

Quarter Pony Association Newsletter – October 2007 Edition

Fall is upon us and another show season begins to wind down. The holidays are just over the horizon and plans for the upcoming year begin to loom ahead. So, for this edition of the QUARTER PONY ASSOCIATION Newsletter, it seems appropriate to take a moment to reflect, relax and look forward. That said, let's see...

WHATSA GO'N ON WITH QPA

In the beginning, the QUARTER PONY ASSOCIATION (QPA) was formed from the determined efforts of a small group of individuals. The organization was brought to fruition in early 2005 with a concept and desire to provide membership services to the organizations human members. The QPA is not a registry for ponies and has no desire or plans to become a registry. In fact, the QPA's sole purpose is to provide membership services to its' members *and* support approved affiliate Quarter Pony registries through an array of services.

At present, the QPA functions solely on the volunteers efforts of its' members; no small feat given QPA membership spans the entire United States and even has members from other areas of the world. Since inception membership has grown at a modest, yet steady, pace as new people discover this young organization and the benefits offered. If you're curious about QPA please visit the official website at www.UQPA.com or www.QuarterPonyAssociation.com (both will get you where you need to be).

WHATSA GO'N ON WITH THE REGISTRIES

In the beginning there was, and still are, some very devoted Quarter Pony lovers and breeders that formed various registries. Each registry has different requirements for registration. However, two registries existed which supported the concept being presented by the newly forming QPA. Those two registries embraced the QPA. The first registry was The Western Quarter Pony Registry (WQPR) and the second is the International Quarter Pony Association (IQPA). The officials of these two registries determined it to be in the overall best interest of their beloved breed to merge. Thus, the Western Quarter Pony Registry became one with the registry now known as the International Quarter Pony Association (IQPA - Tennessee). In turn, the newly merged registries *affiliated* with QPA. Now, QPA provides the membership services to its' members with IQPA registered ponies. The QPA and the IQPA remain separate entities merely *affiliating* to further a common goal... which is to better the Quarter Pony breed overall and offer support to those that love Quarter Ponies.

Want to know what it takes to get your pony registered? Then check out the International Quarter Pony Association website at www.IQPA.com - you will discover a plethora of information. You will also discover that the Quarter Pony Association (human membership services) *and* the International Quarter Pony Association (an approved registry only) have *linked* their sites in efforts to provide more streamlined, up-to-date information on both QPA and the IQPA. Confused? Don't be... just jot down (or better yet, save to your favorites) the above referenced websites and peruse at your own leisure.

WHATSA GO'N ON IN THE REGIONS

QPA volunteer Regional Directors, apparently, have been contacted and reports are pending. Periodically, throughout the season, points updates are provided on the QPA website. However, QPA would like to recognize each region within our monthly newsletters. This 3-part addition, to the QPA newsletter, will offer recognition to Quarter Pony supporters and participants. Therefore, with

anticipated cooperation from Regional Directors and the QPA Points Secretary (again, all volunteer positions) hopefully, the following updates will appear in future QPA Newsletters; on a regular basis:

1. LEADING IN THE REGIONS THIS SEASON

- Northeast Region
- South Region
- Midwest Region
- West Region
- Leading elsewhere in the world

2. LEADING THE SEASON OVERALL

3. NEW TO THE QUARTER PONY SHOW SCENE THIS SEASON

OTHE IMPORTANT QPA INFO

Membership Reminder: All submissions for consideration in the QPA Newsletter including, but not limited to, emails, article/stories, commentaries, informational submissions and pictures/images, become property of the Quarter Pony Association and no compensation, for use, shall apply.

Before closing this edition of the QPA Newsletter, a special note of thanks and sincere appreciation is extended to former QPA Newsletter writer/publicist, Lana Sibley. Lana has spent countless hours, over the past couple of years, writing the QPA Newsletter. Lana's talents and efforts will be missed as she pursues other endeavors.

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