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June/July, 2011, NCAHA Newsletter and President's Message

Greetings to our NCAHA membership and my apologies for missing a long newsletter last month.

During May, many of our members attended the Region 12 show in Perry, Georgia. I do not, unfortunately, have a full list of winners there, but would like to share with you some photos sent to me by



Mary Ann LaFerrier, Madison and Winston Dyer.



and the Daughton Family (Rebecca, Meg and Jackie). Congratulations !

These photos are also on our NCAHA web page with captions. We would love to share your “victory passes” on the web page and in the newsletter. Please send them to me!

The final verdict is now in and our April dual regional qualifier with ODAHA was a success both financially and in terms of exhibitor feedback. Tentative plans are "GO" for a repeat the first weekend in April, 2012, at the Hunt arena in Raleigh. More on plans for this show as we proceed to work through issues from the 2011 show and suggestions received on how to make 2012's bigger and better! If you do have suggestions for the 2012 spring A show, please get them to the NCAHA show committee: me, Rory Meacham, Kim Poston, Sue Gray, Jess Crutchfield or Libby Williams as soon as possible. The show committee is already hard at work on the 2012 show and will appreciate your input.

Our thanks to everyone who helped with the June 25-26 NCAHA open show last weekend and to those who attended and showed. We'll have a full report on the financial outcome of this event next month.

Please let me or any of our board know your preferences for a location for the January, 2012 Awards Banquet/Membership Meeting and Elections. We are tentatively looking at a location near Mebane as the 2011 banquet was held in Garner. If you want to suggestion a location, please send information on the site, price and contacts prior to the August 15th Board meeting. (There will not be a NCAHA Board meeting in July.) We'd also appreciate your input on items to be given as awards and whether you'd prefer to have another pot luck or a catered meal, or as a compromise, have meat and main dish provided and fill in with sides and desserts with provided by members. If we keep the cost of the banquet itself low, we will have more funds to spend on the actual awards. All suggestions will be considered by the board. A decision on location and date will be made at the August Board meeting

While you are planning your show schedule for the remainder of this year, don't forget the NCAHA Youth Charity Benefit show to be held at Grayland Farm on October 1st. This class list available on the web..

I'd once again like to remind you that you can renewal your membership either on line or through our membership secretary, Jess Crutchfield. If you choose to renew on line, please to be sure to check NCAHA as your affiliate club! The November AHA convention is rapidly approaching and we will be seeking delegates to travel to Vancouver.

I hope that you are able to beat the heat of July and August. Refer to our web page for a great article on how to help your horse beat heat stress while continuing to show this summer. Thanks to Jim Paden for providing this material last year.

Good luck to everyone on their way to the Region 15 Championships in Lexington, Virginia!

Until next month,

Myra Daniel
President, NCAHA