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GPFHA Silent Auction

What: 2008 Four Beat Jubilee Silent Auction, “The Tack Trunk”
When: Friday, May 16 until noon on Sunday, May 18
Where: Chicopee Woods Ag Center – Gainesville, GA
Why: To support GPFHA
How: With contributions of clean, slightly used tack and/or new items, you can help support the Association in its endeavors to offer programs and incentives for its members. All things equine will be accepted.

It is SPRING! Well, you might not know it by the weather from last week but it really is! Spring translates into “time to ride” (in my book, anyway). It also means that it is time for our annual “Four Beat Jubilee Show” in May. This is the one of the many times throughout the year that we gather to celebrate this wonderful breed and equally wonderful friends.

There are many important aspects of the show, one of which is the “Silent Auction” (The Tack Trunk). The money earned from the sale of items goes towards the high point award money that we give out at each show. The more money we offer, the more exhibitors and horses we draw to the show which translates into more income for GPFHA. What this means to you as a member is that with more income, GPFHA is able to offer more programs and activities to you at a reduced rate or for free. My personal favorite is **FREE!!**

Please dig deep in your trailers and tack rooms, visit your tack and feed dealers (even coupons for veterinarian services or farrier care will be accepted). We are looking for gently used and clean items for sale. Just about anything that you would use on or around a horse will be accepted (**that includes grooming products as well**). Check with your tack and clothing dealers to see if they would like to donate items. **If anyone is in need of written verification from GPFHA that this is an authentic and real event, I will gladly mail them a signed statement to that effect.**

The members of GPFHA have always been generous in their support of this event and I thank you, in advance, for once again, supporting a worthy cause!

See you at the show!

Brenda Hankinson

Brenda Hankinson
GPFHA Show Committee
Silent Auction

Theme for Regional Basket

Jo Franklin has decided upon a theme for the regional basket which will be donated to PFHA for the Silent Auction. This year, it is **“Cooking with Georgia”**. It will include any type of “stuff” necessary for a good old fashioned Southern barbeque or cook out. All the proceeds from the auction benefit the PFHA Youth.

The “basket” this year will actually be a cooler which we hope to fill with all kinds of barbeque sauces, utensils, pot holders, maybe even an apron with a comical picture or saying, just about anything and everything one might need to cook out. The possibilities are endless

If you are interested in donating an item(s), please contact Jo at **770-822-9757** (home) or **770-962-3317** (office). **The deadline for sending items is September 1, 2008.** With the Spring show right around the corner, it would be an excellent time to deliver the items. They can be stored in the show office.

On behalf of GPFHA, we can’t thank Jo enough for taking on this task once again. Your time and efforts are greatly appreciated and are reflected in the work that you do.

APRIL			
5	GPFHA Membership Meeting	11 AM	Suzy Varner, Kathleen, GA
5	Trail Ride*** (GPFHA sponsored)		Suzy Varner, Kathleen, GA
11-13	Gulf PFHA Horse Show		Andalusia, AL
18-20	TVPFHA Show		Murfreesboro, TN
17-21	PFHA Board Meeting	8 AM	Atlanta, GA
26-27	Piedmont Classic		Clemson, SC
MAY			
3	Trail Ride *** Jake Mountain	.	Dahlonega, GA
16-18	4 Beat Jubilee**	9 AM Fri/10 AM Sat & Sun	Gainesville, GA
26	Memorial Day Parade*		Dacula, GA
JUNE			
TBA (5/31 or 6/14)	Trail Ride*** (GPFHA co-sponsored)	Dupont State Par4	Brevard, NC
25-29	Piedmont Futurity Show	various times	Asheville, NC
JULY			
4	4th of July Parade*		TBA
TBA	Trail Ride*** Piedmont PFHA		Blowing Rock, NC
<i>Support their ride at Moses Cone</i>			
18-20	North Florida PFHA Pas-Olympics		Pensacola, FL
AUGUST			
TBA	Trail Ride*** Piedmont PFHA		Asheville, NC
<i>Support their ride at Biltmore Estates</i>			
15-17	TVPFHA Show		Murfreesboro, TN
SEPTEMBER			
6	Parade Meeting* - Jennifer Neely's house		Covington, GA
14-20	PFHA Grand National Show		Perry, GA
27	Duluth Fall Festival Parade*		Duluth, GA
27	Trail Ride*** (GPFHA sponsored) Ft Mountain Park		Chatsworth, GA
OCTOBER			
4	Bostwick Cotton Gin Festival* (Parade)		Bostwick, GA
6	Gulf PFHA GA Nat'l Fair Show		Perry, GA
11	GPFHA Membership Meeting/Awards Dinner	11 AM	Brenda Hankinson
18	Benefit Ride/Treasure Hunt*** (GPFHA sponsored)		Comer, GA
Watson Mill State Park			
23	PFHA BOD Meeting	8 AM	Atlanta, GA
NOVEMBER			
15	Trail Ride*** (GPFHA sponsored) Tribble Mill		Lawrenceville, GA
15	Trail Meeting after ride at Boyd & Su's house		Loganville, GA
DECEMBER			
6	Christmas Parade*		Loganville, GA
8	Christmas Parade*		Monroe, GA
31	Chik-Fil-A Peach Bowl Parade*		Atlanta, GA
Jan 2009			
TBA	GPFHA Membership Meeting	11 AM	TBA
TBA	PFHA Membership & BOD Meeting		TBA

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Minutes of GPFHA Meeting

April 5, 2008

Members Present: David and Dixie DeLozier, Willie & Erika Kurth, Joyce Davis, Gwyn Wright, Cindy Griffeth, Kim Willis, Suzy Varner, Boyd Russell, Christi White, Nancy Clark

Meeting called to order by Gwyn at 12:30p.m.

Minutes of Meeting from January 2008 accepted after motion by Dixie, seconded by David.

Open House – Gwyn stated that she has mailed out surveys to the participants in the March 2008 Open House in order to determine how the clinic could be improved. There were 21+ horses, 20 riders, 48 people for dinner. Gwyn has received positive emails from several participants. Looking at holding next year's event at Chicopee again. Date available to us March 21-22 as the 14th is the St. Patricks Day parade in Atlanta. Charlie is interested in being clinician again next year. Suggestions for improving information to interested horse owners, such as pamphlet brochure for sale horses, was discussed as well as separating the fun show from the clinic fee and having a different pricing level. The possibility of a sale class was considered. StableMates was used to advertise for Open House. Date

Trail rides – Boyd Russell – no new reports. There will be a meeting with Watson Mill soon. Next ride is a Poker Ride at Jake Mountain. Dupont ride in May. Still need volunteers to work the rides.

Parades – Memorial Day Parade is upcoming. Jennifer Neely is the new contact for parade information.

Fundraiser – Boyd & Chris putting together a list for vote from board for 2008 recipient. Boyd has reserved space at Watson Mill, plus stalls and cabin.

Membership – Kim stated there are approximately 100 members – 12 new members from the Open House. She has email contacted those members who had not renewed.

Finance – Dixie present financial statements with data through April 4th. The reports are currently missing expenses on directory ads, bill for Charlie's hotel, and cost for GPFHA new directory.

Publicity - Joyce reviewed current advertising efforts. Currently have exposure through trail ads in StableMates, listed on the Judge's List, and press release sent to Gainesville Times for 2008 Open House. Several other events still to be advertised. Two ads planned for show, plus ads for trails, schedules on several free venues, plus schedule on website, and Judge's List. Paso Fino Finder also has our schedule. APF. com has posts for our events. Surveys results of approximately 25 responses reflect that 25% heard about us from the website calendars or the StableMates ad; the largest response indicated they heard about us from flyers and friends.

National Delegate – Cindy indicated it was time to vote for Hall of Fame vote for horse/person. Membership in attendance informally voted that Cindy should cast a vote as she felt appropriate for our region. PFHA is seeking a National PFHA Recreation Committee member from our region and Dixie volunteered to fill that position. Cindy also reminded everyone that the postcards for national prize list must be returned if a member wanted to see said list. The list of National show judges was present and membership asked Cindy to place our regional vote according to her best judgment.

GPFHA Futurity – 7 horses registered for the futurity, with a last notice for final payment mailed the first week of this month. The futurity judges are Moffit, Laracuenta, and Zapata. Neck ribbons are supposed to be sponsored by Show Time; however, there is some question about their commitment.

Show - Per Gwyn, arrangements are moving along, USEF approval is pending but expected, all officials are committed and in place, Bonnie is working on volunteers, plans for the hospitality booth with sales of t-shirts and license plates are being arranged, and Boyd is to bring updated map of Georgia members, if he has time to update it. Directories will be ready for show. Need to have a sign-up sheet for trail rides available near the office. Greg volunteered to make poles for pole bending or to bring 55-gallon barrels for fun games. Need to post a large info sheet with contact data near the office. Chris and Suzy are working on class sponsorships.

Old Business – For 2009 show directories, Greg volunteered for the committee to sell ads for the directory, perhaps to work with Bonnie on this task. May be ideal to separate areas for sales region and will need three people minimum to sell as many ads as possible. Consider an August 1, 2008 timeline to start. Greg will coordinate with Bonnie.

License plates with the new logo are completed and ready for sale at \$19.00 each. The new logo banners are done and look very good. There is also a new banner for use at Nationals, which was first displayed at the Open House.

New Business – A non-member wants to pay for advertising in newsletter and website. Newsletter should only be for members. Non-members must pay double the rate. A \$15.00 affiliate membership would allow non-members to receive membership rates. Corporate Registration - Dixie voted in as registered agent for corporate entity by unanimous decision. Tag sticker for GPFHA trailer needs to be mailed to Ray Franklin. Tag registration needs to be moved from Denton's county, perhaps to Hall County. We will need to make decision before April 2009. There has been a problem with the trailer being kept in only one location. It is important that all members understand that the trailer is not to be moved without permission from the board. It was also noted that the trailer needs to be cleaned and detailed and Gwyn will ask Ray if he knows of anyone who can do so for a reasonable fee. Also, the trailer needs to have new logo put on it after knowing what the cost of cleaning will cost first.

Motion to adjourn by Joyce, seconded by Boyd at 2:15pm.

Note: Great lunch and hospitality by Suzy – homemade pimento cheese, great breads, luncheon meats, taco soup, homemade pies and brownies. Another great meeting hosted by a gracious lady!

Kim Willis, Secretary

Piedmont Trail Ride: Dupont State Forest, Brevard, NC is May 31st

<http://www.dupontforest.com/>

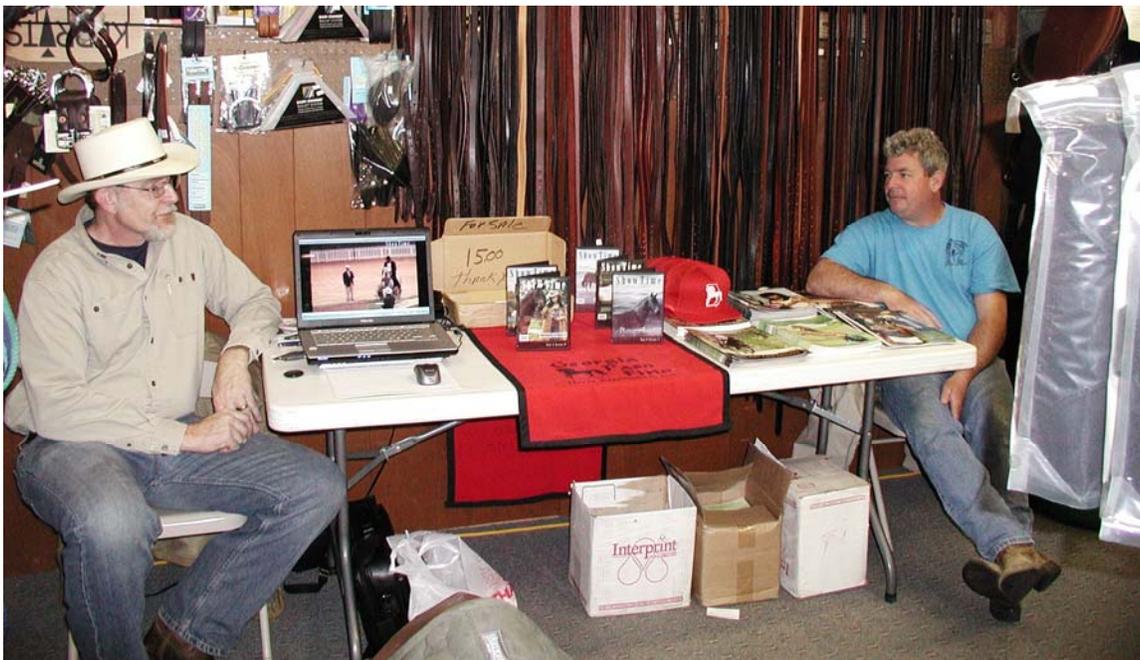
This ride is sponsor by Georgia and Piedmont Regions. Camping and Stalls available at Holly View Stables: <http://www.holly-view.com/> (*Note: This is the ONLY good place to stay with excellent access for rigs*) *Make your reservations early.*

Piedmont Trail Host: Candace Link, 336-940-2936 H, 336 413-5204 Cell. [Email: pasolink@yadtel.net](mailto:pasolink@yadtel.net).

Georgia Trail Host: David and Dixie DeLozier, cell (770) 654-6897 or cell (770) 654-1758, ddelozier@mindspring.com

HorseTown 2008: Bad Weather Dampens Equine Affair

On Saturday, March 15, 2008, Boyd Russell, Greg Willis, and Kim Willis manned a GPFHA booth at the HorseTown East in Snellville, Georgia. The Equine Expo was a compilation of various face painting, food, and equine-related vendors. The original intent was to have all booths situated in the parking lot; however, Mother Nature had other plans and kept the threat of tornados on everyone's mind. While busy handling inquires earlier in the day, the weather kept the majority of the attendees at home. There's always next year to look forward to...



Johnny B. Sharpe "Inspiration of a Southern Man"

Friends Farewell:

I will always remember Johnny Sharpe. I will miss seeing him at shows. I will miss calling out to him, "Hey there, Johnny BEEE Sharpe."

I will miss him pointing at me and calling out my name in return. I will miss the man who went to the Nationals always hoping but never getting a ribbon to take home. I will miss the man who could never say, "No," to someone who wanted to ride a Paso Fino for the first time, even though

it lessened his chances of winning a ribbon at the Nationals. Johnny was the True Ambassador for our breed. I will miss taking my turn dancing with him at the Exhibitors Party every year at Nationals, trying but always failing to keep up with him. I will miss trail riding with him. I will miss the man who was true to his wife and family. I will miss Johnny, but I will never forget Johnny B. Sharpe.

-Kathleen McBride

Johnny was one of the most influential people in my life. He always carried a smile that would cheer anyone that instant. His positive energy was felt by just simply standing next to him. He was my friend!!! His love of life will inspire me always and live in my heart forever.

Quote- "Peace is when time doesn't matter as it passes by." - author unknown

-Shaw, Abby and Brandy Laney

I met Johnny B. Sharp about two years ago at a GPFHA event. His very first question to me was the same as it was too many new people he met... "Can you jitterbug?" From that instant, there was never a time when I saw Johnny B. that he failed to make me smile. The one thing that stands out in my mind about Johnny B. was the love he had for his own horses. He always encouraged other people, especially new comers, to ride his horses. He was so proud when Captiva or Jubilee carried a new rider around the arena. He was a great ambassador of our breed. Johnny B. reminded me that horses are not only about the blue ribbons and National Champions, but rather about mutual respect, friendship and unconditional love that is shared between horses and humans. I did finally get to jitterbug with Johnny B. at the Nationals in 2007. It is a great memory of Johnny B. that I will cherish always. He will be missed greatly.

-Jennifer Neely

I only met Johnny twice, at the 2006 and 2007 GPFHA Open House Fun Shows.

For me, what was most memorable about Johnny was his warm, open and genuinely friendly nature in meeting new people and introducing them to his horses. I remember thinking I hoped I could be like him when I reached his age. He struck me as a man who truly knew how to live. To REALLY live his life and enjoy it, bringing all around him on his journey of life's enjoyment and causing them to see what they enjoyed about life.

-Heidi Young

There are so many feelings that words can not possibly express completely.

"Johnny B" as he was affectingly called by all of us was a man of good spirit. He always wore a smile and a twinkle in his eyes. His passion was his Paso Finos and the people who loved them. Johnny was dedicated to the breed and was ever present at all functions where he could participate to promote them. When he was around you could expect some great ideas and just plain "fun". I remember that he loved to dance and I promised him a dance at every opportunity - he was a good dancer, too! I worked with Johnny for years planning shows and he was always first to volunteer to work with the children - he loved teaching our youth about the Paso Finos and the importance of being a good person to others because that is what Johnny did best - he was always good to people. He made everyone feel special with his kind words of encouragement and support. I am grateful to have known such a man and I will miss him so much. Johnny did not dance his last dance at Nationals for he is dancing somewhere else right now and I promise that we will all dance with him again someday! I can hear Johnny saying "we are gonna dance later, right?" from across the arena!!!! He was so cute, a special, special person. With much love and respect,

-Sharon Alfaro

The first time we saw Johnny was at my first show in Conyers in 1999. Every time we saw him he was smiling and always so friendly.

We will miss him very much.

-John & Shelba Merritt

Johnny had the ability to make anyone smile and feel loved. I have very good memories of many conversations with Johnny. He was always upbeat and never said an unkind word. The first time I met Johnny was many years ago when we had our first trail ride at Hard Labor Creek. Johnny was riding Jude, the horse that gave him so many hours of pleasure. I believe Johnny had not had Jude very long at that time so he was still learning a little bit about riding a Paso because he had lots of questions about the breed. He came such a long way through the years of experience riding his Paso horses. We will really miss seeing Johnny at the Nationals. I am confident though that Johnny is now riding a Paso up in heaven and is enjoying the warmth of the love of God that those of us who have accepted Jesus as our Savior will one day experience with Johnny. My heart goes out to Johnny's family because I know they are missing him so.

-Jennie and Frank Cox

For as long as I knew Johnny, he always had a kind word to say, a huge smile to spread around and really big hugs for everyone. He loved life, his family and his horses. As the song states, "There's a hole in the world tonight" and there will be for a long time to come. As I am sure there are Pasos in heaven, I know what Johnny is doing right now!

-Gwyn Wright

My daughter Laura Scouten Bierner goes to the Paso Horse shows mostly by herself and she would always say how nice his was and that he always brightened up her time there. I've met him before at horse shows and I always felt better when Laura would go to the horse shows and know that Johnny was thereHe was a great friendly man and was proud to know him.

-Nancy Scouten

I will always remember how proud Johnny was of the blue ribbon he won at the 2007 Open House. He and his horse worked their collective butts off to win it and he was very pleased about their achievement. He wore the ribbon on his shirt for hours! The 2008 Open House was just a little bit sadder without Johnny, but we know he was with us in spirit because of his horse, Captiva. The blindingly beautiful smile worn by Cindy Mitchell as she rode Captiva made you feel that Johnny was riding on her shoulder and smiling, too.

-Kimberly Willis

For as long as I have known Johnny, every time I saw him at a show he gave me a big hug, asked if I brought Indy with me, and wished me luck. He always had a big smile on his face, waving, and asking how life was treating me. He is a great friend with a big heart and will be missed.

Love Ya Johnny,

-Crissy Thompson

We met Johnny in 2000. He introduced himself as Johnny B. Sharpe. He said while he was in the army, his master sergeant called him Johnny B. Good. He said he had rather be called Johnny B. Sharpe because he was sharp as a tack! We learned at Johnny's memorial service that he was a member of the 'Screaming Eagles.' He never talked about himself and all his accomplishments in life. He wanted to know about everyone else because he cared so much.

Johnny never met a stranger he didn't like. He always smiled and asked everyone how they were doing and is there anything he could help them with. He loved Life, People and his horses. He always wanted to win a ribbon at Nationals. He tried so hard every year to be a winner.

Eileen Wilhem heard about Johnny's story last year and asked me to give Johnny her National Championship ribbon. When I gave it to Johnny, you would have thought he won it himself. He was so proud of the ribbon that he wore it around his neck all day.

You would have to appreciate Johnny's enthusiasm to visualize him wearing the ribbon.

Johnny is the winner now. He fought his disease all the way to the end.

Jim, Brandy and I visited with Johnny B. three days before he passed. He had the biggest smile on his face when we walked in. We reminisced about the good times and at the Nationals last year. Johnny loved to dance! We danced the night away with Johnny B. the night of the Exhibitors Party.

He would dance every dance. He would go looking for someone to dance every song they played. He had the most energy of anyone I knew.

Brandy gave him Abby's picture and he kissed her picture. Johnny had a special place in his heart for Abby Grace and Brandy just like everyone else he met. We only knew Johnny for a short time, but it seems like we knew him a lifetime.

Leaving Johnny's hospice room was the hardest part. I knew we would never see him again.

As I walked out the door, I had to turn around one more time to wave goodbye. He pointed his right finger at me and with a big smile (like he always did) whispering, Girl, you Bee Good and Bee Sharpe. Johnny was an Inspiration of total courage. Johnny loved everyone and everyone loved Johnny. One word for Johnny is Passion.

Johnny is at peace riding a beautiful White Stallion and winning ribbons in Heaven. You go Johnny B. We love you and we will miss you terribly!

-Jim and Arleen Klungle

2008 GPFHA Open House

Rain and cold temperatures could not dampen the spirits of those who ventured forth to participate in the 5th Annual GPFHA Open House. With 26 horses and riders and approximately 20 + auditors, we had a pleasantly full house.

Saturday began with clinic time which included a question and answer session with Charlie Minter. With so much information, this session could have continued forever but once he answered the many questions and completed the final lesson, "Conformation 101," it was time to saddle up for the individual work. Riders who completed the registration form were able to enter the ring for a bit of "one on one" with Charlie. Then the fun show began where each participant was tested to see what he or she had learned from the individual work. At the end of each class, Charlie would critique the horses and riders. After a long day in the ring, it was time to blow off steam and "turn the horses loose," so to speak.

After a wonderful dinner catered by Loretta's in Gainesville, it was time to start the Paso Games. The rain couldn't stop those who wanted to play. There were several teams to participate in the towel race, half a dozen who braved the boot race and several went on to "largo" the barrels and cones (instead of poles!). By the way, if any of you know Jeanne Griggs, be sure to ask her which boot goes on which foot. By the time she got it right, she was laughing so hard she could hardly ride across the finish line. First and second placements received vintage GPFHA license plates and hats. Of course, in a few years these items will be worth a fortune as we now have a new logo!

Sunday dawned very cold, windy and overcast but again, the group braved the weather for another "Q & A" session. Suzy Varner rode her mare, Marquesa, while Charlie used them to demonstrate to the crowd what he was trying to explain. We did "cheat" a bit as the part of the clinic which didn't require a horse was continued in the warmer agricultural centers' office. Afterwards, there were a few who took advantage of some further individual time in the arena with Charlie.

Thanks are in order for Boyd Russell who took the time to bring Houdini and Pluma for the demo riders. There were too many to count. Once again, each rider had that famous Paso Fino smile by the time they made it half way around the ring. Thanks are also in order for all of the participants and auditors who came out to support GPFHA in its efforts, as well as to enjoy the camaraderie and fun. Without them, this event would not have been possible. One must not forget those who volunteered to work the clinic as they worked tirelessly to make sure it happened. It is our hope that we are able to return to Chicopee Woods in 2009 for another memorable Open House.

Submitted by Gwyn Wright For more photos go to www.annlambert.smugmug.com. Ann did a great job!



“Country Care” Program to benefit GPFHA Prize Fund

When anyone purchases items on the www.CountrySupply.com website using our code (gpfhaprizefund) then GPFHA will be earning 5% of those purchases (excluding wormer and shipping). Remember, the code to enter when you place your order is **gpfhaprizefund**. There are no spaces between each word. Please help support your Association and take advantage of the savings and discounts offered by Country Supply at their on-line website.

Links and Classified Ads now Available on the GPFHA Website

If you would like to have a business or farm link added to our website, the cost per year is \$25 per link. Also, classified ads are also available. The following is a list of ad types and pricing. This is for one (1) year only:

Text ad only	\$15
Text w/one photo	\$25
Text w/two photos	\$40

If you are interested in the links or ads, please contact Gwyn Wright at pas064@bellsouth.net or 256-828-1060.

New for GPFHA: “Jeffers Affiliate Rebate” Program to benefit the GPFHA Prize Fund

When anyone purchases items on the www.jeffersequine.com website using our code (**support gpfha**) then GPFHA will be earning 5% of those purchases (excluding dewormer or shipping). Remember, the code to enter when you place your order is **support gpfha (please put a space in between the words)**. Please help support your Association and take advantage of the savings and discounts offered by Country Supply at their on-line website. Enter this code as you are paying for your products. They have a blank for promotional codes.

Nominations Now Open for the Amateur Owner of the Year

A brand new year is upon us and the PFHA Amateur Owner Committee would like to invite you to submit your 2008 nominations for its annual Amateur Owner of the Year Award. The award is special recognition to one of our amateur owners who demonstrate the qualifying criteria below, so please read the guidelines carefully and make your nominations accordingly. The award is presented each year at Nationals. You may submit more than one nominee if you choose. Please also include **your** PFHA membership number with every submission. Thank you.

Please mail a short biography of your nominee, which demonstrates how she/he has fulfilled the criteria below to Kathy Yarbrough, A/O Committee Chair, 4431 Dyke Bennett Road, Franklin, TN 37064-7602 or e-mail to klyarbrough@bellsouth.net or fax to 615-591-7737. Please remember to submit **your** PFHA membership number with every nominee’s biography. **All nominations must be received by May 19, 2008.**

The following are the criteria on which you should base your nomination for A/O of the Year:

ACCOMPLISHMENTS: The candidate must have achieved excellence in the show ring at the regional and or national level. This includes honors, awards and commendations the candidate has received.

CONTRIBUTIONS: The candidate must have demonstrated substantial and sustained contributions to the breed at the local, regional and national level. This category includes contributions (not monetary) the candidate has made to youth, other amateur owners, and promotion of the breed. Contributions could be in a volunteer or elected capacity.

SPORTSMANSHIP: The candidate must exhibit conduct becoming to a sports enthusiast including but not limited to honest rivalry and graceful acceptance of results.

HORSEMANSHIP: The candidate must exhibit excellence in skill of riding, exhibiting, management, and specifically in the care and well being of her/his horse(s).

Procedure after submission:

All nomination biographies will be sent to the nominees, not for any additional information to be added, but for the nominee to check for accuracy of the information submitted. Final nominees and a voting ballot will appear on the PFHA website, in PFHA e-news, and sent to all regional Presidents to include in each region's newsletter or on their respective websites along with voting deadline information and instructions. Also, you may request a ballot by sending a self-addressed stamped envelope to Kathy Yarbrough at the address below.

ALL NOMINATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY MAY 19, 2008

Mail to: Kathy Yarbrough, Amateur Owner Committee Chair

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or e-mail to: klyarbrough@bellsouth.net or fax to: 615-591-7737

A to Z of Paso Finos Clinic with Diego Bravo

We were not sure what to expect when we woke up and it was snowing in South Alabama. The weather improved and a great time was had by the participants of a two day clinic with Diego Bravo on the "A to Z of the Paso Fino horse" the weekend of March 8th and 9th. The clinic was held at the picturesque Heart of Dixie Trail Ride in Troy, AL. Both days were packed full with 2 to 3 hours of class work and lecture, and several hours of riding for the eight participants. First we determined the level of our leadership skills with our horses by facing different obstacles in the arena. We had to cross a bright carpet, step over poles, ride a pattern around cones, and ride up to balloons that were whipping in the wind. Then we focused on improving our leadership skills, and recognizing the perfect four beat gait. We learned how to offer consistent and meaningful correction with our horses. We worked on equitation and finding our seat. Then it was turns, who knew it could be so difficult to turn consistently at the same speed! However, David had his horse Alternativa turning in circles at a corto with no hands on the reins by the end of the first day. The class room lectures covered topics from defining the Paso Fino horse breed, Paso Fino tack and the bit (with tack in hand to demonstrate), to the proper care of the Paso Fino horse. We had sessions on correcting vices and learned some neat "tricks of the trade" about teaching your horse to stand still while you are mounting and dismounting among other things. Diego provided a lot of one on one instruction, plus we built our confidence riding with a group of horses similar to being in a class at a show. The second day we even performed drill team maneuvers which was really fun and challenging. We all came away from the clinic with more knowledge about the Paso Fino horse, and our relationship with our own horses. We have plenty to practice and improve upon. The clinic was a very positive experience, and one of the highlights in our four years of owning Paso Finos. It was a diverse and fun group of riders and horses, but I would have to say we were all showed up by an eleven year old girl who was riding a Paso Fino horse for the very first time and the horse was a green broke 3 year old.

Dixie and David DeLozier
Gainesville, Georgia



Parelli Tour

I volunteered to help the Parelli USA 2008 Tour on March 29 and 30. I greeted over 3000 people on Saturday morning. This is the largest crowd so far. We had a great time answering questions and helping all the new people with the different programs that Parelli offers.

I talked with many Paso fino people in attendance including Alice Page. Parelli Natural Horsemanship programs will show the natural side of helping our beautiful horses on the ground and in the saddle.

Come on out and see for yourself!

Arleen Klungle



GPFHA Awarded USEF Outreach Grant

GPFHA has received a check for \$500 from the USEF Outreach Program which helps its member organizations with the financial costs of their shows or events. This money comes with some restrictions. It may not be used for any other purpose that to pay for officials that are required for the show, insurance and other personnel.

The Association was able to secure funds in 2006 in the amount of \$1000 but was unsuccessful in procuring funds in 2007.

“Thanks you” USEF!

Submitted by Gwyn Wright

Orthoflex presents an exciting 2008 program:

“PFHA Frequent Rider” Awards

Enter any class, at any regional, national, or international PFHA sanctioned Paso Fino event, and receive a \$200 discount award, per entry, off a new:

Orthoflex Premier, Premier Grand, or Stitchdown model saddle, only
Accumulate up to five (5) awards and apply up to \$1000 to a single saddle purchase.

Also, Get your 2008 PFHA Membership(s) paid by Orthoflex!

Present your annual PFHA regional and/or national individual membership fee cost amount(s), your events entered, and an order for any above listed saddle, to get your full membership fees (up to \$75), as an additional discount, off your saddle. That's up to \$1075 off the saddles listed.

Juniors (under age 17) get a 10% discount, for each entry, and can also apply up to 50% to a single above specified saddle model purchase, in Junior sizes 12.5-15.5” That means savings of \$1750-\$2000. Requires certification of age of owner and membership.

Winning is not necessary, just enter and earn discounts!

Redeem your discount award by submitting an order form for an Orthoflex **Premier, Premier Grand, or Stitchdown** model, only. Contact Orthoflex, or any participating Orthoflex dealer, with the following information:

Your name (must be name of PFHA registered entrant or horse owner)

Name of the event entered

Date(s) of the event entered

Name & number of class entered

Cost & membership number of your regional and/or national individual annual membership.

Rules

1. In order for your region to participate, the region must announce the program in their newsletter/flyer and post on their web site. Offer is subject to receipt of a list of entrants, by class, from the regional, national, or international show organization, to the PFHA national office. Orthoflex must be able to verify the information and apply the appropriate discount to you saddle purchase.
2. Discount awards may not be transferred (must be redeemed by the entrant, or the horse owner, only).
3. Discount awards may be applied to the regular price of the specified saddle models, only. Discount awards may not be combined with any other price-related promotion, which Orthoflex may offer, from time to time.
4. Discounts may be redeemed for a period of one year from the ending date of any event entered, or 12/31/2008, whichever date is sooner. Awards not valid after twelve months from the date of the event entered and all awards are invalid after December 31, 2008.
5. Discount awards must be redeemed, at time of saddle purchase/order. Awards may not be applied retroactively to a saddle purchase. Awards may not be redeemed for cash.
6. Start receiving discount awards for entering at the September 2007 PFHA National Show, in Perry, GA, and continue, at any PFHA show, up to the 2008 National show (one full year-ends 9/13/08).

Awards available to Paso Fino Horse Association members only.

Paso Fino Ambassador Program

By participating in events which promote the Paso Fino Breed, your **horse** has the opportunity to earn points for which you will be eligible. Points are awarded to the **horse**, not the rider. The program "year" will follow that of the Paso Fino Horse Association rulebook which is September 1 thru August 31.

The cost of this program will be .10 cents per point your horse earns. Any and all public venues in which your horse participates will qualify: an all Paso event: your horse will only earn 5 points; an All Breed event: your Paso will earn 10 points, etc. The following list is intended for reference but is not limited to:

Paso Fino Shows	5 Points	.50
Open Horse Shows	10 Points	\$1.00
Non-Paso Discipline Shows (HJ, timed, Dressage)	10 Points	\$1.00
All Paso Trail Rides	5 Points	.50
Multi-Breed Trail Rides	10 Points	\$1.00
Parades	10 Points	\$1.00
Horse Fairs	10 Points	\$1.00
Horse Demos	10 Points	\$1.00
Show and Tell at school	10 Points	\$1.00

For clarification on an event please contact Boyd Russell at 404-932-4438.

Any category can be broken down and funded by the participants of that category for a high point winner of the specific category. The top 3 High Point horses of the year will be awarded gifts purchased by 100% of the proceeds from the program. If anyone is interested in donating money to assist in funding the prize account, please contact Boyd Russell at 404-932-4438. All donations will be accepted graciously!

To enter:

Fill out the form supplied by GPFHA, contact any BOD member to request a form or download them from the website at www.gpfha.org.

If unsure how many points you should earn use the following as your guideline: If you are in front of a crowd of non-Paso owners, your horse earns 10 points. If you are in front of primarily Paso owners then your horse earns 5 points. If you have questions, again, please contact Boyd Russell at the phone number above.

Send in the entry forms, fees or donations to:

Boyd Russell
4320 Cannon Road
Loganville, GA 30052

Please keep a copy for your records. The year end awards will be presented each year at the GPFHA Awards Banquet.

Remember, the success of this program "rides" on the participants!

New Arrivals for 2008

Valhalla Farms Mary and Dave Hanby Born April 5, 2008 Newest Paso colt: pinto
"Adonis" Wings of Pegasus Dam: Rocking Reba Sire: Presidente' de Profeta.



Valhalla Farms Mary and Dave Hanby "El Sid de Valhalla" Born 4-13-08
Dam: Charro de Valhalla Sire: Presidente de Profeta



GwynDale Farms Gwyn and Dale Wright
Chestnut colt Dam: Trastamara del Cardo

Born February 28, 2008
Sire: El Turista



Feb 28



March 22

Double U Paso Finos, LLC Kim and Greg Willis
"Marissa de Vilongne" Dam: La-Nina de A-USA
Greg's 29th anniversary. Nice present!

Born March 11, 2008 Bay Filly w/Star
Sire: El Turista Born one day after Kim &



El Santo was born on March 17, St. Patrick's Day, to Valentina de Dictador, a daughter of Gwyn Wright's champion performance mare Parcela de La Gallarda, and JLM's Jaranero. Ed and Suzy Varner are the proud human parents.



Victoria Scoggins has a new addition. What a cutie; a mini and its' momma!! Dora and Dorito (born Good Friday, 2008)



Classified ads



White metal day bed; trundle bed included, 2 mattresses. Brass fittings, flowers on bed post.
Asking \$450.00 Gwyn Wright 256-828-1060

Paso Finos For Sale in Georgia

A Service Provided by the Georgia Paso Fino Horse Association

Geldings

4 years old. Gray. 2006 Reserve National Fino Champion. Professionally trained and shown. Lots of brio. Sire is brother to Enrique of the Dominican Republic. Dam is Pirata de Besilu and Plebeyo bloodlines. \$6500
Mike Pruett, Cherokee Rose Paso Fino Farm. 478 374-4419.

3 years old (5/05). Bay. 14H. 'Doble Cuento del Turista or Rico'. Sire: El Turista (Capuchino). Dam: Cantinera del Conde. 2006 National Reserve Champion. BF Yearling Gelding. Professionally trained with Cindy Griffeth since Nov '07. Sweet and loving personality. Awarded 2006 National Reserve Champion in BF Yearling Geldings & HM in Gelding Championship. \$5500.

Greg or Kim Willis. Double U Paso Finos, Lakemont, GA. Barn: 706 782-9885. Home: 706 782-6004. Cell 706 490-4366 or 706 490-3322.

3 years old. Buckskin. 'Caballero'. Sire: Cro de Piloto. Dam: J.S. Sinsets Margarita. Good for trail. Very gentle, sweet nature. Trained by Cindy Griffeth. \$1500.
Anica Papizan, Fort Valley near Perry. cell 478 957-0155.

7 years old. Grulla. 'Corey' Excellent trail horse, smooth. 3 months training with Mario Correa. \$1500.
Anica Papizan, Fort Valley, near Perry. cell 478 957-0155.

5 years old. Black with Robicano markings. 'Cazador del Sol y Sombra' Sire: JLM's Jaranero (Retorno del Ocho). Dam: Chavala (Carmin). Pleasure gelding professionally trained by Cindy Griffeth. Futurity colts winner at Asheville as a yearling colt, second place as a 3 year old gelding in 2006, Honorable Mention in 3 year old class at 2006 Nationals, as well as 5th National Bellas Formas 3 year old geldings. \$6500
GwynDale Farms (Gwyn Wright) 256 828-1060 or cell 256-348-3466.

6 years old. Dark Bay with 3 white socks. 'Mensaje de JL'. Sire: Conquistador de Besilu. Dam: Almendra del Castillo. Perfect family horse, very responsive and extremely calm. Excellent on trails. Excellent manners. 14.1 Hands. \$1500.
Rancho Alegre Farm. Dacula, Ga. 770 339-3065 or cell 770 616-4118.

4 years old. Bay. 12.3 Hands. 'Espectacular de Regalia'. Long mane and tail. Just started under saddle. Very calm and loving. Good for timid rider. Parade safe. \$2000.
Boyd Russell. Loganville. 404 932-4438

6 years old. Bay. 'Houdini'. Fabulous trail mount, owned and ridden by a timid beginner rider. Nice consistent gait and personality to boot. \$3300.
Boyd Russell. Loganville. 404 932-4438

4 years old. Bright Chestnut. 15 Hands. 'Marca Registrada'. Sire: Sambuca (Capuchino). Dam: JS Dulzura (Andante de Besilu). This boy has team penned, rounded cattle, drug brush, all in gait! Just needs more miles. \$4500.

Can be seen at Cary Hardiman's Eagle Nest Ranch.

Vicki Scoggins. 706 638-5195 or cell 432 580-7859

email: vasaf3@hotmail.com

3 years old. Bright chestnut. 15+ Hands. Has been handled since birth and is now ready for training and pleasure riding. He is very athletic, friendly and looks to be a very good prospect for trail or endurance riding.

Jim & Nyla Durkin. 608 862-7276 or jdurkin@charter.net

7 years old. Bay. 'Macanudo'. Anyone can ride. Well-gaited and has an easy-going disposition. \$4000.

Suzy Varner. 478 988-0417. Perry, Ga. Email: mistyhollowgirl@alltel.net

3 year old (DOB 8/04). Chestnut with one white hind stocking, faint star, flaxen mane and tail. 'Sombra de PedregaldeLolo'. Sire: Pedregal del Conde. Dam: Titicaca EZG. Has been in professional training with Cary Haridman since Oct. 07. Gentle, affectionate, willing boy. A confident beginner can ride him. Well trained and very agreeable. \$8000 or best offer.

Onie Sells 423 667-7509. Email: sellsoneo@aol.com

Can be seen at Cary Haridman's, Springville AL 205 410-6391.

Mares & Fillies

8 years old. Classy gray. Professionally trained and proven producer. Very stylish. Sire: is Patrullero del Juncal. Dam: is Flint Oak Matilda. \$8000.

Mike Pruett, Cherokee Rose Paso Fino Farm. 478 374-4419.

7 years old. Bay. Fully trained with lots of trail experience. \$2500.

Suzy Varner. 478 988-0417. Perry, Ga. Email: mistyhollowgirl@alltel.net

6 years old. 14.1 Hands. Black. 'Electra Centellas.' Beautiful, great broodmare out of Sire: Capuchino. Dam: Eclipse del Paso. Has good manners and friendly in pasture. Includes filly out of Gamelin de Los Capuchinos (Capuchino x Calabresa (Atrevido del 8)). \$6500.

Rancho Alegre Farm. Dacula, Ga. 770 339-3065 or cell 770 616-4118.

Yearling. Black with one white sock. 13 Hands. 'Caipirinha del Rancho'. Sire: Azucar Moreno de la Fortuna. Dam: Dinamica La Estrella. Great show prospect, fino potential and great brio. Shown in Bella Forma. Beautiful conformation and great bloodlines. Calm and very playful in stable. \$7000

Rancho Alegre Farm. Dacula, Ga. 770 339-3065 or cell 770 616-4118.

5 years old. Black. 14.1 Hands. 'Sable Centella'. Sire: Amadeus de Resort IV. Dam: Eclipse del Paso. Beautiful daughter of Amadeus, one of the greatest Paso Fino sires. Very good hocks and good brio. Very well gaited and would make a wonderful riding companion or broodmare. \$7500.

Rancho Alegre Farm. Dacula, Ga. 770 339-3065 or cell 770 616-4118.

4 years old. Gray. 14.1 Hands. 'Harpia del La Divina'. Sire: Profeta de Besilu. Dam: La Princesa del Rey. \$9000.

Rancho Alegre Farm. Dacula, Ga. 770 339-3065 or cell 770 616-4118.

10 years old. Pinto. 14.2. 'Porcelana de Gates' Great consistent gait. Wonderful trail ride. Extremely light on the reins. Great ground manners. \$7000.

Boyd Russell. Loganville. 404 932-4438

2 years old. Solid black. 'La Diva del Sol y Sombra'. Sire: Retorno del Bosque (Retorno del Ocho). Dam: Trastamara del Cardo (Mata Hari daughter). Shown in Bella Forma, placing 5th out of 10 at Asheville, same placement at Nationals. Beautiful conformation and great bloodlines. Video and photos available. See her on www.agdirect.com \$8500.

GwynDale Farms (Gwyn Wright) 256 828-1060 or cell 256 348-3466.

13 years old. Buckskin. 'Meme' (Marchwind Marica). Proven color producer. Smooth under saddle. \$2000.

Anica Papizan, Fort Valley, near Perry. cell 478 957-0155.

5 years old. Bay. 'Tequila' Sweet disposition. Easy keeper. All ground work done, ready for saddle. \$1000.
Anica Papizan, Fort Valley, near Perry. cell 478 957-0155.

Yearling. Bay. 'Stella Maris AHF'. Sire: Radioactivo de Esteban (Amadeus). Dam: JS Dulzura (Adante de Besilu).
\$2500.

Vicki Scoggins. 706 638-5195 or cell 432 580-7859 e-mail vasaf3@hotmail.com

Yearling (DOB 7/07). Chestnut with flaxen mane and tail. 'Doble Caricia de Prometido'. Sire: Prometido de Selecta. Dam: Sorpresa de Lachucua (El Turista). Very sensible filly with a very tight gait. \$8000.
Greg or Kim Willis. Double U Paso Finos, Lakemont, GA. Barn: 706 782-9885. Home: 706 782-6004. Cell 706 490-4366 or 706 490-3322.

8 years old (DOB 3/00). Black. 'Leyenda de Coqui'. Sire: Zapata Bravo (Bochica Tres). Dam: Chavala (Carmin granddaughter). Shown in performance as 3 & 4 year old. Had one colt and is now used as a very beautiful & impressive trail horse. \$9000.
Greg or Kim Willis. Double U Paso Finos, Lakemont, GA. Barn: 706 782-9885. Home: 706 782-6004. Cell 706 490-4366 or 706 490-3322.

3 years old (DOB 6/94). 'Sorpresa de Lachucua'. Sire: El Turista (Capuchino). Dam: Jicara de Don Francisco. Very strong Performance mare. Placed 3rd in Performance Mare at 2004 Nationals. Rideable for experienced rider, however, her value in in her ability to produce quality offspring. \$16,500.
Greg or Kim Willis. Double U Paso Finos, Lakemont, GA. Barn: 706 782-9885. Home: 706 782-6004. Cell 706 490-4366 or 706 490-3322.

7 years old (DOB 4/01). Liver Chestnut. 'A.J. Cabernet'. Sire: Pretencioso de la Pastora (Hussein). Dam: Sirena de Nevado (Nevado). Gorgeous mare with long mane and forelocks. A sensitive mare who needs a gentle owner. Shown in Pleaseure Mares in 2006. In foal to El Turista, due in April. \$6000.
Greg or Kim Willis. Double U Paso Finos, Lakemont, GA. Barn: 706 782-9885. Home: 706 782-6004. Cell 706 490-4366 or 706 490-3322.

5 years old (DOB 7/06). Gray. 'Siena'. Sire: Prometido de Selecta. Dam: Sorpresa de Lachucua. Shown in Performance Fillies by Cindy Griffith in 2006 and 2007. Earned 2007 Georgia HP Performance Mares & Fillies. Powerful mover and very, very sweet. \$30,000.
Greg or Kim Willis. Double U Paso Finos, Lakemont, GA. Barn: 706 782-9885. Home: 706 782-6004. Cell 706 490-4366 or 706 490-3322.

18 years old (DOB 4/91). Bay. 'Cantinera del Conde'. Sire: Centauro. Dam: Caribelle. Seasoned show veteran. Has her TOP & Legion of Merit awards. Knows how to do it all from shows to trails and is suitable for a beginner. \$8000.
Greg or Kim Willis. Double U Paso Finos, Lakemont, GA. Barn: 706 782-9885. Home: 706 782-6004. Cell 706 490-4366 or 706 490-3322.

4 years old (DOB 2/04). 'Carmen' Sire: Carmin de Capuchino. Dam: Dolce Vita de Dulce. Has some training, but needs more riding and/or training.
Nancy Clarke 478 954-4538 or 478 923-7740. Email: pinebloom2@aol.com.

Stallions & Colts

Yearling. Liver chestnut with 2 white socks, chestnut mane and tail. 'Doble Fuego y Hielo'. Sire: Ambar del Ocho. Dam: Leyenda de Coqui. Halter broken. Easy to work with on the ground. Loves attention. \$4000.
Greg or Kim Willis. Double U Paso Finos, LLC. 706 782-9885 or 706 782-6004.

2 years old. Gray. 'Viaje del Turista'. Sire: El Turista (Capuchino x La Carinosa). Dam: Marlena Dos (Zapata Bravo(Bochica, Marichuela) x Marlena LaCE Mar de Plata)). Wonderful show or pleasure prospect, great temperament. Photos and video available. \$3500.
GwynDale Farms (Gwyn Wright) 256 828-1060 or cell 256-348-3466.

7 month old. 'Desquite del Rancho'. Sire: All black Capuchino son. Dam: Harpia de la Divina (Profeta). Very good show prospect. \$6000.

Rancho Alegre Farm. Dacula, Ga. 770 339-3065 or cell 770 616-4118.

2 years old. Bay, no markings. 'Inigo Montoya'. Sire: El Classico de Plebeyo. Dam: Parcela de La Gallarda (Retorno and Majestuoso). Shown in Bellas Forma, placing 3rd at Asheville, 6th out of 15 at National's, 5th in Breeder's Sweepstakes. Beautiful conformation, great bloodlines. Very sweet, easy to handle. Photos and video available. See him at

www.agdirect.com \$5500

GwynDale Farms (Gwyn Wright) 256 828-1060 or cell 256-348-3466.

2 years old. Buckskin. 'Achilles' Sire Reterno del Bosque (multinational performance champion). Dam Marchwind Marica. Ready for training, good manners. \$1000.

Anica Papizan, Fort Valley, near Perry. cell 478 957-0155.

2 years old (DOB 2/06). Liver chestnut with two white socks on right side. 'Doble Fuego y Hielo'. Sire: Ambar del Ocho. Dam: Leyenda de Coqui (Zapata Bravo). Very handsome, was easy to halter train, and loves attention. Ready to go under saddle this summer and be a good herd sire. \$4500.

Greg or Kim Willis. Double U Paso Finos, Lakemont, GA. Barn: 706 782-9885. Home: 706 782-6004. Cell 706 490-4366 or 706 490-3322.

2 years old (DOB 5/06). Bay with two rear socks. 'Double Angel de la Paz'. Sire: El Turista (Capuchino). Dam: La Nina de A-USA (Plebevo). Beautiful. Extremely well behaved for a colt. Show in 2007 and won Georgia HP BF. Ready to go under saddle this fall and would make an excellent herd sire. \$6500.

Greg or Kim Willis. Double U Paso Finos, Lakemont, GA. Barn: 706 782-9885. Home: 706 782-6004. Cell 706 490-4366 or 706 490-3322.

Yearling (DOB 5/07). Chestnut. 'Doble Chavo Rojo'. Sire: El Turista (Capuchino). Dam: Chavala (Carmin granddaughter). Large for age. Should have good size when mature. \$7500.

Greg or Kim Willis. Double U Paso Finos, Lakemont, GA. Barn: 706 782-9885. Home: 706 782-6004. Cell 706 490-4366 or 706 490-3322.

Yearling (DOB 4/07). 'Diego'. Sire: Carmin de Capuchino. Dam: Dolce Vita de Dulce.

Very gentle and easy to handle. No Professional training.

Nancy Clarke 478 954-4538 or 478 923-7740. Email: pinebloom2@aol.com.

Updated: April 2008

Horse Types

These "horse types" are off Fugly Horse of the Day (www.fuglyhorse.com) - they are cute and pretty "right on the money". See if you can label those in your pasture.....

Now, I do think horses have personalities, so I'll tell you what I think the three types are, and you can tell me what you think of MY analysis. And no, I don't think it has anything to do with energy level - I think energy level has more to do with specific bloodlines. I met an APHA stallion today, a real sweetheart, and the owner told me he didn't do a darn thing when she first sat on him. I asked his breeding and it was Sonny Dee Bar. Not surprising. Those SDB horses wouldn't blow up if a bomb exploded in the next-door neighbor's barn. Good luck getting them to ever gallop, but they are not typically going to kill you.

1. Pushy. This is the foal that tries to mow you over to get to food, and has to be constantly reminded that you are not a chew toy. As an adult, he'll instantly sense weakness in a prospective rider and do something like gallop them straight to where the hay is stacked in the back of the arena and dig in. He pushes other horses around, too. He eats first, and the other horses had better not forget it. The great thing about him is he's not spooky, he's probably tough as nails in general, and he can work all day. The bad thing is, if you aren't in charge, he'll HAPPILY be in charge and his interests are probably highly diverse from your own!

2. "Scaredy". OMG it's a noise. OMG it's a butterfly. OMGOMGHOLYS**^& it's a mini! *whirl, bolt*. This horse will try to jump in your lap at the slightest sign of a scary thing. No matter how old he is, he never gets over his fear of

pretty much everything in the world. Paired with a confident rider, he can be a great performer, as he draws his confidence from his rider. Paired with a "scaredy" rider - you have a train wreck. These horses often do very well with a job that keeps their mind busy. They are like a human being who needs to be busy all the time or they over think everything and drive themselves nuts.

3. Sensitive. This horse isn't scared of the outside world, and he's not pushy. He's just sweet and wants to do the right thing for you, but you need to be consistent or he'll get confused. He isn't tough enough to tolerate a rough rider like the Pushy horse. He's easily traumatized by so much as a harsh word. These are the horses that are easily become dangerous if introduced to bad handling. The good thing is it doesn't take much to discipline him (voice is usually enough with this kind of horse), and he truly wants to please you. He may also be a wimp physically - if you want to see a (love this term!) drama llama, watch this kind of horse with a hoof abscess. You will be convinced he's dying. *He* thinks he's dying.

What do you think? Did I miss any major types? What type is your horse?

Truisms (?) About Horses

1. People who don't take care of their own horses will be the first ones to tell you how to care for yours.
2. You should never buy a cheap girth!
3. A handsome horse who's badly behaved will become a lot less attractive in about 15 min.
4. People who think they have nothing more to learn about riding, hit the ground the hardest.
5. Children and ponies are natural allies and often have identical dispositions.
6. The richest horse people often look the poorest.
7. The closeness of a horse is one of the sweetest smells in the world.
8. A solitary ride through the bush is more beneficial than six months with the best psychiatrist.
9. The worse a person rides the more likely they are going to blame it on the horse.
10. The best thing about going to the barn first thing in the morning is that horses don't care how you look.
11. If a dealer insists a horse is worth twice what he's asking he's usually worth half that much.
12. The best way to appreciate how another person rides is to get on their horse.
13. I can recognize another horse person no matter what town, city, state, county or country I visit.
14. You can never have too many hoof picks.
15. It is not wise to argue with something that outweighs you buy 1,000 pounds
16. I'd rather have a horse with a perfect mind than a perfect head.
17. Eight hours is not too long to be in the saddle!
18. If you think you have left the water on in the barn you have, if you think you have closed the pasture gate you haven't.
19. When someone asks you if you like their horse always say yes
20. The happiest people I know own horses, dogs, cats and at least one deranged goat.
21. If you're looking for the perfect horse you will never own one.
22. Owning a horse can either make a marriage or break it.
23. I'd rather lose my Chap Stick than my curb chain.
24. You shouldn't talk about your first place ribbon to someone that came second.
25. If someone says that horse has a little buck, it has a BIG buck.
26. If we need rain, schedule a show.
27. I've never warmed up to someone that didn't want to walk down to the stables.
28. A clean stable and a sparkling horse are among life's great pleasures.
29. Even given away horses can be too expensive. Especially give away horses.
30. No matter how badly behaved you are, your horse always gives you a second chance.
31. A more expensive horse doesn't make a better one.
32. I can't stand to have an empty stable.
33. Losing a horse can break your heart, but it will have been worth it. Horses don't have horse problems, they have people problems!

-Anonymous