

CQHA News

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April 21—24
CQHA Show

APRIL 2011

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- CQHA President's Message
- Ride for a Cure
- AQHA World Requirements
- CQHA & Yahoo
- Mentor Program



Season Starts with New Beginnings....

With **CQHA** show season just around the corner, the Board has been hard at work implementing some new changes.

The class list has been revamped in hopes of moving the day along. Some protective measures have also been established, requiring walk/trotters eighteen and under to wear protective helmets in riding classes and gatekeepers will be present at all classes.

Year End Awards have been adjusted to placements of 1st thru 4th for Amateur, Select, Youth and Novice to receive awards and just Novice and Youth classes.

The first show of the season will start Thursday April 21th with trail running at

5:00 pm. Dolly Chayer of OK, will single judge followed by a split/combine judged by Carl McCuiston of OK, and Karen McCuiston of OK.



Activities planned are "**Riding for Rewards**" (prize lottery drawn in a class), **Barn Basket Auction**, **CQHA General Membership** meeting, with

free food, and **CQHA Bingo** for prizes.

Coffee will be provided by **CQHA** Board Saturday morning underneath the announcers booth.

Current Show Fee's

- **CAMPERS:** \$25 ea day beginning upon arrival.
- **STALLS:** \$85 for April Circuit.
- **OFFICE FEE:** \$5 per horse, per day,
- **AQHA DRUG FEE :** \$5 per horse, per day.
- **TRAIL/FENCE WARM UP:** \$5 per horse, per day.
- **SHOWING OUT OF TRAIL:** \$15 per horse per day.

CQHA 2011

Winning Season Starts

Message from your President.....

Spring is almost here, and if you are like me, I've had enough snow. The **CQHA** Banquet was outstanding this year. Thank you to all those that made it happen.

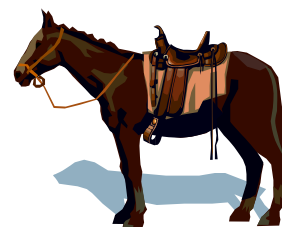
Working our way between all the snow storms this winter, your **CQHA** board has been hard at work. Our goal is to create a welcome, friendly atmosphere and bring fun to our shows. Every director chairs an activity, committee or program this year. With your help, all of these things can be accomplished while having a good time. If you have an interest in a committee, or proposed activity we would love your help. Just let me know.

During our April Show, Saturday eve-

ning you are all invited to attend our first General Membership Meeting where you and your friends can play **CQHA** Bingo for prizes, enjoy a **FREE** exhibitor's meal and learn what is going on in our association. For those who do not know me, communication and teamwork is what I'm all about. As President, I welcome your thoughts, ideas and concerns. Come to the meeting and get to know your directors! I really want to talk with you and hear what you would like to see happen as well as any concerns you may have. The first step in making **CQHA** as good as it can be comes from you. As members, you are most important. Learn about the 2011 tentative plans which include the Annual Battle of the Barns with

prizes to the top three participating barns! April brings a chance to bid on some of the most fabulous baskets anywhere. **CQHA** has affiliated with the Equine Journal, which you will see soon. We are so excited to tell you about the new **CQHA Mentor Program**, the new **CQHA Yahoo Group** exclusively for **CQHA** Members, class paybacks and our new "**Riding for Rewards**". It is our sincere hope to offer "FUN" activities during every **CQHA** pointed circuit. Want to know more?

Donna Rosciti, CQHA President



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AQHA UPDATES.....

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A Negative Equine Piroplasmosis test is now required at AQHA World Shows.

Equine Piroplasmosis

The American Quarter Horse Journal

March 9, 2011

Beginning July 1, 2011, all horses entering the grounds for any AQHA world championship show – in Oklahoma City, Amarillo or Houston – will be required to present a certificate of a negative blood test for equine piroplasmosis. The tests must have been completed within the previous six months and will cost exhibitors \$30-\$40 per horse.

Equine piroplasmosis is a disease of horses, donkeys, mules and zebras that is caused by two parasitic organisms, *Theileria equi* and *Babesia caballi*. Although, equine piroplasmosis is primarily transmitted to horses by ticks, this bloodborne disease has been spread mechanically from animal to animal by contaminated needles.

Currently, racetracks in 11 states have testing requirements for equine piroplasmosis and that number will increase. With the potential of an infected racehorse retiring to the show pen, the show industry is vulnerable.

“As the industry leader, AQHA needs to be vigilant and establish testing requirements to ensure any case of equine piroplasmosis can’t be traced back to an AQHA event,” said Tom Persechino, AQHA executive director of competition and breed integrity. “We’re encouraging all exhibitors to contact their veterinarians to schedule these tests. If the tests are completed around the second week of July, that horse will be eligible to show at the youth, select and open/amateur world without requiring another test.”

AQHA believes that requiring a negative test at its world shows is prudent and responsible. Currently, horses should be tested for both organisms, which requires two different tests costing \$15-20 each.

“These are inexpensive tests that we don’t believe will burden our members,” Persechino said.

AQHA is recommending the following rule:

AQHA World Show Recommendations for EP Testing: Effective July 1, 2011, no horse shall be allowed entry onto a World Show venue without verification that required testing for equine piroplasmosis has been completed. All horses seeking entry onto an [AQHA World Show](#) venue must be accompanied with a certificate demonstrating the horse(s) has been tested for piroplasmosis by a C-ELISA assay for both *Theileria equi* and *Babesia caballi* and reported to be negative. The testing shall be performed and the results reported by a laboratory certified and approved by the USDA to conduct the testing and shall be completed on a blood sample collected from the horse during the six month period preceding the animal’s entry onto the grounds.

For a [list of approved labs](#) for these tests, go to **AQHA** website. Test samples on horses arriving from an international country must be sent to the NVSL laboratory in Ames, Iowa.

AQHA news and information is a service of AQHA publications. For more information on The American Quarter Horse Journal or America’s Horse, visit [AQHA Publications](#).



*Article submitted by Heather Lange

Region Six News.....

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2011 Regional Championship Show Update!!

Due to a number of conflicts with overlapping **AQHA** pointed shows, Big E fairground construction schedules and timing, the **R6AQHA** Board of Directors have decided to put the Region 6 Champion and “new” pointed shows on hold for 2011.

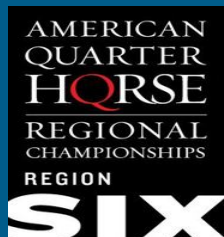
This was a very difficult decision for the Board to and only came after all options

were exhausted but our final decision was in the best interest of **R6AQHA** and our affiliates.

“We have already begun the planning for this event in 2012 and expect it to be **GRAND** event we all want this to be within the region. “

Should you have any questions please feel free to contact your **R6AQHA** representative.

Stay tuned for more happenings from **R6AQHA**



Calendar of Events*

March 27, Sunday 3pm—Board Meeting, Natalie Olson House

April 17, America's Favorite Trail Horse Audition, Spencer, Massachusetts

April 19, NRHA Regional Clinic, Cazenovia, New York

April 22,23,24 CQHA Show, Oneco, CT Thurs pm trail 4/21

May 20,21,22 CQHA Show, Oneco, CT Thurs pm trail 5/19

June 17,18,19 CQHA Show, Oneco, CT Thurs pm trail 6/16

July 14,15,16,17 CQHA Show, Oneco, CT

Sept 9,10,11 CQHA Show, Oneco, CT Thurs pm trail 9/8

October 2, Komen Connecticut Ride for the Cure, Twisted Tree Farm, Hampton, CT

Be sure and mark your calendar!

April Show Highlights:

- Battle of the Barns Baskets,
- Saturday Nite Fun Nite
- General Membership Meeting
- Youth Meeting/Social

**Subject to change*



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CQHA Shows

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CQHA
Member
Households
In
2011*



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

Unless you're willing to have a go, failing miserably, and have another go, success won't happen.....Phillip Adams



Reminders:

Don't forget to login to the **CQHA** website and review the new **2011 Class List**, there has been some changes made to the schedule in hopes of trying out new ideas and perhaps making the shows run smoother. **Take note** that **Walk/Trot trail** has been removed and replaced with **Walk/Trot Showmanship** which will run during the regular Showmanship classes.

Important: Walk/Trot rule change! All Walk/Trot exhibitors eighteen and under will now be required to wear approved protective helmets in all riding classes they show in, riders entering at gate without a helmet will not be allowed to participate in the class. The goal of **CQHA** is to provide a safe, educational and fun experience for our young riders.

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Bits & Spurs.....

Mentor Program for CQHA 2011

Feel like you are unsure how to enter, find your stalls, don't really know anyone at the shows, and would like someone to "show you the ropes"????

Now **CQHA** members can request a mentor.....who will answer questions, show you around, introduce you to others, and help you with entries...Free to **CQHA** members.

CQHA "Members Only" Yahoo Group

CQHA now has a place to post your photos, share ideas, chat with other members, ask questions, get **CQHA** updates and news

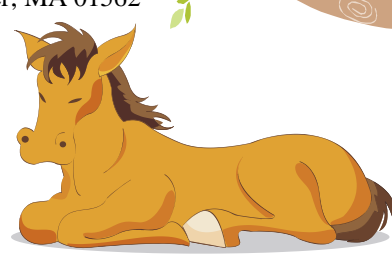
flashes, talk to your directors and officers, participate in polls that greatly effect **CQHA** and much more....

<http://pets.groups.yahoo.com/group/CQHA/>

America's Favorite Trail Horse

Camp Marshall located in Spencer, Ma is excited to be the audition site for **America's Favorite Trail Horse**, April 17th. Sponsored by the **American Competitive Trail Horse Association**. Visit their website for complete details www.actha.us For **Camp Marshall** visit www.campmarshall.org for **stall information** and **Camp Marshall Reservation**

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CQHA Board News



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The **CQHA** board of directors held a board meeting on January 16, 2011 hosted at Natalie Olson's Home.

The meeting was called to order and topics of discussions were as follows; the AIM Grant was prepared and mailed with a business plan. Equine Journal offered a reduced subscription rate to members

and the board voted to accept for one year and provide each member household with a paid subscription. All members will now receive a membership card and handbook to confirm their paid membership. Walk/Trot trail was eliminated and Walk/Trot Showmanship added in its place, the new class will run before existing Showmanship classes. This was done to hopefully to ease some of the time constraints. The Board voted and passed that youth in both walk/trot youth and adult divisions wear approved protective helmets in riding classes.

CQHA made a \$250 donation to the Ebony Horsewomen for shaving and had them delivered via Anderson Feed & Grain.

MEET OUR OFFICERS

Vice President: Gretchen Mathes—She is the owner and manager of Powder Brook Farm, a large training facility located in Harwinton, Ct. Gretchen has been training, showing and raising champion Quarter Horses at Power Brook for 42

years. She has coached World and Congress Champions both in youth and amateur classes. Holding judges cards with AQHA< NSBS< NRHA she has judged at every major show in the country. In 2007 Gretchen was named AQHA Professional Horsewoman of the Year by the Professional Horsemen's Committee. She also serves on the Stud Book and Registration Committee for AQHA and is the AQHA Director for the New England States.

Treasurer: Natalie Olson—Natalie is currently in her fifth year as CQHA Treasurer. She has been involved with CQHA as a member since 2002, and acting as a board member since 2004. Natalie served on the Awards committee as Chairman for several years and the Banquet Chairman since 2004. In addition to her Treasury duties. For 2011 she is also co-chair to Membership with Lisa Rosner.

Secretary: Susan Sinott—Sue has been involved with horses for most of her adult life. She had horses in her backyard for approximately 30 years. Sue's daughter had a horse which she showed at the Open Shows and some Quarter Horse shows. Sue had always supported her daughter's love of horses and when she went away to college, Sue started showing at Open Shows in walk/trot. Upon her daughter's graduation from college she bought herself a present, a very green quarter horse, affectionately called *Alvin*. She knew that with both kids leaving home, her daughter to Smart Pak and son to his own place, she needed to occupy her time. Sue devoted many hours to Showmanship, Trail and Horsemanship with *Alvin*. In September of 2010 she purchased *Macy* a 3yr old mare and is looking forward to showing her. When Sue is not riding, she is working to support her habit and is an assistant to a very busy Special Education Attorney.

Meet the President next Newsletter!



Ride for the Cure

Coming out of our most successful Ride for a Cure in our 10 year history, we are ready to top our past successes and make this year's ride our best yet! We're starting fresh with a new venue— Twisted Tree Farm in lovely Hampton, Connecticut.

Spend a beautiful fall day with us, riding to fight breast cancer in Connecticut. Here in the "Quiet Corner" of the state, a place of gentle hills, endless fields and colonial architecture, a private, cross-country equestrian course will be opened exclusively for the Ride for the Cure. The course will include a relaxed trail ride and fences for the jumping enthusiast.

The Ride for the Cure has now raised more than \$618,000 to date *support Connecticut women*. Please plan to come ride with us this October and make an impact on breast cancer in Connecticut!

Save the Date
Sunday, October 2, 2011
Twisted Tree Farm



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products, clients, horses,
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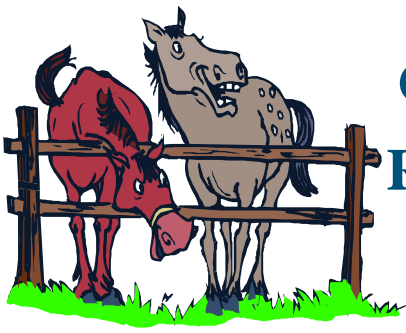
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CQHYA Roundup

The **CQHYA** have been hard at work planning new and tried and true fundraisers for the upcoming show season. The group has

been meeting over this past winter to finalize some of the last minute details. They will once again unveil one of their most successful fundraiser the **BANNER OF SUPPORT**, by contributing to this banner sale you will help send our youth to participate and compete at the **Yes Conference**, the **AQHA World Team** and **CQHYA Team** at Congress.

The **CQHYA** Officers and Board members

will host a Social Event after holding a meeting at the first **CQHA** show at Oneco in April, time and place to be announced at show.

Watch for and please support other fundraisers that the **CQHYA** will be doing throughout the season.

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



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Hats off to you!.....

Thanks to the entire **Falls Creek Farm** folks for helping

CQHA with the many new changes to improve our showing experience at their facility this year!

A **Big Welcome** to **Grace Fortune** for filling a 2011 **CQHA** board position.

An **Enormous** amount of **Gratitude** goes out to the members who help provide us with yet another successful Banquet of

Champion held this past January. Especially **Natalie Olson, Carol Berkus-Waston** and **Heather Lange** Thank you again!!!!

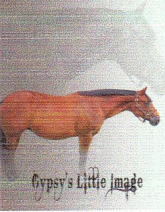
On a **sadder** note our **Prayers and Sympathies** to a fellow board member **JoAnne Chiron** whose father **Joe Ferro** past away this January, being one of the founders of **CQHA**, he will truly be missed by many. Our **Deepest Condolences** to his family and friends. .

Also two of our members lose their horses this past winter; **Donna Rosciti's** mare **Gypsy's Little Image** and **Kate Hug's** gelding


Dovetail Coaster both champion show horses died in January, hopefully their accomplishments and fond memories will ease the pain of their loss.

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

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CQHA 2011 Battle of the Baskets

Its that time of year!!

**Gather the troops and join in the fun of the annual
Battle of the Barns. Put together any theme basket
and see which one rallies to the
top. Join in the fun and be a part
of one of the seasons favorite fund
raiser to support CQHA**

