

LEADING THE NATION

Have you taken your ponies to shows yet this year? If so, please remember to mail, fax, or email your results to our point secretary at pointsecretary@quarterponyassociation.com. The first listing of the ponies “leading the nation” will be in next month’s journal. Get those results sent in. Don’t forget they must be sent in within 30 days of the show to be counted; but they need to be in by the 20th of each month in order to be in the Journal two months later. For example, Journal deadline for the August issue is June 20. Get your results in before then to be in our first listing.

Points can be earned at any OPEN SHOW! This includes not only Breed shows, but Pony Club, 4-H, Saddle Club shows, etc. All that is required for points to count is a show bill and the signature of the judge or show secretary!

The point system is simple: ponies will receive 1/2 point for every equine they are placed over. For example: Place 2nd with 4 in class = 1 point; Place 1st with 2 in class = .5 points; Place 8th in class of 30 = 11 points.

By earning QPA points, not only will you be listed in the Journal in our “Leading the Nation” column, but you will be eligible for year end awards. The following are the categories for which we will present year-end awards.

- All-Around High-Point
- Halter (Includes Showmanship & Lunge line)
- Driving (All Driving events)
- Western (Pleasure, Equitation, Riding, Horsemanship, Rail, etc)
- Trail (Show, Judged Trail Rides, Endurance, Trail Trials, In Hand)
- English (Pleasure, Equitation, Hunter under saddle, Hunter Hack, etc)

- Sport Pony (Dressage, Show Jumping, Cross Country, Hunter over fences, equitation over fences, etc.)
- Gymkhana (Timed gaming events)
- Working cow pony (Must involve bovine)

If you wonder what category any class falls under, contact our point secretary at pointsecretary@quarterponyassociation.com

NEW RIDING/DRIVING PROGRAM UNDERWAY AT QPA

The Quarter Pony Association Board has approved the guidelines for a new Riding/Driving Program to be available to all QPA members. Discussion is ongoing for a Rider/Driver division, but the Pony Division has been approved and is as follows:

RIDING DRIVING PROGRAM – PONY DIVISION

1. Riders/drivers (hereinafter referred to as riders) may nominate as many ponies as they wish, but will pay the \$10 fee for each pony nominated. Hours will be logged individually for each pony and pony hours go with the pony when transferred. If a pony is ridden by more than one rider, a separate log must be kept by each rider.
2. Participant must be a member of QPA in good standing for ponies to receive awards.
3. Participant must be a member of QPA at the time that each hour is being accrued.
4. Ponies must be registered with a QPA affiliate.
5. All riding hours must be submitted on a QPA log form but may be for any riding or driving, whether organized or personally logged. Hours ridden in shows or competitive trail rides are only allowed if pony's standing in said show or ride is not submitted for show points.

6. POINT DEADLINE is Oct. 31st. Achievement goals will be awarded to each pony and each rider in 100 hour increments.

UPCOMING “SPOTLIGHT” COLUMN

QPA would like to spotlight members and their farm/ranch operation in upcoming issues of the Journal. If you would like to tell the story of your involvement with quarter ponies, please email marketing@quarterponyassociation.com or write: Lana Sibley, 2387 N. 1100 Rd., Eudora, KS 66025 to receive an application form and questionnaire. Apply soon! Deadline for our first spotlight is June 20.

Please remember that all operations chosen for spotlighting must be QPA members in good standing.

QPA – YOUR CHANCE TO CHANGE THE QUARTER PONY WORLD

The QPA Board of Directors would like to remind all members that they have a voice in our club. All committees are currently open to any member who wishes to have a voice in the direction we take. Committees and contact information are listed on the QPA website at www.quarterponyassociation.com. Join in – give your ideas – and change your world!

QPA GOES “WORLDWIDE”

The Quarter Pony is not just destined to be “America’s Favorite Pony” but the WORLD’S favorite! At this time, members in Australia are working to form an affiliate to promote their ponies. We wish them well and give them our full support!

OOPS! GIVE CREDIT WHERE CREDIT IS DUE.

We failed to note in our May issue that the wonderful picture of Natalie Lange and ShelBEaGoodPony was taken by Deb Makinney of Deb Makinney Photography.