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MASON-DIXON PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

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Hello,

I would like to let everyone know the out come from our meeting and letting everyone know which show facility in which our members voted to have our 1 and only show.

- 1) The dream park 21 votes
- 2) Diamond 7 aka Dillsburg 3 votes
- 3) Mountain spring. Shartelsville 3 votes 2 of the 3 votes are there second choice
- 4) Willow Brook farms, Allentown, 1 vote

So I ask all the members for us to try and make this a Spectacular show. All the Dreampark votes were there first choice. Most of the members who did vote only choice was Dream-park.

The show will be held the last weekend in May 30 & 31 2015. Take note it's a Saturday Sunday show. I have been keeping in touch with Nola and trying to see if we can hold a cowboy mounted shooting event in conjunction with our show. I would still like to have the gaited horses there as well. I have ask Lisa to try and see if the other gaited breeds would like to join us at this venue. With all the members help I believe that in the future will might be able to hold 2 shows. Just some food for thought is we have 3 members that have indoor arenas we could hold a little show to help our young horses get there hooves dirty. We also have 3 judges in our region to help us out in this event. I myself is willing to judge and help members work on things they need and give constructive advice to help them and what they need to work on to make them and their horses better in the show ring.

Don't forget the this is an election year I ask all member to come to the meeting to vote and for your voice to be heard. I also want to remind you that you have to be a member and membership dues have to be up to date especially if you don't attend the meeting and want to vote by proxy. The meeting will be held the 1st sat of November. 11/1/2014. This meeting is very important for all members and the future of Mason Dixon. This meeting will be held at Rising Sun restaurant. I have to get with BJ for a time when it's available for us to use.

Try and make this meeting would love to see as many members as possible. Remember it's your region so vote for the better of the region not for personal gains.

Now that all the regional shows are done and we gear up for nationals. I would like to send out a GOOD LUCK to all members competing in our Grand National Show.

Thank you

Mason Dixon President

Nicholas Burgos

Editor's Corner

First off, allow me to apologize for not getting a PowerGlide to you, our membership, during the summer. I have excuses a plenty: way too busy, lack of focus, apathy. ***Rumors to the contrary, Mason-Dixon is alive a well and gearing up for a great 2014-2015 season.*** I just want to highlight a few points of interest:

3rd of 3 Trail Rides in Honor fo Dick Shaffer Fair Hill, DE—
Unfortunately, this ride was cancelled due to low membership participation

Membership Renewal—Yes, it's that time again! PLEASE renew your membership.

Absentee Ballot Due—If you are unable to attend the ANNUAL MASON-DIXON Banquet on 2 NOVEMBER 2014, you must 1) renew your membership NOW and 2) submit your absentee ballot to the SECRETARY (Darla Wagner) by the end of SEPTEMBER.

Mason-Dixon Annual Banquet and Election—The MASON-DIXON Banquet will be held on 1 NOV 2014 at the Rising Sun Restaurant, PA. Details to follow.

Mason-Dixon Spectacular at the DREAM Park, Gloucester County, NJ—The Membership Survey regarding preferences for the 2015 Show resulted in a deposit being made for the Gloucester County Dream Park., 30-31– May 2015.

Show Venue Comparison

	Diamond 7	Mountain Springs	Willowbrook	Dream Park		
	Dillsburg, PA	Shartlesville, PA	Catasauqua, PA	Logan Twp, NJ		Breakeven Analysis Assumptions -
Costs -						2 day show
Rental per day	\$ 750.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,275.00		PFHA/USEF
						4 judges
Stalls for 2 day show	\$ 45.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 65.00	\$ 40.00		Same personnel costs as Dream Park show
	includes 2 bags shavings	includes 1 bag shavings	includes 1 bag shavings			3 comp room nights at Host Hotel
						No extra revenue from sponsorships, silent auction or donations
# of horses for breakeven	39	39	42	43		
Facility - Indoor Arena	210 x 220	125 x 225	80 x 220	150 x 300		Regular class entries per horse - 2.6
Closest Airport	MDT - 28 miles	ABE - 40 miles	ABE - 2.6 miles	PHL - 15 miles		Championship entries per horse - .85
Hotel	Wingate - 11.5 mi	Microtel - 7 mi	Holiday Inn - 2 mi	Hampton - 3.6 mi		Tack Stalls as % of horses - .25
Deposit required	\$ 325.00	\$ 600.00	\$ -	\$ 200.00		
Distance from (in miles) -						
Valley Lee, MD	175	220		173		
Taneytown, MD	35	100		120		
Somerset, PA	140	180		235		
Waymart, PA	162	102		156		
Belle Mead, NJ	162	96		73		



**MDPFHA Congratulates⁵
Susan Crawford—Charters
and**

**Predomino de La Amistad
(Playdoh)**

for their

**HIGH POINT COMPETATIVE TRAIL
Placement for 2014,
accumulating 108 points!**

**ANNOUNCING THE 2013 ANNUAL
MASON-DIXON PASO FINO HORSE ASSOCIATION
MEETING AND BANQUET**

When: 1NOVEMBER 2013

Meeting begins at 2:00 PM

Appetizers at 4:00 PM

Dinner begins at 4:30 PM

Where: The Rising Sun Inn (<http://www.risingsuninn.net/>)

898 Allentown Rd. Telford, PA

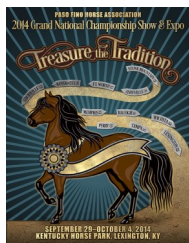
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Cost: \$15 per adult; children 12yrs and under, \$10.

Please bring a dessert to share with your friends, old and new.

RSVP by 30 OCTOBER 2013

to Nick Burgos (tntpasos@gmail.com; 484-256-4625)



Monday – September 29, 2014

8AM START

1. Bella Forma 1, 2 & 3 Year Old Geldings
 2. Bella Forma 3 Year Old Colts
 3. Bella Forma 3 Year Old Fillies
 4. Trocha
 5. Bella Forma Geldings
 6. Bella Forma Geldings Championship
 7. Produce of Dam
 8. Fino AO 4 Year Old Geldings*
 9. Fino AO 4 Year Old Colts*
 10. Performance 3 Year Old Geldings*
 11. Performance 3 Year Old Colts*
 12. Get of Sire
 13. Trote-Galope
 14. Bella Forma 2 Year Old Colts
 15. Bella Forma 2 Year Old Fillies
 16. Fino AO 3 Year Old Fillies
 17. Performance 3 Year Old Fillies
 18. Breeders' Sweepstakes Colts
 19. Performance Geldings For Gold
- DINNER BREAK
20. Costume
 21. Fino AO 4 Year Old Fillies
 22. Breeders' Sweepstakes Fillies
 23. Fino AO Mares

Tuesday – September 30, 2014

8AM START

24. Bella Forma Yearling Colts
 25. Bella Forma Yearling Fillies
 26. Fino Geldings For Gold
 27. Bella Forma Mares
 28. Bella Forma Mares Championship
 29. Fino AO 3 Year Old Geldings*
 30. Fino AO 3 Year Old Colts*
 31. Performance 4 Year Old Fillies
 32. Bella Forma Stallions
 33. Bella Forma Stallions Championship
 34. Fino AO Geldings
 35. Pleasure 3 Year Old Fillies
 36. Fino AO Stallions
 37. Versatility
 38. Performance AO Geldings
 39. Pleasure 3 Year Old Geldings*
 40. Pleasure 3 Year Old Colts*
 41. Performance AO 4 Year Old Geldings*
 42. Performance AO 4 Year Old Colts*
 43. Pleasure 4 Year Old Fillies
- DINNER BREAK
44. Trail
 45. Pleasure Geldings For Gold
 46. Fino AO Mares Championship
 47. Pleasure Mares

Wednesday – October 1, 2014

8AM START

(1st Run of Barrels & Poles at Lunch in Main Arena)

- 48. Performance AO 3 Year Old Colts*
- 49. Performance AO 3 Year Old Geldings*
- 50. Pleasure 4 Year Old Geldings*
- 51. Pleasure 4 Year Old Colts*
- 52. Performance AO 3 Year Old Fillies
- 53. Pleasure Geldings
- 54. Fino AO Geldings Championship
- 55. Pleasure Stallions
- 56. Performance AO 4 Year Old Fillies
- 57. Pleasure Mares Championship
- 58. Performance Futurity
- 59. Fino 4 Year Old Geldings*
- 60. Fino 4 Year Old Colts*
- 61. Performance Geldings
- 62. Fino AO Stallions Championship
- 63. Performance 4 Year Old Geldings*
- 64. Performance 4 Year Old Colts*
- 65. Fino Futurity
- 66. Performance Stallions
- DINNER BREAK
- 67. Fino 4 Year Old Fillies
- 68. Performance AO Geldings For Gold
- 69. Performance Mares

Thursday – October 2, 2014

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8AM START

(1st Stage of Cowboy Mounted Shooting at Lunch in Main Arena)

- 70. Pleasure Geldings Championship
- 71. Pleasure AO 4 Year Old Fillies
- 72. Pleasure AO 4 Year Old Geldings*
- 73. Pleasure AO 4 Year Old Colts*
- 74. Western Pleasure
- 75./76. Equitation 10–12 & Equitation 7–9***
- 77. Fino Geldings
- 78. Adult Amateur Equitation
- 79. Equitation 13–17
- 80. Pleasure AO Stallions
- 81./82. Horsemanship 10–12 & Horsemanship 7–9***
- 83. Pleasure AO Geldings For Gold
- 84. Pleasure AO 3 Year Old Fillies
- 85. Performance Geldings Championship
- 86./86A. Horsemanship 13–15 & Horsemanship 16-17***
- 87. Pleasure AO 3 Year Old Geldings*
- 88. Pleasure AO 3 Year Old Colts*
- 89. Performance Stallions Championship
- DINNER BREAK
- (Largo Race to start evening performance in Main Arena)
- 90. Performance Mare Championship
- 91. Equitation Youth Championship
- 92. Fino Mares

Friday – October 3, 2014

9AM START

(Freestyle Event at Lunch in Main Arena)

- 93. Driving
- 94. Pleasure Stallions Championship
- 95. Fino AO Geldings For Gold
- 96. Gold Medal Equitation
- 97. Fino Youth 7–12
- 98. Performance AO Mares
- 99. Fino Youth 13–17
- 100. Fino 3 Year Old Fillies
- 101. Youth Horsemanship Championship
- 102. Fino 3 Year Old Geldings*
- 103. Fino 3 Year Old Colts*
- 104. Performance Youth 13–17
- 105. Pleasure AO Geldings
- 106. Performance Youth 7–12
- 107. Fino Geldings Championship
- 108. Pleasure AO Mares

DINNER BREAK

(Buffalo Trace Bourbon Race to start evening performance in Main Arena)

- 109. Performance Youth Championship
- 110. Performance AO Stallions
- 111. Fino Stallions

Saturday – October 4, 2014

9AM START

(Finals of Barrels, Poles & Shooting at Lunch in Main Arena)

(Obstacle Challenge at 3 p.m. at the Lunging Pad)

- 112. Country Pleasure
- 113. Pleasure Youth 7–12
- 114. Performance AO Mares Championship
- 115. Pleasure Youth 13–17
- 116. Performance AO Geldings Championship
- 117. Pleasure Futurity
- 118. Performance AO Stallions Championship
- 119. Walk-Corto Leadline
- 120. Fino Youth Championship
- 121. Adult Horsemanship
- 122. Pleasure AO Geldings Championship
- 123. Pleasure Youth Championship

DINNER BREAK

- 124. Pleasure AO Mares Championship
- 125. Fino Mares Championship
- 126. Pleasure AO Stallions Championship
- 127. Fino Stallions Championship

2014 GNS SPECIAL EVENTS SCHEDULE

Wednesday, October 1, 2014

Lunch Break	Microchip Scanning	Check-In Area
Lunch Break	Barrel Racing & Pole Bending Heat #1	Main Arena*

Thursday, October 2, 2014

Lunch Break	Cowboy Mounted Shooting Stage #1	Main Arena*
Following Dinner Break	Largo Race	Main Arena*

Friday, October 3, 2014

Lunch Break	Freestyle Event	Main Arena*
Following Dinner Break	Buffalo Trace Bourbon Race	Main Arena*

Saturday, October 4, 2014

Lunch Break	Barrel Racing, Pole Bending, & Cowboy Mounted Shooting Final Heats	Main Arena*
3 p.m.	Obstacle Challenge	Lunging Pad

Thursday, October 2, 2014 to Saturday, October 4, 2014

11 a.m. to 3 p.m.	Ride A Paso	Lunging Pad
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*Please note that during these special events, the Covered Arena will not be available for practice.

Things to do when you're *not* at the Show Grounds

Keeneland Race Track	http://www.keeneland.com/
Mary Todd Lincoln House	http://www.mtlhouse.org/
The Kentucky Theatre (Latin Film Festival)	http://www.kentuckytheater.com/
Kentucky Bourbon Trail	http://kybourbontrail.com/

New horsepower for war zones: Special Forces saddle up . USA Today, June 23, Pg. A1 | Jim Michaels

BRIDGEPORT, Calif. - The men emerged over the crest of a ridge and guided their horses along a tree line, skirting a wide meadow. They picked their way along narrow trails, climbing higher into the Sierra until a panorama of snowcapped peaks and a broad green valley unfolded beneath them.

The men, Special Forces soldiers dressed in jeans and other civilian clothes, led their horses into a thick stand of pine trees, where they dismounted and let the horses drink from a clear mountain stream before breaking out their own rations.

At this remote training area high in the Sierra, the U.S. Marine Corps is reviving the horsemanship skills that were once a key part of the nation's armed forces but were cast aside when tanks and armored vehicles replaced them. The need to bring these skills back was driven home in Afghanistan in 2001, when the first Special Forces soldiers to arrive found themselves fighting on horseback alongside tribesmen in rugged terrain without roads. Many had never ridden a horse before.

"We don't want to reinvent anything," said Marine Capt. Seth Miller, the officer in charge of formal schools at the Marine Corps Mountain Warfare Training Center. "These are skills that were lost."

Marine instructors are teaching the students, most of them Army Special Forces soldiers, how to control horses, care for them and load packs. The students are taught how to calculate routes and distances for rides and what to look for when purchasing horses from locals. For example, checking teeth is a good way to determine age and avoid getting ripped off by a farmer trying to pass off an ancient mule or horse.

In a throwback to the old Wild West days, instructors are considering training soldiers in how to shoot from a moving horse.

No one is talking about bringing back the cavalry, but horses are an effective way for Special Forces and other small units to move around the battlefield, instructors said. They can travel long distances quietly and don't require the gasoline and massive logistics trains that encumber motorized forces.

Mason-Dixon Congratulates the following Regional Members:

Ann Bastian—High Point Horse at the Mason-Dixon Spectacular

Members Current for the 2013 Show Year (Oct 1, 2013—Sept. 30, 2014)

Rosanne Ashley	Pamela Kavlick	Nancy Thomas
Karen Basehore	Karen Kraushaar	Darla Wagner
Ann Bastian	James and Patricia Laird	Robin Walton
Janice Brennan	James , Alaina and Shanna Lengner	Connie Wolkowicz
Ben & Tammy Boyer	George & Bertha Lyons	Donald Wright
Nicholas Burgos and Darnell Williams	Maribelle MacAlpin	
Denise Corcoran	Susan Marshall	
Susan Crawford	William Miller	
Beverly & Kenneth Cross, Jr.	Teresa Moebuis	
Rosemary D'Agostino and Raymond Williams	Shepard & Grace Morgan	
Susan Data-Samtak and John Samtak	Joseph Motsay	
Jackie Davies	Pamela Oakley-Whiting	
Kathy Dell	Melanie & Jeff Petri	
Diane Dutt	Bailey Purvis	
Barbara Duvall	Amy Romanofsky	
Marti Eldredge	Beaverlea & Gary Roye-Manderbach	
Angel Flores and Karen Spiegelthal	Maryan and George Schlesman	
Kathrine Gamble	B.J. and Gary Schuler	
Keith and Lisa Gorsuch	Melody Scioli	
Christina & Elvin Gonzalez	Lynn Shaffer	
Forest and Judy Gray	Rick and Suzette Shaffer	
Amanda Hamilton	John Shaw and Anne Habberton	
Ann Harper-Howell	Beth & Bob Sheldon	
Nola Hauptert-Keill	Stephanie Snyder	
Donna Hurst	Fransisco Soto	
S. Jean Jehu	Ann Stever	

Please examine the list of current members, presented here. If your name does not appear on this list, please consider renewing your membership by contacting our Membership Chair, Mel Petri (Melanie_Petri@cmsmtg.com). She will help you with the renewal form. Your payment should be sent to our Treasurer, Beth Sheldon (Sheldon.beth@gmail.com). Their phone information is found on the Contacts page of this publication. Please inform Mel and Beth if you wish to advertise in the PowerGlide and how you would like to receive your PowerGlide subscription (email, paper, CD)

Current TrailBlazer Roster:

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Karen Basehore	Susan Data-Samtak
Maureen Boskin	John Samtak
Susan Crawford-Charters	Maryan Schlesman
Jackie Davies	George Schlesman
Diane Dutt	Dorothy Snedden
Virginia Foster	Michael Srock
Kathrine Gamble	Ann Stever
Jacquelin Grubb	Connie Wolkowicz
Maribelle MacAlpin	Please contact Susan Data-Samtak and
Carolyn Marinko	Mel Petri if you feel there is a discrepancy
Terri Moebius	regarding this list.
Toni Roland	

Pasos in the Public Eye

Opportunity:

Albright College Homecoming Parade on Saturday, September 27

Hi Megan,

I am Nicholas Burgos the president of mason dixon paso fino horse association. I live and grew up in reading I know the college very well. I would like to participate in this event but at this time as Lou has mentioned that we hold our national show starting on that date so I will not be able to attend but I will put it out to our members and maybe I can round up a few of our people to join your college on your homecoming parade.

Thanks

Nicholas Burgos

Missed Opportunity:

4H Judging Contest Saturday, June 14, 2014 at the University of Maryland in College Park, MD

The judging portion of the contest will begin at 10:00 that morning. We will have the ring open for schooling from 8:45-9:45. Typically we run through the confirmation classes first and then work towards our performance classes. Our plan would be to wrap up for lunch between 12:30 and 12:45. The Maryland 4-H youth practice very hard to prepare for this contest each year. It is our goal to expose them to as many breeds of horses as possible. In the end we strive to make this a great educational opportunity for our youth.

-Unfortunately, due to short notice and scheduling conflicts for our members, we could not field a sufficient number (4) of horses to support this event.

Animal health authorities in Texas have confirmed the 13th case of the insect-borne disease, vesicular stomatitis, in a horse in the state. The Texas Animal Health Commission said it had received confirmation of the latest case in Nueces County in South Texas. The property is 10.2 miles south of Mathis, close to where the 12th case was reported.

To date [8 Jul 2014], 7 properties in 4 Texas counties have been confirmed with the disease, which has signs similar to those of foot-and-mouth disease. All cases have tested positive for the New Jersey serotype. The latest property has been placed under quarantine. All affected horses are being monitored by regulatory veterinarians.

On 28 May 2014, the commission announced the 1st cases of vesicular stomatitis in the US this year, involving 5 horses in Kinney County. Three additional infected horses, in Hidalgo County in southern Texas, were confirmed early in June [2014]. Two of the horses were 24 miles northwest of Edinburg, the other 3 miles northwest of Edinburg.

Then, cases were confirmed in 3 horses in San Patricio County in southern Texas. Two of the horses were 7.5 miles southeast of Mathis. The other was about 7 miles southeast of Mathis.

Several states have tightened entry requirements on Texas livestock, including horses, due to the cases.

Vesicular stomatitis can cause blisters and sores in the mouth and on the tongue, muzzle, teats or hooves of horses, cattle, swine, sheep, goats, llamas and a number of other animals. Lesions usually heal in 2 or 3 weeks.

Because of the contagious nature of the disease, which has signs similar to foot-and-mouth disease, animal health officials urge livestock owners and caretakers to report these signs to their veterinarian immediately. Most animals recover well with supportive care by a veterinarian, but some lesions can be painful. It is thought that insects are an important vector in the transmission of the disease. The last confirmed cases in Texas were in 2009.

Vesicular stomatitis (VS) virus is one of those interesting diseases that emerges every once in a while without much warning, until it bursts uninvited into our livestock population. It does not occur every year, but it has occurred almost yearly in the past several years. There are 2 major serotypes: New Jersey and Indiana.

The problem with vesicular stomatitis is 2-fold. One, there is inevitably a disruption of production in cattle; not only will the sick animal produce less, but disease management tactics must be very stringent. The 2nd problem is that the clinical signs are similar to those of foot-and-mouth disease (FMD), with which it can easily be confused (though horses are resistant to FMD and susceptible to VS).



In this case, the diagnosis of the disease in an equine 1st forestalls any worry about FMD, until an animal susceptible to FMD, such as a bovine, appears with similar clinical signs. Consequently, surveillance must be ever vigilant. Likewise, it seems that states will slam their doors shut to animals from a state that has experienced this disease.

VS can be transmitted by contamination by transcutaneous or transmucosal route and by arthropod transmission (_Phlebotomus_, _Aedes_, etc.). Incubation of the disease may be as long as 21 days.

According to the OIE, clinical signs can be summarized as follows:

- excessive salivation; blanched raised or broken vesicles of various sizes in the mouth:
 - Horses: upper surface of the tongue, surface of the lips and around nostrils, corners of the mouth, and the gums;
 - lesions involving feet of horses and cattle are not exceptional; recovery in around 2 weeks;
- complication: lameness in horses

Portions of this comment have been extracted from <http://www.oie.int/fileadmin/Home/eng/Animal_Health_in_the_World/docs/pdf/Disease_cards/VESICULAR_STOMATITIS.pdf>.

Year 1 Portrait	
Year 0 Portrait	
Breeding	
Date of Birth Gender	3 May 2014 Filly
Owner / Breeder "Baby's Barn Name"	Dennise Corcoran La Reina de Evita

**IT'S THAT TIME OF
YEAR AGAIN!**

**—
DON'T FORGET
TO
RENEW YOUR
MDPFHA
AND
PFHA
MEMBERSHIPS!**

SCHEDULE OF ELECTION ACTIVITIES

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Date	Task
	Nominating Committee Selection
	Nominating Committee
Apr 20, 2014	Nominating Committee identified to membership
Apr 23, 2014	Candidate Solicitation Begins
Aug 1, 2014	Candidate List is Finalized
Aug 15, 2014	Candidate List is Published
Sep 30, 2014	Membership renewals due for Absentee Voters
Oct 5, 2014	Candidate Position Statements due to PG Editor
Oct 15, 2014	Candidate Position Statements Published
Oct 15, 2014	Proposed Amendments to the MDPFHA By-laws Published
Oct 15, 2014	Absentee Ballots Published in PG
Oct 29, 2014	Absentee Ballots due to Secretary
Nov 1, 2014	General Meeting & Election
Nov 1, 2014	Membership renewals due for all voting members
Nov 4, 2014	Election Results published by Email and posted to Homepage
Dec 15, 2014	Election Results published in PG
Jan 1, 2015	New Board of Directors begins to function
Jan 1, 2015	New Board of Directors begins its tenure.

CANDIDATES FOR THE 2014 ELECTION

PRESIDENT

Ann Bastian

TREASURER

Beth Sheldon

VICE PRESIDENT

Susan Crawford

Gale Peluso

Beaverlea Manderbach

SECRETARY

Darla Wagner

NATIONAL DELEGATE

Nick Burgos

Lisa Gorsuch

HORSE PROTECTION ACT

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The U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) enforces the Horse Protection Act (HPA), a Federal law that prohibits horses subjected to a practice called soring from participating in shows, sales, exhibitions, or auctions. Soring is a cruel and abusive practice used to accentuate a horse's gait and may be accomplished by irritating or blistering a horse's forelegs through the injection or application of chemicals or mechanical irritants. USDA takes the enforcement of this Act and its obligation to protect horses against this inhumane practice seriously.

To facilitate enforcement of the HPA, the Act allows horse show or sale managers to hire "designated qualified persons (DQPs)," who have been formally trained and licensed by USDA-certified horse industry organizations, to physically inspect Tennessee walking horses before they are shown. APHIS attends approximately 10 percent of horse shows unannounced to serve as a second line of defense in detecting sored horses. APHIS oversees the DQPs' work and can cite violations when DQPs miss or do not cite the violations themselves. APHIS utilizes multiple sophisticated tools during inspections, including thermography, iris identification, digital imaging, foreign substance swabbing, and blood testing, in addition to observation and palpation techniques, to support its enforcement of the HPA and identify sored horses.

The Tennessee Walking Horse Celebration, which USDA attends every year, is the premier Tennessee Walking Horse event and is held in Shelbyville, TN. This year, the Celebration was held from August 20-30.

At the 2014 Celebration, APHIS and DQPs inspected 1,075 horses and found 219 violations of the Horse Protection Act. These violations include: scar rule violations, foreign substance, unilateral soring, bilateral soring, high banding and illegal shoeing.

More information about the Celebration Results can be found here [http://www.aphis.usda.gov/wps/portal/aphis/ourfocus/animalwelfare?1dmy&urile=wcm%3apath%3a%2FAPHIS_Content_Library%2FSA_Our_Focus%2FSA_Animal_Welfare%2FSA_HPA%2F]. The USDA Horse Protection Activity Report can be found here [<http://www.aphis.usda.gov/newsroom/2014/09/pdf/VMO%20Total%20Report%20Celebration.pdf>].

A ProMED-mail post

<<http://www.promedmail.org>>

ProMED-mail is a program of the

International Society for Infectious Diseases <<http://www.isid.org>>

In this posting:

[1] Pennsylvania

[2] Oklahoma

[1] Pennsylvania

Date: Mon 25 Aug 2014

Source: KDKA [edited]

<<http://pittsburgh.cbslocal.com/2014/08/25/lone-star-tick-can-cause-beef-allergy/>>

It was just a small tick on her foot, just part of working in the woods, the woman thought. "My husband took it off with a pair of tweezers, didn't think anything else about it," she said. Then weeks later, she woke up in the middle of the night swollen with hives and unable to breathe. "They said I was probably 20 minutes from dying at that point, so it was scary, one tick," she said.

Eventually, doctors figured out the woman had developed a severe food allergy. That lone tick bite left her completely unable to eat red meat. "It's actually called the unintentional diet," she said. "This is to the point that if I didn't make those changes, I'd die."

Doctors are seeing more and more of this rare allergy, which is actually not against the meat, but a sugar on red meat called alpha gal. "It's very new. This disease is really first described in 2008," allergist Dr James DeAngelo said.

Alpha gal is also in the saliva of the biting tick, which is how the allergy starts. All mammals carry the sugar, except primates. Humans are primates, and therefore react against the sugar in other mammalian meat. Steaks and burgers could cause a problem, but not chicken or fish.

"It's also dose dependent. Unlike the peanut allergy, where even a little drop can cause a reaction, in this case, it's very hard to reproduce. In other words, the person has to consume enough beef to produce an allergic reaction, and then you have to wait, [up to 8] hours afterwards to confirm the reaction," Dr DeAngelo explains.

The Lone Star tick is seen mostly in the eastern and south eastern USA. Its area is expanding and includes Pennsylvania. Dr DeAngelo says local tick analysis has not shown any in Allegheny County, though residents have found the tick on themselves, but it's thought to be brought from other areas.

The allergy can be confirmed with blood tests, though these aren't FDA [Food and Drugs Administration] approved yet, and could be a big out-of-pocket expense. There are no shots or tablets available for desensitization. But the allergy can be self-limited. "Fortunately, it does go away. In the majority of the cases, if the person avoids future tick bites, it will gradually diminish over time," DeAngelo said.



2014 Dick Shaffer Memorial Obstacle Ride Challenge

In Memory of a wonderful Husband, Father, Grandfather, Coach, Trainer, Paso Fino Supporter, Friend and Cooper's rider, we are offering an obstacle ride challenge series. There will be three pointed obstacle rides with first, second and third places winners in both Jr. and Sr. categories at each ride. At the Mason Dixon annual meeting we will award a grand prize to the Jr. and Sr. person who accumulated the most points in the series.

If you want to honor Dick but not compete then come as a buddy rider and ride the trail.

Rides open to all ages and all breeds.

Ride 1: June 28th at R&S Paso Fino in Somerset, PA

Ride 2: July 20th at Middlefield Farms, Taneytown, MD

Ride 3: September 20th at the Foxystock Arena, Fair Hills, MD.

CANCELLED due to low participation

Entry fee per ride: \$25 for Seniors (over 18): \$15 for juniors and free for Buddy riders.

Please mark the dates and more information to follow

Dick Shaffer Memorial Trail Ride #1

—an event to remember

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Saturday, June 21st was a beautiful day in Meyersdale, PA home of the Shaffers and 51 riders came out to honor Dick Shaffer in the first of three of our Memorial Challenge rides. Of the 51 riders, 45 came to compete in the obstacle challenge and 6 came along for the ride. It was quite a ride, 10 miles of challenging trail up and over a the mountain and through the streams.



The obstacles included a steep downhill - no stopping, no side stepping, slow and easy - a water crossing and walking through a shredded tarp hanging between two trees. There was also the Shaffer special, a hunting stand with a lifelike deer standing next to it and colorful pool noodles sticking out from the trees which the horses had to negotiate around. Surprisingly, one of the hardest obstacles was getting on a trailer waiting 3 seconds and backing off.

The winners each received cash prizes with the first place winner taking home \$200. Each of the four junior riders received a prize. The success of this ride gave us the opportunity to donate in Dick's honor \$100 to Mason Dixon and \$100 to PFHA for youth programming.

We wish to thank that Mason Dixon members who came out as volunteers and participants for this event. It was a wonderful ride, extremely well organized, no one fell off and everyone had a fun time.

Let's make the second of these rides, Sunday, July 20th at Middlefield Farms just as successful. Entry forms and more information can be found on the Mason Dixon website under Events.



The Mason-Dixon Spectacular Horse Show 2014

by BJ Schuler

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The Mason Dixon Spectacular show was held May 30 and 31 for the second year at the Gloucester County Dream Park in Logan Township, NJ. When I start planning this show 6 months prior, I never know how it will turn out – mainly how many horses will we have. That is what every vendor asks me before committing to come to the show. I can never answer that question until the day of the show. This year, the turnout of horses was a little disappointing. Last year we had 70 horses on the grounds, this year we had 42. Out of those horses, last year we had 50 horses showing, this year we had 34. That being said, we did manage to squeak out a small profit of about \$500. Even though we were below our breakeven point of 43 horses, our silent auction raised \$500 and our Gold Sponsors and Class Sponsors added \$1,050 to the coffers. These extra items saved the day.

I would like to thank all the people that did bring horses. I hope the show fulfilled all your needs. If it didn't, I would love to hear your ideas to make it better.

I've been chairing this show since 1999. That made this year my 16th year. The first year I had no idea what I was doing. I had no help except for Maryan and George Schlesman and my husband Gary. They had no choice but to help since they traveled with me. Over the years, I've gained a lot of great help and that has made the job of chairing this show much easier. Thanks to Nick Burgos, he was invaluable this year. He contacted and negotiated for all the judges at the lowest rates possible. He handled all the decorations and they made the show look first class. This included hauling them and the sounding board to the show, setting them up and breaking it all down when it was over. That is a lot of work. He also had great help, so a big thanks goes to Ann Stever, Jackie Davies, Raymond Williams and Gale Peluso. Gale also handled all the ribbons with some assistance from Denise Corcoran – additional thanks! The gatekeepers are really the people that keep the show going and Jackie and Ann are now officially pros at the job. Thanks so much to them. You know, once you take on a job, it is yours forever! Jackie and Nick were also the chauffeurs that transported the judges from the airport. Our volunteers wear many hats and it's almost impossible to think of all the things they do to keep the show going. Many thanks to Ann Bastain for once again handling the silent auction. As I said before, that helped the show stay in the black. Thank you Maryan Schlesman for taking good care of our officials, keeping them well fed and watered. We will miss you terribly as you move to Virginia but wish you all the best. Thanks to Susan Crawford-Charters for supplying us with the games on horseback. I participated this year and it was a lot of fun. Forest Gray was once again our ringmaster extraordinaire (I know I call him that every year but it's true). Thank you so much for your time. That is tiring work and we all appreciate seeing you in the ring as we're riding in our classes. Thanks to Melanie Petri for negotiating our host hotel contract. The more nights that are booked under our contract, the more free nights we receive. We ended up with 3 free nights for our officials which saved us \$328. Also, thanks to Mel for pitching in wherever needed. She usually ends up taking care of my horses when I'm busy taking care of show business. Each day at lunch Jonathan Shaw gave quite an informative presentation of falconry as he sat on his horse with his falcon on his arm. Everyone enjoyed it and learned something new. Thank you Jonathan. Many thanks to Andy Vera who delivered the delicious pork for our Friday night festivities.

It takes a village to put on a show and I am so appreciative that over the years a great village has developed. I hope everyone that participated enjoyed the show. = **BJ**



By Noelle Vandusen (with Lisa Gorsuch / Middlefield Farm) (stolen from Facebook)

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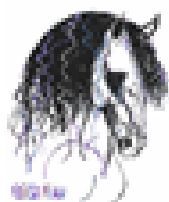
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Howdy Paso Partners,

It's time to join or renew your membership to Mason Dixon PFHA yet. We are looking forward to a very active and exciting year. Our association will be participating in:

- Maryland Horse World Expo, January 17-19, 2014 <http://horseworldexpo.com/MIDmain.shtml>.
- PA Horse World Expo coming up February 27 – March 2, 2014 at the PA Farm Show in Harrisburg. Check it out at <http://horseworldexpo.com/PAmain.shtml>. Please stop by and visit or volunteer to assist at the booths.
- May Day Show in Dillsburg, PA April 25-27, 2014
- Mason Dixon Spectacular, Dream Park, Gloucester County, NJ May 29-31, 2014
- Trail Rides, Parades and other Fun Activities! Check out our newsletter (the *Power Glide*) on our home page www.masondixonpfha.org as well as the activity updates posted on our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/masondixonpfha>.

Our association grows only with the dedication of the Equestrian community. We hope that you will join the Mason Dixon Region and come out in support of our activities. We cannot keep our organization afloat without the support and dedication of our members and volunteers!

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