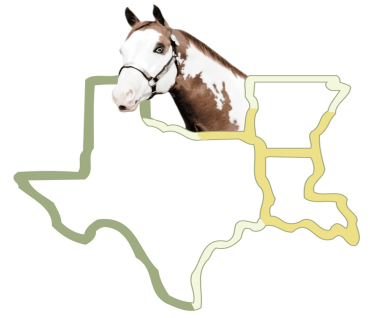


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Happy Spring to Ark La Tex Paint Horse Club Members

It is not without a delicious sense of pleasure that I write those words in March. In the frozen Alberta tundra from whence I come winter still has its icy grip on the land and the first show of the season is two months away. Aren't we lucky to live in a region where we can show our fabulous American Paint horses year round? There is plenty of news to report already so sit back and read all about it.

News from the Show Pen

The Deep South Zone-O-Rama in West Monroe, Louisiana was a smashing success. A big thanks to all of those who worked so hard to organize and execute a very successful show. The pursuit of the Gelding Plus money made for an exciting weekend of competition. Congratulations to Josyanne Frazee and SSF OopsMyZippersDown who made a spectacular comeback after six months of the trials and tribulations that all horse owners dread. Josyanne and "Clint" took home the Open Gelding Plus money and tied with Brian Brady on his new little horse with the big heart, El Bees Lucky Zippo for the Amateur Gelding Plus money. Way to go also to Holly Henneberger who made her novice amateur debut on Tri Mi Zipper and won the pot of Novice Amateur Gelding Plus money. Anne-Marie Fortenberry and Zippos Special K won the Gelding Plus money in the 13 and under category and Marie Luke on Chips Pokemon won it for the 14-18 category. Congratulations to all of you on your fine performances. More results will be posted at the zone site shortly along with pictures from the show as soon as they are received from the photographer. Visit <http://www.APHAZone6.com>.

The show was defined by many other kinds of successes and funny moments. Congratulations to Lori Howard-Barlow and Rocky Oaks Oreo Cream who rose to the challenge of the dreaded English Equitation class and did a bang up job to boot. In addition to riding a very nice pattern, rumor has it that Lori set some kind of record for two-handed smoking as she anxiously awaited the moment of her 2007 Equitation debut. There was no need for worry though because she and "Boo" looked awesome. Watch out English exhibitors; Boo's ready to rock and Lori is lookin' *fine* in the irons. Lacy Merritt on Barlnk Double Tuff, and Te Lightful Sensation and I tried our hands and hoofs at the Novice Western Riding class. Lacy and "Deiter," with their characteristic flare and style, rode a lovely pattern. To my great Te Light, "Andy" came through for me too in the novice class. However, he did not think that riding three western riding classes in a row was such a good idea and indicated his displeasure with the idea as he and I made our way around the Amateur Western Riding pattern. I guess a little rodeo here and there keeps us all humble. All in all, it was a fine weekend of showing and socializing with good friends. Thanks to everyone for coming out, to the trainers who help the amateurs elevate our games, and congratulations to everyone on your accomplishments.

Tid Bits

The Arklatex/LPHC awards banquet on March 10th was a terrific event with a great turn out. The door prizes were plentiful, the awards buckles were lovely, and the company was grand. Thanks to Jerry Lynn Liles, Sue Woodson, Terri Howell, and Kim Martin for organizing the banquet and handling the awards. Thanks also to Kerry Barnes who presented

the awards for the LPHC.

In other news, Buffy King slipped off the back of a truck while helping to unload a refrigerator and suffered a very bad break in her leg. Word on the street is that, although Buffy obviously did not fare well in the battle with the appliance, the refrigerator fared even worse. Regrettably, Buffy has had to put her plans for the show season on ice and is following the doctor's order to chill out for awhile while she heals. Best wishes to Buffy for a speedy and complete recovery.

Jackie Gay has a "woops" of her own to report in the form of two litters of puppies who are seeking homes. The puppies are ½ Catahoula and ½ Australian Shepherd in one case, and ½ Catahoula and ½ Blue Heeler (maybe) in the other. Contact Jackie Gay at jbpainthorses@aol.com if you're in need of a puppy. Jackie reports that her home is NOT in need of a new puppy because there is a new member of the Gay household. Roxanne the Schnauzer has assumed the throne and is officially the Gay's new horse show dog.

Speaking of horse show dogs, check out the section on the website devoted to the biographies of the horse show dogs that we all know and love. Click on "newsletter" and you'll find "Meet the Horse Show Dogs" there. Email me a photo of your horse show dog and its biography and your pooch will be honored with a place on the website for his or her story. If you don't fancy yourself a writer, don't worry about it. Just send me some notes and I'll make it pretty. As well, I'm still looking for stories for "Horse Tales", also located under "Newsletter" on the website. This is the place to share your stories about your encounters with horses, past or recent, at home or in the show pen, that will make us laugh till we cry or maybe just cry. Check it out too. Oh yes, and on the subject of horse tales, I have just finished a fantastic book called *The God of Animals* by Aryn Kyle. It is written from the perspective of a 12-year-old girl who is the daughter of a horse trainer. It is fabulous if you're looking for a good read. You'll find it on Amazon.com.

Congratulations to Russ Chace who will be making his spring show debut astride the lovely Tiffany Two Spots. Watch for this new team in the novice amateur classes. Caroline Brown is also returning to the show circuit (College notwithstanding, we knew she couldn't stay away for long!) astride her new mare, Imafirstclassjet. "Jetta" is a 2001 chestnut overo mare by Ima Gallant Jet. Welcome back Caroline.

Although it is easy to forget, given how well cared for and pampered our show horses are, there are many horses in the Arklatex who are literally dying due to neglect. Russ and I are involved with the Bluebonnet Equine Humane Society, which is an equine rescue organization with jurisdiction in Arkansas and Texas. The organization has taken in an unprecedented number of seriously neglected horses in the last couple of months and is in dire need of all kinds of assistance. If any of you are in a position to make a tax-deductible donation, large or small, to help offset the expense of rehabilitating and caring for the rescued horses, or even to foster a horse while it is waiting to be adopted, please consider doing so. You can find out further information about the organization by visiting <http://www.bluebonnetequine.org>.

On a final, very serious note Alan and Yvette Shaw's youngest son Coleson is tentatively scheduled to undergo a bone marrow transplant in Houston on July 8. Coleson will have to undergo 10 days of chemotherapy before then. In addition to trips to California and Dallas in April and May for tests and meetings with doctors, there will also be many trips to Houston between now and July to make sure everything is perfect when the time for the transplant arrives. Please keep the Shaw family in your thoughts during this difficult time.

That's all for now. Read on for the business of the club that you need to know. Till next time, good luck to all and be sure to send me your news of show successes, new foals, new horses, and whatever else you want included in the next

newsletter, which will be out in a couple of months. On behalf of the Arklatex PHC, I wish everyone lots of color on the ground and great success in the pen.

Contact Linda Tucker
lgtucker@saumag.edu
(870) 786-9189 (before 9 p.m. only please)

Thanks to Our Volunteers

Terri Howell and Kim Martin are going to order the buckles for next year, and Donnie Carson will keep points for 2007. Sue Woodson has agreed to organize the 2008 banquet and Mechele Williams has agreed to manage the July 21st show in Ruston. Thanks for stepping up.

2007 Officers and Directors

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Visit us on the Web

<http://www.arklatexphc.com>

Here you will find officer and director contact information, sponsorship forms, show bills, forms, newsletters, and lots of other club information.

Special Thanks to Our Sponsors

We always appreciate new sponsors. Interested parties will find sponsorship forms on the website. Thanks to the following sponsors who continue to support the club year after year:

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Ark-La-Tex Scholarship

Scholarship applicants must submit the scholarship application (see website), two (2) personal recommendation forms, ACT or SAT scores and transcripts postmarked (not meter marked) no later than midnight June 30, 2007. Applicants for the ALTPHC scholarship must be an active member or a member of a family who currently holds membership during that calendar year. An active participant is defined as an individual who is a regular rider/exhibitor in ALTPHC shows and who willingly works at the ALTPHC shows. A non-showing active participant is defined as an individual who willingly works at the ALTPHC shows. Please submit completed applications to:
Ark-La-Tex Paint Horse Club
c/o C. Lyons
4281 Glen Road
Shreveport, Louisiana 71107

Stallion Service Sale

The stallion service sale began in January 2007. You pay the club ½ of the advertised fee - minimum - \$300. The list of over 100 top stallions is posted on the website. Most stallions are linked to their sites. Shop for your favorite stallion at the site or call Mary Parrott (318) 255-8153 to purchase a breeding or to donate a stallion service. The list is always changing so keep checking. Our stallion owners are the greatest! The last day for stallion owners to pay up their stallion was December 31.

Ark-La-Tex 2007 Show Dates

Note: Due to the closing of the Le Cheval arena in Bossier City, the March and May shows have been cancelled. Please join us on July 21 at the North Louisiana Exposition Center in Ruston, LA for a two-judge show. The March and May shows will be held at this facility in 2008. Thanks

to everyone for your patience regarding the changes to the show schedule and location.

July 21, 2007 Ruston, LA 2 Judges (Pending)

September 21 - 23, 2007 "Magnolia Classic"
4 Judge POR and Futurities
Ike Hamilton Exposition Center, West Monroe, LA
Climate Controlled Arena

September 22 - "Magnolia Classic Youth/Amateur
POR"
3 Judges
Ike Hamilton Exposition Center, West Monroe, LA
Covered Outdoor Arena

Year-End Award Rules will be at the website when pending shows are finalized.

Also Approved for ALTPHC Points:

The following Louisiana Paint Horse Club shows are approved for Ark-La-Tex Points (Pending)

July 2007 New Iberia, LA Sugarena 2 Judges
November 2007 Ruston, LA North La Expo Center
2 Judges

Rules will be at the site soon.

Other LPHC Shows (not approved for ALTPHC)

April 20-22, 2007 West Monroe LA 4 Judges +
4 Judges (2 4J PORs) The show bill is attached to
this newsletter.

The complete Texas/Louisiana Calendar can be
found at Janice Steifel's Website -
www.paintshowsecretary.com

A Few Final Reminders re: Dates & Deadlines:

Don't forget to renew your 2007 Ark-La-Tex PHC membership. Renewal form is at the site.

Please check the website for updates on any pending shows. The APHA Calendar Shifts in 2007 and show scheduling has been difficult. Year-End Award Rules and Show bills will be at the site when these issues are resolved.

Best of luck to everyone in 2007!