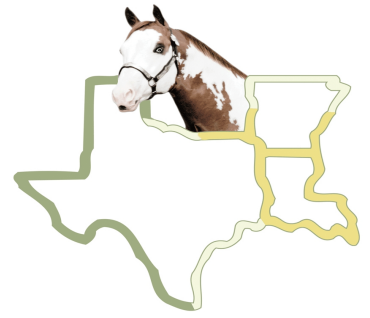


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## Summer Greetings Arklatex PHC Members

### **Urgent!**

We need to apply for the 2008 March and May shows or risk losing the dates. However, we need show managers for both before we apply. We already have the Ruston facility, and a show secretary. If you are willing to manage either or both of those shows please contact a board member immediately. The July Ruston date is also a possibility.

## News from the Show Pen

Arklatex folks and their horses have been tearing up the show pens in other states this summer and there is lots of exciting news to report. Many had great success at The Pinto World Show, held in Tulsa, Oklahoma in June. In particular, the Little Rock crew, under the guidance of June Roman, cleaned up. Brian Brady performed brilliantly with El Bees Lucky Zippo and took home two World Champion buckles in horsemanship and Ideal Pinto. This team also boasted a 3rd place finish in Amateur Junior Pleasure and Amateur Trail. Lori Howard-Barlow, decked out in her smoking new lavender showmanship outfit, along with Rocky Oaks Oreo Cream, performed with her usual finesse in Amateur Senior Showmanship and took home a beautiful sixth place ribbon. As well, Lori and Boo finished 3rd in Amateur Senior Ideal Pinto and 10th in Amateur Senior Horsemanship. Holly Henneberger was a strong competitor in the Novice Amateur classes. She was sixth in Showmanship and Trail, and fifth in English Equitation. Cindy

Furgerson not only had what she recalls as “one of her best rides ever,” but also enjoyed the thrill of the judges’ agreement when she was awarded the title of Reserve World Champion in Senior Western Pleasure. Well done June and Crew!

Congratulations to Joy Cordray whose mare Slick Little Play Girl won a World Championship in Working Cow Horse and finished fourth in reining. Congratulations also to Raymond Liles who also came home sporting a World Championship Buckle. I think it was in Cutting, but do correct me if I am wrong.

The Maggettes, as Brian Jeppson dubbed those of us who showed under the guidance of Maggie Johnston, also enjoyed success at the Pinto World Show. Congratulations to Brian Jeppson and his three year old gelding Outto Shock You All on their fourth place finish in Novice Amateur Ideal Pinto Western and on making it to the finals in Novice Amateur showmanship. Brian, who was showing showmanship for only the second or third time in the last 25 years, demonstrated that he has the stuff and will soon be a serious threat in that event. Caroline Brown and Ima First Class Jet were 9<sup>th</sup> overall in Amateur Bareback English Equitation and tenth in Junior Ideal Pinto. The lovely Donnie Carson and Gambling PurdyLady finished ninth in the Amateur Elite Western Showmanship. Russ Chace, on only his third time out with Tiffany Two Spots, finished third in the Novice Amateur Trail and fifth in the Elite Amateur Trail. Tiffany had to do double duty at Pintos because my own horse, “Andy,” upon our arrival in Tulsa, developed a sudden aversion to white linear objects positioned strategically on the ground. Andy explained to me that he would prefer not to negotiate those objects at a variety of gaits, the walk in particular (go figure)

and so “we” decided that we would deal with the matter once we were home. Enter Tiffany Two Spots! Thankfully, my generous husband loaned me Tiffany, (the operative word here being “loaned” as I’ve been reminded frequently since) who carried me to a 5<sup>th</sup> place finish in Open Trail and a Reserve World Championship in Amateur Trail. Thereafter, Tiffany and I went on to Fort Worth where I realized my long-time dream of competing at the Paint World Show. Ironically, it was in trail, a class in which I once (well, more than once) said I would never, ever, compete. (I believe my exact words to Maggie were: “I’m not doing trail and you can’t make me. Not now. Not ever.”) Nevertheless, under the stellar guidance of Joe Frank Brown, Tiffany and I had the thrill of a third place finish in Novice Amateur Trail. Upon completion of that class, my husband met me at the gate and said, “Congratulations. Now give me back my horse.”

The real stars from our neck of the woods at the Paint World Show were Lacy Merritt and Barlnk Double Tuff who, also under the guidance of Joe Frank Brown, won World Championship titles in Novice Amateur Trail and Novice Amateur Showmanship. They also finished fifth in Novice Amateur Horsemanship and had a top ten finish in Novice Amateur western riding. Lacy and Deiter’s ride in trail was, as one spectator commented afterwards, “like watching water flow.” Lacy is such a pleasure to show with because, despite the great success she and Deiter have had this year, she seems to enjoy every win as if it were her first. What an amazing year they have had so far. Way to go Lacy and Deiter!

Congratulations to everyone on a fine summer of showing. I am certain that there are other performances that I don’t know about so please do not hesitate to tell me about them. I know everyone will enjoy reading about your success in the pen this summer.

## **Other Noteworthy Summer Show Moments**

The Little Rock Crew reported some very funny unmounted moments from their Pinto World Show experience. Thanks to Cindy Furgerson for reporting the following “funnies”. Cindy’s nephew, Austin Reese, upon completion of his assigned task of cleaning stalls, sat down to take a rest only to have a bird fly over and poop on his head. As if there wasn’t enough manure on the ground, the poor kid had to deal with it free-falling from the sky too. As though by magic, a bottle of human shampoo appeared for Austin’s use thanks, naturally, to Brian Brady. I do hope that Austin purchased a lottery ticket as in some cultures it is a sign of good luck when a bird poops on you. Holly Henneberger, whose characteristically funny manner keeps everyone in stitches, had a little go around with the photographer during Cindy Furgerson’s photo session. Holly, fashionably attired in a purple hoody with bright green Capri sweat pants, was asked by her horse-showing peers to remove the hoody. She complied, revealing a more conservative white t-shirt, but the photographer’s assistant was still not pleased with Holly’s look, and insisted on positioning the champion jacket stand in front of Holly’s bare legs. After a series of strategic, but not so subtle movements on Holly’s part to avoid being hidden by the stand, she demanded of the photographer an explanation: “Why don’t you like my legs?” she asked, “They are cute legs!” I haven’t heard who won the positioning battle but I do hope that Holly’s legs were afforded due recognition. Finally, as Cindy discovered upon her return home, we must thank our families and friends for keeping us humble. Cindy reports a common scenario to which many of us can surely relate when family and friends gather around the TV to watch the \$40 DVD of our oh-so-brief performances. In Cindy’s case, the conversation went something like this: “Yeah, I think I see you. Oh no, that’s not you. Hey! Here you come!” just as the announcer calls for a reverse. “Aha, there you are. That woman really covered you up didn’t she?” I must say, though, that,

sometimes, brief glimpses of rides are all we wish others had. Case in point: After my success with Tiffany in the Trail classes, I entered us in Amateur Junior Disciplined Rail. I neglected to ask Tiffany how she feels about rail classes and came to regret that oversight. As luck would have it that was our only class that friends and family could see on the web cam. I called my family to let them know what time to watch and they called their friends, and all sat in eager anticipation of the grand event at their computers in Alberta, British Columbia, Ontario, and even Malaysia, just in time to see the blur of sorrel and pink go by on the screen. All I'm going to say about that ride is what follows and then we shall speak of it no more. When one passes the horse in front during the trot down the center in a rail class at the World Show you have to know that nothing good is likely to follow.

On a closing note, Teresa Merritt, the goddess of horse show moms, has made an amazing discovery. At the Paint World show she broke out lavender oil claiming that it helps calm one's nerves. Skeptical of such things, yet with my own pre-class nerves escalating at an alarming rate, I put down the bottle glass of wine I was on the verge of consuming and allowed her to dab some on my wrists and behind my ears. The stuff is amazing! Now if we only figure out how to administer it I.V. . . .

### **Tid Bits**

By all accounts the July show at Ruston, though very hot, was productive for many. A big thanks to Mechele Williams for doing such a great job as show manager and to all of the workers who helped her. It was great to hear that Buffy King is back in the saddle again, sore leg notwithstanding. Welcome back Buffy. We missed you!

I am sad to announce that WC Warren, longtime Paint enthusiast from the Shreveport area, passed away on June 3, 2007. The Arklatex family extends its deepest condolences to his family and friends.

Cards of sympathy can be sent to: Pat Warren, 4685 Hwy 3276, Stonewall, La. 71078-8241.

On a happier note, congratulations to Laura Martin on her April 21, 2007 marriage to Joseph Haley. Laura is a former youth competitor and a prior scholarship recipient who attends Louisiana Tech. Best wishes to Laura and Joseph.

Alan and Yvette Shaw's youngest son Coleson underwent a bone marrow transplant in Houston on July 5. Please keep the Shaw family in your thoughts during this difficult time. Yvette and Alan post daily reports on Coleson's progress at: <http://www.caringbridge.org/la/coleson/index.htm>. So far, Coleson is doing well. He enjoys receiving cards and postcards from different places. The address to which to send cards is on the website. As well, a fundraising effort is underway to build a pirate ship in Coleson's backyard for when he returns home in October. Until his immune system is up and running at full force he will have limited contact with other people and some folks thought it would be nice to give him something really neat to play on in his backyard. Donations for the pirate ship and contributions toward Coleson's medical expenses can be made at <http://www.colesonshaw.com/>.

Don't forget to check out the section on the Arklatex website devoted to the biographies of the horse show dogs that we all know and love. Biographies of Alan Shaw's "Roper" and Jackie Gay's "Holly" will be there very soon. Click on "newsletter" and you'll find "Meet the Horse Show Dogs". 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 looking for more 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. I have a new one to add soon which will be titled "Bobbie Gay:

(K)night of the Tightie Whities.” Betcha can’t wait for that one!

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 next quarter. On behalf of the Arklatex PHC, I wish everyone safe riding and great success in the pen.

Remember that we are not mailing newsletters anymore except to those who specifically request a hardcopy, and at futurity time in which case we are happy to do so. Check the website periodically for newsletters. I’m trying to get them out quarterly.

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(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. Thanks for stepping up.

### **2007 Officers and Directors**

President: Camille Lyons  
Vice President: Sue Woodson  
Secretary: Nancy Westerlage  
Treasurer: Mary Parrott  
Scholarship Contact: Camille Lyons  
High Point Keeper: Donnie Carson  
Board Members: Jackie Gay, Dave Parrott, Henry Westerlage, Kim Martin, Jerry Lynn Liles, Terri Howell and Donnie Carson.

### **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. Watch the website for Futurity information. Financial statements can be requested at anytime from Treasurer Mary Parrott at [parrott@bayou.com](mailto:parrott@bayou.com)

### **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:

*Circle T Trailers - Platinum*  
*Monroe/West Monroe Convention and Visitors Bureau - Platinum*  
*Ranchland Western Store – Gold*

### **APHA and Ark-La-Tex Scholarship Winner**

The winner of this year’s Arklatex scholarship is Caroline Brown. Caroline, the daughter of Melissa and Gary Brown of Minden, LA, is a Junior at LSU. She has recently returned to the show pen astride Ima First Class Jet with whom she won a World Championship in Amateur Trail at the Pinto World Championships in June. Caroline has also been awarded the American Paint Horse Foundation Arklatex PHC endowed scholarship. Congratulations Caroline and best of luck in your academic and equine endeavors.

### **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.

Mary Parrott is in the process of getting donations for the 2008 sale. Stay tuned for further details.

### **Ark-La-Tex 2007 Show Dates**

**The 2008 March and May shows will be held at the Ruston facility if someone steps up to manage them.** The July Ruston date is also a possibility.

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

#### **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

Our show secretaries, Janice and Joy, are finalizing the September show bills. The show bills and the futurity entry form will be posted on the website soon. The futurity entry deadline is September 10th. Purses, eligibility, stall reservation forms are at the website. Cattle reservation form will be there soon, also.

New directions to the facility will be forthcoming after a new exit to the Ike Hamilton is opened from the East.

**Note: The four judge POR will start on Friday, September 21st** with cattle, reining and speed (tentatively) at 10 AM. The expanded Friday schedule will include cutting and roping classes. Thanks to Angela Manning for taking on the cattle responsibilities.

Year-End Award Rules are posted at the website.

### **Also Approved for ALTPHC Points:**

The following Louisiana Paint Horse Club shows are approved for Arklatex Points.

July 2007 New Iberia, LA Sugarena 2 Judges

**And**

November 2007 show in Ruston. See the APHA calendar for further information and the Arklatex website for complete year-end hi-point rules.

The complete Texas/Louisiana Calendar can be found at Janice Steifel's Website - [www.paintshowsecretary.com](http://www.paintshowsecretary.com)

Best of luck to everyone in the rest of 2007!