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A Message from the 2017 MQHA President

Hello Everyone,

Hope you had an easy winter and you're ready for Spring!

We will be kicking off our first big event in approximately 60 days...**MQHA EQUINE REVIEW** - April 29th and 30th, 2017.

Everyone is getting out their shedding blades, curry combs, clippers, etc, in hopes their horses coat will look close to show ready!!!

John Perkins, Lynn Keith and I, plus many volunteers and board members, have worked hard planning & organizing as well as hiring your clinicians, booking vendors and registering exhibitors for this event. Top trainers, and AQHA Professional Horsemen, along with local breed clubs, demos, vendors, equine services, competitors and more, all coming together for 2 days of learning, sharing, competing and socializing! Hope to see everyone there!

Last year was a breakthrough year for Sue Cameron and I, seeing Sue's, two year plan coming through, with good numbers & profitable shows. Having our shows on two long weekends was also a great move on the clubs part; let's keep the momentum going!

I'm excited to see our 2017 line-up of competitors young and not so young, and their equine friends.

Hope you all have a great year, and I'll see you at the shows,

Susan Chestnut

MQHA President

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Five Tips & Tricks to be More Prepared at Any Show

Benjamin Franklin once said, *“By failing to prepare, you are preparing to fail.”* This quote rings true in the horse show world because, while we may not always be able to control the thousand pound animal beneath us, we can always control how prepared we are for the show pen. Here are some tips and tricks that will help to ensure that you have done everything possible to be perfectly prepped and ready for show time.

1. Know Your Patterns

Remember back in the old days where you would arrive at the horse show and get your horse and tack unloaded before running to draw copies of the patterns? Well, those days are over. Even weeks before some of the smaller shows, show management will upload patterns to their websites so you can download them to your phones. That way, you will always have them on hand. These days, there is no excuse not to know and practice your patterns before you get to the show. At every show, I always see competitors with crumpled up, printed patterns. Before they head into the arena, they stuff it down their chaps and inevitably, it

ends up falling out in the middle of the show arena. That is not the last impression you want to leave the judges.

2. Tail Duty

If you're lucky, you won't know the terrible feeling of attempting to tie a dirty, unbrushed fake tail into a messy, tangled real tail. Washing your horse's real tail the night before will not only look better, but it will make grooming so much easier, keeping it looking good and knot-free. If your tail requires braids, go ahead and do this step at night so you don't have to spend time on it in the morning. Then, once you already have the braids in, you can just slip your fake tail on the next day, check the length and you are ready to go.

3. What's Your Number?

We all have memorable stories of forgetting our numbers, the numbers were falling off, or even putting the wrong number on our jackets. One step in being more prepared is to cut the excess border off of your numbers and attach them to your show jacket or your saddle pad the night before. Also, when you are in a barn full of many clients with

a variety of different numbers, find a place like a dry erase board where you can write the name of each exhibitor and the horse and their number next to it. This way, when everyone is rushing and trying to get ready, no one will need to question who's number is whose. Pro tip – don't forget to write your name on the back of your number so if you misplace it, you can easily find it.

4. Make Use of Your Spare Time

When everyone is sitting around the stalls hanging out at the end of the day, you can become more prepared by making use of your free time and cleaning your tack. Show halters, headstalls, and saddles all need to be cleaned now and then because of the amount of dirt that they accumulate over time. Being productive and multitasking by cleaning tack, brushing out your fake tail or even studying your patterns will ensure that you are ready to go when it's time to show. Be sure to maximize your time at each horse show in the best way possible. Next time you are sitting around waiting for your class, get up and explore. Shopping, spectating or even visiting with friends are great ways to make use of spare time at shows and make every moment count.

5. Put Together an Emergency Horse Show Kit

Personally, I keep this kit of my must haves in the bottom of my bridle bag. My kit includes the following: hair ties, bobby pins, safety pins, extra earrings and red lipstick along with new hairnets and a travel size hairspray. All of these items can come in handy at one point or another, and putting another stash of them in your grooming bag also wouldn't hurt. Other "emergency" proof tips are to practice your horse show hair and makeup at home. This way, you will be well versed and comfortable with your style before it counts. Practice and preparation are the best defenses in any situation.

[POSTED BY SAMANTHA ARMBRUSTER FOR
GOHORSESHOW ON JANUARY 27, 2017]





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Training Two-Year-Olds: How Much, How Soon, How Do You Know?

This time of year many trainers, assistants and colt breakers around the nation are spending most of their time in round pens breaking their two-year-olds. During this time, everyone has their fingers crossed in the hopes of having the next great one. But for many of the industry's top trainers, the process of preparing these young horses for training begins much earlier than the turn of the new year. While there will always be controversy and conversation about the right time to start riding prospects, we caught up with several trainers to discuss their methods for safe, efficient and positive training techniques of two-year-olds.

Beginning with Basics

The consensus from most of the industry's leading futurity trainers is that they start their long yearlings in November and December in the form of ground basics.

When Congress and NSBA World Champion trainer, Wade Black of Boerne, Texas (pictured right) brings the yearlings in from pasture in November, he starts their training with their learning of simple manners. Black explains, "I like first to teach them how to longe, learn the word 'whoa,' and get their respect on the ground before I move forward. When I feel I have their attention, I'll

proceed to the next step. Otherwise, I keep repeating what I'm doing until they show me they are ready for more advanced training."

Multiple Congress Champion, and trainer for Chavez Enterprises, Maggie Grandquist of Pilot Point, Texas, also begins in November. "I prefer line driving and desensitizing them first. I never want to push one before it's ready. I also feel that basic ground manners and trust are essential when bringing up a young horse because you want to create healthy habits that they will carry with them for the rest of their lives." Grandquist looks for "strength, trainability, and balance at all three gaits," before moving on to the next step.

According to Ashley Lakins, "We like to start saddling and longeing colts by November or December. We usually do a lot of movements with the stirrups on each of them until they stand still and are quiet. We also hang a snaffle in their mouth while longeing and tie them up in the stall a few hours a day until they are soft with their mouth. Each day, we try to progress. They do a pretty good job of showing us if they are ready to continue their training."

AQHA World Champion trainer, Casey Willis, who trained and

showed, KM Suddenly So Easy to win the Two-Year-Old Western Pleasure World Championship title in 2015, begins the futurity prospects in December. Head trainer for Masterson Farms, Willis, likes to focus his training on consistency and repetition. He explains, “Every colt is different. Some are more talented and athletic and may come along faster than others.”

The First 30 Days

Since each prospect is different, trainers’ methods vary regarding equipment choices and how best to teach the young horses. However, when it comes to the first 30 days of riding, most trainers focus on forward motion and creating positive experiences with their mounts. “We start ours in rope hackamores, and for the first ride, it is just, hang on!” Willis laughs and says. “The first three to ten trips are all about beginning the basics, stopping, steering, and forward motion. By 30 days, they should be able to stop, steer, back and go forward.”

Wade Black also starts a horse free of a bit. “I’ll always start with a halter and lead rope or a side pull, then graduate to a snaffle. Starting in a bit can cause them to worry about what’s in their mouth rather than focus on what I’m teaching. The first few rides are getting them to go forward and follow their nose. After that, I’ll start to work on steering, cues for gaits, and getting them to

carry themselves in a correct gait.”

The Lakins spend a lot of time on desensitization. “We like to sack them out with a feed bag, encouraging them not to get nervous. The first ride, we pull their head around each way,” Ashley states. “We like to use a broken short shank snaffle bit with a curb for the first ride. It gives you a little more leverage if they try to take off bucking. We walk, trot and lope on the first ride. Each ride, we just try to teach them to hold themselves up in their circle.”

The First 90 Days

The first three months of riding are crucial in creating a solid foundation that will assist in developing a confident show horse. All of the trainers emphasize that it is necessary to take each horse individually and create unique learning plans.

Ashley Lakins has certain goals for her two-year-olds. “In the first 30 days, we focus on just the basics: walk, trot, and lope with ease in a circle. By 60 days, we are pulling on their faces and trying to encourage them to put their heads down and lift their backs up.”

Through the first two months, Casey Willis likes to focus on “consistency and repetition,” and by 90 days, he strives to achieve, “side passing and body control.” Even if Willis reaches his goals by the end of the first three months, it is still not a foregone conclusion whether they will

make it as a show horse. “Until I show one for the first time, I never really know for sure,” Willis smiles and states. “You just have to take everything day-by-day.”

Making the Futurities

As far as picking who will make the futurities, Grandquist says, “They need to be mentally mature and stable enough to do their job. Usually, I like to know around the springtime whether they are going to make an early two-year-old futurity horse. It’s about letting them come along at their pace. Some come along quickly, while others require more time to grow and learn.”

The Lakins, who started the great western pleasure mare, Whatscookingoodlookin, share a similar view, “Usually by 120 days, we can have a pretty good idea whether a colt is

going to be ready for the early futurities. We let them tell us. Even then, we still don’t have an exact plan. They can change so fast. It’s really up to the colt when it will show. We can just prepare and do our best to make right decisions. There are many three-year-old events. It is not a bad thing to hold a two-year-old for a three-year-old event nowadays.”

Wade Black agrees, “I am always honest from the beginning about starting yearlings. I want to give the horse the best chance, and that just takes time. Every horse is different; I will never push one beyond what I think they are capable of doing. That won’t benefit me, the horse, or the owner.”

[POSTED BY MAUREEN WEST FOR GOHORSESHOW
ON JANUARY 18, 2017]



MQHA ANNUAL BOARD OF DIRECTERS & GENERAL MEETING

November 19th, 2016

Minutes

- Attendance
Called to order at 1:10pm – 19 in attendance
- Secretary's Report
No report to read
Minutes read from morning Board of Director's meeting as there were no minutes to read from last meeting
- Correspondence
Jane is the liaison for the website. She contacts Bob to have things added. Looking at possibly having a blog on the website where people can share information.
- Treasurer's Report
Pam presented the Treasurer's report and presented copies to those who wanted them.

Committee Reports:

- Communications/Advertising
Communication done via newsletter and website. Looked at having an easier user friendly website constructed
- Fundraising/Sponsorship
Suggestions for fundraising – approaching NSEF as they have booklets that you can see. Each ticket is \$2 and the club keeps \$1.50.
- Equine Review – The Review was a very large fundraiser for the club. Bonny will not be running the event in the new year. She expressed what a huge and thankless job this was. Bonny has a template that she will forward on to the new chair. Advertising needs to be improved and more draw from headliners. Creating a blog to get information out was suggested. Discussion regarding Ranch Riding at review to get funds from CQHA. Need to increase rate through posters. Clinics, more than one gate, headliners, advertising, sponsors, pleasure stake class, barrels and dressage possible classes. John will speak to PLP regarding price being changed for stall set

- Youth
Jocelyn spoke about how well our youth team represented the club at Congress.
- Shows
There was a motion to not hold a paint show July 2017. There were only 10 horses at the Dual Breed July 2016. Cost does not make worth it. Moved by Shandi Mitton, seconded by Lynne Keith.
Discussion regarding a possible dry camping fee for those who do now want to hook up. Looked at adding to current entry form that if in spot must pay if hooked up or not.
Discussion about adding a small fee of \$5 per class for Small Fry for 2017 show season. Also it was proposed by the floor that the Small Fry do their classes at the same time as the other riders not clumped together. Another request was Small Fry Trail – A suggestion of just modifying the trail not changing it. Received well by those in attendance.
- Social
Discussion about joining the dance portion of the banquet with the barrel racers.
OK Corral – new format. Asking during registration if planning on attending. Instead of wings hotdogs and hamburgers and ask for cooking volunteers.
- Recreational Ride
Nothing in notes
- Year End Awards/Points
Sue read a letter from Myrna Steeves. Myrna is suggesting that the cut off date for membership for the year end banquet be the end of May. This was not received well by the floor. Herb Best wanted to express his concern of having the cut off so early in the year. He is wondering if there is another way to handle this situation without such an early cut off. It was suggested that a list of members be posted at the shows so it is very clear who are members and who are not.

Unfinished Business – none noted

New Business

- Qualifications for Level 1 AQHA show were read. No decision was made if we were going to follow these qualifications for the club. Qualifications needed to be submitted by Nov 30, 2016 for the 2018 shows.

- John would like to note that Wally McNutt has been a member of the MQHA since it's creation in 1972. He wanted to sincerely thank Wally for his service and dedication for the MQHA
- John also noted the passing of a long standing member, John Parrot.
- Krista Mollins wanted to share with the membership that Makayla Jamieson would be applying to be Congress Queen and is looking for support once the information is in.
- Looked at possibly doing something different than Canter for Cash or Lope for Cash in the 2017 show season

Election of Officers - Election took place

Board members who have one year term left

Jeremy Hoyt, Steve Hutchison, Jocelyn McKenzie, Leah Currie, Wally McNutt, John Perkins

New members

Susan Chestnut, Susan Cameron, Bob Best, Lynne Keith, Kim Artz



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MQHA 2017 Canada Day Classic Show



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MQHA Member Laura Robertson
2016 Futurity Winner Yearling Lunge line
2015 Filly: Certain Shes Krymsum
Sire: Certain Potential
Dam: Really NoLuckNeeded

MQHA Canada Day Classic

Futurities

June 30th-July 3rd 2017

MQHA OPEN YEARLING LUNGELINE FUTURITY

\$250. Added + MQHA Champion Jacket
(1go Sunday)

Open to Registered Paints, Apps & QH's

MQHA ALL Novice Showmanship Challenge

\$250. Added + MQHA Champion Jacket
(2 goes)

MQHA OPEN WESTERN PLEASURE FUTURITY

\$250. Added + MQHA Champion Jacket
(1 go Saturday)

Open to Registered Paints, Apps and QH's

MQHA Non-Pro Western Pleasure Futurity

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(1 go Monday)

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MQHA CANADA DAY CLASSIC AQHA SHOW

DATES: June. 30th – July. 3rd **Start: 8:30am** **MANAGER:** Susan Chestnut
PLACE: Princess Louise Park Show Centre, **SECRETARY:** Lynn Keith
Sussex NB

These are AQHA approved shows and follow rules in the AQHA Handbook. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to know the rules. The following are reminders:

1. **Horses:** Registration papers or photocopies must be shown.
2. **Membership:** Exhibitor must have current AQHA membership card or purchase at show. Management will inspect the card.
3. **Youth** is 18 years of age or under as of January 1, 2017. **Youth/Novice Youth must** have AQHA Youth/Novice Youth card or purchase it at the show.
4. Stallions are NOT permitted in Youth classes.
5. **Amateurs/Novice Amateurs** must show **Valid Amateur / Novice Amateur Card** or apply at show. Amateurs must comply with ownership rules.
6. **Leases** as applicable per AQHA rules re showing non-owned horse are required and must be provided to Show Management. Leased horses are eligible for Year End Awards with MQHA.
7. **Novice Amateur and Novice Youth exhibitors may show a non-owned horse in Novice Divisions.**
8. **In-order to qualify for MQHA Hi-Point Awards, you must show in Halter plus a minimum of 3 performance classes in same division (Open, Amateur, Youth, Rookie, Novice Am or Novice Yth.) All-Around standings for year- end awards, follow AQHA rules.**

Fees, Stalls and Info:

1. Hay and feed will not be available for sale. Bedding is available for purchase at PLP and must be paid for prior to delivery to stall or you may bring your own Shavings or Chips **only**.
2. **Waiver:** You are required to sign a waiver stating sponsors, organizers, staff, MQHA, AQHA, do not assume responsibility for accident or illness to horses, attendants, riders, spectators, or others on the property or loss of / damage to equipment or personal belongings and that you assume all risks.
3. **Fees:**
 - a. Box Stall \$25/day Grounds fee \$25/day for horse not in stall. Book stall: 506-944-0318, or susanchestnut@hotmail.com Extra Night Stalls \$25.00 The fee for a double stall will be \$25 for the first stall and \$20 for the second stall
 - b. Tack Box \$25/day
 - c. Electrical - Trailer hookup \$25/day Full Service Hookup \$35/day
 - d. Office Fee: \$10.00 & AQHA Fee \$5.00 per horse per show. Class fee: \$10.00 per class. Flat Fee \$475.00 (includes single box stall, unlimited regular classes and show fees)
 - e. Small Fry is 12 and under, walk/trot only
 - f. MQHA requires ASTM/SEI-approved helmets in all AQHA Youth English classes including Small Fry and Lead-line.
 - g. MQHA requires all exhibitors show proof of liability insurance.
 - h. Futurity, fees/rules (see entry/futurity form)
 - i. If exhibitor shows in Performance class, they will be able to enter the coinciding halter class for Free
 - j. Anyone wishing to participate in the Walk Jog classes may NOT lope on the grounds
 - k. There will be a Mock HUS & WP Class with a \$5.00 fee proceeds will go to the Youth Association, Pay at the In gate
 - l. All Futurity Classes: All Futurity Classes must be entered no later than the evening prior to day of class.

Cheques payable to Maritime Quarter Horse Association No charge for scratched class if office is notified before class. Bills are to be paid cash, visa or cheque before leaving. Questions: Susan 506-944-0318

- ❖ Open Western Pleasure
- ❖ Non-Pro Trail
- ❖ Open Yearling Lunge line
- ❖ All Novice Showmanship Challenge

1. A leased horse may be shown in the Open Futurity classes.
2. Owners, exhibitors and parent or guardian if exhibitor or owner is a minor are required to sign a waiver.
3. Entry deadline for the Futurity classes is no later than June 24th, you can enter the evening before the class is scheduled to run on the weekend of the show but will be considered a late entry and a \$10/per judge. Late fee will apply. Fees will be added to your show bill. There are no refunds for scratched money classes.
4. Office fees of \$10.00 per horse/per judge, apply to all entries. If the entry is entered in the regular show and has paid those fees they will not be charged a second time.
5. Placings will be calculated by converting each judge's placings into numerical scores. If the combined score results in a tied placing, then a tie-breaking judge will be used. First place ties will be broken.
6. Dispersal of prize money is as follows:
 - 1st judge - 25%, 2nd judge - 25%, Overall - 50%
 - 1st place – 38%, 2nd place – 24%, 3rd place – 17%, 4th place – 13%, 5th place – 8%,
7. 20% of the administration fees is held back by MQHA.

MQHA Canada Day Classic Entry Form

June 30th-July 3rd, 2017

Princess Louise Show Center- Sussex NB

Only one horse to each entry form, must be accompanied by, Registration papers, current AQHA membership card. Entries will not be processed without proper paperwork.

Back # _____

Horses Registered Name _____ Registration # _____
Year Foaled _____ Sex _____ ROM Y/N _____

Owner's Name _____ AQHA # _____ Exp date _____
MQHA member yes/ no (please circle one) DOB _____ Horse Leased Y/N _____
Address _____ Prov _____ Postal Code _____
Email address: _____ Phone _____ Cell _____

Circle : Open Amateur Youth Novice Youth Novice Amateur Rookie

Exhibitor #1 Information

Name _____ AQHA # _____ Exp Date _____
DOB _____ MQHA member yes/no (please circle one)
Address _____ Prov _____ Postal Code _____
Email: _____ Phone _____ Cell _____

Please List Class #'s for each day

Fri														
Sat														
Sun														
Mon														

Circle : Open Amateur Youth Novice Youth Novice Amateur Rookie

Exhibitor #2 Information

Name _____ AQHA # _____ Exp Date _____
DOB _____ MQHA member yes/no (please circle one)
Address _____ Prov _____ Postal Code _____
Email: _____ Phone _____ Cell _____

Please List Class #'s for each day

Fri														
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AQHA All Inclusive Fee \$475.00

(All inclusive Fee includes: Unlimited regular classes, judge's fees, show fees and 8x8 stall)

AQHA show fees

Class per horse/judge	__ x \$10=
Small Fry/Leadline	__ x \$5=
Office Fee per judge	__ x \$10=
AQHA fee per horse/judge	__ x \$7=
Drug fee per horse/judge	__ x \$4=
Box Stall (8ftx8ft)	__ x \$25=
Tack Stall (8ftx8ft)	__ x \$25=
Double Stall	__ x \$45=
Double Stall Tack	__ x \$45=
Camper full service (Daily)	__ x \$35=
Camper semi service (Daily)	__ x \$25=
Futurity Classes *(\$250 added)	__ x \$30=

*must be MQHA member

All fees are subject to 15% HST sales tax

Paid by cash, credit or cheque

Shavings can be purchased at PLP to be paid at the PLP show office in barn 2.

Please note: Barn #5 (new barn) stall fee is \$45.
Tack stalls are also \$45

Camper Trailer information is required on this form. Please include license plate #

(NOTE: If parked in a full/semi service trailer spot rates must be paid, even if not using services)

Please send stall requests by DATE TBD to: susanchestnut@hotmail.com 506-944-0318

Please send entries to Lynne Keith at mlynnekeith@gmail.com for pre-registering. It is recommended to check in with the office upon arrival to make sure entry forms were received. Copies of all required documentation is needed BEFORE entries will be inputted.

Please note: Both horse owner and exhibitor must be MQHA members for points to count towards year end awards.

MQHA Canada Day Classic Class List

300. MQHA Open Yearling Lunge line Futurity

1. AQHA Yearling Stallions
2. AQHA Two Year Old Stallions
3. AQHA Three Year Old Stallions
4. AQHA Aged Stallions
5. AQHA Performance Halter Stallions

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6. AQHA Amateur Yearling Stallions
7. AQHA Amateur Two Year Old Stallions
8. AQHA Amateur Three Year Old Stallions
9. AQHA Amateur Aged Stallions
10. AQHA Amateur Performance Stallions

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16. AQHA Rookie Youth Mares
17. AQHA Youth Yearling Mares
18. AQHA Youth Two Year Old Mares
19. AQHA Youth Three Year Old Mares
20. AQHA Youth Aged Mares
21. AQHA Youth Performance Halter Mares

YOUTH GRAND & RESERVE MARES

22. AQHA Rookie Amateur Mare
23. AQHA Amateur Yearling Mares
24. AQHA Amateur Two Year Old Mares
25. AQHA Amateur Three Year Old Mares
26. AQHA Amateur Aged Mares
27. AQHA Amateur Performance Halter Mares

AMATEUR GRAND & RESERVE MARES

28. AQHA Yearling Geldings
29. AQHA Two Year Old Geldings
30. AQHA Three Year Old Geldings
31. AQHA Aged Geldings
32. AQHA Performance Halter Geldings

GRAND & RESERVE GELDINGS

33. AQHA Rookie Youth Geldings
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44. AQHA Amateur Performance Halter Geldings

AMATEUR GRAND & RESERVE GELDINGS

30 Minute Break/Warmup

301. MQHA All Novice Showmanship Challenge

45. MQHA Small Fry Showmanship (12 & under)
46. AQHA Rookie Youth Showmanship
- 47.0AQHA Novice Youth Showmanship
48. AQHA Youth Showmanship
49. AQHA Rookie Amateur Showmanship
50. AQHA Novice Amateur Showmanship
51. AQHA Amateur Showmanship
52. MQHA Lead Line (8 & under)

Lunch Break 45 Minutes

53. AQHA Green Hunter Under Saddle
54. AQHA Junior Hunter Under Saddle
55. AQHA Rookie Youth Hunter Under Saddle
56. AQHA Novice Youth Hunter Under Saddle
57. AQHA Youth Hunter Under Saddle
58. AQHA Rookie Amateur Hunter Under Saddle
59. AQHA Novice Amateur Hunter Under Saddle
60. AQHA Amateur Hunter Under Saddle
61. AQHA Senior Hunter Under Saddle
62. MQHA Small Fry Hunter Under Saddle
63. MQHA Small Fry Hunt Seat Equitation
64. AQHA Rookie Youth Hunt Seat Equitation
65. AQHA Novice Youth Hunt Seat Equitation
66. AQHA Youth Hunt Seat Equitation

- 67. AQHA Rookie Amateur Hunt Seat Equitation
- 68. AQHA Novice Amateur Hunt Seat Equitation
- 69. AQHA Amateur Hunt Seat Equitation

Saturday & Monday Classes

- 70. AQHA Green Trail
- 71. AQHA Rookie Youth Trail
- 72. AQHA Novice Youth Trail
- 73. AQHA Youth Trail
- 74. AQHA Rookie Amateur Trail
- 75. AQHA Novice Amateur Trail
- 76. AQHA Amateur Trail
- 77. AQHA Open Trail

45 Minute Lunch Break/ Warmup

302.MQHA Open WP Futurity*

- 78. AQHA Green Western Pleasure
- 79. AQHA Junior Western Pleasure

303.MQHA Non-Pro WP Futurity*

- 80. AQHA Level 1 Walk/Jog WP
- 81. AQHA Rookie Youth Western Pleasure
- 82. AQHA Novice Youth Western Pleasure
- 83. AQHA Youth Western Pleasure
- 84. AQHA Rookie Amateur Western Pleasure
- 85. AQHA Novice Amateur Western Pleasure
- 86. AQHA Amateur Western Pleasure
- 87. AQHA Senior Western Pleasure
- 88. **MQHA Small Fry Western Pleasure**
- 89. **MQHA Small Fry Horsemanship**
- 90. AQHA Green Reining
- 91. AQHA Junior Reining
- 92. AQHA Amateur Reining
- 93. Youth Reining
- 94. AQHA Rookie Youth Horsemanship
- 95. AQHA Novice Youth Horsemanship
- 96. AQHA Youth Horsemanship
- 97. AQHA Rookie Amateur Horsemanship
- 98. AQHA Novice Amateur Horsemanship
- 99. AQHA Amateur Horsemanship
- 100. AQHA Open Ranch Riding

- 101. AQHA Novice Youth Ranch Riding
- 102. AQHA Youth Ranch Riding
- 103. AQHA Novice Amateur Ranch Riding
- 104. AQHA Amateur Ranch Riding

***All Futurities: Exhibitors must have up to date MQHA Membership to enter!**

- 300. MQHA OPEN YEARLING LUNGELINE FUTURITY
\$250. Added + MQHA Champion Jacket
(2 goes-Fri & Sun)
Registered Paints, Apps & QH's

- 301. MQHA ALL Novice Showmanship Challenge
\$100. Added + MQHA Champion Jacket
(1 go Sun)

- 302. MQHA OPEN WESTERN PLEASURE FUTURITY
\$250. Added + MQHA Champion Jacket
(2 goes- Sat & Mon)
Registered Paints, Apps and QH's

- 303. MQHA Non-Pro Western Pleasure Futurity
\$250. Added + MQHA Champion Jacket
(1 go Saturday)

A Thank You to The Horses That Didn't Work Out

We've all been there. We can visualize our perfect horse in our mind, but bringing those dreams to reality can be a daunting task. Many riders know what they want in a horse, however finding the right one can often be much harder than it should be. As a rider at 22 years old myself, I have gone through about ten horses through my riding career...some that have worked out which I've learned and grown from, others that have not worked out but have taught me just as many lessons the hard way. So here's to all the horses that didn't work out for their various reasons, and the lessons that they teach along the way.

To the Lesson Horses

Thank you for instilling my love of horses deep in my heart. Without you, I would have never had such a passion for all things horses when I was growing up. You taught me how to lope, how to post at the trot and overall, you taught me that horseback riding was a different kind of sport in more ways than one. Lesson horses are a special kind of angel that provide a safe learning environment for the least experienced riders and encourage their love and passion into hopes of someday owning a horse of our own. Without the lesson horse, most of us would not have been bitten by the horse-lover bug and would never have catapulted into the

fierce riders we are today.

To My First Horse

As a young rider, all I wanted was a horse of my own. I no longer wanted to share my lesson horse with other students, and I was prepared to take care of my horse, whatever it took. Let's be honest. My first horse quickly learned that I was inexperienced and began to take advantage of my lack of skills. Just like any other horse crazed young girl, I would come home from school and count the minutes until I could go to the barn to ride my horse. How I wish life could be like a fairytale and my first horse was my current horse or my last horse. Though we parted ways after about the tenth time he bucked me off, thank you to my first horse for teaching me the ultimate lesson – when you fall off, you have to get right back on.

To My Step Up Horse

After many, many more lessons, it was finally time for me to get that “step-up” horse where I could finally go to shows and be competitive. It wasn't until I got you that my sweat and tears finally began to pay off, and I was starting to get my name called in the show pen. My step up horse was more competitive and flashier, but along with these perks also came the stubbornness. A new horse meant new buttons to learn and new

quirks to handle. I would like to thank my step up horse for teaching me how to pick my battles but also refreshing my love of this sport. Thank you for giving me more confidence and drive to succeed, even when the going got tough.

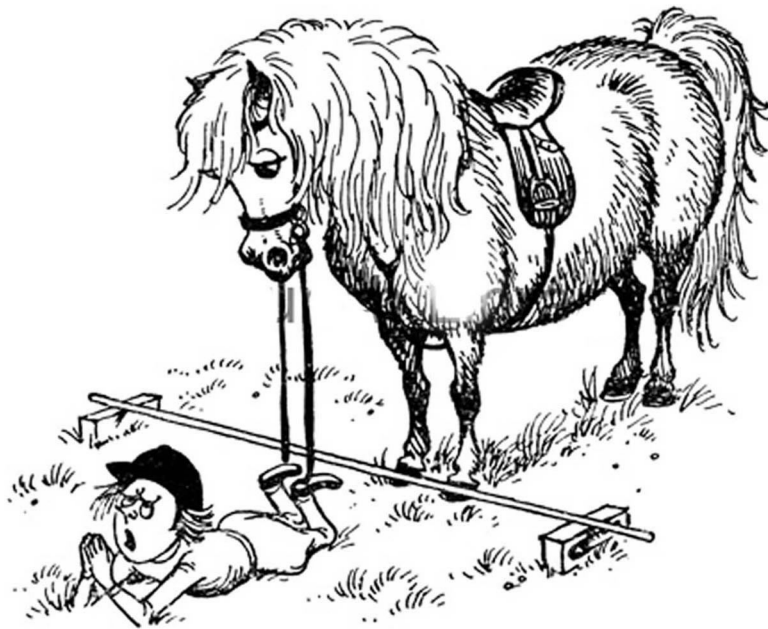
To My Unruly Horse

When looking for my next superstar, I stumbled upon a gorgeous, talented, moody mare. She was the type of horse that you could be loping around like a Congress Champion one minute, then a slight change in the wind would turn her into a raging bull, ready to take out everything in sight. If it weren't for all of the talents that you exuded, we would have never become a team.

However, sometimes the risk is not worth the reward. Though it was safer to admire your skills from the ground, I would still like to thank you for the lessons in humility that you taught me, and that picking battles are a necessity.

As riders, we have all shared experiences in horses that we bought, thinking they were, "the one" and come to find out, they were not. From bucking broncos to horses that just weren't competitive enough for our dreams, we all have the memories and the lessons that they taught us to keep us pushing forward. But for now, here's to the horses that didn't work out. Thank you for all that you taught us along the way and for turning us into the riders that you see today.

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Where success is not measured by ribbon and points, but by smiles and *opportunities*.

The 2016 membership fee is \$5.00 and you must be a current member of MQHA.

Name: _____

Address: _____ Postal Code: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Date of Birth _____

Do you have a Quarter Horse? _____ Do you show your Quarter Horse? _____

What are your favourite classes? _____

Are you be interested in participating in Youth Team Tournaments? Yes No (Circle One)

Would you be interested in participating at Congress? Yes No

Are you interested in a Youth Weekend? Yes No

When: _____

What would you like to do that weekend? (ex. lectures, games, mini clinics)

Are you interested in participating in Fund Raisers and what kind of Fund Raisers?

What would you like to do in the evenings at shows?

Thank you and Welcome to MQHYA!

Please return this form and your membership fee (payable to MQHA) to:

Maritime Quarter Horse Youth Association

c/o Lynne Keith

34 Elizabeth Ln, Hampton, NB E5N 5P7

Or scan and email the form and email transfer the money to mlynnekeith@gmail.com

2017 MQHA Membership Form

New Application		Renewal	
<input type="checkbox"/> Individual Membership (\$30)	<input type="checkbox"/> Individual Membership (\$30)	<input type="checkbox"/> Individual Membership (\$30)	<input type="checkbox"/> Individual Membership (\$30)
<input type="checkbox"/> Family Membership (\$40)	<input type="checkbox"/> Family Membership (\$40)	<input type="checkbox"/> Family Membership (\$40)	<input type="checkbox"/> Family Membership (\$40)
<i>NOTE: A family membership consists of two adults and youth aged children all residing in the same household.</i>			

Please indicate the Category of each individual using the category codes as follows:

O – Open	A -Amateur	NA – Novice Amateur	Y - Youth	NY – Novice Youth
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Last Name	First Name	Date of Birth (Youth Only)	Category

Contact Information:

Address: _____

_____ Postal Code: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

E-mail: _____

Do you wish to receive your newsletter via e-mail? (check one)	Yes		No	
Areas of interest (list here) :				
Are you willing to be a volunteer in the areas that interest you?	Yes		No	
Are you willing to help in finding sponsorship for the Association?	Yes		No	

The MQHA is committed to ensuring the privacy of its member's personal information. The information provided on this form allows the MQHA to inform you about events and activities and to notify you of issues, events or special offers which may be of interest to you. By becoming a member, you are giving the MQHA permission to contact you by way of the information you provide. The information on our membership list will be kept confidential and is only made accessible to members of the MQHA Board of Directors in order to conduct MQHA business and will not be available for outside commercial purposes. By signing this form you agree to these terms on behalf of yourself and any other family members listed above.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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MQHA Equine Review Clinic

Tentative Schedule

April 28th-30th, 2017

- *Arena (Indoor)
- *Ring #2 (New Ring)
- *Ring #3 (Cattle Penning Ring)

Friday Night April 28th

- 6pm Registration MQHA Booth
- 7-8pm Meet and Greet MQHA Booth
- 6-9pm Reining Clinic Main Arena 1st ride
- 6-9pm Barrels Intro Ring #2

Saturday April 29th

- 8:30-10:30am Western Pleasure Clinic (Arena)
- 8:30am-10:30am Barrels Clinic Group 1 (Ring #2)
- 10:30am-11am Demos (Ring #2)
- 11am-1pm Ranch Riding Clinic (Arena)
- 11am-1pm Barrels Clinic Group 2 (ring #2)
- 1pm-1:30pm Demos Arena & (Ring #2)
- 1:30-3:30pm Barrels Clinic Group 1 (Ring #2)

- 1:30-3:30pm Reining Clinic 2nd ride (Arena)

- 3:30-5:30pm Showmanship Clinic (Arena)

“Saturday Night Main Event”

Jackpot Barrels

\$250.00 added

VERSATILITY CHALLENGE

\$250.00 added

Start Time: 6:30pm Main Arena

Barns close at 7pm to the public

Sunday April 30th

- 8:30-10:30am... Western Pleasure Clinic (Arena)
- 9-11am Barrels & Poles Clinic Group 2 (Ring #2)
- 10:30-11am Demo (Arena)
- 11am-1pm Ranch Riding Clinic (Arena)
- 11am-1pm Reining 3rd ride (ring #2)
- 1-1:30pm Demos (Arena) & (ring #3)
- 1:30pm 3D Barrel Races & 3D Poles (Ring #2)
- 1:30-3:30pm Horsemanship Clinic (Arena)
- 3:30-5:30 Reining 4th ride (Arena)
- **BARNS CLOSE** at 4pm to public.
- Arena stays open until 6pm

Become a MQHA member by April. 30th to be entered in a draw for a \$25.00 gift certificate that can be used towards your membership or a show!

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April 29th and 30th, 2017 • Sussex, NB

Please call.... Susan Chestnut at 506-944-0318 or email susanchestnut@hotmail.com to reserve a space prior to sending application. Limited spaces available.

Once your space is reserved, send completed form and cheque by April 16, with payment in full. Make payable to MQHA and mail to:

Susan Chestnut 1032 Riverview Dr, E Apohaqui, NB E5P 3P7

Participant Name: _____ **Youth Please indicate age:** _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ Province: _____ Postal Code: _____

Email: _____ Phone Number: _____

Parents Name Print: _____ Parents Signature: _____

Please indicate your riding level, experience and discipline: _____

Participating in : (hst included in all prices)

AQHA Professional Horseman, Dan Trein... Western Pleasure (2 hrs) Sat & Sun..\$125.00 _____

AQHA Professional Horseman Dan Trein...Ranch Riding (2hrs) Sat & Sun..\$125.00 _____

AQHA Professional Horseman, Dan Trein..Showmanship (2hrs) Saturday....\$75.00-----

AQHA Professional Horseman, Dan Trein...Horsemanship (2hrs) Sunday \$75. _____

NRHA Judge & Trainer, Steve Mabe ...Reining (2hr slots)...Fri night, Sat & 2x Sun \$250.00 _____

NPBHA Trainer Joseph Upshaw.. Barrel & Poles Clinic...Fri night, Sat Morn & Sun \$125.00 _____

Stall/Weekend - \$69 _____ One night \$35.00 _____ Electrical Hook-Ups - Semi (\$45) _____ Full (\$65) _____

Horse Stall is required when on grounds, no tying horse to trailer!

Required: Proof or Certificate of Liability Insurance (NBEA # or other).

Please Note: Proper attire is necessary for the discipline you are participating in.

Youth under 19 require parents signature and must wear a certified helmet.

Princess Louise Park will be open for setup Friday April 28th 1st at 12 noon-9pm

Ten Fixes for the Horse-Show Sour Horse

In the past, I have had many English horses that became sour in the pen, mainly anticipating the gate. I have sacrificed many classes to school these horses in the pen. But you have to be very careful when doing this so as to not get other exhibitors in trouble, make judges upset and to keep your horse enjoying his job.

The show pen should always be your horse's happy place. That's why schooling in the show pen has to be done smartly, quietly and discretely.

There are several things that you can do in and out of the show pen to ensure that your horse is healthy, happy and ready to go show.

Dolly's Tips

1 . Never show an overly fresh horse.

The horse should be a little bit tired as to not pick up bad habits.

2 . Don't be afraid to use earplugs

Some horses will not tolerate earplugs, so do your homework at home, not in the show pen. Some horses never get to liking them and some horses get a calm feeling.

3 . Turn out daily.

We have turnouts at our ranch and use them daily. I believe all horses need outside time for a break; it gives them time to be a real horse.

4 . Change up the routine.

Turn out at different times of day, ride at different times of the day.

5 . Put different riders on.

Everyone rides a little different with different leg pressure and hand feel. Horses may enjoy their owner after different riders and handlers get on.

6 . Get outside the arena.

We have some land with cows, buffalo and Longhorn steers. I will do pasture riding, chase roping steers and do some small hills. It freshens their minds up doing a different job.

7 . Try a new pattern.

Doing different patterns on your equitation horse will keep them a little fresher in the mind. Just try not to do the same thing everyday, especially for the older, seasoned horse.

8 . School at an open show.

That way you don't see all those AQHA points go down the drain. It's hard to do sometimes, but it has to be done eventually. Especially the smarter horses; they learn too fast sometimes.

9 . Check your equipment.

Saddle and saddle pad fit are very important, so check often for proper fit. Bit inspection is also important. Wear and tear on your bit can cause a pinch or rub that can make it very uncomfortable.

10. Check out your horse's health.

Sometimes he could have a soreness, either muscles, joints or even his stomach. Some kind of ulcer medicine might help keep your horse happy. Bottom line – keep your horse healthy and happy.

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Please accept our most sincere thanks for your support.

Best regards,

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<p>Silver</p> <p>\$1000</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Banner provided with name of sponsor displayed at all MQHA Events & Announcer acknowledgement * ¼ Page Ad in all MQHA Journals * Sponsorship Listing on MQHA Website (www.maritimequarterhorse.com) with link to business * Membership for MQHA
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~ Hannah & Kenny Searle ~
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