

Alabama Amateur News March 1005

Let Roll, Alabama Amateurs!! Time to get into the show mode with our first Alabama QHA show in Montgomery March 4th, 5th and 6th. This is the annual Southern Livestock Expo and it's sure to be a great quarter horse show. Keep your fingers crossed for good weather!

Mark your calendars for the HIS show in Decatur on March 26th and 27 and the Alabama Youth show is scheduled for April 2nd and 3rd in Andalusia, Alabama. The youth show will offer circuit awards, pay back classes and other events. It's sure to be a show you won't want to miss. You can get the show bill and other related information about the youth show on our web site at alaqha.com.

Alabama started this year off with the annual General Meetings and Awards banquet on Saturday, January 22nd. A new slate of Amateur officers are on board and have an exciting year of activities and of course our show in June is planed at Andalusia, Alabama's Covington Center. We'll once again have great awards, a team tournament and another informative clinic is in the works. Watch for details!

Our 2005 offers are President: Julia Caro, Vice-President: Larry Mann, Amy Black Secretary/Treasurer. The Board of Directors are Trish Harmon, Linda Smith, Deborah Bush, Bev Davis and Dr. Lynn Reed. Please refer to our amateur web site at alaqha.com for the e-mail address and phone numbers of these officers.

Your 2004 Amateur Champions are as follows: Stallions **Two and Under**: SCF Kiss This, Kim Osborne- **Stallions Three and Over**: DB Romantic Skipper, Lance Foster- **Mares Two and Under**: To Be The Finest, Janice Wright- **Mares Three and Over**: Miss Tiana Zip Chip, Sharon Ensor- **Geldings Two and Under**: SCG Hint Of Sierra, Kim Osborne – **Geldings Three and Over**: Palygirls Pizaaz, Cynthia Reynolds – **Showmanship**; Mos Spectacular, Brandie Malone – **Select Showmanship**: Andys Two Lucky, Deborah Bush – **Working Cowhorse**; Dancin In The Dark, Roger Moss- **Barrel Race**: Got All That, Paris Wixon- **Reining**: Dancing In The Dirt, Roger Moss – **Select Reining**: Dancin In The Dirt, Roger Moss – **Western Riding**: Mos Spectacular, Brandie Malone- **Trail**: Mos Spectacular, Brandie Malone – **Select Horsemanship**: Strollin In The Park, Linda Smith – **Western Pleasure**: SMSU All Zipped Up, Jeff Vick – **Select Western Pleasure**: Jagged Investment, Eva Fialko – **Hunter Under Saddle**: Breakin All The Rules, Angelia Yates – **Select Hunter Under Saddle**: Andys Two Lucky, Deborah Bush – **Hunt Seat Equitation**: Miss Tiana Zip Chip, Sharon Ensor – **Novice Showmanship**: Don't Skip The Mint, Denise Bell – **Novice Western Horsemanship**: Don't Skip The Mint, Denise Bell – **Novice Western Pleasure**, Don't Skip The Mint, Denise Bell – **Novice Hunter Under Saddle**: Shy Southern Leaguer, Nita Kliezt – **Novice Hunt Seat Equitation**: Don't Skip The Mint, Denise Bell –

The All- Around Champions for 2004 were: **Novice Amateur All-Around** is Denise Bell and Don't Skip The Mint and the **Reserve All- Around Novice Amateur Champion** is Cynthia Smith and The Prince Of Egypt. Our **All-Around Amateur Champion** is Sharon Ensor showing Miss Tiana Zip Chip and the **Reserve All-Around Amateur** winner is Brandie Malone with Mos Spectacular. The **Amateur Select All-Around Champions** were Andys Two Lucky and Deborah Bush and the **Reserve All-Around Select Amateur Champion** is Linda Smith and Strollin In The Park. Congratulations to all for their hard work and dedication last year!

At this year's banquet, Linda Smith received a beautiful tray from the Youth Association. The award was in recognition of Linda's efforts in getting over \$2500 in sponsorships. The money sure came in handy at last years AQHYA World Show. The Amateur Of The Year 2004 recipient was Marcia Bedsole. Congratulations to these ladies!

Congratulations to Cynthia Smith on her new title of Alabama's Rookie Of The Year. Cynthia showed her horse, The Prince Of Egypt to earn the AQHA title this past year. Also, Amateur member Annette Ellison's daughter, Katie, won the Rookie Of The Year in the youth division. Katie showed her Halter gelding Ima Coosa Lad to win the title.

Susie Ulrey is a new grandmom, Twice! Susie's daughter presented the family with a new baby boy, Bradyn and her champion mare, Molly delivered a healthy filly. The filly's sire is Mr Final Conclusion. Susie says the filly is tall like her dad and has a baby doll face like her grandam. We look forward to seeing this new team in the futurities. Maybe we'll get to meet Bradyn too!

Amy Black has a new ride this year, a new trailer that is! Amy purchased a new four horse trailer to haul her good mare Pistols Therapy. She plans to work on the All-around events this year...maybe she'll even try Hunter Hack...just as soon as she gets the flying lead changes mastered! It will be fun to see how well they do this year.

In January, The Alabama Horse Council held it's annual Horse Fair at Garrett Coliseum in Montgomery. ALQHA was well represented with a booth. Julia Caro and Cheryl Cardwell headed up the project that netted thirty six memberships. Once again, ALQHA tee-shirts were given away with new memberships. The booth offered pamphlets and brochures as well as greeting from members. Everyone that stopped by for a visit enjoyed talking about there horses and learning about the many different programs AQHA offers. Booth volunteers were Betsy Runyan, Lee Ann Boger, Deborah Bush, Chelsea Baldwin, Beverly Davis, Clayton, Annette and Katie Ellison. Will Reed, Marcia and Jeff Bedsole, Eva Fialko, and Rick and Sara Connell. Thanks for your help! Check out the web site for photos.

Sharon Ensor announces that she and her mare Miss Tiana Zip Chip have recently completed their Superior in Western Pleasure. Congratulations!

Retta Faulkner and her horse, Mr Conclusive Aglair had quite a year in 2004! The pair were Reserve Champions Amateur aged Gelding at the Dixie Nationals, PHBA show, Top Four PHBA World Show, Amateur Division, Top Five PHBA World Show, Open Division, Top Ten Amateur High Point Gelding Nationally, Open and Amateur Alabama APEA Champion Aged geldings. This fine pair are only three points away from their Superior.....NOT A PROBLEM!!

On a sad note, one of our members, Kayla Fulmer, passed away in January. Kayla was a beautiful young woman that excelled in western pleasure and was just a nice all-around person. She will be truly missed by her friends and family. Our Amateur association has purchased a brick in memory of Kayla. The brick will be placed in the courtyard of the AQHA headquarters in Amarillo, Texas.

Please keep your new and information comin'! In writing please!! Keep a check on the web site this year It's **alaqha.com**. There are a lot of new pictures and pages that are of interest. Let us know how you did at the Dixie Nationals. If you have a photo you would like to share, from a show, a candid shot, or just a story...pass it to hickoryhillfarm700@msn.com or 205-663-0140 Get your running shoes on, it's show time! Good Showing!