



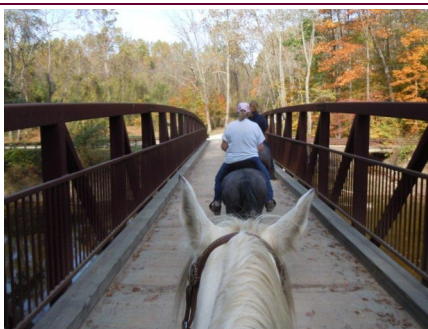
The Power Glide

Mason Dixon PFHA

Show Year 2012^{2nd} Edition

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Our Website: <http://www.masondixonpfha.org/>

Mason Dixon PFHA Events of Interest	
Pennsylvania Farm Show	January 7-14
Maryland Horse World Exposition	January 20-22
Annual PFHA Membership Convention & Board of Director's Meeting	January 20-21
Pennsylvania Horse World Exposition	February 23-26
Mason Dixon May Day Show	May 5—6
Mason Dixon Spectacular Horse Show	June 8—10

President's Message

Happy Holidays to everyone!

May the joy of this holiday season follow you throughout the New Year!

As I begin the second of my two year term as president, I want to first thank all of our members who have continued to play a vital role in our organization this past year. Lisa Gorsuch, B.J. Schuler, and Jim Laird for organizing our shows and to all the volunteers who helped support them; Lisa Gorsuch and Lori Wieszkowiak for orchestrating the Horse World Expos and all the volunteers who rode in the demonstrations and/or supported our booth; Terri Moebuis, Dick Teachout and Dick Shaffer for sponsoring trail rides; our trainers Andy Blanco, Nick Burgos, Angel Flores, Nola Hauptert-Keill, Jim Laird, and Rick Shaffer for helping us to be better riders and helping our horses function to the best of their ability . . .not to mention their overall promotion of our breed; Susan Data-Samtak for spearheading our Recreational Rider Program, who by the way, developed the Pasos for Pleasure program that was adopted by PFHA; and to our Board of Directors, Breed Ambassadors and to all of you who participated in clinics, parades, trail rides, and/or have answered the question, "What kind of horse is that?".

As you look through this issue of the Power Glide, you will see that this coming year is once again full of activities; beginning with the Pennsylvania Farm Show, followed closely by the Maryland Horse World Expo, and then the Pennsylvania Horse World Expo. Kathy Dell (who is spearheading the MD Expo this year) and Lori Wieszkowiak are still seeking volunteers to help at the booths during the Expos. Please consider helping out, even for an hour. Recently, a member shared with me that they sometimes ask themselves the question, "Why am I a member of MDPFHA?" Or perhaps you have asked yourself, "What has MDPFHA done for me lately?" I admit, that on occasion, I have asked myself the same questions. The short answer - - I am a member of the association because it gives me the opportunity to help promote this wonderful breed! The long answer - - In helping out in the MDPFHA booth at the Expos, at our shows (whether I competed or not), riding in parades and participating in clinics, I've been enriched by these opportunities to learn and share knowledge about our horses, to meet some very interesting people and to help spread the word about the Paso Fino. Being a member of MDPFHA has given me opportunities to develop camaraderie with people who share the same passion and love for the Paso Fino. I'm not much for New Year Resolutions; however, my goal is to become more engaged in promoting our association, our objectives, our activities, and most important our members and their horses! Please join me by contributing to the health and well-being of our MDPFHA!


Best Wishes for the New Year!

Karen

THE EDITOR'S CORNER:

¡Feliz Navidad y Prospero Año y Felicidad!

Here's a new concept: reward readers of the PowerGlide for their interest!

Beginning with this issue and continuing through the October Issue, there will be an icon () of this size hidden somewhere after the 3rd page. Be one of the 1st 10 people to email or call me (267-446-6862 / mdpasofino@zoominternet.net) within 10 days following publication of the PG and describe where you found the icon. In return, you will be entered into a drawing for a gift basket valued at greater or equal to \$50. The drawing will be held during the Annual Banquet. You must be present to win. Limit: 1 entry per family per issue.

Pennsylvania Horse World Expo 2012

February 23-26, 2012

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Hi All,

It's time again to start thinking about next years activities. I would like to invite all of you to get involved with the horse expo's that the Mason Dixon PFHA is participating in.

Last year was my first year to head up the Pennsylvania expo and I think things went pretty well. We had a few bumps in the road but things smoothed out and we had a great time. We had a wonderful representation of all the styles of the Paso Fino breed and would like to encourage anyone who can dedicate the time to consider participating. We will be in need of 5 horses one of which will be the stallion that we have displayed on stallion row out in the exhibition area. We will need a nice, well behaved stallion who enjoys people. We will also need a nice representation of pleasure, fino and performance horses. They can be mares or geldings. If you are considering bring a horse you will need to be able to be available to participate in demonstrations all 4 days. You will need to be current on Coggins, vaccines and have a health certificate within 30 days if you are coming from out of state.

If you don't want to bring a horse or can't, please consider helping man the MDPFHA booth during the expo. You meet a lot of wonderful, interesting people and get to talk about one of our favorite things, the Paso Fino Horse. Any amount of time is appreciated whether it is an hour one day or a few hours through out the expo.

Please take this as your personal invitation to join the fun! Please contact me by December 1st if you would like to bring a horse and I will take people to man the booth up till the last minute. Also on the note of people helping, we are only allowed a certain number of floor passes, they will be issued to the people who are able to put in the most time. It is possible that you will have to pay to get into the expo hall even though you are putting time in at the booth. There is nothing we can do to change this situation please understand.

Thanks for your time. I look forward to hearing from you.

Regards,

Lori Wieszowskiak

Our Latest Top Ten Recreational Rider Waxes Philosophical

One of the most important questions of each day is what time can I ride my Noli Girl (a.k.a. Monalita). I use to complain about having to ride around the farm or riding anywhere but on a trail. My love for my horse and riding her changed all that. Now any day is a good day as long as I can be in the saddle! I have ridden trails all my life.

My first time riding was at 6 months old on a huge Thoroughbred with my Uncle Sam. He instilled the love of horses and I have ridden ever since! I have ridden various breeds and actually fought getting a Paso Fino. HOWEVER, that changed when Maryan Schlesman brought her Paso, Fury, to stay at my farm for a few years. I found that I would get off my Quarter Horse and could hardly walk my knee would be so sore....but after riding four hours on Fury I had very little if any pain. That sealed the deal for me!! That was over ten years ago. I then went on a country wide search for a trail Paso. Landing my sights on a beautiful buckskin, Monalita. At the time she was two. I also was unaware that a buckskin in Paso World could turn gray...as luck would have it Monalita went gray at about four/five. I worked her for trail for me and we have been riding together ever since.



After my fall through a barn almost 8 years ago, I thought my riding time was over. The Doctor said it would be at least a year before I could ride; however, Noli is so smooth that I was riding and gaitting her four months after my accident. I then was confined to a ring and increased to around the barn. I am limited to riding with someone when I go on trails now. That was hard for me until I realized that I didn't care where we rode as long as Noli and I had bonding time riding together....be it on a trail or in a ring or around the barn!! That was the greatest freedom for me, because I could ride around the farm alone and so I didn't need to depend on someone being there to ride with me. Noli stands without moving a foot till I am totally on her and the same when I dismount. That safety feature alone is one of her best qualities!

This past winter I put Noli at a farm with a huge indoor arena for the winter. This enabled me to ride every day no matter the weather. While it was still very cold, it was so nice to be out of the winds and rain and snow. I think I averaged riding at least 5 days a week for at least an hour....many weeks I managed to ride every day. Making it even more fun a friend purchased a Paso and boarded him there at the same farm, so we started riding together. Currently she boards at my farm and we continue to ride as often as possible and trail ride together.

Our favorite place to go for trail riding is Lums Pond (see “*Trails We Love*” section) located in Bear, DE. Because of my handicaps, the terrain at Lums is perfect for me. It is not flat or boring but not as hilly as a lot of the other trails. It is mostly in the shade which is great for the summer riding. We actually rode in 90-95 degree weather there and it wasn’t really that hot because of all the shade. The ground is mostly sandy or dirt which is great for my bare-foot horse. It is also a great place to move out into a nice corto or largo. We did have a little trouble this fall because of the rain. There were some really deep wet areas but worse were the millions of mosquitoes!! We found that if you put the spot on treatment it limited the amount of mosquitoes that attacked you. Other than that wet period even the flies etc were not that bad there.

I did get some grief from some trail riding friends who made the remark about my arena time and time riding around the farm *etc...*but I told them and will tell you, when you are limited and can’t get out to ride on the trails all the time....take the time to ride as much as you can...even if it has to be a boring arena!! You can spice it up by working on obstacles, leg cues, reining etc etc. I notice even my Noli misses it when I have to skip riding a day or two! It has developed a thick bond between us and I look forward to my time on her each day!

I had set as a goal to try to make the top ten high point with PFHA Paso’s for Pleasure this past year. It took a lot of hours in the saddle....but I did it. Not sure where I came in on that list of the top ten but I am just thrilled about it. I was like a kid at Christmas when I was told I made it!

It is so much fun to ride for the different goals that Mason Dixon has. Each prize is exciting. The best so far was when I managed to get to 1250 hours and got a sheet for Noli Girl with the Mason Dixon logo. If you never thought of keeping hours or logging onto the trail riding portion of Mason Dixon I urge you to do it! My next goal is 1500 hours on my mare. I am coming closer and closer, but it will take some time to get there...maybe by spring?? We shall see.....In the meantime.....Happy Trails to you!!

Connie and Monalita

Note: The Recreational Rider Record Form is located in the “Forms” Section of the Power Glide.

What?

You haven’t renewed your membership for Mason Dixon PFHA?

Have no fear! Just go to page 19 for the membership form!

2012 Memberships run from 1 October through 30 September.

Trail Riding Parks and Areas We Love

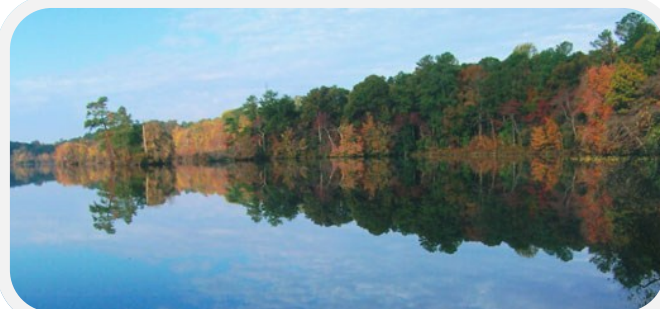
This is the third in an occasional series of articles on places our members like to trail ride. If you would like to share your favorite place with our members, please write something up and send it to mdpasofino@zoominternet.net.

Lums Pond State Park—Bear, DE

Directions To the Main Entrance

From points South

- ROUTE 13 NORTH
- MAKE A LEFT AT ROUTE 896 301 JUNCTION (ALSO KNOWN AS BOYD'S CORNER)
- CROSS THE SUMMIT BRIDGE (IT GOES OVER THE C & D CANAL)
- MAKE A RIGHT ON HOWELL SCHOOL ROAD
- THE PARK ENTRANCE IS ON THE RIGHT, 1/4 MILE



From points North

- ROUTE 95 SOUTH TO EXIT 1 A (MIDDLETOWN)
- TAKE ROUTE 896 SOUTH, 6 MILES
- MAKE LEFT TURN ON HOWELL SCHOOL ROAD
- THE PARK ENTRANCE IS ON THE RIGHT, 1/4 MILE



Little Jersey Trail

- **Mode:** Hiking, Biking, and Equestrian
- **Distance:** 8.1 miles
- **Difficulty:** Easy
- **Accessible:** No
- **Trailhead:** Across from the Nature Center; Buck Jersey Road parking lot; Boat Launch parking lot off Red Lion Road

The Little Jersey Trail is an outer loop through the park on packed earth surface. Trail users will pass through hardwood forests and open areas. The trail links to the campground, Equestrian Center, and boat ramp and crosses the park entrance road. The trail is wide to accommodate shared use among hikers, bikers, and equestrians.

Please note: Hikers and bikers please yield to horses. For more information on trail etiquette, visit the [Leave No Trace](#) website.

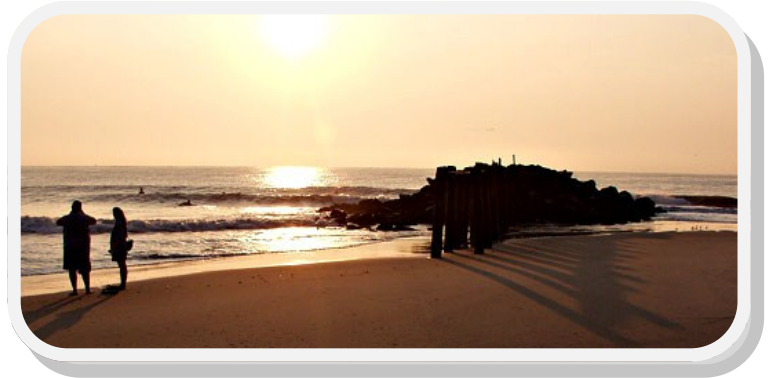
Equestrian Note: Please refer to the [Horseback Riding Guidelines](#).

Equestrian Guidelines—

General Comments Apply

Horses and riders are permitted on designated roadways, trails and beaches on lands administered by the Delaware Division of Parks and Recreation.

- At Cape Henlopen State Park, horseback riding is permitted **on the beach only** and according to the beach access schedule below.
- Designated trails and access schedules are subject to change upon review by the Division.
- Access is limited to park operating hours (8 a.m. to sunset.)
- Vehicles and trailers used for the transport of horses must park in designated areas.
- Access from parking areas to the beach will be limited to designated dune crossings.
- Trails and beaches may be closed on a temporary basis due to hazardous conditions.



Riders are responsible for cleaning up after their horse on roadways and in parking areas.

Delaware Trail Riding Teasers:

Delaware Seashore State Park -- Towers Ocean

January 1- February 28

Trailers and tow vehicles must park in the Towers Ocean parking lot. The maintenance vehicle crossing located at the southern end of the parking lot is designated for equestrian access to the beach. Designated beach for equestrian use runs from the crossing, south to within 200 yards of the Indian River Inlet. A sign at the toe of the primary dune will designate this southern boundary. (4.6 miles)

Delaware Seashore State Park -- Keybox Road

Daily: March 1– April 30; Labor Day - December 31

Weekdays only: May 1 – Labor Day

Trailers and tow vehicles must park in the Keybox Road parking lot. The surf fishing vehicle crossing is designated for equestrian access to the beach. The designated beach for equestrian use runs from the crossing, south to within 200 yards of the Indian River Inlet. A sign at the toe of the primary dune will designate this southern boundary. (3.4 miles)

Cape Henlopen State Park

November 1 – April 30

Horseback riding is permitted on the beach only. Trailers and tow vehicles must park in either the Gordons Pond Parking lot or the Point Comfort Station Parking lot. At Gordons Pond, the surffishing vehicle crossing is designated for equestrian access to the beach. At the Point Comfort Station lot, a dune crossing is marked and designated for equestrian access to the beach. Designated beach for equestrian use runs from the oceanside of the Point of the Cape south to the Gordons Pond surffishing vehicle crossing. (4.6 miles)



Fenwick Island State Park

November 1 – April 30

Trailers and tow vehicles must park in the bathhouse parking located north of Fenwick Island.

The maintenance vehicle crossing located at the southern parking area is designated for equestrian access to the beach. Designated beach for equestrian use runs from the crossing north to the park boundary near South Bethany Beach. (2.6 miles)

Delaware maintains approximately **35 miles of Equestrian Trails.**

Click **HERE** for a *.pdf copy of the list.

Delaware Equestrian Trails						
Park	Trail	Type of Trail	Miles	Ease		Trail Challenge
Bellevue	Equestrian	Hiking, Equestrian	2.7	Easy	No	No
Cape Henlopen	Beach	Hiking, Equestrian	4.6	Easy to Moderate	No	No
Delaware Seashore	Beach Area	Hiking, Equestrian	4.6	Easy to Moderate	No	No
	Prickly Pear	Hiking, Biking, Equestrian	3.0	Easy	No	No
Fenwick Island	Beach Area	Hiking, Equestrian	2.6	Easy	No	No
Holts Landing	Seahorse	Hiking, Biking, Equestrian	1.2	Easy	Yes	No
Lums Pond	Little Jersey	Hiking, Biking, Equestrian	8.1	Easy	No	No
Trap Pond	Boundary	Hiking, Biking, Equestrian	3.6	Easy	Yes	No
	Loblolly	Hiking, Biking, Equestrian	4.6	Easy	Yes	Yes

The Continuing Adventures of Diane & Enrique!

Now that the weather has broken, the trail riders are out in force. Enrique and I have become members Of the Giddy Up Group on Facebook. We all live in the Desirable Desert Hills Horse Community North of the Carefree Highway and West of Cave Creek.

The parks and trails are magnificent. This past week, my friend Molly visited from WV and we rode in the Phoenix Sonoran Preserve South of the Carefree Highway. The mountain heights opened up vistas from the Superstition Mountains and Scottsdale to the west vistas of Wickenburg.

There is snow on the mountains above Wickenburg and we are experiencing very cold temps. Enrique of course loved the trails. They were challenging, steep and had miles of choices. The City of Phoenix has planned well for public use areas. In our ride to Seven Springs, you drive to an area North of Cave Creek and enter the U.S. National Park near Lake Bartlett. When you arrive past the Cowboy Café, there is a waterfall and pool that Enrique jumped into and played in the water.

The EarCam captured the included photos to share. I have also included pictures of our ride to the Greer Ranch Area which lies North from my mini-ranch off 7th Street/New River Road.

WHEW....we are now planning on steel Shoes instead of the Renegade Hoof Boots. We ride so much that it will make my ENRIQUE so happy to have solid shoes on all fours. Not that he is complaining .



Yesterday we rode across the State Trust Square to the Mexican Restaurant El Encanto Dos.

They have a small pen so you can tie up and come inside for lunch and other indulgences!

We just made it home before dark....in a sustained LARGO that would have made you all smile!

He is my gaiting machine! Tune in for more adventures next issue.



Mason Dixon High Point Awardees for 2011

Bella Forma		
1	Labertino De La Luisa	Angel Flores
2	Cocoa La Chino	Angel Flores
3	Royal Flush Savannah	Rosanne Ashley
4	Middlefield's Travieso	Mary Rizo-Patron
Classic Fino Open		
1	Kassandra del Mar	Beth Ann Webb
2	Rio de Ventura	Rick L. Shaffer & Virginia Foster
3	Susurro de La Noche	Karen Spiegelthal
4	Espiritu de Emerald Valley	Beaverlea Roye-Manderbach
Classic Fino A/O		
1	El Pastor del Juncal	Rosanne Ashley
2	Kassandra del Mar	Beth Ann Webb
3	Rio de Ventura	Rick L. Shaffer & Virginia Foster
4	Susurro de La Noche	Karen Spiegelthal
Performance Open		
1	Lilly del Azur	Azur Paso Fino Farm, Inc.
2	Cloud Nine Cometa	Diane Dutt
3	Morenita de Los Angeles	Lisa & Keith Gorsuch
4	Belagio Del Cedro	Beaverlea Roye-Manderbach
Performance A/O		
1	Cloud Nine Cometa	Diane Dutt
2	Morenita de Los Angeles	Lisa & Keith Gorsuch
3	Intocable de Victoria	Denise Corcoran & Nick Burgos
4	Lucero del Norte	Mary Palm
Pleasure Open		
1	Cancionero De La Roca	Patricia Laird
2	Xavier del Azur	Azur Paso Fino Farm, Inc.
3	Simpatico De Ca' Grande	Melanie Petri
4	Nanita del Azur	Azur Paso Fino Farm, Inc.
Youth Equitation		
1	Ro-No's Grand Marnier	Alaina Lengner
2	Nanita del Azur	Anni Shaffer
3	Macadoo Tornado	Allison Brosko
4	Macadoo Cesar	Allison Brosko
5	Middlefield's Don Jose	Noelle Vandusen
Youth Horsemanship		
1	Jocosa de Monarca	Noelle Vandusen
2	Middlefield's Don Jose	Noelle Vandusen
3	Afrodita FF	Noelle Vandusen
4	Morenita de Los Angeles	Noelle Vandusen

Pleasure A/O		
1	Afrodita FF	Lisa & Keith Gorsuch
2	Sonia de Promesa	Maryan & George Schlesman
3	JCF Sorpresa Roja	Cecilia Uhlmann
4	Cancionero De La Roca	Patricia Laird
Country Pleasure		
1	Bonita de Buttermilk	Lori Wieszowskiak
2	Ro-No's Grand Marnier	Alaina Lengner
3	Racha de La Chesapeake	Virginia Foster
4	Bonita de Buttermilk	Lori Wieszowskiak
Western Pleasure		
1	Kathy Dell	Middlefield's Casanova
Versatility		
1	Cardillo Sin Par	N. Hauptert-Keill & C. Mazzotta
2	Ro-No's Grand Marnier	Shanna Lengner
Sub-Junior Youth		
1	Nanita del Azur	Anni Shaffer
1	Rio de Ventura	Anni Shaffer
2	Aphrodite de La Katrina	Valerie Spiegelthal
3	Beech Tree Poeta	Margaux Spiegelthal
4	Orquidea la Estrella	Anni Shaffer
5	Ro-No's Grand Marnier	Alaina Lengner
Youth		
1	El Pastor del Juncal	Nicole Bartell
2	Cardillo Sin Par	Nicole Bartell
3	Tapistero Sin Par	Nicolle Bartell
4	Bonita de Buttermilk	Meghen Haas
4	Macadoo Cesar	Allison Brosko
5	Morenita de Los Angeles	Noelle Vandusen
6	Macadoo Tornado	Allison Brosko
7	Rigoletto de Las Camelias	Jessica Brosko
8	El Pastor del Juncal	Jessica Brosko
8	Sonia de Promesa	Jena Shaffer
9	Middlefield's Don Jose	Noelle Vandusen
High Point Trainer of the Year		
Rick Shaffer - R & S Paso Finos		
High Point A/O of the Year		
Kathy Dell - Middlefield Farm		
Trail / Activity (13-15 year old)		
1	Torbellino	Susan Data-Samtak
2	Zorro	John Samtak

Congratulations to all of our Recreational Riders and Show Competitors for a fine performance during the 2011 show season. We look forward to seeing you and your horses again in 2012.

Meet Our Members: PA Paso Finos

Owner Lori Wieszowskiak

380 Mill Rd.

Sunbury, PA. 17801

When Diane asked me to write this article I said “ I really don’t have much of a farm” but in hind site I have as much as anyone could want.

When I met Tom in 2000 I had been working as a small animal and exotic veterinary technician for almost 20 years, animals have always been my life. When we got married I quit working at the animal hospital and started working with Tom in his, now our business. We sell, service and repair industrial air compressors and all related equipment. It is a very demanding business and we are on call 24/7/365. We are also both lucky enough to have both our parents and try to do as much as we can to help them in their day to day lives. Tom

and I always took care of the 18 acres that his parents have and one day on the way to my parents for a visit he asked me

what I thought of getting a couple horses to keep from having to mow so much at his parents. Well, needless to say he didn’t have to ask me twice. He now says he could have bought the best tractor with all the extras for less than getting the horses. I just tell him it wouldn’t be near as much fun.

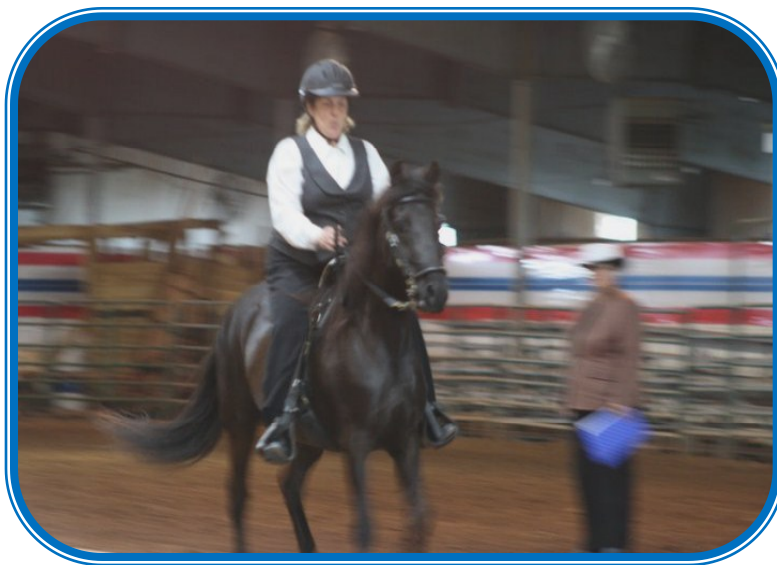
In looking for horses I came across a 20 year old Paso Fino mare named Fiesta del Prado and decided for my first horse she would be perfect. Well, when I went to check her out someone had already purchased her. Long story short someone that I had asked their opinion about this mare had bought her out from under me. (I did manage to get the knife out of my back but it took some effort.) Ended up buying an amazing Morgan/Quarter horse gelding who ended up being a super starter horse. In the mean time Fiesta didn’t work out for the people that bought her and I ended up bring home both horses the same day. I went to my first Horse World Expo that year and stopped at the MDPFHA booth and met Sheri Becker.



Fiesta del Prado



Nicole on Tapistero at the 2010 Kile show.



Me and Bonnie at the May Day Show in Dillsburg

I started talking about Fiesta and found out that she was from Fieldstone Meadows where Sheri worked. My horsey life began in 2003 with these 2 wonderful horses and has evolved to 4 Paso Finos and 1 Quarter horse. We lost Fiesta at 26 years old and don't think there will ever be another like her but my Bonita de Buttermilk comes about as close as you can get. I also have Tapistero Sin Par, Cerveza Sin Par and Cinema Sin Par. We can't forget to mention Powder the Quarter horse.

I have participated in the Mason Dixon re-

gional shows for the last few years and for the first time had a horse, Tapistero, at the 2011 Grand National Show. Last year was the first year that I was the coordinator for the PA Horse World Expo and look forward to this year's expo coming in February.

My horses have always been trained with Nola Haupt-Keill at RoNo Ranch in Waymart, PA. Our farm is still a work in progress with hopes to put in an outdoor arena this year and put in obstacles for people to come and build some confidence with their horses. Bonnie has really started enjoying doing trail courses and so have I.



Bonnie with a youth rider at RoNo Ranch Extreme Cowboy

I enjoy sharing my horses with people and have 2 youth riders showing Bonnie and Tapistero. Meghan Haas rides Bonnie in Country Pleasure and at the PA Horse World Expo, and Nicole Bartell riding Tapistero in Youth Performance.

I have so enjoyed getting more involved with the association and would encourage everyone to do so.

Lori



Practicing for the Expo. Meghan on Bonnie, Robbie on Pastor and Alli on Cesar

Members Current for the 2012 Show Year (Oct 1, 2011–Sept. 30, 2012)

Rosanne Ashley	Maribelle MacAlpin, and Allison Brosko
Karen Basehore	Gale Peluso
Ann Bastian	Melanie Petri
Maureen Boskin	Tom and Paul Radulewicz
Nicholas Burgos and Darnell Williams	Maryan and George Schlesman
Rosemary D'Agostino and Raymond Williams	B.J. and Gary Schuler
Denise Corcoran	Dick and Lynn Shaffer
Susan Crawford-Charters	Tiffany Senseman
Susan Data-Samtak and John Samtak	Maranell and Toby Sonn
Kathy Dell	Michael Srock
Diane Dutt	Ann Stever
Angel Flores, Karen, Laurel, Margaux and Valerie Spiegelthal	Nancy Thomas
Raymond Gallagher	Charles and Margaret Thorne
Diane Gates	Noelle Vandusen
Keith and Lisa Gorsuch	Randy and Janet Weese
Amanda Hamilton	Ron and Joy Weyer
Nola Hauptert-Keill and Robbie Keill	Don and Mary Wright



Membership Classification

Individual membership: one (1) adult (at least eighteen (18) years of age.) Individual memberships are entitled to one (1) vote.

Family Membership: up to two (2) designated adults and any children under the age of eighteen (18) living in the same household. Family memberships are entitled to one (1) vote for each designated adult.

Youth Membership: one youth under eighteen (18) years of age. Youth memberships are ineligible to vote.

Annual Dues: Payable on or before the first day of October each year. Membership year is consistent with PFHA and goes from 1 Oct to 20 Sep.

Adult Membership \$20	Family Membership \$25	Youth Membership \$10
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Dear Members,

If your name is not on this list, please take a moment to renew your membership. The renewal form is located on page 19. If your membership status is not represented correctly in the list above, please contact Kathy Dell at Dell@tessco.com or 410-229-1232.

Warmth of a Horse

When your day seems out of balance
And so many things go wrong...
When people fight around you
And the clock drags on so long

When most folks act like children,
And fill you with remorse,
Go out into your pasture....
Wrap your arms around your horse

His gently breath enfolds you
As he watches with those eyes,
He may not have a Ph.D.
But he is ,oh , so wise!

His head rests on your shoulder...
You embrace hi good and tight;
He puts your world in balance,
And makes it all seem right.

Your tears will soon stop flowing,
The tension will be eased
The nonsense has been lifted,
You are quiet and a peace.

So when you need some balance
From the stresses of your day,
The best therapy you can seek
Is out there eating hay!

-Author unknown.

Contributed by Dick Shaffer

Dear Recreational Rider Regional Representatives

On behalf of the entire Recreational Rider Committee, we wish to extend to you our best wishes for a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We have several updates to share with you and your membership.

The Ticket to Ride Program has been revamped so that a PFHA/regional activity can now be counted twice on the Ticket to Ride form. Non-regional activities will continue to only count as a single event. This means that if your region schedules a trail competitions, parade, drill team, etc., members may now count as two blocks on their Ticket to Ride form for this activity. We hope that this revamp will help to stimulate more participation in your region. Please remind your members to keep track of their activities that qualify and submit their completed tickets for the drawing of cash/prizes at the 2012 Nationals in Lexington, KY. Members need not be present to win.

We are working towards developing a Recreational Horse Certification Program. At present, our vision is to develop at least two levels of certification that would verify the level of training a horse has completed. This will be especially important for prospective buyers. To ensure we include tasks that are important to our recreational riders, we would welcome your ideas for inclusion. Please forward your ideas to me prior to **January 7th** at wbrad@wirelessbeehive.com for consolidation and consideration.

The newly appointed (pending BOD approval at the January meeting) RRC Chair, Carol Garcia, and myself, Judi Bradbury, will be at the January PFHA BOD/Membership Meeting. We would love to meet with our recreational riders for an informal "Meet and Greet" to discuss any ideas or issues our recreational riders may have on **Friday evening, January 20th**. Please let us know if you plan to attend the meeting by contacting me at wbrad@wirelessbeehive.com.

We ask that you pass this information along to your regional members as quickly as possible so that they have the opportunity to provide their input. Thank you for your support of the RRC this past year and your continuing support in 2012.

PFHA Recreational Riders Committee—Submitted by your Representative, Susan Data-Samtak





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