

Busy, busy bees at QPA!

That said, lets see...

WHATSA GO'N ON WITH QPA (human membership)

2008 Officers and Directors are quickly settling into their new positions. Veterans offer continued guidance while encouraging new Directors. This season springs renewed hope for Quarter Pony accomplishments as QPA continues the journey forward.

Three of QPA's newest officials have taken on incredible responsibilities. QPA is very pleased to have them volunteer in the capacities they have chosen. On behalf of QPA, it is a pleasure to offer the following brief introduction on these detailed oriented, bundles of energy.

NICKI STEPHENS, QPA Executive Vice-President – Membership Services Director

Nicki is a lifetime equine owner who has a special fondness for supporting youth with equines. Presently, owner/operator of "11N Quarter Ponies", in picturesque Idaho, Nicki has her hands full with her up and coming boarding facility (among other services) scheduled to open this summer. As an Inspector for QPA, and with a fondness for QP's, that follow closely, in appearance, to Foundation type Quarter Horses, acceptance of other QPA positions just seemed a natural fit. Nicki is also the proud owner of the commanding stallion WATCH A LEO MOON (pictured above).

As QPA Membership Services Director, Nicki would like to "offer a welcome and thank you, to our new members". According to Nicki, renewals and new member applications, prior to March 2008, may have experienced some delay due to 2008 Officer and Director transitions. To that extent, she "sends apologies for any delays during this time of transition." Excited about her new positions, Nicki extends "an invitation to QP enthusiasts to join our fine association, to help support and promote this awesome breed, maintain lineage records, and (obtain) exposure (for) the vast exciting World of QP's".

MICHELLE SCRAN, Events Committee Director

Michelle hails from the politically charged state of New Jersey, where she has "taken on many local officials and politicians" in support of her State Animal "The Horse" (or pony). Michelle believes in and supports bringing "equestrians together for a good cause". Further, she has "been working with kids and horses / ponies for a long time. It is important to me that I educate them on the need to do things correct and safe, as well as, forming that trusting relationship with your mount". Michelle has also guided her daughter, Megan, through years of Pony Club, and 4H at both county and state levels. As Michelle's daughter moves on, with higher education or career, Michelle ponders the possibilities of raising more Quarter Ponies... especially breeding her winning QP, ANGELS IMAGE (pictured above), to the "beautiful and talented LARKS RUGGED DESTINY".

As Events Committee Director, Michelle has challenges ahead of her. However, Michelle's knowledge, persuasive personality, and determination seem well suited to the position. Seeking out QP friendly events, sponsor support, and Regional Director support, are among her goals, as she directs this committee. Michelle would like to see QP specific events in the near future.

CYNTHIA KENDALL, Points Secretary

Cynthia finds herself nestled in middle USA, enjoying the lush state of Iowa, where she urges QPA on its' journey to QP specific regional shows - ultimately a QP specific world show. As owner/operator of Skunk River Stables, Cynthia, hopes to specialize in performance QP's of color someday.

Cynthia has wasted no time tackling her newly accepted position. While not releasing any official tabulation, just yet, Cynthia does advise, "Some are off to an early start. The race for the gymkhana title is already close with ponies on both coasts vying for the lead". Cynthia wants members to be aware that Point Forms are available for printing on the QPA website. Contact information is also available on the website. Members without computer access may communicate via snail mail at: QPA – PO Box 297 – Leon, KS 67074. However, members are reminded, point submissions must be post marked, or electronically received, not later than 30 days after the show date, to be eligible for recording. Documents mailed may take longer to record.

WHATSA GO'N ON WITH IQPA (pony registry)

Still registering QP's, for adults and children, throughout the world!

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