

Be thankful for the blessings bestowed upon you. Many have dreamed of owning a Quarter Pony, yet their dream eludes them, so it seems. Have faith pony dreamers, when the time is right your dreams will elude you no more.

That said, lets see...

### **WHATSA GO'N ON WITH QPA (human membership)**

#### ***A Message from Nicki Stephens, Membership Services Director:***

A Quarter Pony is indeed a horse breed – convenient in size, suitable for both children and adults. These ponies deserve recognition as competitors in a variety of disciplines – even against large breeds.

As QPA membership grows more widespread opportunities for promotion of these fine ponies will become available to members. If you are a Quarter Pony lovin member, or reader, then don't be shy about spread'n the word about these awesome little equines! Seems to be a tiny problem with QP enthusiasts – they tend to want to keep QP's all to themselves, content with the joys QP's bring to their own. Such approach restricts QPA's abilities to grow and offer even more promotion of these fine ponies. Fortunately, many are discovering they cannot contain themselves – bursting forth sharing the joys of their QP's. It's okay members... QPA encourages membership growth and the perpetuation of quality QP's. It's time to let these ponies out of their proverbial pastures – encourage others to experience and enjoy **The Power of a Quarter Pony**; and show support by becoming a member of QPA!

### **WHATSA GO'N ON WITH IQPA (pony registry)**

October is the time to get your 2008 IQPA eligible foals registered. This opportunity comes once a year; so don't let this money saving opportunity pass you by!

### **WHATSA GO'N ON IN THE U.S. REGIONS & ELSEWHERE IN THE WORLD**

Check the QPA website for points updates. Based on last update, member showing seems to have slowed a bit. Gee, think this economy has anything to do with it? Yep, I think so too! Nonetheless, we do have some new faces, in the show ring, so that is encouraging!

Warmest Welcome is extended to all new QPA members and competitors. Remember, it's still highly possible Cynthia (our QPA Point Secretary) may have some point surprises for us in the near future, so keep on showing and submitting those point forms!

### **WE HAVE A CHALLENGER**

Kudo's to Kip (RoJo's Pokey) and owner Adrian Whitling! Finally, we have a challenger in the QPA Driving Division! Look out Smokin DoubleDutch! Adrian Whitling, of PA, rose to the challenge – to give Smokin DoubleDutch some competition in 2008.

Adrian decided 2008 is the time to teach Kip another skill. Teach him she has (with the help of mom, Laurie). Adrian has never lost her determination to prove QP's can and will do it all. Driving was the only QPA division untested by young Adrian and Kip – and the pair is doing very well.

2008 also brings to Kip and Adrian their first "A" rated hunter/jumper event. Another exciting milestone achieved by this determined pair. Even still, Rojo's Pokey is often found, at rodeo's, competing in speed events such as barrels. Kip can then switch gears and perform well in pleasure and equitation, whether English or Western, and for whomever gets the joy of riding him. Kip is a truly wonderful example of the trainability, willingness and heart of a quality QP.

Tis a pleasing occasion to offer applause to a youth, such as Adrian (only 10 years old), who has exhibited such commitment to her goals; and even more pleasing to see her obtain them. So, on behalf of QPA, congratulations and continued best wishes to Adrian and RoJo's Pokey (Kip). Remember, Adrian, keep shooting for the moon!

**REMINDERS:**

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