



WPAPHA NEWSLETTER...

February 2012

Board Introduction...



From left to right: Mary Gamble, Barbara Halpern, Rochell Heining and John Ham

Greetings and Happy New Year! We are pleased to present our newly elected Board for 2012. These folks volunteer a great deal of time and energy toward the advancement of the organization:

Chairman—Rochell Heining was active showing member of the WPAPHA with BarGee Farms as a Junior back in the mid 80's. After returning to the area and horses after several years away, she opened A Bit Above Saddlery in 2010. Her "real" job is selling websites, search engine marketing and internet advertising to businesses around the country. She plans to use her skills from other aspects of her life to move the WPAPHA forward and increase service to the members.

Vice Chairman— Mary Gamble is the returning Vice Chairman, and has served the WPAPHA in various capacities for the past twenty years. Mary competed in the Amateur-Owner divisions on her homebred mare, Spittin' Image, during her career as a securities principal in the 1980's and 90's. Mary changed careers in the late 90's when she became the manager/trainer at Apple Hill Farm in Valencia.

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Chubb Memorial Trophy

The George H. Chubb Memorial Trophy is the only award not based on points. Professional Members vote on the Junior rider who demonstrates excellent horsemanship both in and out of the show ring.

We congratulate Marina Samad of Bar-Gee Farms for winning this honor two years in a row. Marina is pictured here with her horse Holiday.



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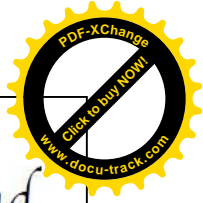
NAL Jumper Classic

Team "Stable Chase"

WPAPHA Horse Show
Thursday Aug 2-Saturday Aug 5 2012
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NEW!
Un Rated Divisions

Equitation Derby



Riding a horse is not a gentle hobby, to be picked up and laid down like a game of Solitaire. It is a grand passion.
- Ralph Waldo Emerson

Board Introduction...con't

Treasurer: John has been the Treasurer since 2004. Along with his wife Arlene they own Double Springs Farm where their daughter Annette Ham Danehy trains and shows horses. All of the Ham's except John have ridden and shown for years. John is a trail rider and horse exerciser. Prior to WPAPHA John was active regionally and nationally in Pony Club.

Secretary— Barbara Halpern: As a public relations consultant for the National Horse Show in New York, Barbara procured the Garden's first ever Corporate Sponsor in the early 70's. She used her fundraising and publicity talents here in Pittsburgh to help create the Harwood Show Jumping Festival. Her efforts have brought the WPAPHA in to a positive balance sheet and she looks forward to raising more money and earning points on her Amateur mount "Trusted" in 2012.

Chairman's Address

I am excited to be a part of a new era for the WPAPHA!

Increasing both the frequency and availability of communication to our members is very important. The website is now updated regularly with meeting minutes, news, events and of course, point standings.

Www.wpapha.com is the website address and we also have a

Facebook page, so look us up online for the most updated information.

For our "technology challenged" members, our goal is to publish two or three printed newsletters each year.

Bringing value in other ways is also a top priority. We organized a clinic over Thanksgiving with Gary Duffy at Cedar Run Farms and it was a huge success.

The clinic sold out and the feedback was positive. We hope to have Gary back to judge our show in August. We are considering a non-riding clinic of some kind for the Spring and another riding clinic in the Fall, so stay tuned for details.

We are also trying to breathe new life in our horse show. Challenges over the last few years have resulted in decreased

2011 Award Banquet

The 2011 awards banquet was held once again, after several years at different venues, at the wonderful Allegheny Country Club in Sewickley over Thanksgiving weekend. More than a century of history recorded in memorabilia and

photos from the Sewickley Hunt, as well as the charm and beauty of the facility, lent an old-world elegance to the event. The beautiful and historic WPAPHA perpetual trophies, some dating back to the 1950's, were on display and

winners received keepsake trophies.

The banquet was well attended, and guests had an opportunity to meet clinician Gary Duffy, who conducted a riding clinic over the weekend at Cedar Run Farms in Allison Park.



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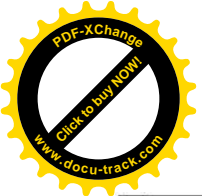
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attendance and we are trying to find creative ways to get more people to our show in August.

In order to make the busy showing schedule a little more convenient for everyone, we are having the show Aug. 2-4; Thursday-Saturday, not Sunday. This will give everyone a chance to regroup before Traders Point and other shows. We

are also planning a "Stable Chase" where teams of four will chase points during the show with great prizes going to the winners.

I welcome any suggestions or ideas on how to improve the show experience. The generous donation of time and funds from our supporters will help ensure a successful show and beyond.

This is an organization

of horse people, for horse people. And like any volunteer organization, you get out what you put in. I am thrilled to see increased attendance and new faces at our open meetings and encourage any amount of participation.

Please direct your comments to me at rochell_h@msn.com or call me 412.736.6718



2011 Award Banquet con't...

The buffet offered a wonderful selection of tasty foods for dinner and dessert, while a pianist accompanied the slide show of past and present PHA members in action. Photographer Sean Pollock chronicled the event, and his photos may be seen on our website –

wpapha.com. Guests also had the opportunity thank exiting board members Amy Keefer and Becki Bloom, and to welcome incoming officers Rochell Heinger and Barbara Halpern.

Many thanks to all who worked on organizing the banquet, especially to Amy

Keefer, our exiting chairman, for providing emcee duties, and to Kitty Sue Pfahl for all of her hard work.

We hope to see everyone next year!!

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2011 Financial Summary

Due in large part to the fund raising efforts of Barbara Halpern and the generosity of our members and horse lovers around Pittsburgh, the WPAPHA was able to record another positive gain in the books for FY 2011.

These funds go towards insurance and scholarship opportunities and developing continuing education for our members.

Ending Bank Balance 2010		\$10,103.65
Total Income 2011	\$33,828.06	
Total Expenses 2011	\$26,749.20	
Net Gain 2011		\$7,078.86
Ending Bank Balance 2011		\$17,182.51



2011 Year End Award Winners...

Hunter Divisions

PRE-GREEN WORKING HUNTER

CHAMPION: Evening Attire / Mary Markvan / Jeff Gogul
RES. CHAMPION: Slide Aside / Kendra Gambol / Adam Gray

VERY GREEN WORKING HUNTER

CHAMPION: Guilty As Charged / Kira Wissman
RES CHEMPION: Robert O Bleau / Karen Block / Meghan Sullivan

AMATEUR OWNER HUNTER

CHAMPION: O So Soxy / Kelly Jones
RES CHAMPION: Espree de la Vida / Carly O'Hara

ADULT AMATEUR HUNTER 18-35

CHAMPION: Evening Attire / Mary Markvan

RES CHAMPION: Dos / Sara Ladley

ADULT AMATEUR HUNTER OVER 35

CHAMPION: First Impressions / Jan O'Donnell
RES CHAMPION: More Than Welcome / Annette Luther

LOW AMATEUR HUNTER

CHAMPION: Cherry Chikita / Barbara Bancroft / Beth Boyce

CHAMPION: Pacific Fleet / Emily Wilson

RES CHAMPION: Holiday / Marina Samad

CHILDREN'S WORKING HUNTER

CHAMPION: Salmon Run / Carson Cavalline

RES CHAMPION: Simply Simon / Anna Arnn

CHILDREN'S PONY HUNTER

CHAMPION: Special Feature / Anna Vesho

RES CHAMPION: It's All About Me / Anne Friday

SHORT STIRRUP HUNTER

CHAMPION: Just Pretend / Alexandra Willner

RES CHAMPION: My Mercedes / Abigail Glikes

Jumper Divisions

JUNIOR / AMATEUR JUMPER (based on monies won)

CHAMPION: Tango Z / Sara Cook

ADULT JUMPER

CHAMPION: Exclusive Edition / Angela Corte

CHILDREN'S JUMPER

CHAMPION: Abella Fortuna / Sara Cook

LOW CHILDREN'S / LOW ADULT JUMPER

CHAMPION: Wendsor / Mikalah Singer

RES CHAMPION: Let's Go Streaking / Lauren Downing

Breeding Divisions

TWO-YEAR-OLD

CHAMPION: Roarin' Aurora / Harris Ferris

THREE-YEAR-OLD

CHAMPION: Play Mister For Me / Susan Stanton / Lin Anderson

Equitation Divisions

JUNIOR HORSEMANSHIP 14-17

CHAMPION: Marina Samad

CHILDREN'S HORSEMANSHIP

CHAMPION: Carson Cavalline

ADULT HORSEMANSHIP

CHAMPION: Sara Ladley

RES CHAMPION: Carly O'Hara

SHORT STIRRUP HORSEMANSHIP

CHAMPION: Abigail Glikes

RES CHAMPION: Alexandra Willner

Rider Divisions

WPAPHA ADULT HUNTER RIDER (OPHA Low Adult)

CHAMPION: Lindsey Stover

RES CHAMPION: Kira Wissman

LOW CHILDREN'S HUNTER RIDER

CHAMPION: Anna Vesho

RES CHAMPION: Alexandra Heller

BEGINNER RIDER

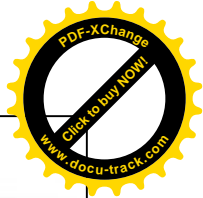
CHAMPION: Alexandra Willner

RES CHAMPION: Abigail Glikes

WALK-TROT RIDER

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RES CHAMPION: Sally Scaife



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