



The Power Glide

Mason Dixon PFHA

Show Year 2012 4th Edition

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Mason Dixon & Regional PFHA Events of Interest	
<u>Piedmont Classic—Ashville, NC</u>	June 21-24
Northeast Schoharie Paso Serenade	July 14-15
Clinic with Jim Laird @ Hillside Farms	July 21
Great Lakes Swartz Creek Show	July 27-28
Great Lakes Heritage Show	August 3-4
<u>Charles Town Parade of Horses</u> , Charles Town, WV	September 23
<u>Piedmont NC State Fair Show</u>	October
PFHA Grand National Horse Show—Lexington, KY	October 7-13
Mason Dixon Annual Membership Banquet, Meeting and Election	Nov. 3
Pennsylvania Farm Show (MDPFHA Point of Contact: Karen Basehore)	Jan 5-12, 2013
Maryland Horse Exposition (MDPFHA Point of Contact: Kathy Dell)	Jan 18-20, 2013
Pennsylvania Horse Exposition (MDPFHA Point of Contact: Lori Wieszowskiak)	Feb 21-24, 2013
Reading Pet Exposition (MDPFHA Point of Contact: Nick Burgos)	March 22-24, 2013


President's Message

Do you want to know what has been going on for the past few months within the Mason Dixon PFHA region? Well, Diane has done another outstanding job with the Power Glide as it is chock full of information and great stories. Although I highly encourage you to read through all the information, I would like to focus on a couple of items in particular. First, the recognition of the contributions of our members in supporting our region. Without the support of you, our members, we could not accomplish the things we do. However, I think we can do better especially in getting more trail activities organized and I would like to encourage those of you who do a lot of trail riding to consider sponsoring a regional trail ride or trail ride clinic. In the event we missed mentioning your name for your support, let's call it a senior moment and purely an oversight. Second, due to a number of factors, participation at our regional shows has been down considerably this year. For those of you who do not show, this may not seem to matter much. However, the operating budget of the organization is fueled mainly through these shows. We need your help to develop other alternatives to keep us solvent. Lastly, in November at our annual meeting and banquet, we will be electing new officers for the next two years. For those of you who may have an interest in throwing your hat into the ring, please notify a member on the nominating committee. One last note, this year has been crazy weather wise. Please stay safe and watch out for all your animal friends. Enjoy the summer! Karen

THE EDITOR'S CORNER:

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



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. —Diane

I truly appreciate the willingness of Mason Dixon Members to contribute to the Organization's NewsLetter. Without your help and support, the PowerGlide would be superfluous; a meaningless exercise. Your investment has pushed me to work harder on your behalf for the betterment of the entire organization, and I thank you for that. Please keep those articles coming. If you would like to share your Paso Fino experience with your fellow members please get in touch with me. If the idea of putting pen to paper or converting thoughts into electrons (is that really a conversion?) makes you catatonic, I can help. If you don't know how to send a document or image by email, I can help there, too.

Diane Dutt

Mason-Dixon Members Serving the Paso Fino Community:

Karen Basehore—MD President; PA Farm Show Demo; MD Homepage.

Ann Bastian—Silent Auction

Nick Burgos—PFHA Cert. & USEF Reg. Judge & Trainer; Reading Pet Expo.; Lexington Show Decorations

Susan Data-Samtak—MD Recreational Rider Coordinator & PFHA Recreational Rider Committee; Recreational High Points; Regular PG Contributor

Kathy Dell— MD Secretary; MD Membership Chair

Diane Dutt—MD V. President; Editor-Power Glide; Show High Points; MD Facebook page; village idiot

Angel Flores—Trainer

Virginia Foster— PFHA Strategic Planning (Chair), Computer, Historic, Amateur Owner and Rules Committees

Diane Gates—Regular PG Contributor

Lisa Gorsuch—MD Regional Delegate to PFHA; PFHA Finance, Membership and Events Committees; MD May Day Show; Maryland Horse Expo.; MD Futurity Coordinator

Forest Gray—Ring Master

Nola Hauptert-Keill—Trainer; Equine dentist; Youth Activities

BJ Schuler— MD Treasurer; MD Spectacular; PFHA Finance Committee

James Laird—Trainer

Carolyn Marinko—MD Nominating Committee, Regional News Reporter

Terri Mobius—Trail Ride Leader; regular PG contributor

Maryann Schlesman—MD Nominating Committee

Tiffany Senseman—Youth Chair

Dick Shaffer—Trail Ride Leader

Lynn Shaffer— MD Nominating Committee; National Auction Basket Wrangler

Rick Shaffer—PFHA Cert. & USEF Reg. Judge & Trainer

Dick Teachout—Trail Ride Leader; Preventive Hoof Care Services

Lori Wieszowskiak— Pennsylvania Horse Expo.; Ribbon Coordinator

Debbie Wolkowicz— PFHA Cert. Judge

Delegate Report:

As many of you may know, there has been ongoing controversy within the PFHA Board of Directors and the Executive Committee with regards to the actions taken by the Executive Committee in early May when the EC as the committee did not renew Don Vizi's Employment Contract and, in effect, terminated his employment without Board knowledge and ratification. There is now litigation as a result of these actions charging that these actions were against the PFHA Constitution.

The Board petitioned for a Special Meeting and that meeting is scheduled in Atlanta, GA on Saturday, June 30, 2012. I will be attending this meeting as your Delegate for Mason Dixon.

I am available for any member who may have questions and would like to discuss this matter (410-596-5586). I will send out via email after the meeting as a report to all of the members.

Lisa Gorsuch, Mason Dixon Delegate

One Day Clinic
July 8, 2012
Crossing Trail Obstacles

How to Get Your Horse to Cross Trail Obstacles Safely and Consistently

Clinician: Joyce Cowfer

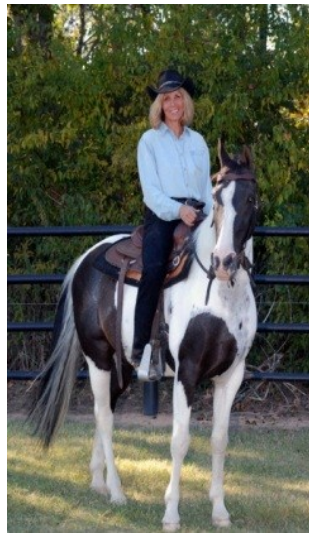
John & Josh Lyons Certified Trainer

Have you ever been on a Judged Pleasure Ride or even a trail ride and had your horse refuse to cross or go through an obstacle? In this clinic Joyce will explain and show you a safe and effective way to get a horse over, under or through any obstacle. She will explain how and when to cue your horse, types of cues to use and some of the mistakes that we, as riders, often make.

The morning session will be a demonstration and practice session for participants. In the afternoon we will put into practice what was learned and complete a fun and challenging obstacle course.

- *Location: MIDDLEFIELD FARM, TANEYTOWN, MD*
- *Contact: Lisa Gorsuch, middlefieldfarm@verion.net, 410-596-5586*
Current Coggins Required and must be current on shots
- *Cost: MDPFHA Member \$55 Non Member \$65 (Includes Lunch)*
- *Time: 10AM to 4PM*
- *Class size: limited to 10 participants.*
- *Each participant may bring only one horse.*
- *No stallions please*

If you would like to know more about Joyce and the clinics she offers, please see her website at:
<http://www.joycecowfer.com>.




MASON-DIXON WISHES TO THANK TERRI MOEBIUS FOR MAKING THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THIS VALUABLE EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY.

Mason-Dixon May Day Show 5-6 May 2012

Mason-Dixon members, both show and trail folks, gathered for the first MDPFHA-sponsored event of the season. It was good to “catch-up” with friends from the far-flung parts of our region and learn about all of the things everyone has been doing.

The Attendee Party on Saturday Night was a feast fit for a tired hungry crowd. Entertainment was organized by Nola Hauptert-Keill, who set up the Extreme Trail Challenge. Obstacles included a “debris pit” filled with plastic bottles, vertical opposing “combs” made from soft foam tubes, AND a horse trailer (as-well-as other challenges, i.e. a see-saw). The timed event wasn’t too focused on “technique” but was sure packed with creativity. Ann Bastian provided expert commentary while Youth Members and Trainers competed in separate divisions. Note that the event was originally designed for our Youth, but the Trainers would simply not “Whoa!”

Mason-Dixon Spectacular 8-10 June 2012

The stars aligned in favor of an exciting and fun-filled show at the Virginia Equestrian Center in Lexington, VA. The weather was warm but didn’t reach the level of being oppressive and we were spared the usual pop-up thunderstorms. 68 horses registered for the show, representing an unanticipated decline from the 113 horses registered in 2011. Nonetheless, a great time was had by all participants. The trail ride was cancelled due to a lack of participation by our Recreational Rider community but the show attendees enjoyed roaming over the hills of the cross-country course and winding through the woods of the beautiful facility, even without our more experienced brethren. On Saturday evening, the Exhibitor Party brought us all together to enjoy a delicious pulled-pork feast which was washed down with a tasty glass of wine, beer or non-alcoholic beverage. The evening entertainment was organized and controlled by Nola Hauptert-Keill and scored by Rick Shaffer. We watched in awe as our youth (and some not so “youth”) and their mounts line up to accept the “Most Outrageous Extreme Trail Challenge”. As noted above, the activity is a timed event during which ingenuity rather than style or equitation will give you an edge. It also helps if you have a fast horse and little regard for your health and well-being. This time ‘round, the obstacles included traffic barricades w/ flashing lights  (for a figure-8) as-well-as a bell (to be rung twice) and placing a tennis ball atop a cone. Who comes up with this stuff, anyway? It’s just plain devious.

As you know, “it takes a village” to put on a successful horse show and this one was no exception. BJ Schuler, the Show Manager, and the rest of the MDPFHA BoD would like to acknowledge and thank the following for making this show an efficient, beautiful and enjoyable experience for all participants and attendees:

- ♦ Nick Burgos, Denise Corcoran and Gail Peluso for the decorations and hauling the sounding board to the show.

- ♦ Carolyn Marinko, Beth Sheldon & Lynn Shaffer for organizing and ironing the ribbons and all those who helped present the ribbons during the show
- ♦ Lisa Gorsuch & Kathy Dell for transporting the ribbons and hauling the sounding board home
- ♦ Maryan Schlesman for keeping the officials fed and watered
- ♦ Melanie Petri for getting the vendors
- ♦ Nola Hauptert-Keill and everyone from RO-NO Ranch for bringing the obstacle challenge, Jim Lengner for set-up/tear-down, and Rick Shaffer for helping to set-up the course and judge
- ♦ Ann Bastian for heading up the silent auction
- ♦ All the people who sponsored classes (below). We almost met our goal of having all classes sponsored – we had all but 6 classes sponsored.

Middlefield Farm	Hillside Farm	R&S Farm	50/50 Farm	Laota Spring Farm
Morning Song Farm	River House Farm	R&S Paso Finos	TNT Paso Finos	Liz Sherman
Riverview Farm	Magic Moments Farms	The Marinko Family	Melanie Petri	
Nancy Gallagher		Paji Learning Center	Dr. Ann Bastian	

Mason-Dixon PFHA Election 2012 Timeline:

1 Jan 2012	Nominating Committee Selection Initiated
1 Mar 2012	Nominating Committee Complete
15 Apr 2012	Nominating Committee identified to membership
15 Apr 2012	Candidate Solicitation Begins
1 Aug 2012	Candidate List is Finalized
15 Aug 2012	Candidate List is Published
3 Sep 2012	Membership renewals due for Absentee Voters
5 Oct 2012	Candidate Position Statements due to PG Editor
15 Oct 2012	Candidate Position Statements Published
15 Oct 2012	Proposed Amendments to the MDPFHA By-laws Published
15 Oct 2012	Absentee Ballots Published in PG
29 Oct 2012	Absentee Ballots due to Secretary
3 Nov 2012	General Meeting & Election
3 Nov 2012	Membership renewals due for all voting members
4 Nov 2012	Election Results published by Email and posted to Homepage
15 Dec 2012	Election Results published in PG
1 Jan 2013	New Board of Directors begins its tenure.

Please consider investing a bit of your time in Mason-Dixon. We are looking for fresh ideas and plans to move the organization forward through the next two years. I am hoping that some of you will step up and volunteer your time and expertise, as well as your ideas and energy to help MDPFHA grow as an organization and continue to improve in how we serve our membership. Interested persons should contact Maryan Schlesman, Carolyn Marinko or Lynn Shaffer (814-634-0900).—D.

A “THANKS!” Long Overdue

Now that the Mason-Dixon PFHA-sponsored shows for the 2012 Show year are behind us, we can catch our breath and reflect on both our accomplishments AND our challenges for 2013. On a personal level, thanks to the help of family, friends and two exceptional trainers, our horses met or exceeded our expectations. There is work ahead, but then, there always is.

As I think about how Mason-Dixon strives to meet the needs of it's membership, through outreach to our Recreational Riders and by providing two high quality shows that place our horses before National Judges, I am humbled by the level of effort put forth by many of our members. First, I would like to thank the many folks who pitch-in as a need arises, such as managing the Gate, distributing ribbons or setting up and dismantling the Trail class. Several, such as Maryan Schlesman (Judge Liaison at the MD Spectacular), Nick Burgos, the Williams brothers, Denise Corcoran and Gale Peluso (MD Spectacular Decorations), Ann Bastian (MD Spectacular Auction Table) and Nola Hauptert-Keill and Jim Lengner (“after-show hours” entertainment) help to make the shows an enjoyable experience for us all. Susan Data-Samtak has worked tirelessly on behalf of the RR community, and I thank her for it, as we all benefit from her expertise.

Without the help and support of our membership we couldn't provide the services that we all enjoy.

Finally, I would like to acknowledge the herculean efforts of our two Show Managers, Lisa Gorsuch and BJ Schuler. In my conversations with the show secretaries, I have learned that Mason-Dixon has the reputation of running a very efficient show. We run on time and our paperwork is well executed. We're a pleasant bunch to work with and produce a high quality product. I, for one, am proud of our organization for this well-earned reputation, and, in large part, we have BJ and Lisa to thank for it.

I am not trained in logistics (though anyone who's packed a trailer can appreciate the challenges). Nevertheless, I'm impressed at the level of effort it takes to put on one of our shows. Here are just a few of the activities: negotiating with the show hotel for pricing and availability; scheduling the Announcer, Secretary, Steward and Ring Master; reserving the facility and estimating the number of stalls needed; preparing the registration forms, class and prize list; selecting and scheduling the Judges, arranging for and monitoring air and ground transportation for all Officials; ordering the ribbons; arranging and negotiating for the Exhibitor Party; ensuring that the ring gets watered and the board swept; and last, but not least, paying the bills. (and while you're at it... don't forget to work your horse, give 'em a bath, get into your show clothes and check in at the gate...)

Hey, “Do you (like me) enjoy the coffee and donuts on Saturday morning?” if so, we have the Show Manager to thank for it.

BJ and Lisa have been running these shows for longer than many of us have been members. BJ has been managing the Mason-Dixon Spectacular since 1999 and Lisa, the Mason-Dixon May Day Show, since 2006 (and BJ before her). Their unsung support of the interests of Paso Finos overall and Mason-Dixon in particular, at the local level and the National level, have served this organization in ways many of us simply take for granted. Our National representatives, to include Virginia Foster and Susan Data-Samtak, struggle almost daily with the affairs and complexities of the PFHA, working for equitable regional representation; promoting the needs (advertising; RR support; rule changes, etc.) of our organization; working tirelessly to support you, me and the integrity of our breed.

On behalf of the Membership, I offer up a long overdue and heart-felt “Thank You!” to Lisa and BJ, for their years of service to the Mason-Dixon Paso Fino Horse Association. —Diane

The Continuing Adventures of Diane & Enrique!



During the past two weeks, Enrique and I covered a lot of miles. We rode roughly 10 total hours just in two days this past weekend and 5 hours last weekend on our trip to Granite Mountain near Prescott, AZ. The Crown King fire has been put out, and the air is clearing of smoke particulates. Arizona is much drier than the normal, so fires are a major concern.

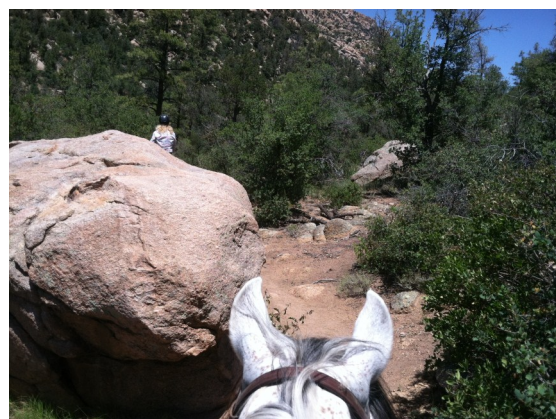
The first day in Prescott we rode from a horseman's designated parking area and did the large loop trail up into the Granite Mountain park area to a lake and then down the lake wash back to the trailers.



We started in High Desert ecosystems riding up to Alpine Forest Area and back. The trails are a natural granite grit and in some areas very rocky. Since moving to AZ, Enrique has been shod all around and this has helped him become much stronger and his



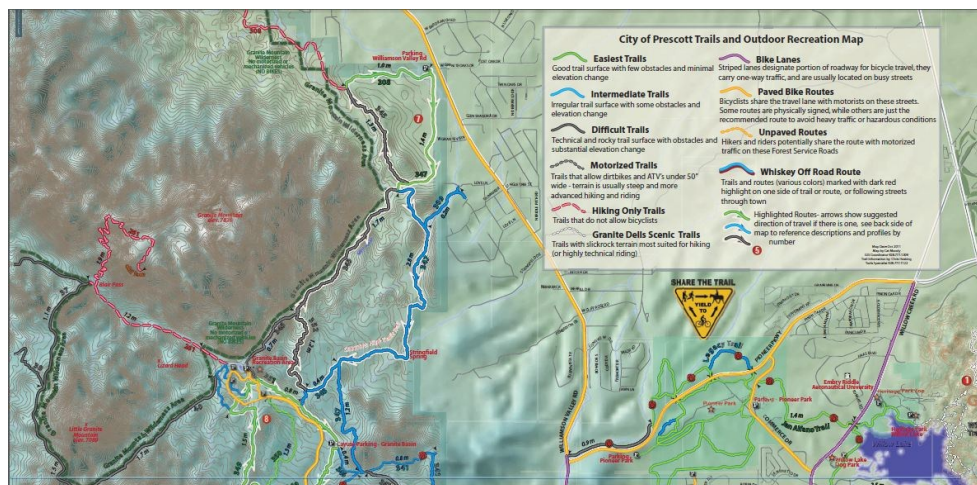
gait is better than ever.



We do plan a trip to SEDONA this month of JUNE, and then at the end of July and through August I will haul up to Jackson Hole, Wyoming



and ride the Grand Teton. So keep tuned in to our continuing adventures! The photo's will be marvelous!



Meet Our Members: R&S Paso Finos

The year was 1974 and Dick and Lynn Shaffer had two boys' named Rick and Scott and they wanted a pony. Our first pony was purchased and his name was Volkswagen. He was like any other pony, bull headed and stubborn. Dick called their barn R & S Stables after the boys. Both of the boys started taking riding lessons and liked going to local horse shows. Rick was 5 years old when he first started showing. Next we purchased bigger ponies, horse trailers, trucks, western clothes and tack. The boys then graduated to Quarter horses. Both boys were very active in 4-H. At the age of thirteen Rick won the *Bob Evans Quarter Horse Award* for the State of Pa. He won a weanling filly named Bitty. He trained her for the next several years and went to the Pa. State Horse Show and won the Three Year old Western Pleasure Futurity on Bitty.



Rick age 13 winning *Bob Evans Quarter Award*

About this time Dick was doing a lot of trail riding.

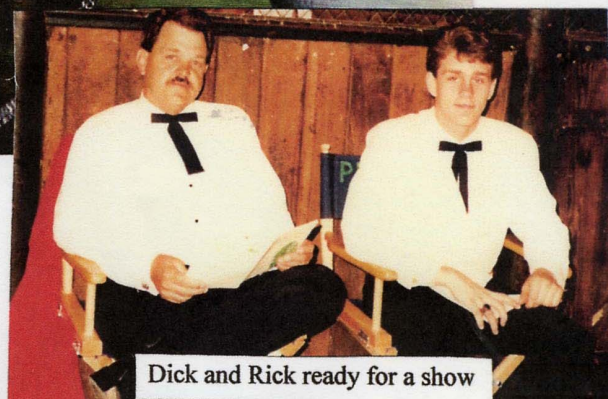
But he was tired of getting up sore and having to go to work, so he started looking at gaited horses. Dick purchased his first Paso Fino from Zona Butler at Rocky Top Stables. Don Roberta Cabal was a four year old gelding. Don, was Dicks personal horse, for 20 years. He also bought a yearling colt, named Arco Iris del Pardo. Rick said "I will help you train these crazy little horses" but don't expect me to sell my Quarter Horses.

In the next year Rick sold all his Quarter horses but Bitty. We had gone to several Paso Fino shows and met many wonderful people. A lady named Karen Anderson had a yearling paso fino colt named El Glatiador de Plebeyo and she wanted a good Quarter horse. She offered Rick the horse. We traded Bitty and purchased El Glatiador de Plebeyo. Rick was hooked on the breed. We changed our farm name to R & S Paso Fino's. He took his Quarter horse ability and trained Arco Iris del Prado and won the Grand National Trail Horse in 1987 and 1988.

Dick and Rick went to every clinic they could. They traveled to many shows on the East coast. So they could learn everything about the breed. Rick loves the brio and excitement, intelligence and grace of the Paso's. In the 1990's Rick decided to train, show, and breed Paso Finos full time. Over the years we have met many wonderful people. For Dick and Lynn they have been *horse show parents* for many years. Now what we enjoy, is watching our grandchildren show. We keep the young stock and brood mares at our farm. Rick has all the show horses, training horses and breeding stallions in Somerset. Rick is a National Judge, enjoys doing clinics and introducing the Paso Fino horse to everyone. Rick's wife Suzette and daughters Jena and Anni and son Justin are all very supportive. It is hard to believe it all started with a stubborn pony named Volkswagen.



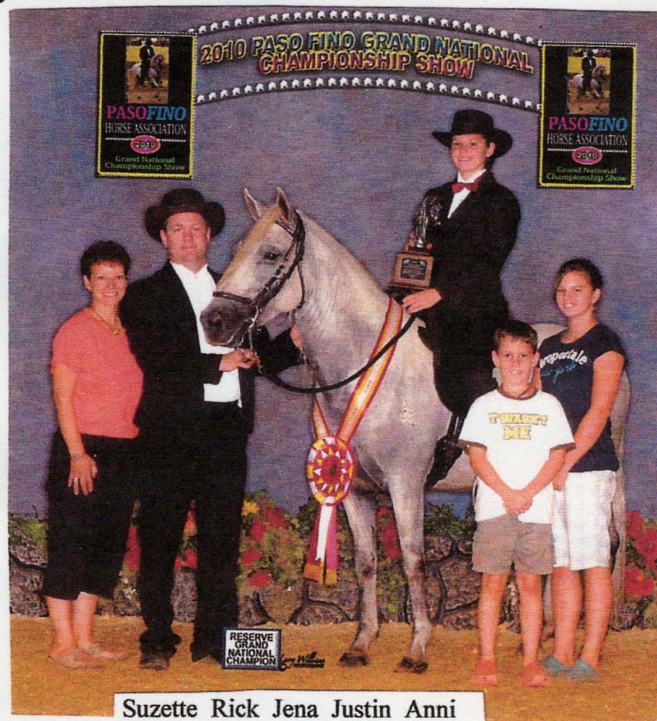
El Glatiador de Plebeyo



Dick and Rick ready for a show



Arco Iris del Prado



Suzette Rick Jena Justin Anni
National Paso Fino Show 2010

My thanks to Lynn Shafer for writing this article.

DEAR HORSE,

I love you very much, and I truly cherish your presence in my life. I would never criticize you in any way. However, there are a few trivial details regarding our relationship that I think might bear your consideration:

Catching: I am aware that you can run faster than I. I do not need you to demonstrate that fact each time I come to get you in the pasture. Please remember I work hard to earn money to keep you in the style to which you have become accustomed. In return, you can pretend to be happy to see me, even if I carry a halter instead of a bucket.

Scratching Post: It should be fairly obvious to you that I am a human who walks on two legs. I do not resemble a scratching post. Do not think that, when you rub your head against me with 1,000 pounds of force behind it, I believe that it wasn't your intention to send me flying. I am also aware that stomping on my toes while you are pushing me around is nothing but adding injury to insult.

Sneezing: I understand I cannot expect you to cover your nose when you sneeze, but it would be appreciated if you did not inhale large amounts of dirt and manure prior to aiming your sneezes at my face and shirt. Also, if you have recently filled your mouth with water you do not intend to drink, please let it all dribble from your mouth BEFORE you put your head on my shoulder. In addition, while I know you despise your de-worming medication, my intentions in giving it to you are good, and I really do not think I should be rewarded by having you spit half of it back out onto my shirt.

Your Role and Appropriate Behavior: Sometimes, I get the feeling that you are confused about the appropriate roles you should play in various situations. One small bit of advice: Your stone-wall imitation should be used when I am mounting and your-speed walker imitation when I suggest that we proceed on our way, not vice versa.

Jumping: Please also understand that jumping is meant to be a mutual endeavor. By "mutual", I mean that we are supposed to go over the jump together. You were purchased to be a mount, not a catapult. I know the world is a scary place when your eyes are on the sides of your head, but I did spend a significant amount of money to buy you, and I have every intention of protecting my investment.

Tying: When I put the halter on you, attach one end of the rope to the halter and tie the other end of the lead rope to a post or rail or whatever, I am indicating a desire for you to remain in that locale. I would also like the halter, lead rope and post, etc., to remain intact. While I admit that things like sudden noises can be startling, I do not consider them to be acceptable excuses for repeatedly snapping expensive new lead ropes, etc. so that you can run madly around the barn area creating havoc in your wake. Such behavior is not conducive to achieving that important goal that I know we both share-- decreasing the number of times the veterinarian comes out to visit you.

Leading: By the same token, the barn aisle was not designed for running of the Kentucky Derby and is not meant to serve as a racetrack. Dragging me down the aisle in leaps and bounds is not how "leading" is supposed to work, even if someone happens to drop a saddle on the floor as we're passing. Pulling loose and running off is also discouraged (although I admit it does allow you to run faster).

Spooking: I assure you that blowing pieces of paper do not eat horses. While I realize you are very athletic, I do not need a demonstration of your ability to jump 25 feet sideways from a standing start while swapping ends in midair nor am I interested in your ability to emulate both a racehorse and a bucking bronco while escaping said piece of paper. Also, if the paper were truly a danger, it would be the height of unkindness to dump me on the ground in front of it as a sacrificial offering to expedite your escape.

Water: When I ask you to cross a small stream, you may safely assume that said stream does not contain crocodiles, snakes, or piranhas, nor will it be likely to drown you (I have actually see horses swimming, so I know it can be done). I expect you to be prepared to comply with the occasional request to wade across some small body of water. Since I would like to be dry when we reach the other side of the stream, deciding to roll when we are halfway across is not encouraged.

Trailer: I give you my solemn oath that the trailer is nothing but an alternate means of transportation for distances too long for walking. It is not a lion's den or a dragon's maw, nor will it magically transform into such. It is made for horses, and I promise you that you will indeed fit into your assigned space. Please bear in mind that I generally operate on a schedule, and whenever we are going, I would like to get there today.

Turnout: For the last time, I do not intend to abandon you to a barren, friendless existence. If I put you in a turn-out pen, I promise that no predators will eat you, and I will come back in due time to return you to your stall. It is not necessary to run in circles, whinny pathetically, threaten to jump the fence, or paw the gate. Neither your stall mates or I will have left the premises. The other horses standing peacefully in adjacent pens amply demonstrate that it is possible to enjoy being turned out for exercise.

In order to reassure you, my dear horse, I have posted the following message on your stall door:

"Notice to People Who Complain About My Horse"

1. I like my horse a lot better than I like people who complain about him.
2. To you, he's an animal; to me he's a big hairy, four legged son and you know what they say about coming between a mother and her children
3. The stall is his castle, and you are expected to treat him as the king that he thinks he is.
4. If you don't want him to steal your carrots, don't walk by him with the carrots sticking out of your pockets.
5. Horses are better than husbands or kids. They eat grass, don't smoke or drink, don't expect an allowance, don't voluntarily get their body parts pierced, don't hog the remote, don't waste the whole weekend watching sports with friends, don't talk back to you, don't leave home and never call, don't compare you unfavorably to their friends' owners, don't keep you awake with their snoring--- and no horse ever left the toilet seat up.

Finally, in closing, my strong and gentle companion, I would like to point out that, whatever might happen between horses and their people, we humans will always love you. In fact, our bonds with you help to create new bonds among ourselves, even with total strangers. Wherever there are horses, there will be "horse people", and for the blessings you bestow upon us, we thank you.

Most sincerely yours,

Your Owner.

-contributed indirectly by Vivian Ashcroft, SWPFHA

New Ideas Sought for High Point Awards

There has been some talk about looking into new year end awards and I have been asked to take on this task.

I am asking anyone who has an idea on this subject to please forward their thoughts to me. I will be seeking advise from members who have previously taken on this endeavor and done it so well.

We will be checking into this for the 2013 show season, not this year.

Cost is a huge consideration while looking for something new. We need people to get out there and show their horses and come up with ideas for making some additional money for the association. Membership is declining as is the number of show entries.

Please email me your thoughts kazisimage2@aol.com.

We would like to have discussion on this subject at the 2012 year end banquet so please get your ideas in so they can be presented.

Regards,

Lori Wieszowskiak

Note: Diane Dutt will continue to tabulate the High Point values for shows; Susan Data-Samtak will continue to tabulate the Recreational High Points.

WHAT TO DO WITH ALL THOSE SHOW RIBBONS....

Those of you fortunate enough to experience success in the show ring probably have a collection of treasured ribbons displayed somewhere in your home, barn or tack shed. Sooner or later, you'll have to face the hard truth: you have just too many ribbons and can't display them to their best advantage. You could use them as a valance over a window or as a border along a wall but soon they lose their luster or you simply run out of creative solutions for displaying your hard-won pieces of fabric. One solution is to make a ribbon quilt. Here's a link to how to make one: <http://www.shemovedtotexas.com/how-to-make-an-equestrian-ribbon-quilt/http://www.shemovedtotexas.com/how-to-make-an-equestrian-ribbon-quilt/> and some examples. You could also try to make the wreath or the Ribbon Pony, pictured here.



Personally, I return my ribbons (well, most of them) to Mason Dixon to eliminate the need to buy them the following year.



Are You a Trailblazer?

Congratulations go out to the following Mason Dixon Recreational Riders:

Among the Paso Fino Horse Association Top 10 Recreational Riders, Mason is well represented. We have not one, but two members among the Top 10 in the Recreational Rider Category:

Janice Brennan #7 (316.75 hrs) and **Connie Wolkowicz #9** (277.75 hrs). Join me in congratulating them on their success! You can access their write-ups in the May 2012 edition of the Paso Fino Horse World by clicking on their names, above.

Terri Moebuis just completed 1250 hours with Mason Dixon Trailblazers and 2500 hours with Pasos for Pleasure. Terri is pictured wearing the windbreaker that she received as an award for her hours with Trailblazers. She is lucky enough to have two great trail horses, Sundance who is 5 years old and Diablo, who is 16. Pasos are like potato chips, you can't have just one !!! "Thank you!" to **Susan Samtak** for all the work that she does with Mason Dixon Trailblazers.



BEFORE

Also from Terri: "This is Keister (15 year old Paso) after 30 days on Gooseberry feed. He has never had this much shine to his coat !! My friend Erica Corbett has been trying to get me to try Gooseberry for a couple of years now. I am amazed at the difference it has made. Thank you Deb !.. and Thank you Erica !" Keister will be featured in the next Gooseberry News letter. Note: These comments should be considered for informational purposes only and not construed as an endorsement by MDPFHA.



AFTER

August 18-19, 2012 -trail ride- * Copeland Forest, Ontario, , Canada * Central Canada PFHA Trail Ride * CONTACT: Diane Vollick 705-686-3727 - dianevollick@gmail.com	September 15, 2012 -trail ride- * Stauton River, South Boston, VIRGINIA, * Stauton River Trail Ride * CONTACT: Candace Link 336-413-5204 - paso-link@yadtel.net Website: http://www.dcr.virginia.gov/state_parks/sta.shtml New campground with stalls for 2012. Cabins also available for rent. Excellent trails.
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Attn: MDPFHA Recreational Riders:

As most of you are aware, PFHA present the annual High Point Awards for Endurance, Competitive Trail Ride, and Pleasure Long Distance Trail Ride at the Grand National Show, plus conducts a drawing of Ticket To Ride tickets that have been submitted through the year for prizes and/or cash.

The Recreational Rider Committee has recently been advised that **no entries have been submitted to date in the Competitive Trail Ride (CTR) category**. Not only is it important to have entries submitted in each category to keep our programs viable, but we also would love to see our recreational members compete for the prestigious annual awards. And remember, your competitive rides can also count toward the Ticket To Ride program for a chance to win valuable prizes.

If you have thought about attending a CTR in your area, please sign up and submit your paperwork to PFHA no later than 20 days after the event. **With no entries to date, you have a very good chance to win the annual award.**

We would also like to remind everyone to submit their Ticket to Ride forms to PFHA as they are completed. The form may be downloaded from the RR Handbook found on the PFHA website. Participation in most non-show activities with their registered Paso Fino qualify the member to complete a block on the form. If the event is hosted by the region, it counts for two blocks. Simply include the activity manager's name, initials, date, name of activity, city, and state, and circle if it is a PFHA regional event or not. Submit your TTR form no later than September 1st to be eligible for the TTR drawing at Nationals. Winners need not be present to win.—PFHA Recreational Rider Committee; Susan Data-Samtak, MDPFHA Rep.

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Please contact [Susan Data-Samtak](#) and [Kathy Dell](#) if you feel there is a discrepancy regarding this list.

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



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