

The Power of a Quarter Pony!

If you're thinking merely physical strength, ya might want to think again. Those having the pleasure of owning a Quarter Pony know of the special power these ponies possess. These are ponies bred with heart. Without it, they're not a true QP.

That said, lets see...

WHATSA GO'N ON WITH QPA (human membership)

Recent changes to the official website have caused some glitches in the email system. QPA is working diligently toward resolving these glitches, in a timely manner. In the meantime, when contacting any QPA Official, through email on the website, members are encouraged to cc or bcc President@QuarterPonyAssociation.com and request confirmation of receipt. Doing so should help ensure communication is properly transmitted, received and accounted for. Member patience and support, during this transition period, is much appreciated as QPA continues its' efforts to promote the Quarter Pony and improve support.

Laurie Whitling, President of QPA, would like to take this opportunity to announce and warmly welcome our new European Director, Karin Tillisch, of Germany. Although Karin, admittedly, is taking on a tough job, she welcomes the opportunity to meet, promote, and assist Quarter Pony enthusiasts in Europe. Karin's talent, experience, and accomplishments with her own Quarter Pony stallion, Blues Starlight (pictured above), make her an exciting edition to the 2008 QPA Board. European QP enthusiasts are encouraged to contact Karin through the QPA website – she may be of great assistance in your European QP journey!

Nicki Stephens, QPA Membership Services Director, reminds members – “If you are not a Lifetime Member, your membership expires annually, in January. You may renew at anytime during the year by contacting the association.”

As of April 24th, members have already begun submitting point forms for recording. Once again, to ensure timely receipt of all forms, QPA officials ask that all email point submissions be sent to PointSecretary@QuarterPonyAssociation.com - with carbon copy (cc) or blind carbon copy (bcc) to President@QuarterPonyAssociation.com . Please remember all completed point submissions must be postmarked (or email dated) not later than 30 days after the date of the show.

WHATSA GO'N ON WITH IQPA (pony registry)

Do you have an equine that may qualify for IQPA registration? Maybe you have more than one? IQPA offers quantity discounts for multiple registrations on qualified ponies. Additional registration specials are offered, at various times of the year, as well. Please visit the IQPA website for details, and don't forget IQPA accepts all color patterns.

WHATSA GO'N ON IN THE REGIONS & ELSEWHERE IN THE WORLD

It would appear some 2007 players are off and running, early on, for 2008. However, members still have plenty of time to enter the game, join the fun, and give'm a run for their money! The last points report (received April 24, 2008), reflect submissions already coming in. The following ponies and their people cling to their Top Pony positions, earned in 2007, as they start the 2008 season:

Gymkhana:

ROJO'S POKEY, owned by The Whitlings of PA and exhibited by Adrian Whitling.
In reserve, we have MISS PAINTED LADY, owned by Alicia Liddle of CA

Driving, English, Equitation & Trail:

SMOKIN DOUBLEDUTCH, owned by Tami Platt of OR

No competition, as of yet, for this pony!?! Well, this mare is a tough act to beat and it is early in the season.

Cow Pony:

ROJO'S POKEY, owned by The Whitlings of PA and exhibited by Adrian Whitling

Here again, no competition, as of yet, for this talented pair!

Western:

BLUES STARLIGHT, of Germany, owned by Karin Tillisch.

U.S. competitors and other countries will need to step it up a notch - if anyone has aspirations of winning a title in this division for 2008!

QPA accepts point submissions from all OPEN SHOWS and has been doing so since QPA's inception! Open Shows provide members with more affordable opportunities to participate and gain some well deserved recognition! Remember, in spite of some hard work, showing should always be fun. Smile and be happy – your positive attitude will permeate throughout your performance! For details and to download point forms see the QPA website.

REMINDERS:

Quarter Pony Association (QPA) official website is www.UQPA.com

or www.QuarterPonyAssociation.com.

International Quarter Pony Association official website is www.IQPA.com .

All submissions, for consideration in QPA Newsletters, including, but not limited to, emails, articles/stories, commentaries, informational submissions and pictures/images, become property of the Quarter Pony Association and no compensation, for use, shall apply. Submissions may be sent to QPA_Newsletter@mac.com .

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