

December marks the passing of yet another year. It's just crazy how time races on by. Fond farewells to 2007, with warm greetings for the incoming New Year!

To all QPA members and supporters... Thank you for your continued support and participation throughout 2007. *Best Wishes for a Healthy, Happy and Prosperous 2008.*

That said, let's see...

### **WHATSA GO'N ON WITH QPA?**

Beats me... I imagine everyone is working off the extra weight they gained last month. Or... newly appointed officials are trying to embrace their new positions?

### **WHATSA GO'N ON WITH THE REGISTRIES?**

Not too sure here either. I wonder how many ponies are registered now. Don't you?

### **WHATSA GO'N ON IN THE REGIONS?**

Wish I could tell you all something, but based on the information below, it seems our Regional Directors and Points Director have been busy. Or they've passed the responsibility to the newcomers? Probably tabulating all the last minute point submissions? No need to get ruffled (smile) tis the season to be jolly.

#### 1. LEADING IN THE REGIONS (and elsewhere) THIS SEASON:

Northeast Region - No reports since our November newsletter.

South Region – No reports since our November newsletter.

Midwest Region – No reports since our November newsletter.

West Region - No reports since our November newsletter.

*Leading elsewhere in the world -*

No reports since our November newsletter.

#### 2. LEADING THE SEASON OVERALL FOR THE NATION:

As of September 9, 2007 the QPA proudly boasts:

Skippers Peppy Lena  
with "Ro Jo's Pokey" in Reserve

(Thank you for the info, Laurie Whitling (QPA's President, as of this submission)

#### 3. FIRST TIME QPA POINT EARNERS:

No reports since our November newsletter.

### **WHATSA GO'N ON IN THE INDUSTRY?**

Since it's a slow month, here are a couple of thoughts for members to ponder as we look forward to the new season:

1. There's been much hoopla about the National Animal Identification System (NAIS). Is that an issue that QPA should concern itself with; or is this a personal choice matter? Should QPA take a stance on this matter? Don't know what NAIS is? Google it on your computer and research both sides of the issue. Don't have a computer? Contact the USDA and The Farm and Ranch Freedom Alliance. Both organizations are polar opposites on the issue.
2. Another issue, that seems to be in the forefront, is the disease called HERDA. Should QPA take a stance on this issue, as well, or leave breeders to decide for their selves? Never heard of HERDA? Google it on you computer and research both sides of the issue. Don't have a computer? Contact Dr. Winand at Cornell University or UC Davis; or both.

I wonder if QPA and its affiliate registries will take a position on either of these two issues. Don't you?

### **RUMOR HAS IT**

I hear it's still not "PC" (that means "politically correct" in case you didn't know) to say "Merry Christmas" anymore. Apparently, its still far more PC to say nothing, or simply "Happy Holidays."

Ho hum. To those that celebrate some other holiday, Happy Holidays. For those that celebrate Christmas... MERRY CHRISTMAS; and to those that do neither... To All A Good Night.

### **QUARTER PONY PICS**

Take your best shot and submit those QP pictures! Your pony just might get selected for an upcoming newsletter. Submissions accepted at [Photos@QuarterPonyAssociation.com](mailto:Photos@QuarterPonyAssociation.com) - If your picture makes the cut, your ponies image shall be forwarded to the appropriate party for further consideration. Sorry, only pictures of registered QPA approved ponies, owned by current members, are eligible for consideration.

### **OTHER IMPORTANT QPA INFO**

Membership Reminder(s):

2008 Quarter Pony Association membership fee will be due in just a couple of months. If you want to continue in the QP journey, please remember to include said fee in your upcoming budget plans. Of course, don't forget to mail that fee to QPA!

All submissions for consideration in the QPA Newsletter including, but not limited to, emails, articles/stories, commentaries, informational submissions and pictures/images, become property of the Quarter Pony Association and no compensation, for use, shall apply.

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"... MERRY CHRISTMAS and to all a good night!"

### **Final Thought:**

Isn't it funny... even the ending phrase from a popular Christmas story already extends well wishes to ALL no matter what ones belief. Soooo, "chill" my fellow equine admirers! Just enjoy being you (BIG SMILE, WITH WARM THOUGHTS SENT YOUR WAY).

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