

CQHA News

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- CQHA Elections
- Rubber Ducky Olympics
- AQHA "Eqin-Pass"
- Youth World—Mission Possible

Celebrating 41 years

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Make a Difference.....

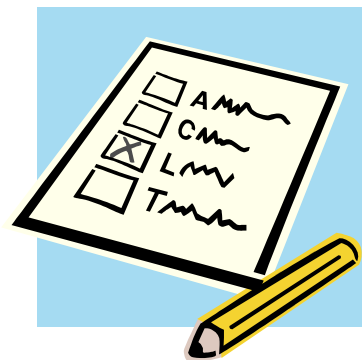
It's that time again, time to think about how one might make a difference. Come and let your voice be heard. We have a full slate up for elections which will bring about a new beginning and a fresh start for the 2011 season. CQHA will be holding its annual meeting and general elections, Saturday September 11th after the last class at the September Show. This year there are four openings for officer positions and three Board of Director seats up for elections. All nominations will come from the floor. Must be a CQHA member in good standing to be nominated and vote. Nominees have a right to decline.

The duties of the Officers are as follows.

President: He/she presides at all CQHA meetings, and appoints all committee chair persons (subject to approval of the Board of Directors) and is also a ex-officio member of all

committees; with the exception of the Nominating Committee.

Vice President: He/she acts in the absence of the President and carries out all duties assigned by the President.



"Elections"

Secretary: He/she takes the minutes at all regular and special meetings, maintains a file of all correspondences and records, and tends to all communication as directed by the President or Board, provides a secretary's report at every Board meeting.

Treasurer: He/she shall have custody of all CQHA financial accounts, will collect all funds for deposits and pay all debts as approved by the Board, will also keep records of all financial transactions for future audits. Will provide a financial report at every CQHA meeting. The Treasurer is authorized to sign all CQHA and CQHYA checks and to sign general account checks.

The duties of the Board of Directors are as follows.

Each Director will vote to amend, repeal and enforce the CQHA by-laws. Attend board meetings on a regular basis. Represent what is in the best interest of CQHA as a whole, and each Director will chair or co-chair at least one committee and report accordingly to the Board.

For a complete description of responsibilities refer to the CQHA Official Handbook which can be viewed on the website.

www.cqha.com

September Show

With September being our last show of the 2010 season, there will be lots of exciting things going on.

Aside from the elections we have lots of fun and entertaining events planned for the weekend including the **Maurleen Coburn Showmanship Challenge** and an open **Hunter Under Saddle Futurity**. Paybacks in each class. (\$500.00 or \$250.00 with less

than 5 entries.)

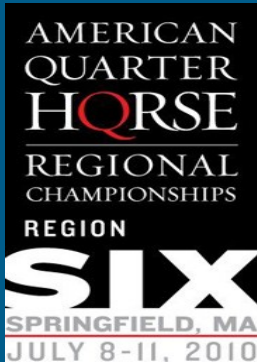
Trophy Collection: Do you have a CQHA Challenge or Perpetual Trophy? Now is the time to turn them in! Please bring your trophy to the September CQHA show and turn it in to the show office. If unable to attend please send the trophy with a friend. We need those trophy to make the 2010 awards presentations.

Team up with your barn friends to compete in the **Rubber Duck Olympics**, what better way to end a great show season (details on page 4).

Highlights from prior shows: Five Star Performance Horses won the "Battle of the Barn" with their basket. Gary McAllister won the Green Trail Challenge.



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"CQHA loses a dedicated member"

AQHA UPDATES.....

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Before you hit the road for Spring Break or the spring horse show circuits, make sure you sign up for **Equipass AQHA Road Service**.

Created exclusively for members of the American Quarter Horse Association, **Equipass** gives you total peace of mind knowing your horse trailer and vehicles are protected. Coverage, offered to **AQHA** members at \$169 a year or \$447 for three years, is effective immediately upon joining **Equipass**.

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Protected by a network of more than 40,000 service providers, **Equipass** members never ride alone. Travel throughout the United States and

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Region Six News.....

www.r6aqha.com

Canada Imposes Additional Import Restrictions on Horses:

Horse owners should be aware that Canada has imposed additional requirements on hours entering Horse owners should be aware that Canada has imposed additional requirements on horses entering from the U.S. because

of the outbreak of Vesicular Stomatitis (VS) in Arizona. This is the first outbreak of VS in the US in 2010. The U.S. Department of Agriculture and the Arizona Department of Agriculture are conducting an epidemiological investigation into the outbreak. The premises where the virus was discovered is

under quarantine. Several states have also imposed movement restrictions on horses from Arizona. For more information regarding possible State movement restrictions please contact your State Animal Health Official. For more information visit the Region 6 AQHA website.

In Memory of Mary Bishop Sherman.....

Mary Bishop Sherman, wife of Jeffrey Sherman and daughter of Sylvia Bishop and the late Newell Bishop, passed away April 25, 2010 after a 16-month struggle with breast cancer. She is survived by her husband, her mother, her brother Ned Bishop, her step-children Jocelyn and Jeffrey Sherman, and grandson Layne Moss. Mary and Jeff were married on June 9, 2008 at her family's summer home on Cape Cod. They worked happily together to renovate their North Stonington farmhouse and raise their many animals, while opening their home to a wide circle of friend and relishing the company of their dog, George.

Mary graduated from Wheeler High

School in North Stonington and received her Bachelor of Arts Degree from Hartwick College in 1986. She ran varsity cross country and pursued her life-long passion for horses while at both institutions. After graduating from Hartwick, Mary began her career as a horseback riding instructor and trainer of American Quarter Horses. She taught countless young riders and many of them followed her into the show ring. Several of Mary's horses garnered regional and national attention, and three were recognized with national championships. Mary was a member of the **American Quarter Horse Association** the **Connecticut Quarter Horse Association**, and the **Professional Horse-**

men's Association of **AQHA**. She served as an officer for both **CQHA** and **PHA** for a number of years.

Mary was a member of the North Stonington Congregational Church, where she sang in the choir and served on the Music Committee. She also served on the Mystic Area Ecumenical Council. In addition to her career as a riding instructor, Mary worked for many years at Nutmeg Crossing in Pawcatuck and The Bean Counter in Westerly.

Mary Bishop was a great asset to CQHA and will surely be missed by all.

A donation was made to the Professional Horseman's Association in Mary's name.

Calendar of Events*

Sept 10—12 CQHA Show—
Oneco, CT

**October 5 –24, 2010 All Ameri-
can Quarter Horse Congress,**
Columbus, Ohio

**November 11,12,13—14 Equine
Affaire—Springfield, MA**

**January 29, 2011 CQHA Annual
Awards Banquet,** Marriott, Rocky
Hill, CT

Be sure and mark your calendar!

September Show Highlights

- Hunter Under Saddle Futurity
- Maureen Coburn Showmanship Challenge

- Rubber Duck Olympics
- CQHA General Meeting and Elections 1 hour after last class on Saturday.

**Subject to change*



**Oneco, CT
Home of CQHA
Shows**



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

Live, Learn and Pass it

On..... All horses deserve, at least once in their lives, to be loved by a little girl.....

Bits & Spurs.....

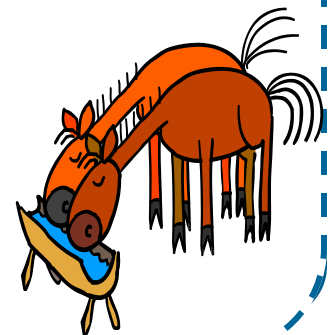
Equine Affaire will return to the Eastern States Exposition in W. Springfield, MA, November 11–14, 2010. Advance tickets went on sale July 12, 2010.

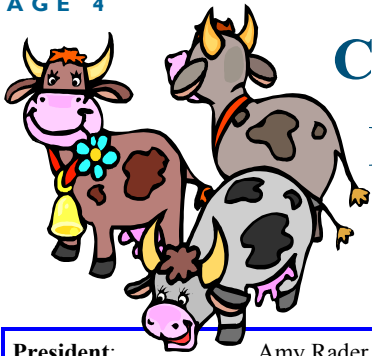
Equine Affaire's signature equine musical review, the **Pfizer Fantasia**, will take place Thursday, Friday, and Saturday at 8:00pm in the coliseum and feature a star-studded lineup of professional equestrian performers and exceptional horses choreographed to a wide variety of musical styles. This year's show will boast a special comple-

ment of acts ranging from dramatic to comedic. Tickets will range in price from \$12 to \$24 (plus a \$2.75 shipping/handling/selection fee per ticket). Advance tickets for the **Pfizer Fantasia** are available for purchase online or by calling .

The 2010 **Equine Affaire** in will feature more than 60 in-depth clinics conducted by many of the nation's foremost trainers, coaches, and competitors in three separate clinic arenas. More than 65 seminars and demonstrations be offered in the **Seminar Stage** and **Demo Ring** to

cover subjects as wide-ranging as natural and alternative therapies, stable management, nutrition, and first aid techniques. Many clinicians at Equine Affaire will accept horses and/or rides to participate in their clinics through the Ride With The Best program . For more information please visit the EquineAffaire.com website.





CQHA Board News

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The **CQHA** board of directors has three positions open and committees. Please consider becoming an active board or committee chair. **CQHA** standing committees are as follows:

Awards Committee arrange for *Perpetual, Challenge, Superlative, Class and High Point Awards* and ribbons with appropriate engraving etc. For presentation at the *Annual Awards Banquet*.

Banquet Committee is responsible for acquiring a location, speaker, MC, banquet programs, music and meal for the *Annual Banquet*. The chairman is responsible for organizing, promoting, accounting and all aspects of the banquet.

Bylaws Committee is responsible for an annual inspection of the **CQHA/CQHYA** Bylaws to insure the bylaws meet the current needs of the association. Collect all proposed bylaws from membership and present to general membership. Rewrite the approved bylaws and create and submit a current handbook for dispersal.

Marketing Committee handles all matters concerning the publicizing of club activities, create informative and inviting literature for the club and solicit advertising for publication. Coordinate all promotional materials for **CQHA**. Organize after show activities and fundraising.

Membership Committee promotes and receive membership applications, keeps records of members and provides membership materials to all new and current associates.

Points Committee records all show points in accordance with established **CQHA** rules and posts and publishes at least twice a year.

Show Committee coordinates **CQHA** sponsored and approved shows annually. Is responsible for inspecting grounds, facilities and works with show management to insure quality of shows meets the needs of **CQHA**. Also coordinates Futurities, the annual show schedule, circuit awards, class schedules, class awards and paybacks for final approval.

Queen's Committee coordinates activities, completion, fundraising, for the selection of the **CQHA Queen** to represent the State of Connecticut at the *Ohio Quarter Horse Congress*. Will obtain judges for queen competition and arrange competition.

Youth Committee (*Parent Advisory Committee*) is responsible for all matters concerning the Youth Club, such as youth events, *World Show, Congress Team*, fundraising and all other youth activates and will assist the Advisor(s) as needed.

The Board will be looking for some help for the Banquet Committee for the 2010 season, the date and hall have already be reserved, so that part is already taken care of. Please think about joining this fun committee, as it is one of the highlight of the association.

As always the general membership are welcome and encouraged to attend the board meeting 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.

Rubber Duck Olympics

"Make way for Ducklings" as **CQHA** members join together for a fun, social event throughout the September show. Get your barn together or link up with friends to be a team. Events include **"Chuck a Duck"**, a **Duck Relay**, and **"Ducks on Parade."** Prizes will be awarded in each event and the overall winner will earn Battle of the Barn points.

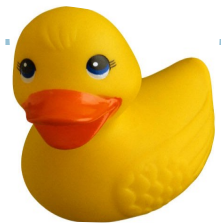
The Cost? \$5 per team (to cover the cost of ducks and prizes)

Pre-planning? Before the big event you will need a team name or theme and items with which to decorate your ducks.

CQHA will provide the ducks. You provide the creativity and supplies to make your duck stand out.

"Ducks on Parade" will be a presentation of your duck team before the Annual Meeting on Saturday night. Humor and creativity will be rewarded.

Why? It promises to be a fun, social, interactive event for everyone. Don't miss out.



Photos courtesy of Heather Lange & Brooke Watson

Mission Possible: Horse Bowl World Championship!

By Robin Fortier

At around 3:30am on Monday morning, four girls from **Connecticut** woke up with excitement. Most teenagers who are awoken at such an early hour would be drowsy, but these four girls were as excited and giggly as ever. After all, they were heading to the **American Quarter Horse Youth Association (AQHYA) Youth World Championship Horse Show** to compete for the title of *World Champion Team in horse bowl*.

Emily Berman (17) of Deep River, Emily Ferjak (16) of Killingworth, Heather Morrow (18) of Haddam and Alyssa Payette (15) of Higganum were the four bright young women who traveled to compete in this horse knowledge contest which closely resembles college bowl or Jeopardy. Their preparation for competing in Oklahoma began many months ago. After competing in the 4-H national contests in November of 2009, the girls decided to continue studying so that they could compete in the **AQHYA Horse Bowl Competition**. The summer holiday from school has been a hectic one for these girls, who spent their days studying on the beach or fund raising over \$1500 in preparation for their trip!

The girls had to study seven new source books, some of which include college equine science textbooks, in order to be competitive at the contest. But all of their hard work seemed to pay off as the contest came closer and closer.

Tuesday August 3rd was the big day. After studying late into the night and falling asleep just when it seemed they had to wake up, the **Connecticut Horse Bowl Team** got dressed in their matching Wrangler jeans and white pressed Wrangler shirts. Walking into the chilly, air-conditioned Sales Pavilion at the Oklahoma State Fair Fairgrounds, the girls saw the 13 teams they were about to face, including Texas, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Kansas, California, Massachusetts and Missouri. After a few minutes, everyone piled into the competition room to meet the judge, the moderators, the scorekeepers, and to hear the rules. To everyone's surprise, all of the horse bowl rules had changed! The traditional rules offered only one chance for a question to be answered. However, the new

rules stated that, if a question were answered incorrectly, it would then be re-stated for the *opposing team* to answer, with no penalty. This new dynamic put an entirely new strategic twist on the horse bowl game. And it also added to the anxiety of the **Connecticut Horse Bowl Team** members!

The **Connecticut** team was randomly chosen to compete at the end of the first round. So after an hour of additional study time, the four girls walked into the competition room to compete against California A team. After two rounds of one-on-one questions, the **CT** team began to find their rhythm. After the quick 20 minute round where 30 questions were asked, **Connecticut** won over California with 11 points, keeping California to only 2 points.

After their first win, all the team members began to relax and became more confident. As they studied the 2010 **AQHA** Rulebook and the Equine Science textbooks between rounds, the girls absorbed an invaluable amount of information which would lead to successive wins. Their second round against Missouri led to a greater margin of defeat, with **Connecticut** scoring

20 points and keeping Missouri to only 2 points.

Though the girls from **Connecticut** were kicking AQH butt, they never once felt overly confident or thought that they were clearly going to win. Instead, they worked hard and continued to study between every round, trying to squeeze as much information into their heads as they could. All of their hard work paid off during their third round against Texas, when the **CT** girls scored 20 points and kept Texas to only 1 point! As Heather Morrow said, "Months ago when our team began studying and preparing for the contest, our motivation was always the World Champion belt buckles we would receive if we won; the morning of the contest we were focused on that same goal. It was amazing to see our hard work pay off."

At this point, the girls were ecstatic that they had made it as far as they had. But it was back to the books as other teams duked it out to compete with **Connecticut** for the World Champion title. Not 20 minutes after their round with Texas, the girls were called back in to compete against the intimidating North Carolina team, a team who has been known to win the contest for



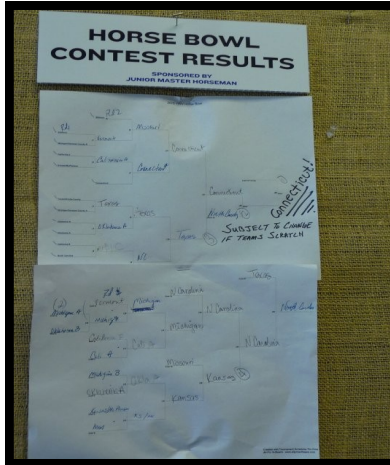
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Mission Possible: Horse Bowl World Championship!.....

at least the past four years. The round seemed to last forever, as the competitors answered increasingly difficult questions such as, "When was the first Quarter Horse Racing Journal Published?" (Answer: 1988), "What 3 major parasites need the horse as a host?" (Answer: Strongyle, Ascarid, Bots), "What bones are between the carpus joint and the fetlock joint," (Answer: cannon and splints) or "Who was the first Champion Quarter Running Horse and when was he given that designation?" (Answer: Clabber, 1940-1941). As Alyssa Payette puts it, "our last round against North Carolina was the most exciting part of the contest because the other team put up a good fight. All of us were fighting for the winning title, going back and forth for every question which added to the suspense."

As the coaches sat on the sidelines keeping score, North Carolina and **Connecticut** seemed to dance in circles for the lead. As the round drew to a close, nobody was sure what the official final score would be. Emily Berman says, "the final round was the only one in which we weren't sure of the score, since the scoreboard looked to be almost even. Those few seconds when they were adding up the scores were the most memorable seconds of the trip." And sure enough, after the two teams sat in the competition seats, waiting to hear the

final tally, the **Connecticut** girls were deemed the **World Champion Horse Bowl Team!** Amid screams and cell phone calls, the girls got in line to congratulate North Carolina on their win for Reserve World Champion and thanked the judges and moderators for a great contest. For Emily Ferjak, "the best part was definitely the moment when the scores were tallied up and it was announced that **Connecticut** finally beat North Carolina - by only one point!" The final score rested at 14-13, and the **Connecticut** girls could finally relax and enjoy the hospitality of Oklahoma and watch some of the horse show, which held many classes which are rarely seen up north in **Connecticut!** So even though the contest was over, and it's hard to go up from "**World Champion,**" the girls continued to learn more about horses and the horse industry during the last few days of their triumphant journey to Oklahoma.



As winners of the **Horse Bowl** contest at the **Youth World Show**, the **Connecticut** team and coach are awarded a custom Montana Silversmiths belt buckle, a custom embroidered Cripple Creek leather Champion's jacket, a free pair of Wrangler jeans, and bragging rights for the year!



Youth World Horsebowl Champions

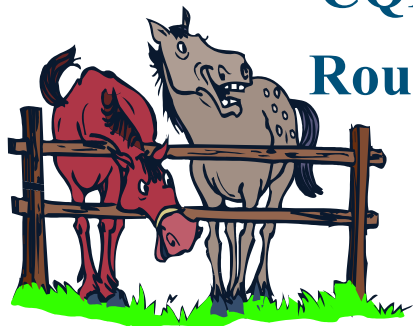
- Emily Berman
- Emily Ferjak
- Alyssa Payettee
- Heather Morrow



"As the Middlesex county 4-H Program coordinator, the State 4-h horse Program coordinator and CQHYA Youth Director—I could not be prouder!"

Emily Alger

CQHYA Roundup



The CQHYA World Team consisting of Johnna Letchworth (placed 8th in Horsemanship) Jennifer Krist, Irene Bugliari, Elizabeth Rinder, Kelsey Anelli (placed 11th in EQ), Alexa Runiuk (placed 6th in EQ) and Chelsea Broughton, competed in Trail, Horsemanship, Hunt Seat Equitation, and Showmanship,

The CQHYA Horsebowl Team consisting of Emily Berman, Emily Ferjak, Alyssa Payette and Heather Morrow won the Horsebowl; compete ion a the World Show under the instruction of their Coach Robin Fortier.

They were presented with their buckles and jackets before returning to Connecticut. The teams reported that they had an excellent

time and thought the competition was fun and exciting.

There will be elections on Sept 11 if you are interested in running for an office please contact Youth Advisor Emily Alger

"Your needed support will keep our Youth Association active and viable".

Remember to send in your Congress letters of intent!

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CQHYA World Team

- Jennifer Krist
- Irene Bugliari
- Alexa Runiuk
- Kelsey Anelli
- Elizabeth Rinder
- Johnna Letchworth
- missing Chelsea Broughton



Hats off to you!

Congratulations to all the winners of our Reining Shoot-out,

Our **Prayers** and **Sincerest**

Sympathy goes out to the family of Mary Bishop Sherman.

JOB WELL DONE and **Congratulations** to our two Youth World Teams on an excellent job done in Oklahoma and Matt LaBrie who placed 15th in Western Pleasure and Kaitlyne Wadmen who placed 15th in Performance Geldings representing Massachusetts .

Special **Thank You** to **Falls Creek** for moving the Show Office to its new location!

Please send notes of Congratulations, Photos and Well Wishes, for publication in the next newsletter to



"Winning Again in 2010"

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*“Aiding and encouraging the breeding, exhibiting,
use and perpetuating of American Quarter Horses”*



Thanks for another Great and Successful
CQHA Show Experience.

“Congratulations”

To all our Members and Exhibitors who
made this a *Winning Season*

See You Back in 2011

Connecticut Quarter Horse Association