a wonderful year in 2010, with the officers going to the AQHYA YES Conference, and they had a fantastic team for the AQHA World show and the board did a nice job fundraising. They hope to raise even more money in 2011.

CQHYA has a Facebook, look to it for future updates!

The CQHYA wishes everyone a warm and safe holiday season!



Hats off to you!



Many Thanks to the entire Falls Creek Farm folks for making it possible for an other successful show season!

The new changes were well received and CQHA is looking forward to the new year!

Congratulation to many of our members who went on to place in the top ten at the larger shows of the year.

Many of our CQHA current members brought home numerous titles including **World Champion, World Reserve, World Top Ten, World Finalist** and **Congress Champions, Congress Reserves' Congress Top Ten** and **Congress Finalists**.

Thank you once again for proving that CQHA members are the **BEST!!!!**

I want to **thank** all who contributed too and helped provide pictures, articles and comments for the CQHA Newsletter this year, without your input this Newsletter would not be possible!...Christine

Please send notes of Congratulations, Photos and Well Wishes, for publication in the next newsletter to cgrif@snet.net

CQHA is now on facebook!



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