

NCAQHA

Greetings all amateurs,

The year 2011 is has arrived and is off to a fast pace. The NCAQHA had it's annual meeting, Jan 15th, 2011 in Greensboro. If you were not there, you missed a great meeting and lunch, The banquet was first class as well. We covered a lot of territory in our meeting and passed some new programs, Please take a few minutes to go over the minutes and read about our new programs. We need to get this information out to everyone immediately.

Our main focus this year is to encourage more to show and reward the ones who do. We hope our new programs will give more exhibitors a reason to come show with us. One of our new programs is the Novice Amateur Rookie of the year award. This will go to the novice amateur who wins the most NCQHA state points in novice amateur classes. You cannot have ANY AQHA points, check this out on the website and PLEASE spread the word. If you go to open shows, please print it off and take some of the applications for this award as well as for our Open Show Program. We need to get word out to all the open shows we can, to get more participation.

Our other new program is our "Persistence Pays Off Program" or PPOP for short. This program is for year end awards for our amateurs and novice amateurs who are in 3rd and 4th place, only if you are not winning 1st of 2nd in any other amateur or novice amateur classes. We hope this will give our exhibitors more incentive to show a little more. Please check it out on the website.

A new fundraiser for us this year will be to make gift baskets for the District V show in Williamston, N C, May 7-8, 2011. We will hold a silent auction that Sat. on them so please get your ideas together and make a basket for this show. Kristi Stallings will be in charge, the auction will be that Sat.

The amateurs are co-sponsoring the Little River Circuit with District IV of the NCQHA. It will be held in Camden, S C, May 27-29, 2011. Our responsibilities are to provide the all around awards, hold the raffle and the infamous Team Tournament. We also provide bottled water so I need everyone to help out anyway they can. We need products for the raffle, the Team Tournament, bottled water and sponsorship money. Last year, we were able to give \$500 each to 2 Therapeutic riding programs. We hope to do the same this year and possibly give to more. Susan Smith will be chairing the Raffle and Farley Barbera and Phyllis Averett are co-chairing the Team Tournament. This is our largest fund raiser so please help us out. If you have never been to this show, you are missing a lot. It

generates so much excitement. Amateurs from Ga. last year told me this was the best show they had ever been to!

The Region 10 Championship show is gearing up to be a great show. It will be held in conjunction with 3 AQHA shows this year in Raleigh, May 13-15, 2011. I am counting on the amateurs to help out at this show in any way they can. Your help will be greatly appreciated, let's show everyone there what the NCAQHA is all about!

Make your plans now to attend the Tarheel Triple Classic in Raleigh in June. These shows consist of the Youth show and the Jamboree. Please support the shows any way you can. The amateurs are going to sell raffle tickets on a trunk full of horse products during this circuit.

If you have not reserved your back number, please do so. Perry Davis is handling this for us again this year. You get to keep your same number all year and it will be laminated for you. Get your reservation form off of the website and send it in to Perry and show your support for the amateurs!

Betsy Wetherall is once again handling our SHOW program. Clip your proof of purchase labels from your SS feed bags such as Reliance, Legends and the Triple Crown feeds. If you or your trainer feeds bulk SS feed, please keep the original bulk feed delivery ticket and turn it in.

So as you can see, we have a lot going on. Please check out the amateurs on the website and look at our new programs. I really need for each and every one of you to help get the word out on these programs and everything else that we do. The NCAQHA is wonderful association with the best members in the world. I look forward to seeing all of you in the near future. Thank you for all you do and your continued support.

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