



Powerglide

August 2016

President's Message

Dear Members,

When I was younger, I could never understand why adults always said time flies. Now as I sit here writing this on August 1, and wondering where most of the summer has gone, I understand. I hope you and your horse are staying safe and sound as we battle a hot and humid summer.

On the MDPFHA front our next regional event is our fun show in October. I would encourage you all to attend for a relaxing, fun day with your horse. Our annual meeting is scheduled for October 29, at a location yet to be determined. This will be an important meeting, as rule changes and elections for officers for the next two years will take place.

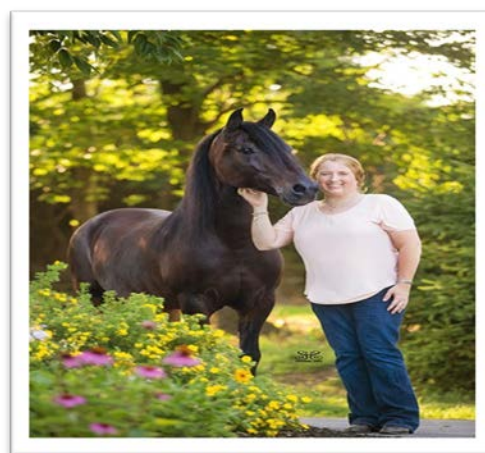
In 6 weeks our members will start showing at the 2016 PFHA Grand National Championship in Perry, Georgia. Safe travels to those attending the show. Mason Dixon has always been well represented at the show and in the ribbon count. Best of luck to everyone.

The 2016 Olympics in Rio start August 5th, with the first equestrian event on August 6th. I just read a report today that the International Olympic Committee (IOC) has downgraded equestrian events in its rankings, and is considering eliminating equestrian events from the games. The IOC looks at TV broadcasting statistics, internet, and social media for ranking of events. Even though these equine athletes compete in different events than we do, I would encourage everyone to support the USA team. It is worldwide exposure to the athletes we share our lives with, and that may spark that person on the couch to seek out a relationship with their own special equine. Increased interest in horses is good for all us who are involved with horses.

Keep cool, and see you in Perry.

Sincerely,

Ann E. Bastian, V.M.D.
President MDPFHA





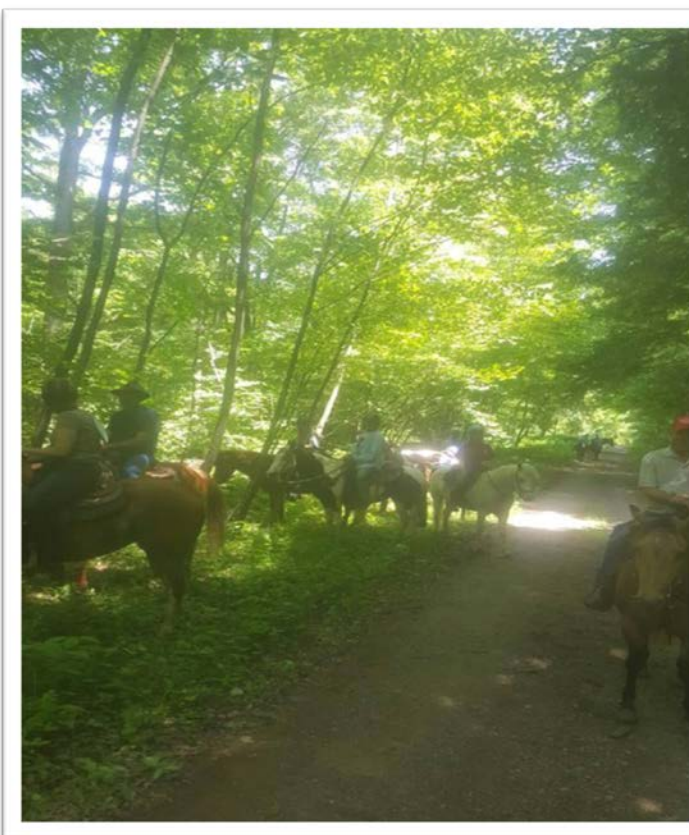
R&S Paso Finos Judge Pleasure Ride

by Jena Shaffer

On Saturday, June 11, 2016, R&S held a judged pleasure trail ride in the beautiful mountains of Meyersdale, PA. It was a warm, sunny day with lots of horses. There was a total of 30 horse and riders who participated with breeds ranging from Paso Finos, to Quarter Horses and even mustangs! The obstacles included an uphill climb, a creek crossing, putting up and taking down an umbrella while in the saddle, playing horse soccer and many more.

A great time was had by all. Because of this year's successful ride, R&S plans to hold a judged pleasure trail ride next year. We look forward to seeing you all there!

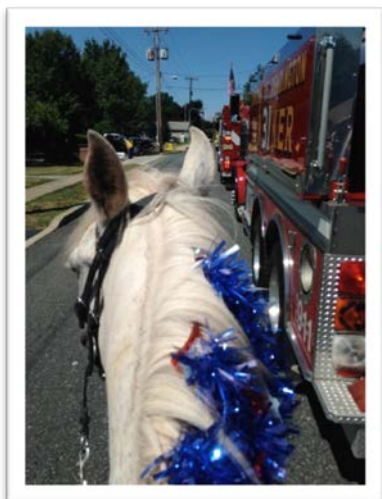
P.S. A big shout out to Leann Aul and her Paso Fino gelding, Coby, for placing second overall in the ride!





Hoof Prints Out & About

Susan Data-Samtak and Torbellino
July 4th Parade, Lebanon, NJ



(photo courtesy of Lillian Schupe)



(photo courtesy of Lillian Schupe)

News from Asheville, NC

Karen Kraushaar of Darnestown, MD and "Pirata de Quebrada" captured the Amateur Owner Performance stallion championship at the Piedmont Paso Fino Horse Association's Asheville, NC show June 18, marking their 30th win at Asheville.

By the way, special offer for those interested in breeding to him, a signed breeding contract entitles you to one free ride (with supervision) on this marvelous gentle gaiting machine!!



610.Pirata De Quebrada (X)

Shown by Karen Kraushaar - Owned by Karen & Kevin Kraushaar



Recreational Rider News

By Susan Data-Samtak

For the third year, Zorro and Torbellino visited the kids at the North Plainfield (NJ) Public Library as part of June - Month of The Horse celebrations in NJ.

Zorro and Tor were accompanied by John Samtak and Susan Data-Samtak.



After being read a book about horses inside the library, children were lead outside to pet the horses. Most were enthusiastic: some were intimidated by their size.

After their visit, the kids were given a horse craft (book mark kit) to take home.



After the crowd subsided, John gave the die-hard fans treats to feed Zorro and Tor. Our horses are true to the breed standard which says "gentle at hand". They carefully take treats from little hands without taking little fingers, too.

Thanks to Librarian Amy Behr for taking our photos and providing an opportunity for kids to visit with a horse.

Recreational Rider **National** News

Dear Members,

We have planned a schedule of Recreational Rider events at the 2016 Paso Fino Nationals. We have classes such as Barrels, Poles, Freestyle and Obstacles. There will be clinics on trail riding tack and on what you need to know to participate in distance sports. We will also have a Cowboy Shooting Demo and a lesson on Horse Soccer. Our own Rick Shaffer and Virginia Foster will be there to put on the Trail Horse Challenge Test which is a new program to help trail riders and those training trail horses to develop their horses into top notch trail horses. Look for more information in the September issue of the PFHA magazine.



We have some kind sponsors who will provide free stalls for those participating in the Recreational Rider events. If interested, please fill out the attached form.

I look forward to seeing you at Nationals and hope you will participate in our events. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to email me.

Regards,

Susan Crawford
sac909@aol.com

Mason Dixon Trail Blazers Program

The purpose of this program is to “blaze the way” for Paso Finos outside of the show ring. This is a trail program that is not limited to trail riding only but includes all pleasure uses of the Paso Fino. Whether you ride or drive on the trails, exercise ring, riding lessons, parades, etc., you may count all of that time toward this program. This is not a competitive program but one where you reach hours levels at your own pace and receive awards for those accomplishments.

Trail Blazers depends on your honesty in filling out a Saddle Log, each time you ride. When you ride for 50 hours, submit the log sheet to me (Susan Data-Samtak pasovasz@aol.com). Sheet can be found on the MDPFHA website (<http://www.masondixonpfha.org/trail.blazers.php>). Click the Programs tab for all the necessary information and forms. There is a ONE TIME fee of \$10. to join Trail Blazers, membership in MDPFHA must be maintained to be eligible.

If you are unable to download the Saddle Log or other MDTB forms, email me.

There is no deadline. Simply document your riding and mail the Log Sheet to me, when you reach your next Achievement Level, for recognition.

Happy riding!

Susan D-S



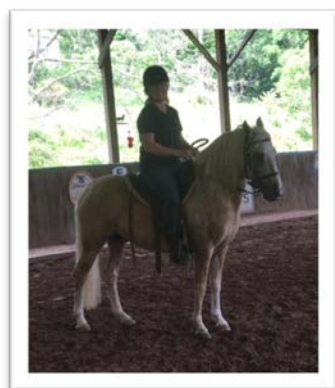
Ro-No Ranch Western & Gaited Dressage Clinic with Julie Lamberton

By Julie Druga

During the weekend of June 11th and 12th, Ro-No Ranch hosted a Western and Gaited Dressage Clinic with Julie Lamberton. Over the two days, there were 14 participants and many auditors. Eight of the horses used were Paso Finos. Participants had two options for their ride, either focus on applying classic training techniques to their horse or learn to ride a Dressage test.



Auditors were encouraged to ask questions.



Julie worked with each horse and rider team individually. For those who wanted to focus on training, she used a variety of exercises to build a connection and improve control.

Teaching the horse to use its hind end through the use of lateral work was

emphasized to help improve gait and balance.



To learn how to ride a Dressage test, Julie described the basic figures, such as 20 meter circles, changing directions across the arena, and turning down the centerline with a halt and salute.

She also explained what the judge is looking for with each movement.



During the lunch break on Saturday, Julie did a garrocha demonstration on her Paso Fino gelding Seabreeze Savaje Vaquero. They showed how Dressage training can be applied to be able to ride one handed, and still have enough control to do a series of quick turns and reverses, leg yields, and spirals all with a long pole at the walk, corto, and canter. Ro-No Ranch will be hosting a second Western and Gaited Dressage Clinic on August 13th and 14th. New for this clinic will be the opportunity to learn to ride with a garrocha pole. For more information or questions, contact Julie at Julie.druga@gmail.com or 440-865-6963.



Election News

MASON DIXON REGIONAL MEMBERSHIP ELECTION OCTOBER 01, 2016 – DECEMBER 31, 2017

Hello Mason Dixon Members,

Here is the final selection of nominees for this year's election:

President:	Susan Crawford
Vice President:	Jenna Schaffer
Delegate:	Nick Burgos
Treasurer:	BJ Schuler
Secretary:	Kim Yocklin
	or
Secretary:	Gale Peluso

Stuffing the Ballot Box will be accomplished in two ways: Ballots will be completed either during the Annual Meeting or submitted via mailed Absentee Ballot. The details are outlined in the By-laws as follows:

Election Procedures: Members who are unable to attend the annual meeting may vote by absentee ballot. An absentee ballot may be used only for the election of officers. The form for the Absentee Ballot will be published in the Association's newsletter. All absentee ballots shall be completed according to requirements stated on the ballot and shall be sent to the Secretary of the Association to be received no later than 5 days before the annual meeting.

Any member voting by absentee ballot shall have been a member in good standing of the Mason Dixon PFHA for thirty (30) days prior to the meeting. If you intend to vote at the Meeting, you must also renew your membership at that time!

Remember that Memberships in Mason Dixon PFHA expire on 30 September 2016. If you intend to vote by Absentee Ballot, you **MUST** have your membership renewal submitted to Melanie Petri **NO LATER THAN 1 October 2016** to remain eligible to vote. Remember: *Your PFHA affiliation MUST be aligned with the Mason-Dixon Region for you to participate in this election.*

If you have any questions please feel free to contact Denise Corcoran 484-824-1075 or Melanie Petri 215-896-9856.

Thank you so much for your participation and
we look forward to an exciting next 2 years!!



Absentee Ballot
Mason Dixon PFHA Officer Elections
January 1, 2016 – December 31, 2018 term

Select one individual for each category

President

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Susan Crawford

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_____ Write-in

Vice President

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Jenna Shaffer

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_____ Write-in

Secretary

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Gale Peluso

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Kim Yocklin

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_____ Write-in

Treasurer

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BJ Schuler

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_____ Write-in

National Delegate

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Nick Burgos

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_____ Write-in

All write-in candidates must agree to run during the Annual Meeting to be valid. In order to vote by absentee ballot, you must renew your membership by September 30, 2016. All absentee ballots must be received **no later than October 25, 2016**. Please send ballots to:

Denise Corcoran, 328 W. Walnut Tree Dr,
Blandon, PA 19510 email Dcorcora@ptd.net

OR

Mail along with your Membership renewal to:
Melanie Petri, PO Box 395, Ottsville, PA 18942



Mason Dixon has High Point Awards for the Pleasure Non-Show Activities

This is a FREE Program for MDPFHA Members, only.

Points are accumulated each year (September 1- Aug 31) for each category/division. The awards are given at the annual meeting and banquet. The owner and rider must be a member of Mason Dixon in good standing. **The points will be accumulated for the horse.**

Pleasure Non-Show High Point Awards

For this Award, **each pleasure activity completed will count as five (5) points.** Upon completion of each activity, an Award Form must be completed and sent to Susan Data-Samta pasovasz@aol.com The deadline for submission of the Award forms is **September 1.**

The different categories for this Award are based on the **age of the horse:**

1. Horse Age 3 to 6
2. Horse Age 7 to 9
3. Horse Age 10 to 12
4. Horse Age 13 to 15
5. Horse Age 16 and over

Remember that many of the MD Trail Blazer Activities are also eligible for the Year End Non-Show Awards.

Activities that will be included are:

1. Organized Trail Rides
2. Parades
3. Judged Pleasure Rides
4. Competitive Trail Rides
5. Demonstrations/Horse Expos or Exhibitions
6. Ridden Clinics



2016 MDPFHA NON-SHOW Year End Awards Form

Name _____

Email address _____

Horse's Name _____

Horse's Age as of September 1, 2016 (circle one)

3-6 yrs 7-9 yrs 10-12 yrs 13-15 yrs 16+yrs

Eligible Activities: Parade, Organized Trail Ride, Trail Competitions, Demos/Exhibitions/Ridden Clinics

Date Type of Activity 5 points each

Questions? email me at PasoVasz@aol.com

Completed forms must be sent **by September 1, 2016** to:

PasoVasz@aol.com

or

Susan Data-Samtak
131 Somerset Terrace
Bedminster NJ 07921



UPCOMING EVENTS



Saturday, October 08, 2016

Mason Dixon Fun Show

Circle Creek Farm

Come join other gaited breeds in a fun show.

[Read more >>](#)

Saturday, October 29, 2016

Annual Meeting

Stay Tuned for Details



About The Association

The Mason Dixon Paso Fino Horse Association was incorporated in 1987. The region includes the states of New Jersey, Delaware, Pennsylvania, Washington D.C., Maryland and West Virginia. The regional association supports both the PFHA and Paso Fino owners within the region. Our association sincerely desires to represent all of the region's Paso Fino people and provide a sound support system that will increase breed related activity for our members. Our primary communication tool is our newsletter, the Power Glide, which is published every two months on our website at www.masondixonpfha.org. If you are visiting our region, please let us know if we can assist.



Of Interest on the Web

[10 Common Horse Trailer Tips You Are Probably Making](#)

[How Hoof Boots Impact a Horse's Walk](#)

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mspinka@comcast.net

C.S. Rolinski Excavating

610.777.5845

Middlefield Farm

www.middlefieldpasofinos.com

Paso Fino Horse Association
Recreational Rider (RR) Stall Request Application

Sign me up!

Name: _____ Age (if Youth): _____

Address: _____

Phone No: _____

E-mail: _____

PFHA #: _____ Region: _____

I participate in the following PFHA RR Programs (circle each that apply):

Competitive Trail
Endurance
Pasos For Pleasure

Pleasure Long Distance Trail
Sport Horse Program

I plan to participate in the following RR events at Nationals (circle each that apply). To qualify for a free stall you must participate in a minimum of two of the following events:

Barrel Racing
Pole Bending
Freestyle
In-Hand Trail
Soggy Poles
Trail Horse Test Program

Obstacle Challenge
Egg and Spoon
Ride a Buck
Soccer

Stalls will be assigned as availability permits. Stall fees will be used to offset RR events at Nationals and are as follows: 1st tier closure - \$10; 2nd tier closure - \$30; or 3rd tier closure - \$50. **Checks should be made payable to PFHA.**

I understand my signature constitutes a commitment to attend the 2016 Nationals and that I will participate in at least **two** RR events. If selected for a donated stall, all additional costs incurred will be my responsibility.

Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature (if minor): _____

Please send checks and forms to Susan Crawford, 10 Wetherburn Ct., York. PA 17404