



Georgia Mare Wins BIG at Nationals

Compared to 2007, it was the same song, different verse. Cindy Griffeth rode “Lolita de Napoleon”, a Pleasure Mare owned by Ray and Jo Franklin (owners of Silverwood Stables located in Bethlehem, GA), to a 4th National Championship ribbon out of a class of 43 mares. As if this wasn’t enough, Cindy and “Lolita” returned to the Pleasure Mares and Fillies Championship to bring home a Reserve Grand National Championship title.

Cindy Griffeth is the owner of Mandalay Bay, a training facility for Paso Fino horses, located in Dawsonville, GA. She has been training Pasos for the past 25 years, acquiring many regional and national titles.

“Lolita” has a legacy of wins, starting in 2002 as a 3-yr old. She began her career as the

Reserve 3 yr old Filly in the Amateur Owner division with Ray Franklin as the owner. In 2004, she was a Reserve National Pleasure Mare, ridden by Jaime Suarez. In the same year, she placed 3rd in the Junior Pleasure class. As if that wasn’t enough, she came back in 2005 to

win 1st place in the Sub Junior Pleasure class. She wasn’t finished as her show career continued into 2007 where Ray Franklin rode her to a 3rd place victory in the Amateur Owner Pleasure Mares class.

For the 2008 show year, she has been successfully shown by Grant Griffeth, the son of Cindy and Dane Griffeth, on the Junior Level of competition. He plans to continue

showing her in the 2009 season so it is safe to say that “she ain’t done yet.”

Ray and Jo have owned Lolita since she



From L to R Crissy Reddick, Gwyn Wright, Ray and Jo Franklin, Cindy Griffeth riding Lolita, Grant and Dane Griffeth



Grant Griffeth and Lolita at Asheville 2008

was about 6 months old. She is a product of excellent breeding with bloodlines tracing back to Capitán (through her sire, Napoleon de Hacienda) and Contrapunto/Ensueno de Colombia (through her dam, Candileja de Contrafuego). She was purchased after the 2008 Nationals by Denton and Margie Rouse.

Congratulations to all involved for a fantastic show season which couldn’t have ended on a higher note.

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Balance submitted by Arleen Klungle

I wanted to start out with a few things for people to think about. Do you feel unbalanced in your saddle or feel unconfident of your riding skills? Maybe your saddle does not fit your horse, saddle pad slides, incorrect length of stirrups, cinch not secure, horse will not stand still and makes rider nervous or shows fear, and the rider is gives the horse mis-ques. Riding your horse without using your legs is like swimming without kicking your feet. You will struggle hard and not get very far. Your LEGS are the underpinning of your horse's performance even when you are not giving him cues. The horse bears the majority of your weight, so their position, (whether it is good or bad) impacts both your balance and posture in the saddle. Look straight ahead; DON'T LOOK DOWN, IF YOU LOOK DOWN, YOU WILL FALL DOWN. When you look down, you move your balance point forward. Your feet will automatically go under your bottom and you will lose your balance. The horse feels the forward movement and causes the horse's body to be out of balance. A balanced seat and the placement of your legs correctly while standing still will help you ride with rhythm and motion.

When you feel yourself falling backward, it means your legs have slipped forward. You will know when you can stand up without having to reposition your legs and you can comfortably and consistently maintain your standing posture at any gait. Mirror your horse's movements.

Know where your horse's feet are at all times. Move your shoulders accordingly to the motion of Fluidity and Rhythm. You will encounter an uncomfortable ride, if you ride against the horse's rhythm. Ride your horse with the flow of his motion and it will feel like you are dancing. Communicate Clear Cues. A strong and steady neu-

tral or soft leg is very important to being an effective rider. Accuracy keeps the lines of communication open and clear to your horse. Where you place

your legs on your horse's body influence how he moves. The rider's leg is the boundaries of a tunnel through which a horse travels. The location of your legs determines the shape of the tunnel.



Activate both legs equally and you generate forward motion. Activate one leg with a casual rein and you generate a small circle, etc. When you use your legs too tight against

the horse's stomach, this confuses the horse of what you want him to do. Horses are claustrophobic animals. They need freedom to move. Always communicate with a soft leg and ask with your body language.

Ask your horse with a feel of motion. There are many horses that have amazing improvements in their strides, attitudes, posture and movement when the rider is balanced. The horse presents a low shoulder on one side and bears most of the rider's weight dispersed on the outsides of their rear heels when properly balanced. The rider will have impulsion problems and trouble with the horse maintaining their gait. After being balanced, the rider gets to experience a very powerful stride with impulsion coming from BEHIND for the FIRST TIME. Sometimes it takes someone else's eye to help you pin point your problem in order for you to move on to your next level of riding.

Don't stay in the same place for a long time. It is the little things that make the difference. I enjoy helping riders become better with their horses whether it is on the ground or in the saddle. I am always improving my riding skills and teaching ground safety is very important to me.

Remember to Dance with your Horse, they will love you even more!!!!

Exercises: Posture and Building a better leg:

- Stand up in your saddle without using your stirrups.
- Stand straight up in your saddle and sit down to find your balance point or equilibrium as your horse stands still.
- Stand up for 10 strides and sit down for 10.
- Rest.
- Now with arms out (like an airplane) do 10 small arm circles.
- Bring both hands to touch your nose.
- Bring each hand one at a time to touch your nose.
- Sit on both hands with one hand holding onto the cantle. Do this in both directions.
- Now try this same exercise at a walk with someone on the lead line in a round pen.
- Try it at a Jog or corto and then at a canter.
- You should be able to ride standing up in all gaits very comfortably.
- As you improve with all the gaits ADD Circles to the same exercise.

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Nikki's Story submitted by Arleen Klungle

Nikki Kirk turns 27 this December. December is a special anniversary in our family for many reasons. It is the time we were first blessed with an angel with Downs Syndrome. It is the time we lost her. It is the time we got her back. It is the time she and her best friend Rosa became inseparable. You see, in December 2000 Nikki's heart stopped. We thought we had lost her. Friends and family rallied around her each day in the hospital and when she came out of her coma, she woke up laughing. She could not figure out why the rest of us were in tears. She even said, "It's okay, Momma, I'm right here." Then she had a request. When Nikki got out of the hospital she wanted a pony, a Springer Spaniel, and Billy Ray Cirrus. Well, Billy Ray got his own television show that winter and in the spring Nikki got her Springer puppy. All that was left was to get her a pony.

In August 2001, our nephew, Dakota Scott was born. He had a myriad of health problems, but we already had access to an amazing team of doctors. He came to live with them full time at just weeks old. That changed things and caused some delays in the process of acquiring said pony.

The following summer Nikki's brother, David got a job work-



ing at RaShaw Farms in South Carolina. Though he had spent most of his life around horses, he was amazed by the power and grace of the Paso Finos he was working with and invited his family out to the farm to see them. That would be when Nikki met Rachael (Shaw Laney's sister) and was introduced to the breed. The smooth ride and gentle disposition was a perfect match to our gentle angel. Rachael started giving Nikki riding lessons. The Laney's were wonderful with Nikki. Through her they helped introduce our family to the breed.

Nikki had to stop taking riding lessons for a while because our nephew had surgery in the fall and again in winter. When she began riding again in spring of 2003, Shaw Laney started giving Nikki

riding lessons and introduced her to her new best friend Rosa, a two year old filly he was

training. Nikki fell in love the moment they met. Shaw started letting Nikki ride Rosa occasionally while she was in training. Rosa became the only horse



Nikki and her Equine Friend

she wanted to ride. She did not know that our family was secretly making payments on Rosa all through out that fall. On December 24, 2004, Shaw delivered Rosa to Nikki complete with ribbons on her halter and bows in her mane. Nikki was overjoyed. She finally had the horse of her dreams.

Shaw took Nikki to the Asheville horse show on lead line in Spring 2004. This gave her a taste for showing and a ribbon as long as she is tall. When Nikki got to a show again it was four years and three thousand miles later. Nikki has moved to Oregon and brought Rosa with her. Just recently, they competed in a gaited horse show in Albany, Oregon. This was the first time Nikki and Rosa had gone into the show ring together. They competed in the Lead Line, Costume, and All Breed Open classes and earned two 1st, and 4th place ribbons

Send me your articles and information.

pas064@bellsouth.net

GPFHA Membership Drive is Underway

If you have not already done so, please take a moment to fill out a 2009 membership application (see page 8) and return it to Kim Willis (the address is on the application).

In order to make it into the 2009 Directory, please have it returned with your membership fees by no later than January 1, 2009. There will be no guarantee that you will be listed if you miss that deadline. Don't delay!

Visit us on line at
www.gpfha.org

2009 GPFHA Directory Ads on Sale Now

Showcase your farm, business, products and services! As the GPFHA Directory is distributed throughout the southeast at regional and the national shows, exhibitions and beyond, the potential for you to be "seen" by thousands is enormous. Don't pass up the opportunity for advertising at a wonderful price.



The inside front cover, back cover and inside back cover have been

sold. The center spread is available for \$300 (consisting of a 2 full pages). Prices for ads range from \$40 for a business card ad to \$150 for a full page ad.

Please send your black and white camera ready artwork to :

Gwyn Wright,
1682 Butter and Egg Road
Hazel Green, AL 35750

You may submit color but please note that it will be scanned and converted to black and white.

If you need assistance in creating an ad, please contact Gwyn at 256-828-1060. For more information on the

directory, please call Greg Willis at 706-782-6004.

To make sure that your ad is included in the directory in a timely basis, please mail payment with your ad. Ads received without payment will not make it into the directory.

Don't miss this opportunity! Reserve your space today!

It is a lot of "bang" for your buck and these days, we could all use a great bargain.

Payback Offered by Jeffers and Country Supply

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 wormer 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.

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GPFHA Members Receive PFHA LOM Awards

The following GPFHA "horses" have earned the 2007 PFHA Legion of Merit Awards. This award is presented to a horse or Costume class rider who has accumulated at least 1500 show point.

Ray Franklin Lolita de Napoleon
Hannah Randall Adonito de Ropa

**Advertise
on-line**

If you would like to have a business or website, the cost per year is \$25 per link. Also, classified ads are also available. A text ad for one (1) year is \$15. A test ad with one photos is only \$25 for one (1) year. If you would like to add 2 photos with your text ad, the price for your ad would be \$40 for a year.

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

President's Message submitted by Gwyn Wright

If each member bought 1 business card ad: the amount would be \$5,040.00. If each member SOLD 1(one) business card ad, the amount would be \$5040.00 Add those two together and the grand total would be over \$10,00.00

If only ½ the members bought a ¼ page ad , that would equal \$3780.00. Likewise, if all members sold a ¼ page ad, GPFHA would make 7,560.00. Again, add those together and you get over \$11,340.00. The scenario could go on and on.

The message here is that GPFHA needs your support. Whether it be from buying an ad or selling one or more, GPFHA needs your participation. This is an excellent opportunity for you to show your support of GPFHA. If you are unable to purchase an ad, sell one! If you aren't able to volunteer as you would like to do, sell

ads! This directory is distributed all over the state of Georgia, including Nationals. It is an inexpensive way to advertise ANY business or service. We are not limited to only equine related businesses. As much as most of us would hate to admit, there is life "after horses".

Please remember that the money from the sale of the ads goes directly into a prize fund. This fund enables our Association to offer prize money at the show. Exhibitors come

to compete, the more exhibitors, the more horses, stalls and class fees we are able to collect. The bottom line there is that it directly benefits you, the member of GPFHA, by increasing the amount of money which can be spent on items to promote the breed which in turn helps to introduce people to the breed and maybe sell some horses,

grow the membership. It is a win, win situation but it is not possible unless you, the member, support that effort. It is the "trickle down" effect.. Abbreviated, here is what it looks like: Upwards of \$10,000 worth of ads sold for directory; able to offer prize money at the show; more exhibitors come and bring more horses to compete for money; more stalls sold, more class fees paid. The show makes more

***GPFHA needs member participation,
Now, more than ever***

money, GPFHA makes more money; GPFHA has more money in the bank; GPFHA can offer its members more

If you feel you have done your duty financially by paying your yearly dues and don't wish to purchase an ad, that is fine. But, please go out and sell one. It doesn't have to cost you a dime to sell one or more ads for this directory.

"Madness" author Unknown

Why do I like horses?
I reckon I must be mad.
My mother wasn't horsey
And neither was my dad.
But the madness hit me early
And it hit me like a curse.
And I've never gotten better
In fact I've gotten worse
My stables are immaculate.
My house is like a hovel.
Last year for my birthday
I got a brand new shovel
I hardly read a paper
But I know who's sold their horse
And I wouldn't watch the news
If Mr. Ed was on, of course.
One eye's always on the heavens
But my washing waves in vain



As I rush to get the horses in
In case it's gonna rain.
And though they're wearing 15 rugs,
The best that you can get,
I bring them in to keep them dry
While I get soaking wet.
I spend up every cent I've got
On horsey stuff for sure.
I buy fancy rugs and fancy rugs,
And then I buy some more.
I should have had that hair cut
Or bought that nice blue shirt
Ripped to shreds and in the dirt.
I can't make a bloody sponge cake
I don't even try
But I can back a truck and trailer
In the twinkling of an eye.

It's pants and R.M. boots
That I live in night and day
And that smell of sweaty horses
Just doesn't wash away.
Once in every... now and then
I can dress up for a ball.
Make up and a hairdo
With high heel shoes and all.
I ache from long forgotten falls.
My knees have got no skin.
My toes have gone a funny shape.
From being squashed again.
But late at night, when all is still
And I've gone to give them hay,
I touch their velvet softness
And my worries float away.
They give a gentle nicker
And they nuzzle through my hair
And I know it's where my heart is
More than anywhere.

“Just a Horse” Anonymous

From time to time, people tell me, "lighten up, it's just a horse," or, "that's a lot of money for "just a horse". They don't understand the distance traveled, the time spent, or the costs involved for "just a horse."

Some of my proudest moments have come about with "just a horse." Many hours have passed and my only company was "just a horse," but I did not once feel slighted.

Some of my saddest moments have been brought about by "just a horse," and in those days of darkness,



the gentle touch of "just a horse" gave me comfort and reason to overcome the day.

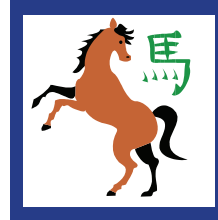
If you, too, think it's "just a horse," then you will probably understand phrases like "just a friend," "just a sunrise," or "just a promise."

"Just a horse" brings into my life the very essence of friendship, trust, and pure unbridled joy. "Just a horse" brings out the compassion and patience that make me a better person. Because of "just a horse" I will rise early, take long walks

and look longingly to the future. So for me and folks like me, it's not "just a horse" but an embodiment of all the hopes and dreams of the future, the fond memories of the past, and the pure joy of the moment. "Just a horse" brings out what's good in me and diverts my thoughts away.

I hope that someday they can understand that it's not "just a horse" but the thing that gives me humanity and keeps me from being "just a woman/man."

So the next time you hear the phrase "just a horse" just smile, because they "just" don't understand. -



PFHA Membership Drive

The PFHA Membership Drive is currently on going for new or renewal memberships. **This drive began on Sept 13th and will close Dec 31st.** There are two categories for the drive.

1. One Year Memberships, new or renewed and excludes "First Time Buyers Program" for the opportunity to win 1 of 20- \$50 cash prizes.

2. Three Year renewals for an opportunity to win a \$500 gift certificate to our Corporate Sponsor, Orthoflex. Family memberships will use the primary member number for their entry.

You may contact the PFHA office at 813-

719-7777 for updates as they are handling the tracking of the memberships. The drawing will be held at the January Membership Convention in Orlando.

Win cash and prizes JUST for renewing your PFHA membership

Don't delay, go on line for an application or contact the National office.

Congratulations to GPFHA Award winners

At the October Awards dinner, we had the opportunity to recognize the 2008 High Point winners. Please go on line to see the full list broken down by the individual classes.

Bellas Formas Doble Chavo Rojo

Kim & Greg Willis

Pleasure El Ultimo de Santa Cruz

Denton & Margie Rouse

Performance Candelaria CC

Cindy Griffeth

A/O Pleasure Adonito de Ropa Hannah Randall

A/O Performance Adonito de Ropa Hannah Randall

Specialty Baile en Luz de La Luna Laura Scouten

Sub Junior Grant Griffeth

High Point Horse Open Candelaria CC

Cindy Griffeth

High Point Horse A/O Adonito de Ropa

Hannah Randall

Each winner received a beautiful banner with their accomplishment as well as a certificate. The High Point Horse winners received a etched glass trophy with a wooden frame. Congratulations!

Northeast Georgia Natural Horsemanship Play Day and Fun Show (June 22, 2008 and September 28, 2008)

Submitted by Arleen Klungle

On June 22, 2008 The storms rolled in and we thought no one would come to our first Play Day and Fun Show. As soon as we parked at Davis Farms in Bogart, Ga., the sun came out. Many thanks to Jim Davis who graciously donated his arena for us to have a good time.

Those attending were Jim Davis and Kitty, Zach Davis, Mason Nix, Anne Marie Bilella,

Arleen and Jim Klungle, Harold Martin, Susan Kemp, Brenda Alford, Maddie Ussery, Felicia Wrape, Christina, Jeremy & Victoria Alford

The first part of the morning, everyone lined up for a small lesson of the Friendly game and the Yo Yo Game on the ground. We used our ropes with carrot stick and string to show the basics of ground safety. The games taught everyone how to get their horses respect without using devices or harsh actions.



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and string to show the basics of ground safety. The games taught everyone how to get their horses respect without using devices or harsh actions. Anne Marie took

part of the participants and I took the other half to help answer questions and show how natural horsemanship works on a safety level. All horses responded and the participants saw progress on the ground first hand.

We used our ropes to ask the horses to do tasks like going over a barrel and touch the barrel with their nose. We asked the students to put the BIG GREEN BALL on their horses back. Everyone was amazed at how short a time it took for their horse to figure out the ball was not going to



eat him!

Next we saddled up our horses to begin to play the fun games. The Fun Games began with pole bending, barrel racing, egg and spoon and the wine glass race. Everyone had a great time and a lot of good food to eat at lunch time.

Our time was cut short as the nearby storms threatened our play day. As you can see the group photo was a thrill with blue ribbons flying in the wind. When I gave out blue ribbons to all the participants, all were amazed as that was the highlight of their day; especially my grandson, Mason. He held his ribbon up high for pictures.



Getting our Youth Involved

submitted by Arleen Klungle

As most of you know, when I go to the horseshows I bring my grandson Mason with me. He just turned seven years old and has been coming to the shows before he could walk. He met his first friends Casey and Grant through our shows at Chicopee and Clemson. He always asked me, "will Casey and



Grant be at the next show?" Every year he meets new friends and is getting more excited in going. After he saw Casey and Grant ride at Asheville and The Nationals, he has been asking me if he could ride. I told him he needed weekly lessons in order to

I know Mason is much happier when he is at the show with his family, the horses and friends.

Have a great Holiday Season and we can't wait for the first show next year to see everyone again! May God Bless you all. Arleen and Mason



GPFHA 3rd Annual Treasure Hunt Trail Ride submitted by Chris Williams

What a beautiful, bright sunny day we had on Saturday, October 18, 2008. This was GPFHA's 3rd Annual Benefit Trail Ride held at Watson Mill Bridge State Park, Comer, Georgia; and for the third year in a row we had fantastic weather. Turnout for the ride was down a little from 2007; but given increased prices for gas, hay, etc. the number of riders was good again this year. Everyone had a great time riding, and the



sale table during lunch was a huge success.

Due to the overwhelming response to our request for donations we were able to raffle off eight prizes this year instead of only three (Paso bridle set; a 2-hour riding lesson; two sets of 4 alfalfa bales; saddle pad; rope halter; saddle bags; and a \$50 gift certificate). Since all prizes were donated this year, and GPFHA did



not have to use funds for purchases as in the past, the 2008 proceeds will most likely surpass what was made in 2007.

As noted on our flyer, this year's ride was held to benefit GPFHA and the 2009 Georgia State Parks Workday to be held in March, 2009. A huge "thank you" goes out to all volunteers – we couldn't do this without you!



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Win Prizes for selling GPFHA Directory Ads

GPFHA is offering prizes for those who sell ads for the 2009 directory.

For every **five(5) PAID** ads of any size (Friends of GPFHA excluded) you will receive your choice of a GPFHA t-shirt, license plate or window/trailer decal. You will also receive one entry into the Grand Prize Drawing to be

Win Prizes by selling ads for the GPFHA Directory

held January 10, 2009. If you continue to sell ads, five (5) more will get you your choice again of the GPFHA merchandise and another entry into the Grand Prize Drawing. Prizes include:

1st Place Australian Saddle w/ stirrups (never ridden, only been

in a barn)

2nd Place Free Business Card Ad

3rd Place Choice of any two (2) GPFHA T-shirt, license plate or window/Trailer decal.



Start selling today! For more information, please see pages 12 and 13 of this issue. For questions, please contact Greg Willis at 706-782-6004.

This Space Could Have your Article or Story in it!

Don't forget to send me information regarding your farm, business, tales from the trail or show or just a funny story. This is the place it needs to be! The newsletter is all about the members of this Association so your input is needed and very welcome.

Look for our new calendar of events in the December newsletter as well as article from friends a neighbors.



Happy Thanksgiving to Everyone

Happy Thanksgiving to everyone and hope that you all have safe travels and a wonderful Holiday Season.





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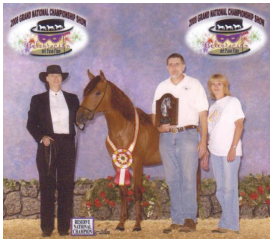
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Georgia Represented Well at Nationals

Kim and Greg Willis *Doble Chavo Rojo*



-Reserve National
Bellas Formas Yearling
Colt

-4th National
Breeders
Sweepstakes
Yearling Colt

Suzy Varner *Domingo del Turista*



-4th National A/O
Pleasure
Schooling 3
Year Old Colts

-Reserve Pleas-
ure Futurity

Arleen Klungle *Espartano de Prometido*



-3rd National
Bella Forma
Stallions

April Hughes *Milagro de Insolito*

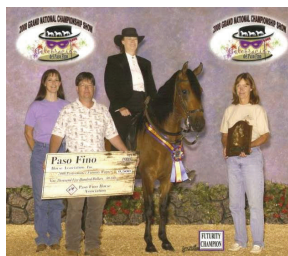


-HM National
A/O Pleasure
Gelding

-3rd Grand
National A/O
Pleasure
Gelding

3rd Grand Nat'l Champion

Katreena Haley *Corona mas Fina*



-Performance
Futurity Win-
ner

Ray and Jo Franklin *Lolita de Napoleon*

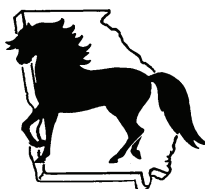


-4th National
Pleasure Mares

-Reserve Grand
National Pleas-
ure Mares

If you would like to send me your horses, your name and the placement please send it to pasos64@bellsouth.net. I will get it in the next issue of the "Peach State Paso News".

Congratulations to everyone who participated in the 2008 Grand National Show!



GPFHA

2009 Georgia Paso Fino Horse Association Membership Application

Return to:
 Kim Willis
 1933 Worley Creek Road
 Lakemont, GA 30552

Individual/Family

Name _____

Additional Adult Family Member _____

Youth Member (under 18)

Name _____	Age _____	Name _____	Age _____
Name _____	Age _____	Name _____	Age _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ E-Mail** _____

**** E-mail is our main form of communication as it is fast and inexpensive. Please provide us with your address but if you do not check your e-mails regularly, please make a note of it in the margin!**

Farm/Business

Farm Or Business Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ E-Mail _____ Web Address _____

Services (circle number of each that applies)

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|---|-----------|---------------------|-------------|-------------|
| 1. Breeders | 2. Owners | 3. Stallion Service | 4. Boarding | 5. Training |
| 6. Stock for sale | | | | |
| 7. Riding Lessons | | | | |
| 8. Tack for sale | | | | |
| 9. Visitors Welcome – Appointment Appreciated | | | | |
| 10. _____ | | | | |

Other _____

Representative or Agent Name _____

Please check if you would like to be listed under your business name in the directory

For all Applicants

Number of Horses Owned:

Paso Fino _____ Other Breeds _____ Type _____

Used for (please number in order of your priority)

Show _____ Breeding _____ Pleasure _____ Trail _____ Competitive Events _____

Activities Interest (please number in order of your priority)

Trail _____ Youth _____ Show _____ Clinics/Seminars _____ Parades _____

Are you currently a member of Paso Fino Horse Association? _____ (yes/no)

Name/PFHA # _____ Name/PFHA # _____

Are you a voting member of another Regional Association?

If so who _____

Membership Structure

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Individual - \$20. | <input type="checkbox"/> Family - \$25 (No farm listing in directory) | <input type="checkbox"/> Farm/Business - \$30. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Youth - \$10. (non-family) | <input type="checkbox"/> Life membership for 2 persons - \$300. | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Associate - \$15 (votes with another region) | | |

Application is hereby made for membership in the indicated category.
 Please make check payable to Georgia Paso Fino Horse Association (GPFHA).

Signature _____ Date _____

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Date Received	Membership No.	Amount Paid	Check No.	Date Mailed

Minutes of Meeting

October 11, 2008

Meeting opened at 11:30pm by Gwyn Wright. (Dinner and Awards first!)

Members Present: April Hughes, Gwyn Wright, Suzy Varner, Bonnie Herman, Brenda Hankinson, Boyd Russell, Ian Black, Melanie Black, Joyce Davis, Chris Williams, Dixie DeLozier, David DeLozier, Jo Franklin, Ray Franklin, Cindy Griffith, Greg Willis, Kim Willis.

Minutes of Meeting: Motion to accept the minutes from prior meeting sans reading presented by Greg, seconded by Gwyn.

Nominations: Gwyn Wright re-elected as President, Dixie DeLozier reelected as Treasurer, Bonnie Herman voted in as Director.

Advertising: Presented by Joyce Davis. Joyce discussed press releases and how they should be handled, if needed. Joyce clarified her position as advertising coordinator as being responsible for submission of ads, etc. Joyce stated that she had publicized all sponsored events and continues attempting to get free advertising when possible through a variety of equine related publications. Our paid print ads were for the trail ride schedule, Open House, 4 Beat Jubilee Show, and the Charity Treasure Hunt. Discussed with other members the advantages of coordinating with other trail riding groups, and using local Chambers of Commerce as a conduit for trail rides. Brenda indicated that she would investigate a paso type clinic for her local trail riding club.

Directory: Presented by Greg Willis. Stated that he is currently contacting a variety of differing businesses for ad placement: local Chambers of Commerce, members who have already committed to several ¼ page, and Seminole for center full spread. Directory is still black & white unless a whole bunch of ads are sold. Directory ad deadline is 1/9/2009. Note: Cindy asked that everyone understand that the sales from directory ads are earmarked to pay for the show awards at a minimum. Greg & Bonnie to talk about an award for most ads sold in directory to help fund the awards (\$500/\$200/\$100 & payouts for championship classes).

Events

Fundraiser: Presented by Chris Williams. Chris indicated that there are 32-35 preregistered entries for the Treasure Hunt as of today. More expected to register at the event. She also stated that we had 71 or so riders last year. Friends of Watson mill have donated a port-a-potty. 144 prizes of various dollar values are all donated. Raffle and auction items of greater value are also in place, plus 1st, 2nd, 3rd place prizes for trail ride winners, too. Surveys are being handed out at lunch in order to determine how riders learned about the ride.

Open House: Presented by Gwyn Wright. Discussed possible new format: Clinic on Saturday from 10am-4pm, dinner at 4pm, open house from 5pm-9pm where individuals can advertise their sale horses and provide demo rides; with Sunday to be only the fun classes. Also may add packages for farms. Gwyn needs four people in committee for open house: Cindy, Gwyn, Dixie, Suzy, Joyce, Chris.

Parades: Jennifer was not in attendance; therefore, there was no report.

Trail Rides: Presented by Boyd Russell. Only two rides left in the year. Committee meeting scheduled on 11/15/08. Boyd is stepping down as Trail Committee Chair due to busy schedule. At November meeting, members should discuss future of trail rides – maybe quarterly instead of monthly. Report to Gwyn in January 2009.

Finance: Presented by Dixie DeLozier. Handed out financial statements including P&L. Balance sheet shows \$2,426.66 through 10/10/08. 2008 Open house income was less than \$200.00 and 4 Beat show loss was around \$800.00.

Futurity: No report from Cindy.

National Delegate: Presented by Cindy Griffith. She advised membership of the reduced cost of registrations only being offered by PFHA for a short period of time. Also, she raised an A/O Safety issue relative to the “prodding/urging” of horses at the in-gate and the complaint lodged against it. Membership is against a rule to govern this action. Cindy discussed the Youth Nationals and the mixed feelings on schedule. The National Committee needs to research the needs of parents/youth riders and to review the results of the survey! Everyone felt that later show start times would be desirable.

Membership: Present by Kim Willis. Advised that the 2008 memberships was 143. Current renewed member is 21 as of today. Note: 8 members renewed at the meeting.

Show Committee: Present by Gwyn Wright. First was a thank you to all volunteers. Gwyn needs a new show manager to fulfill organizational responsibilities. USEF paperwork and our show are two different responsibilities. David is willing to be barn manager again. Greg volunteered to be show chairman. We will need a new landscaping person for the judge’s stand. Discussed a \$25 championship class with a minimum of four horses...no payback with less than four entries.

Old Business: None discussed.

New Business: Calendar for 2009/meeting places for 2009 to be provided by Gwyn in January. Next meeting to be January 17th at Suzy Varner’s residence (Kathleen, GA near Parry).

Gwyn motioned to adjourn at 3:05pm; motion seconded by Ray.

2009 GPFHA Directory

NEW: Contest for GPFHA members

(See Page 9 for details)

Prizes for those who sell the most ads!

Showcase your products and services! Be seen by thousands of Southeastern horse enthusiasts. Reserve your ad space now! Our Annual Directory is distributed at Regional and National Shows as well as open houses, horse fairs, exhibitions and trade shows which include many horse owners and potential first time Paso Fino owners.

New for this year is a listing for “**Friends of GPFHA**” which cost only \$15. This listing includes your name and contact information. It will be included on a listings page with other “Friends of GPFHA”.

Our prices for 2009 have not changed so our prices run as low as \$40.00 for Business Card size to \$300.00 for a center spread. For details on how to send in your ad, please see the GPFHA media Kit. **If you require assistance in creating an ad, please contact Gwyn Wright at 256-828-1060.** Fees will be determined by the amount of time taken to create the ad.

We will accept Camera Ready Artwork Only.*

If you submit a color ad, it will be scanned and made B/W.

PC USERS- High Resolution JPEG

For ad information please call Greg Willis: 706-782-6004 or Bonnie Herman at 706-379-0944.

Send your check made payable to “**GPFHA**”* with ad materials to:

Gwyn Wright

1682 Butter and Egg Road

Hazel Green, AL 35750

* Payment MUST accompany artwork or your ad will be rejected and returned.

DEADLINE FOR ADS: JANUARY 5, 2009.



Georgia Paso Fino Horse Association

2009 Directory Pricing

Advertiser _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Contact Name _____

Phone _____ FAX _____ E-mail _____

Signature _____ Date _____

How to place your ad: Only camera Ready Hard Copy will be accepted. Ads can be E-mailed to *pasof64@bellsouth.net*.

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Ad Close Date: January 5, 2009 Publication: March 2009

PLACEMENT	SIZE	RATE	CHOICE
Inside Front Cover	Full Page	\$225.00	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> sold
Center Spread	2 Full Pages	\$300.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
Inside Back Cover	Full Page	\$200.00	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> sold
Outside Back Cover	Full Page	\$250.00	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> sold
Inside	Full Page	\$150.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
Inside	½ Page	\$80.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
Inside	¼ Page	\$60.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
Inside	Business Card	\$40.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
Friends of GPFHA	1-Line Listing	\$15.00	<input type="checkbox"/>

Please attach check with order materials as **ads submitted without payment will be rejected**. Make checks payable to:

GPFHA

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Questions?

Contact Greg Willis 706-782-6004