

The Power of a Quarter Pony!

Quote by Les Brown:

“Shoot for the moon. Even if you miss, you’ll land among the stars.”

That said, lets see...

WHATSA GO’N ON WITH QPA (human membership)

From the desk of Cynthia, QPA Point Secretary:

“Just a reminder to all of you who are vying for points this year. I am getting a lot of forms late or minus their showbills. For your points to count, please make sure everything is filled out neatly and fully - so I can read it. Please make sure you have your showbill attached along with your form. Please make sure you get them sent in during the 30 day deadline. I am entering points today and have been sending emails to folks who have everything in order except they are missing showbills. There are a few members who are showing a series show over the summer where the same showbill covers everything and this is acceptable to me as long as I know what is going on. Thanks Everyone.”

WHATSA GO’N ON WITH IQPA (pony registry)

IQPA encourages all owners, of IQPA registered ponies, to post their ponies on the “All Breed Pedigree” database. Doing so offers the QP enthusiasts an alternative method to researching QP lineage - and it’s easy! Just go to www.AllBreedPedigree.com. Remember, IQPA registration specials commence starting in October and continue through January each year. Please take advantage of these money saving registration specials!

WHATSA GO’N ON IN THE U.S. REGIONS & ELSEWHERE IN THE WORLD

QPA has decided to offer points updates, through the newsletter, only a couple of times during each season. Year-end announcements, in April, will continue as in the past.

MY FIRST LEASE... by Tami Platt

I thought to myself, "Why be selfish- I have this fabulous pony; She's well trained, safe and cute as a bug. I should share her!"

I started small. The first time I loaned Dutch out was truly because I didn't have enough hands. I was showing an ABRA stallion at an open show and I wanted Dutch to go into the Stock/Hunter Type halter class- the same one the stallion was entered. I pinned my number on a girl and in we went! Dutch didn't place in the class- but the girl wouldn't stop smiling! "Can I show her in Showmanship?" Whatever, I don't care!

The next time was at a therapeutic riding school's benefit show. It's called Shared Hope for Healing in McMinnville, Oregon. (There's another one in October!) There were a couple of students of the therapeutic riding school at the show "borrowing" horses for simple classes: in-hand trail, lunge line, assisted riding and driving at the walk only. Dutch did 'em all! Oh, did I mention it was in between all the other girls riding tag-team between English, Western, Showmanship and Driving? You know how some people hire a professional rider? I was accused of having a professional pony!

Dutch and Malorie are now an exclusive couple! Malorie lives in Beaverton, Oregon. Her parents are very supportive of Malorie's passion and try to get her out the barn as much as possible (5-6 days a week!) Malorie shows Dutch in 4H English Equitation, Equitation Over Fences, Showmanship and Driving. She also shows within the Oregon Horsemen's Association in Western, English Pleasure and Halter. It's not all showing either, over Memorial Day Weekend the 4H girls spent the weekend at

the Oregon coast with their horses.

Dutch is an absolute machine. She doesn't want to be pampered or spoiled, "Just brush where the saddle goes and let's get to riding!!!" She tolerates baths, banding and polish because it leads to her favorite thing- the show ring! She is fiercely competitive and knows how to really "turn on" in the show ring. She doesn't waste any energy outside the show-ring; often catching cat-naps between classes.

I miss Dutch, especially driving her, but Malorie and Dutch make such a good team that I just sit back and watch. I don't think I'll be getting Dutch back from Malorie anytime soon. Probably not until Malorie heads off to college in EIGHT YEARS!

REMINDERS:

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

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