

Paint Spots
February 2008
By Ami Bennett

Happy February! I hope all is well for you, your family and of course your Paints. I have had a lot of emails from breeders announcing their new foals and have had the privilege of chatting with many at the various club year end banquets. It seems everybody is busy with something whether it be "foal watch" or gearing up for the 2008 show season. I can't wait to see you all in Monroe for the PNPHC show, it is always a great one.

First off is some exciting news from the APHA regarding the 2008 World Show and the SPB's:

The Executive Committee approved for the following Solid Paint-Bred classes to be added to the World Show this year in addition to all the other SPB classes already offered:

SPB 3-Year-Old & Older Mares
SPB 2-Year-Old Stallions
SPB 3-Year-Old & Older Stallions
SPB 2-Year-Old Geldings
SPB 3-Year-Old & Older Geldings

Please Note: SPB Weanling Mares & SPB Yearling Mares will be moved to the fall show.

In addition, the following SPB classes will be added the new APHA Fall Championship Show held in Ft. Worth, TX - November 6-15, 2008:

SPB Weanling Stallions
SPB Yearling Stallions
SPB Weanling Geldings
SPB Yearling Geldings

Amateur SPB Mares, All Ages
Amateur SPB Geldings, All Ages

SPB Yearling Longe Line
SPB Yearling In-Hand Trail
SPB Western Pleasure Sweepstakes

More News from APHA:

**Join APHA in supporting the American Horse Council
and saddle up for the Congressional Cavalry**

FORT WORTH, Texas?In an effort to better represent and serve the horse industry in Washington, D.C., the American Horse Council (AHC) and the American Paint Horse Association (APHA) are initiating a new direct grassroots effort entitled, "The Congressional Cavalry Program." You can participate and help to make a difference.

All individual horse owners, breeders, veterinarians, trainers, competitors, recreational riders, service providers and anyone who desires to be involved in grassroots efforts in Washington are encouraged to join the Congressional Cavalry Program. The purpose of the program is to identify at least one member of the American Paint Horse Association in each Congressional District across America who will agree to contact his/her Representative/Senator or other federal officials

when asked. AHC is hoping to include individuals from as many of its member organizations as possible to get a cross-section of the horse industry identified in each Congressional district. They will represent their organization and the horse industry when called upon.

Individuals will be mobilized when there is a need for grassroots lobbying. The AHC will provide participants programs with any necessary information. Members of the program will be put on an email, fax or mail list so they can be contacted and activated quickly.

Other Congressional Cavalry activities may include:

- Visits with members of Congress in Washington or back in the home district.
- Invitations to members of Congress to visit your facility, event or activity.
- Regular reports to Congress/staff about your activities?back home,? illustrating the importance of the horse industry to the local economy, sport and recreational life.

If you have any additional questions about the program, please contact the American Horse Council at 202-296-4031 or ahc@horsecouncil.org.

To sign up for the Congressional Cavalry Program please send your name, ranch name or business name, phone number, mailing address, e-mail, congressional representative (if known), along with a list of your involvement in the horse industry to ahc@horsecouncil.org or by mail to:

American Horse Council
1616 H Street, NW
Washington, DC 20006

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6 Stalls now available in this 36 acre established boarding facility located in Medford, Oregon.

Barn Amenities include:

14 - 12x12 matted stalls (11 with runs), automatic water, 2 tack rooms, 2 hot/cold wash racks, grooming room with heat lamp, farrier room & feed room.

Additional hay storage building & shavings storage building.

Arenas: 75 x160 covered lighted arena, 80 x160 outdoor lighted arena, 110 x 140 trail course with obstacles & 2 round pens.

4 turn out pastures, trailer parking and electric security gate entry.

10 additional ½ acre pastures with shelters available.

To view facility log on to www.majestic-stables.com

Please call for more detail (541) 734-5838 or (541) 601-6493

Breaking News from the PtHA!

The dates for the 2008 Pinto Congress and Futurity Horse Show have been changed.

In order to accommodate exhibitors wishing to lay over from the U.S. National Arabian and Half-Arabian Championship show and those wishing to leave Tulsa in time to compete at the APHA Fall Championship Show, PtHA has decided to move it's show to *November 1-4*.

- The barns will open on October 30 and there will be a pumpkin carving contest on Halloween day!
- The Hula Hoop Hoedown will return in 2008, so you better start practicing now.

Congress Slot class entries open March 1.

Returning Slot classes are:

- Weanling Mares, \$100 and \$500 slots
- Yearling Mares, \$100 and \$500 slots
- Weanling Gelding/Stallion, \$100 and \$500 slots
- Yearling Geldings, \$100 and \$500 slots
- Yearling Stallions, \$100 and \$500 slots
- Yearling Longe Line, \$100 and \$500 slots
- Western Pleasure, Snaffle Bit, 2 Yr Old, \$100 and \$500 slots
- English Pleasure, 2 Yr Old, \$100 and \$500 slots

New Slot classes in 2008:

- Breeding Stock Weanling Mares, \$100 and \$500 slots
- Breeding Stock Yearling Mares, \$100 and \$500 slots
- Breeding Stock Weanling Gelding/Stallion, \$100 and \$500 slots
- Breeding Stock Yearling Gelding/Stallion, \$100 and \$500 slots
- Breeding Stock Longe Line, \$100 and \$500 slots

Mark your calendars now for the most fun you will have this fall!

Sincerely,

Pinto Horse Association of America Inc.

News from the NWSSA:

The **Northwest Stallion Service Auction** is offering sponsorship opportunities for our upcoming **Stallion Service Auction** on September 28, 2008.

Every sponsor will be posted on our webpage with a link to your webpage and printed in the directory (only if the donation is received before February 1st 2008) that is distributed to feed stores and horse owners all over Washington. In addition we print out a list of all sponsors and

display it at the entry booth area for viewing and sponsors will be announced throughout the night of the auction. Please feel free to send business cards, and/or logos for an additional advertising opportunity. Donations are appreciated.

Platinum sponsor \$ 100

Gold sponsor \$ 75

Silver sponsor \$ 50

Bronze sponsor \$ 25

Contact Julie Cathey for more information @ mjcathey@whidbey.net

News from Washington Bred:

The Washington Bred Registry has made some new changes for 2008! Washington Bred has changed the year end award requirements to be 8 Judges instead of the 20 Points previously required, in hopes of encouraging more people to participate.

WSPHC has graciously invited Washington Bred to host their Yearling Halter Futurities at The Star Spangled Classic in July. A special thanks to WSPHC for doing this and for donating the Washington Bred Youth Year End Award.

If you or your club is interested in sponsoring a Washington Bred Year End Award, please contact Ami Bennett @ 360-521-9419.

Congratulations to Deborah (Hill) Spencer of Inkom, Idaho and her ten year old Bay Overo gelding, Limitless, on earning their APHA Amateur Versatility Award.

Jeannette Dubravac reports that she and her husband Joe have sold their filly, JMD Miss Quotation to Erica Sam of Vancouver, WA. Erica will be competing in the yearling halter and lungeline futurities.

Judy Shehan reports that they have had a 2008 Overo Colt Born. He is by their stallion Lasting Approval and out of their mare Blonde Autograph.

Elite Halter Horses has sold Bar S Youre Kiddin Me to the Aaberg family of Colorado. While Ami is sad to see this special gelding go, she is excited to see his new handler, 6 year old Clayton Scheetz continue to show Ernie.

Our condolences go out to Andy Hellqvist on the loss of his horse Master Son.

Andy writes this about his special horse:

Master Son
Jan 26, 1987 to Dec 30, 2007

Master Son, the red roan horse I've owned and shown for many years, died on Dec 30, 2007. "Sonny" had a kind disposition, was exceptional at Trail, and was versatile in a wide variety of other events. His career accomplishments included an APHA Reserve World Championship in Amateur Trail, an APHA Amateur Performance Versatility, and a high ranking on the APHA lifetime leading list for Amateur Trail. Thank you to Richard Pyke, for getting us together, and for shaping our successes. Sonny had the heart of a champion, and was always a pleasure to be around. I still enjoyed him even after his glory days of showing were done. Thank you to Sonny, for all you did for me, for being so lovable, and for the special bond we shared. Thank you for the memories, you will not be forgotten.

Our thoughts also go out to Desert Haven ranch on the loss of their stallion Tributes Mister due to complications from colic surgery in December.

Kirsten Hammer reports that the The Zone One show is already almost sold out of RV spaces. The facility does not have a deadline by which they start accepting reservations like Albany did. So anyone who is going to Zone One and/or Paint Idaho and wants to have an RV space to plug in (there is no need to reserve a space for self-contained trailers or for those that are bringing generators), they need to go online to www.idahohorsepark.com and click on the reservations tab to get it done. They do not like to take phone reservations - they prefer a paper trail of the reservation.

Also, keep in mind that if you are running for NWCC awards you need to fill out your 2008 Declaration form. This form is available on line or from your NWCC club delegate!

In Conclusion:

As many of you know, the NW Paint Horse Community lost one of its longtime members, Don Hill earlier in the month.

Until the 1st of March Edie's address is 12325 S Frontage Rd #246, Yuma, AZ 85367. Memorials may be made to South Pacific County Humane Society, PO Box 101, Long Beach WA 98631. This is a no kill shelter sustained entirely on donations.

Please keep Edie and her family in your thoughts during this difficult time.

Keep sending in your Paint Spots information to news@paintspots.org