

The Power Glide

Mason Dixon Paso Fino Horse Association

May-June 2010

PLANT CITY OFFICE IS OFFICIALLY CLOSED

The Plant City office has been officially closed. USEF and the PFHA staff in Kentucky are processing all memberships and horse transactions. The new PFHA address is Paso Fino Horse Association, Inc.; 4047 Iron Works Parkway, Suite 1; Lexington, KY 40511

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2010 PFHA NATIONAL JUDGES

At the Paso Fino Horse Association's Board of Directors meeting held on April 30-May 1, 2010 the following judges were selected for our 2010 PFHA National Show. Willman E. Rodriguez; Donald O. Schanche; Guillermo J. Iglesias; Angelo Usategui; Rogelio Moreno, Jr.; Alternate Luis Laguna Mimoso

The top two judges, Mr. Rodriguez and Mr. Schanche will be our judges at our Mason Dixon Spring Spectacular Show June 11, 12, & 13 in Lexington, VA.

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DON VIZI IS HIRED AS THE NEW PFHA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The PFHA Board of Directors voted unanimously to hire Don Vizi to serve as the PFHA Executive Director. The PFHA personnel search committee, comprised of Elizabeth Arledge, Lee Vulgaris, John Tonetti, Peggy Tanner, and Ed Smith, reduced the 150 applicants to 9 candidates with which they conducted phone interviews. From those 9, two were selected to attend the Board meeting and give a presentation on their credentials and their vision for PFHA. At the last minute one of the 2 withdrew his application. Mr. Vizi's presentation focused on the need to provide the best service to our members. He has a strong financial background. He has held positions of President/CEO has worked at the Kentucky Horse Park and has an extensive profes-Directors and with the Kentucky equine businesses. He presented marketing ideas that are inexpensive but are outreaching to trail riders that don't currently own a Paso Fino.

"We are extremely pleased that Don has joined our association," Fino Horse Association. "Don has Director of the National Walking Mountain Horse Association, and casions," said Don Vizi.

of Chambers of Commerce and served in the United States Air Force sional network of fellow Executive reaching a rank of Lt Colonel" continued Mr. Smith. "Don's credentials include: a B.S. degree from the University of Kentucky, an MBA from Pepperdine University and completion of the United States Chamber of Commerce program Institute of Organization Management."

"I am honored to have been sesaid Ed Smith, President of the Paso lected from 150 candidates that applied for this position, and I look forextensive experience with equine ward to helping move the Paso Fino associations, serving as Executive Horse Association to a new level of membership as well as promoting the Horse Association and the Rocky Paso Fino horse as a horse for all oc-

	Calendar of Events	June 27, 2010	San Juan Bautista Parade, Camden NJ
Jun 11-13, 2010	Mason Dixon Spectacular Show, Lexington, VA	July 9-11, 2010	Cobleskill Show
Jun 12, 2010	Mason Dixon Spectacular Trail Ride, Lexington, VA	Sept 19-25, 2010	PFHA Grand National Show, Perry GA
Jun 12, 2010	Mason Dixon Futurity, Lexington, VA	Sep 15—Oct 10, Oct 3-6	World Equestrian Games, Lexington, KY PFHA Demonstrations Twice a day
June 24-27, 2010	Piedmont Classic Horse Show, Asheville, NC	Oct 2010	KILE Show, Harrisburg, PA



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings to everyone,

The past couple of months have been extremely busy for PFHA with the transition to the new office in Kentucky and the hiring of our new Executive Director, Don Vizi.

We should all look forward to a new era with our association.

Along with a new Executive Director we also have a new Vice President and Secretary for PFHA and our very own Virginia Foster is now the Vice President. Since the Regional Delegate is not allowed to hold a National Office, BJ Schuler will become the Mason Dixon Delegate while Virginia is fulfilling the VP position.

Both Virginia and BJ have my sincere thanks for continuing to support both PFHA and Mason Dixon. They both are working hard to ensure a good future for PFHA and Mason Dixon. As members it is easy to take for granted the amount of time and effort that is volunteered to keep both associations moving forward.

The May Show was a lot of fun and a success with 50 couple horses participating in the show and the fun activities. I would like to thank everyone who volunteered to help with the show including BJ as the weekend gate keeper, the ring crew and Nola for her obstacle trail course that helped to entertain everyone Saturday night and for the soccer game which I think is going to be an annual event.

Our next show is coming up June 11th –13th at the Lexington VA Horse Center, a favorite facility for many! Activities include the Futurity classes, trail rides, fun classes, silent auction and lots more. Even if you do not show it is a great weekend to come and enjoy the fellowship with the members and bring your trail buddy to ride the trails at the center.

Members who have not shown before and would like to try showing have an opportunity to participate in the new Amateur Non-Pointed Classes and the Opportunity Non-Pointed Classes. The rules are included in the Premium List and cost a lot less then the pointed classes. If you have questions about these classes contact BJ Schuler or Lisa Gorsuch.

R&S Paso Fino had their Judged Trail Ride on June 6th and I heard there was a lot of participation and many interesting obstacles. Sorry that I could not attend, it sounds like it was a lot fun with wonderful hospitality.

I hope to see many of you at the Lexington Show!

Lisa





PFHA has a New Vice

President and a New Secretary—Mason Dixon has a new Delegate

At the Paso Fino Horse Association's (PFHA) Board of Directors meeting in April 2010, Ed Smith, the PFHA president, announced that PFHA Vice President Edie Gandy resigned. At the meeting, Sue Niebling resigned as the PFHA secretary. Ed Smith opened nominations to fill the vacancies. Results of the voting were Kathy Yarbrough was elected as PFHA secretary and Virginia Foster was elected as PFHA vice president. They will serve out the remaining term. PFHA elections will be held at the January 2011 membership meeting in New Orleans. With Virginia being voted in as PFHA Vice President, according to the PFHA rule book, Virginia can not serve as both VP and a region's delegate. She has resigned her Mason Dixon delegate position. BJ Schuler has graciously agreed to step back into the delegate position if our members have no objections. BJ Schuler agrees to pay her own travel expenses to the PFHA meetings, thereby saving Mason Dixon the expense. Please let Lisa Gorsuch or Virginia Foster know if you agree to have BJ represent the Mason Dixon region.

Minutes from the April 2010 PFHA Board of Directors Meeting

The PFHA Board of Director's meeting was held April 30—May 1, 2010 in Atlanta, GA. The following is a summary of the committee reports that were presented. Members can read the entire committee report on the PFHA website at www.pfha.org under the menu option "Board" then select "BOD meetings"

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: Ed Smith announced Edie Gandy resigned as Vice President and chair of the Planning Committee. Terry Thompson will replace Edie as chair of the Planning Committee. PFHA is establishing a new foundation named the Paso Fino Horse Foundation. The objective of the foundation is to educate and promote the Paso Fino horse. People may make tax deductible contribu-

tions to the foundation as soon as the legal documents have been filed.

The Plant City office has been officially closed. Mary Emmons has been retained as a consultant on a job by job basis. USEF and the PFHA staff in Kentucky are processing all memberships and horse transactions. If you need help with any transactions please call (859) 825-

6000. USEF Call Center staff answers this line and attempts to complete the members' request. If they are unable, the call is transferred to the PFHA staff located in Kentucky. We currently have Don Vizi, the new PFHA Executive Director, and Mary Marshall as PFHA employees. At subsequent Executive Committee teleconferences, Mr. Vizi presented a staffing plan and has asked that he be allowed to have a staff of three, which would be him as Executive Director, an Office Manager and an Events Manager.

The next Board of Director's meeting will be held Oct 22 & 23, 2010 in Lexington, Kentucky. There will be a tour of the new PFHA offices and the surrounding Kentucky Horse Park. The January 13-16, 2011 BOD and Membership meeting will be held in New Orleans at the Astor Crowne Plaza. All members are invited to come.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: The firm of Larson Allen LLP presented the financial statements for the year ending December 31, 2009 and their findings of the audit they performed. No negative findings were reported. PFHA realized a profit of \$107,000 for 2009. PFHA assets total just over \$1,000,000 with current and long term liabilities totaling just under \$400,000. The transition expenses incurred to date equates to 35% of the amount that was budgeted for the transition.

Finance Committee recommend that the \$1 payback to PFHA from regional shows include the Championship classes. So all classes, except Equitation and Walk-Corto Leadline, will have the \$1 payback requirement. Board voted that this fee will begin with the 2011 show year.

137 Farms elected to advertise in the PFHA Farm Directory. The final draft is completed and should be available soon.

COMPUTER COMMITTEE: The transition to the Kentucky office is complete except for



moving the remaining paper files. All current and pending files are in the Kentucky office. As new memberships and horse registration forms are received in Kentucky, they are scanned and stored in electronic format in the PFHA Share point Document Library Systems. During the month of April, USEF processed 167 membership applications, 25 new horse registrations, 75 horse transfers and answered approximately 50 calls per day. USEF has provided PFHA with high speed internet connection and state of the art integrated fax/phone/network. If PFHA had had to purchase the equipment it would have cost over \$500,000.

The Computer Committee has been working with USEF to redo the PFHA website. The projected launch of the new website Is the end of June. If you have pictures that you would like posted on the website, please submit them to Virginia Foster.

The Computer Committee is reformatting all the PFHA forms in an effort to standardize and simplify them.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE: Elizabeth Arledge, the chair, presented the process by which they selected candidates for the Executive Director's position. She presented a detailed Job Description and the Board approved it. Don Vizi gave a presentation on his vision of PFHA and what he can do to achieve that vision. He is very members oriented and very grounded in the financial aspects of running a non-profit organization.

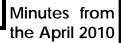
AMATEUR OWNER COMMITTEE: The A/O Guide to Showing booklet are complete. Each region will receive 25 booklets. The committee will begin work on a new booklet entitled "So you want to buy a Paso Fino"

COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE: They prepared and published the "How to complete PFHA forms" Series in the latest Paso Fino Horse World Magazine.

CONFEPASO COMMITTEE: Guillermo Igleasis was voted as the CONFEPASO alternate delegate. Dr. Jose Laracuente is the first delegate.

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PFHA Board of Directors Meeting (Continued)

PFHA will submit its request to host

the 2012 Youth Mundial and 2013

Mundial. The Florida Region will be assigned sponsorship of the two Mundials. The profit and loss of the two shows will be shared equally between PFHA and the Florida Region. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:** The nominees for the 2010 Hall of Fame Horse are: Favorito que tal, Reflejo El Classico, and Resorte Ocho donde es. The nominees for the 2010 Hall of Fame individual are: Kay E. Chiapetta, Ray Gillis, Art Glatfelter, Albert Leo Howell, and Dick Miller. Delegates voted and the winners will be announced at 2010 Grand National Show. Mason Dixon voted for Favorito que tal

RECREATIONAL RIDER COMMITTEE: A Recreational Rider (RR) Handbook was distributed that describes the various RR programs. It is available on at www.pfha.org under Info-Seek/articles/Recreational Rider Programs. PFHA has experienced problems in maintaining the points earned in the RR programs. Lindsay Campbell will work with Don Vizi to rectify the situation. The annual Paso for Pleasure High Hour Award will be a belt buckle donated by Mr. George Benjamin, Jr.

and Mr. Art Glatfelter.

GRAND NATIONAL SHOW 2010: The show schedule, map, and sponsorship forms are on the home page of the PFHA website, www.pfha.org. Four Winds West won the bid to manage the show. Camilla Willings, the winner of the 2010 Wind Rider Musical Freestyle competition will perform in the Reaves arena with her stallion Mercenario de La Libertad. Dinner will be Wednesday night with a "Parade of Champions" around

the tables. The "Parade of Flags" will be held Saturday night. There is a new judging system that will be used at Nationals. It will be posted on the PFHA website soon. Ads for the show program are being sold by Cathy George. Clinics will also be offered again this year.

MARKETING COMMITTEE: Preparations for the World Equestrian Games are in full swing. PFHA will have demonstrations twice a day on Oct 3 through Oct 6, 2010 at the Kentucky Horse Park. Horses have been selected for the demos. Our own Nola Haupert-Keill will ride her versatile stallion Calif. And our own Karen Kraushaar's Performance stallion Pirata de Quebrada will also

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE: Board voted that all memberships will run form October 1 through September 30 to coincide with the PFHA show year. This will be effective 1 Oct 2010. Memberships will not be prorated. **RULES COMMITTEE**: The following were elected to the Rules Committee—Kelley Cox, Margaret Fahringer, Cindy Griffeth, Richard Lockhart, Alfredo Rizo Patron, David Sanderson, and John Tonetti. President, Ed Smith appointed Richard Lockhart as chairman of the Rules Committee.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Lee Vulgaris is asking for volunteers to run for PFHA offices. Elections will be held in January 2011. Current officers have not committed to run for re-election.

GELDINGS COMMITTEE: \$11,400 will be available for cash purses at the 2010 National

ITEMS NEEDED FOR THE SILENT **AUCTION**

The Silent Auction to benefit Mason Dixon will be held during our June show in Lexington, Va. Once again, we need your donations to help make the auction a success. We already have promises of food baskets and restaurant gift certificates, but that is just the start. Any donations or help would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Ann Bastian at annbas-

tian@msn.com or 484-248-6103 if you are able to help or have a donation.

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SAN JUAN BAUTISTA PARADE IN CAMDEN NJ

The date for the Annual San Juan Bautista Parade in Camden NJ is 27 June 11 AM - 4 PM. If you are interested in riding in this Parade, please contact Diane Dutt

(dld5@comcast.net) with the number of people and horses you plan to take. There is also an advertising opportunity for the Event Program (1/4 page add = \$75; other sizes available). This is a large, high profile event that will include live media coverage from the Philadelphia metropolitan area. Mason Dixon Summer Parade attire will apply. I am hopeful that we can gather more than 10 participants for what promises to be an exciting promotional opportunity for the breed. We will also need a volunteer manure pick-up crew to follow behind the riders. A golf cart and wagon should do the trick. Please let me know as-soon-as-possible if you are interested in participating. Thanks! Diane Dutt, Morning Song Paso Finos 717-993-9686 (h) 267-446-6862 © mdpfha@comcast.net



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Rick Shaffer Clinic at Celeste Dashielle Was Great The weather forecast for the weekend was ominous. We set up the clinic cautiously planning for the possibility of high winds, thunderstorms and rain. I wrapped our Paso Clinic directional signs in plastic and hammered them down deep into the damp soil careful to select wind protected locations. Despite the dire warnings, Rick Shaffer rolled in from Pittsburgh under sunny skies. The scant rain that fell during the night did not bother the horses or riders as they unloaded their trailers early on Saturday morning. Hot coffee and muffins warmed us as we watched the participants and their horses. First rider of the morning Melanie rode her tall and talented filly. Leslie skillfully rode her big and beautiful mare Calendula. Celeste followed her with her gelding Cody. Betsy rode her sweet bay gelding Amigo. Maryan showed us just how talented Mariana, her brilliant black mare, can be. Cathy brought out the best in beautiful Columba. Young Dulce showed his willingness to learn to be ridden by Celeste. Diane rode her magnificent performance gelding and I've got to tell you that watching those two is always a thrill! Rick guided the riders through a series of exercises to improve our horse - rider communication skills. Nice hot chili and generous sandwiches kept us happy and well fed throughout the day. Sunday brought us unexpected sunny skies and permitted us to ride both indoors and out. Glenn and Dulce started our Sunday off right with an excellent ride. I rode my handsome Rudy second. Celeste rode the elegantly gaited Cody. Pam rode a pretty chocolate Rocky Mountain mare. Betsy rode Amigo and Leslie rode her mare Calendula. We joined up to do some really cool trail obstacles together. We learned so many techniques that we took notes! We will all be doing "homework" for awhile after this clinic! We were delighted that several great people came out to enjoy the horses and camaraderie by auditing this clinic: Karen, BJ and the Moran's from New York. Thank you to Celeste and Glenn for hosting this clinic. Thank you





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Torbellini (white horse) and Susan Data Samtak participates in the Tartan Day Parade in New York City, April 10, 2010. Tor didn't mind the bagpipes and the dancing, just didn't like the dancers clapping. Photos by John Samtak.







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Susan and John Samtak at the Apple Blossom Parade.







Pictures from Connie Wolkowicz's Face Book.









MASON DIXON FUTURITY PROGRAM

These stallions have been nominated to the Futurity. If you have offspring between one and five years old sired by one of these stallions, you can enter it in the Futurity. Before you plan your next breeding or purchase, consult the following list of stallions and go for the \$\$\$. If you have any questions, please contact Lisa Gorsuch 410-876-1088 (Day) 410-848-9532 (Night) Email: middlefieldfarm@verizon.net

Mason Dixon Futurity Nominated Stallions

<u>Stallion</u>	<u>Sire/Dam</u>	<u>Contact</u>
Ambar del Ocho	Retorno del Ocho x Magica del Ocho	Dr. Jose Davila 352-239-4323
Aristocrata del Juncal	Artista del Juncal x Dalia del Juncal	White Hall Paso Finos 540-678-3806
Caballo's Top Gun	Ponderosa Coloso x Caballos Yolanda	Nola Haupert-Keill 570-937-4978
Caballero Dominante FI	Ponderosa Coloso x Pasionera	Bill Minter 336-731-4165
Con Brio Bravo	Don Pacho x Fiesta Bravo	Rancho Paso Bravo 336-731-4540
Triunfo de La Libertad	El Classico de Plebeyo x Silueta de La Victoria (Contrapunto)	Lisa Gorsuch 410-596-5586 middlefieldfarm@verizon.net
El Czar del Azur	Amadeus de Resorte IV x Angelina del Azur	
El Glatiador de Plebeyo	Plebeyo x Lucero International	R & S Paso Finos 814-634-0900
El Leader de United	Prologo de Las Cuentas x Gitana de Las Cuentas	Jerry Dotson 423-378-3576
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JLM's Jaranero	Retorno del Ocho x Manuela del Conde	Fantasy Paso Finos 813-926-2044
Juan Miguel del Prado	Nevado x Margarita del Prado	Hacienda Radiante 703-835-5036
Mandato de la Luisa	Patrimonio del Ocho x La Calma del Ocho	United Paso Finos 352-307-0544
Percal de Casta	El Classico de Plebeyo x Leyenda La Joya	Riverview Farms 615-969-8418
Ponderosa Coloso	Florete x Sensacion de Rejonero	Bill Minter 336-731-4165
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I am trying to use as much of the white space as I can in order to reduce the pages in this issue. Let me know if I have used too small a font or if you don't like the layout. Since this issue wasn't too large, I didn't separate out the picture into a separate file.

Thank you for allowing me to serve as the Mason Dixon National Delegate. I am amazed at how dedicated our elected officials are and how hard they work to advance the breed. Please give me feed back on how we can improve PFHA. I know we have had bumps along this transition but it is truly amazing that the bulk of the transition happened in less than two months. We will only get better from here. Take care,

Virginia Foster



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