

QPA AWARDS

Several of our 2005 high point awards winners have sent in pictures of their ponies with their awards. We have included one here and more will be added as space permits. We wish to Congratulate them all again! Thanks for the pictures! In addition to the plaques and embroidered sheets, our winners received gift certificates to Country Supply. We would like to remind you that your purchases at Country Supply online can be used to donate funds to QPA. Simply enter QPA as a care code when you order, and the company will donate a portion of the proceeds to help our organization. Visit Country Supply at www.countrysupply.com and check out their extensive catalog!

SPOTLIGHT ON...

This month we want to spotlight Ann Collins and her daughter Rebecca Collins of Happy Trails Quarter Pony Farm in Selmer Tennessee. Ann tells us her story in her own words:

“As I was reading the October All Breed issue of the 1993 Western Horseman, I came across an AQPA article that caught my interest. My daughter had a young quarter horse mare that met the requirements, so I registered her. Through the years, my daughter Rebecca and her quarter pony Daisy won almost all the awards you can win in the local saddle club and also through AQPA.

“My husband (now ex) and I were breeding Paint horses when I found out about the IQPA, also in the Western Horseman magazine. I had been wanting to raise the smaller Quarter Horses and Paints, so we bought a couple of smaller mares to breed to our Paint stallion. As I had predicted, the Quarter Ponies were easier to sell than the full size horses.

“Since I have been an AQPA inspector since 1994 and an IQPA inspector since 1997, and also an equine photographer. It has enabled me to promote the breed in the West Tennessee area where we live.

“For seven years I owned and showed a double registered APHA/IQPA gelding, Versarys Tari. Tari earned many high point awards locally and also earned IQPA ROMs in Halter, Hunt Seat and Western Pleasure. He also earned an IQPA Superior in Western Pleasure and IQPA Champion. I no longer own Tari, so I am currently working with my 2 ½ year old filly that is showing great potential. I owned her dam (Dads Sweet Pickle – APHA) several years ago and won several saddle club high point awards and awards through the APHA’s OCAP program. Unfortunately she came down with navicular disease and was retired to be a broodmare when she was in her prime. Sleight Leah Gypsy – who is a foal of my old Paint mare and also a granddaughter of Sleight of Hand-WPCSA on her sire’s side is eagerly taking her dam’s place in the show ring. She was shown only lightly in the 2005 show season but still accumulated enough points to earn High Point in Halter and Walk/Trot in the McNairy Co. Equine Association, and

Reserve high point in Halter and 4th place high point in Western events with the QPA. I am anxious to see what she can accomplish in the future.”

We are proud to have Ann and her daughter as a part of the Quarter Pony Association. It is hard working people like this that will make our venture a success and help promote the ponies we all love so much.

QUARTER PONY FOALS

We are hearing announcements of new babies all the time. Space limitations keep us from posting pictures of them all, but many will be added here as the months go by. You can visit the nursery at www.iqpa.com to see more babies added there.