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SPOTLIGHT ON... DOMINIQUE NAVE

Most of you know that Dominique Nave is on the QPA Board of Directors and is the owner of the IQPA....so let me tell you a little about her past that you may not know. Try to imagine a little four-year-old girl being set up on this lop-eared bay mare every morning. Then this daring duo roaming her parents 150 acre farm, which of course includes visiting the apple orchard, because the little girl's best friend, Double Sage Cody, LOVED apples. Her mom never worried because Sage was one smart cookie. When the sun started to come down, it was feeding time and no matter where they were or how hard the little girl pulled, that mare was heading to the barn. Sage was a registered Quarter Horse, but she was just barely 14-hands.

Dominique's first years of showing were on Sage competing in Grand Entry. She had her gold sequined outfit and had no trouble taking home many trophies, but if you jump to 13 years later, you will find her on good ol' Sage winning her most prized possession. It was thrilling to win 8th in TN State Saddle Club Association show, but that wasn't the best part. Dominique, her father, and her older sister had all qualified that year and just before the class they were making fun of her "nag". Dom wasn't concerned. Trail was Sage's event, and as long as there wasn't a water obstacle, they'd be just fine. Her whole family made the top 20, but when places were called, Sage was the only one who placed!

They lost Sage several years ago, but just a few years before her death, she gave birth to an EXACT copy of herself. This mare even whinnys just like her mom! Appropriately, her name is Sage's Revenge. And her crossing on Dominique's AQHA stallion has created three AQHA point earning reining babies! You would think she would be Dom's favorite, but she's not. That honor goes to her IQPA mare HR Zipper's Lil Abby by AQHA Champion Choctaw Zipper. (But Dom still regrets that Abby is not bay!) Abby has never been shown, but is the second best broodmare, and just like Sage, she is one of Dominique's best friends.

When asked, why she chose to raise Quarter Ponies, Dominique had this to say, "I definitely don't raise ponies for the money. I do it because I am so proud of all of them. I love the quality of babies I get and know I am bettering the Quarter Pony breed with my program."

Dominique says her life is just completely jampacked right now, with her oldest daughter being a senior, but both of her daughters obviously have the same love of the ponies. Her oldest is planning to become a vet and the youngest to become a lawyer, but both have already made sure that their favorites of farm are being held for them until they each have a farm of their own. Dom is just hoping that Revenge will have TWO bay fillies, so Sage's legacy can live on.

POINTS NOTE:

Don't miss getting your points!!!! If your pony is six years old or under, then you must get an OFFICIAL height on them every year they are shown. Many of you are showing

ponies whose heights were taken last year. So get with your closest inspector or vet and get that pony remeasured. Ponies not remeasured risk losing their points and cannot receive year end awards! Inspection forms can be found on the website and should be sent to IQPA, P.O. Box 230; Lyles, TN 37098

Also, we are nearing the end of the show season when you receive this issue. Be sure to send in your points to get credit and awards!

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