



Acting Presidents Address - Deborah Ann Buchan

Note from Editor - I know it is almost two pages long but it is well worth your effort to read



The Festive Season is upon us and it is time to think of all the blessings we have received over the past year and to look forward to a fresh start in the New Year! This past year has been very difficult for SAQHA as it has been marred by controversies, many unfounded rumours and a multitude of challenges that have taken a toll on both the SAQHA Board and membership.

PERSONNEL CHANGES:

Andre Pretorius resigned as President and as a member of SAQHA due to long term work commitments outside South Africa. The Board sent Andre a letter of thanks for the effort, time, and money he and his family unselfishly contributed to SAQHA during his term on the Board and as President. I will continue as Acting President until the 17 February 2013 Board Meeting, at which time the Board will elect a new President from the current Board Members to serve the rest of Andre's term, which expires at the AGM.

Shairnée Scotton, took on a Trial Appointment as SAQHA Secretary when Charlene Etsebeth resigned in July, advised that her work and personal commitments will not permit her to do the job efficiently. Charlene has agreed to step in from 21 December until the end of January in order to ensure continuity.

2013 AGM: The 2013 Annual General Meeting, followed by the 2012 Awards function, is going to be one of the most important in SAQHA history. There will be at least 4 vacancies to fill on the Board, election of a new President and Vice President, discussion and approval of the changes to a thoroughly updated Constitution (the Draft of which will be provided to all members with the first Official Announcement of the AGM), and consideration of several Motions that are being prepared by, among others, an informal Breeders' group that met to discuss the future of the Quarter Horse Breed.

THE AGM IS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR 13 APRIL 2013 BUT THE LOCATION IS STILL TO BE DECIDED. A "BALLOT" IS ON PAGE 3 IN THIS NEWSLETTER AND I URGE EVERY MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING TO VOTE FOR HIS/HER PREFERRED LOCATION AND TYPE OF AWARDS FUNCTION, NO LATER THAN 7 JANUARY 2013. With the vast distances in South Africa and members in Namibia, there is no perfect location. However, the Board wants to know where the majority of members would go to attend this critical meeting.

WHAT POTENTIAL BOARD MEMBERS NEED TO KNOW:

If you are interested in running for a vacancy on the Board and/or standing for President or Vice President after the vacancies are filled, PLEASE consider the following:

An individual should have served for 1 full year on the Board of Directors before becoming eligible for the Office of President.

The terms of the President and Vice President must overlap by one year rather than running concurrently.

Board Members must be willing to commit the time necessary to actively participate in SAQHA matters. There are a minimum of two official Board meetings per year, plus the AGM, that are mandatory. Experience has proven that Skype does not work, so every potential Board member should understand that he or she will be expected to travel to the locations of the Board meetings and the AGM at personal expense.

Board members should also plan to attend the major SAQHA events such as Horse of the Year, the AQHA pointed shows, and an Annual AQHA ride to provide support for these events.

Finally, Board members must be prepared to con-

sider each email the President, Vice President or other Board members send out regarding SAQHA business and to be prepared to respond to those emails.

Serving on the Board of Directors is a privilege, not a right. It requires time, spending your own money to attend meetings/events, and dedication to promoting the Quarter Horse as a Breed for all Reasons!

Personal egos and agendas are not appropriate for Board members and it is imperative that whomever takes on the responsibility of running SAQHA has the best interest of the Breed, not a speciality or personal preferences, in mind. Finally, anyone who wants to run for a position on the Board or for an Office once elected must be aware of the fact that each Board member will, from time to time, be severely criticized, misquoted, misunderstood and have his or her morals and motives questioned by both SAQHA members and outsiders who have their own agendas. If you do stand for the Board, please be prepared to ignore such criticism and be committed to working to rebuild the spirit of cooperation and mutual support SAQHA Breeders and members have always given each other and other Associations. To paraphrase an old cliché, when the going gets tough, the tough must stand together for the good of the Quarter Horse breed.

YOUTH:

At the Board meeting on 28 October, the Youth Committee Chair, Mrs SJ McCrindle-Vermeulen reported on the SAQHA Youth initiative. Unfortunately, the goal of recruiting the 25 American

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Quarter Horse Youth Association (AQHYA)/SAQHA Youth members required to form a chartered AQHYA-SA organization has not been achieved. The Youth Committee's goal of qualifying AQHYA-SA Youth to compete in a Ford World AQHYA Show cannot become a reality until after an AQHYA-SA organization has been founded and accepted by AQHA.

In addition, Sarah Jane reported there was some confusion regarding the wording in the AQHA Rule Book as to whether Youth from International Affiliate countries were representing the International Affiliate, the country of residence, or both. Sarah Jane pointed out that she had asked AQHA to clarify the wording in the 2012 Handbook regarding Youth participation at a World show so that SAQHA would be able to take the appropriate steps assure that Youth will be able to compete at AQHYA World events in the future.

SAQHA has since received clarification from AQHA that any World Show Qualifier—Youth or Adult—will represent both the International Affiliate and the country of residence. The Board notes that at the 2012 AGM Marius van Wyk explained that SAQHA will need to work with the South African Sports Council and Olympic Committee (SASCOC), through the South African Equestrian Federation (SAEF), to get SASCOC approval for Youth to compete in AQHYA World events. The matter is complicated by the fact that only AQHYA/SAQHA Youth members may enter an AQHYA World show and the Youth only need official permission to represent South Africa, not South African Colours.

The Youth Committee's goal of having SAQHA Youth compete in the 2013 Ford World AQHYA Show cannot be met. However, the goal of eventually having AQHYA-SA Youth compete at future World Youth events is still part of the Committee's mandate.

In response to the Boards' request for the Youth Committee to find alternative ways to attract Youth members, the Committee has decided to continue fund raising with the goal of taking SAQHA Youth members to the USA to watch the 2013 Ford Youth World Show and to take lessons from top instructors on highly trained American Quarter Horses. The trip to the USA and the opportunity to watch the show will be of great benefit to both the Youth and their Advisors as they will be able to observe the intense level of competition at the World level and bring that knowledge back to South Africa to share with other Youth.

The Board is proud of the efforts Sarah Jane and Kim have made in developing the SAQHA Youth initiative and thank them for their unwavering commitment and enthusiasm.

AQHA RIDE: The SAQHA End of Year Gathering and AQHA Trail Ride on 15 December 2012 went very well. The weather was perfect and a total of 7 participants had a great time riding, talking, watching DVDs on training Reining horses, and eating at HollyBrooke Farm. R550 was raised for donation to the National Council of SPCAs for Horse Care. The day reminded the participants of SAQHA and SARHA 6 years ago when people got together for the love of the Quarter Horse and just enjoyed each other's company! Hopefully, in 2013, that spirit of comradeship will come back so that everyone who loves the Quarter Horse can work together to promote the Breed!

May God Bless you, your family, your horses and other pets at Christmas and in the coming year!

Deborah Ann New-Buchan
Acting President

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REGISTRATION ALERT FOR 2012 FOALS

STALLION OWNERS: Please make sure you provide a copy of your breeding stallions CEM Negative certificate for the 2011/2012 breeding season to the mare owner for each foal produced by that stallion in 2012. Remember to have your stallion tested after 1 July 2012 and obtain a 2012/2013 CEM Negative certificate and send a copy with the 2012/2013 Stallion Breeding Report.

MARE OWNERS: Please be sure you get send a copy of the Stallions 2011/2012 CEM Negative certificate with each Birth Notification/Registration application for foals born from 2011/2012 coverings.

Please be sure that any stallion you use for the 2012/2013 has a **CEM NEGATIVE CERTIFICATE** issued some time after 1 July 2012 to be sure the resulting foal will be eligible for registration in 2012/2013. Keep a copy of that certificate to submit with each of your 2013 foal Birth Notification/Registration applications.

Unless South Africa is declared CEM Free before 1 July 2013, every Stallion must be retested and recertified CEM Negative on or after 1 July 2013 for the 2013/2014 breeding season.

IT IS UP TO EACH AND EVERY BREEDER TO ENSURE ETHICAL BREEDING AND THIS INCLUDES ASSISTING WITH THE PREVENTION OF THE SPREAD OF DISEASES WHICH WILL HARM OUR BREEDING STOCK AS WELL AS THE IMPORT / EXPORT STATUS OF SOUTH AFRICA.

2012 End Of Year AQHA Ride

2012 SAQHA EOY Gathering and AQHA Trail Ride was held on a beautiful day at HollyBrooke Farm in Skeerpoort, North West.

Katja and Julia Stoppel, guests Kevin Connolly and Natalie Dumon, Cheryl McCrindle and Sara Jane McCrindle Vermeulen, and Deborah Ann New-Buchan spent a lovely 3 hours talking Quarter Horses, International Shipping, watching Reining DVDs, and enjoying the excellent food at the HollyBrook Coffee Shop!

Although there were only two riders, it was a day reminiscent of the SAQHA and SARHA functions before 2010. Thanks to the participants for helping SAQHA meet its International requirement for an AQHA Ride every year.

The SAQHA Board is planning to arrange AQHA Trail Rides in every Province from 2013. Wessel Fourie and Basil Butler have already volunteered their farms for rides in the Free State and Northwest Provinces.

Details on the dates of 2013 AQHA Rides will be forthcoming.



Deborah Ann on her mare, Calcrete Texas Belle, and guest Kevin on his QH x Friesian-Appaloosa gelding, For Free, leaving from Dreamweaver Quarter Horse Stud for the AQHA Ride and viewing Game.



PLANNING FOR AGM and ANNUAL AWARDS FUNCTION

TENTATIVE DATE: 13 APRIL 2013



'Everyone here? Good. Meeting topic: Setting world record for shortest meeting. All in favor say aye. Ayes have it. Meeting over.'

As this is an extremely important time for our Association to grow in strength You are greatly needed to **Make The Difference**. As I said before Take control of your ship make sure that you as a member know where you want to go and that your best interests are being looked out for. The Board are not mind readers and every person has a different character which makes them think and react differently So make sure they know what you are thinking by contributing toward the AGM and be part of the growth so you can benefit. **THE BALLOTS AS SHOWN BELOW ARE TO BE RANKED ACCORDING TO WHAT YOU WOULD PREFER AND THEN EMAILED TO THE SECRETARY ON OR BEFORE 7 JANUARY 2013.**

Rank the Locations 1 to 4

(1 being most preferable - 4 least preferable)

- ◇ Bloemfontein
- ◇ Parys
- ◇ Harrismith
- ◇ Gauteng

Rank the Type of Awards Event from 1 to 3

(1 being most preferable - 3 least preferable)

- ◇ Catered Braai
- ◇ Bring and Braai
- ◇ Sit Down Dinner
- ◇ Any other suggestions?



"No cowboy's tough enough to handle Cookie's grub. Just ask Wild Bill Hiccup and Wyatt Burp!"



Horse of the Year SAQHA Breed Classes will be on 16 February 2013 in the Small Sand Arena at KEP.

Western Dressage, organized by SAQHA, will be a new competition to HOY--Open to all Breeds and will be in the Small Sand Arena immediately after the SAQHA Breed Show. Lynn Muller will judge the SAQHA show and Gary Allpass will judge the Western Dressage.

Horse of the Year forms are available on the web site (www.ghsinfo.co.za, click on Show Info, Online Searches & Entries, GHS events, 2013 HOY Download) and entries close 14 January 2013. Fortunately WSASA classes are on Friday, 15 February, so there will be no conflict in class times. The R210 per class fee includes prize money for each class plus a R20 SAQHA fee to help secure a Judge. Please note that the GHS Offices will be closed till 6 January so if you have any trouble entering on line, contact GHS at 011 702 1657 from 7 January 2013.



WDAA LAUNCHES 2013 SHOW SEASON WITH REVISED RULES AND NEW WESTERN DRESSAGE TESTS

The Western Dressage Association® of America introduced its revised 2013 Western Dressage Rules for all breeds and 16 new WDAA authored Western Dressage tests today December 1st, 2012 via its website, <http://westerndressageassociation.org/western-dressage-rules-tests/>.

The Rules were revised incorporating the WDAA mission, the training fundamentals of dressage, the rich western history, and the thoughts and feedback of our members, advisory board and representatives from major equine organizations.

Both the Rules and the Tests are designed to be utilized throughout the equine industry at competitions from schooling shows to World Championships for both USEF and non USEF affiliated breeds.

A committee of skilled, experienced, and knowledgeable horse people dedicated their time and talents to creating tests which would assess the horse and rider, provide opportunities for feedback and celebrate the communication found in moments of lightness and harmony.

The 2013 Western Dressage Test offering covers four progressive levels; Introductory, Basic, Level 1 and Level 2; through each level's series of four increasingly challenging tests. The horse and rider progress from test to test and level to level as they mature in physical skill, mental ability and partnership. The WDAA is excited for the response to these offerings and additional levels of tests are under development for release in 2014.

The 2013 Western Dressage Rules and Tests begin their use with the start of the 2013 show season. WDAA corporate partner, HorseShow.com, will feature WDAA online shows as part of their offerings. All WDAA breed alliance partners, as well as hundreds of additional groups ranging from schooling show hosts to USEF and USDF GMOs plan to hold Western Dressage offerings featuring WDAA Rules and Tests. For additional information regarding hosting Western Dressage events or Recognized Show, please contact the WDAA at info@westerndressageassociation.org.

THE SYMBOL OF *wide open spaces* AND *freedom*
THE *horse* AROUSES GREAT *passion*
AND FEEDS OUR *imagination*

IMPORTANT SHOW INFORMATION

The AQHA Pointed Shows for 2013 (All Novice; Open, Amateur, Youth; and Versatility Ranch Horse) are going to be held in August 2013. The exact date will be relayed to ensure you are notified timeously.

The 2013 AQHA Official Handbook of Rules and Regulations will be available online shortly. Printed books will not be available until after the first of the year. However, we will mail printed books to January and February shows as quickly as possible. Keep an eye on www.aqha.com/handbook for the electronic version in the upcoming weeks. The book has been reorganized and sectioned to be more user-friendly, grouped together by subject: show management, judges, equipment, halter, western, cattle, English, etc. All rule numbers will be different, but are easily followed and understood.



"To win at a Show is not to be placed first, it is simply by being there and participating!"

Then everyone gets to see our amazing Quarter Horses"

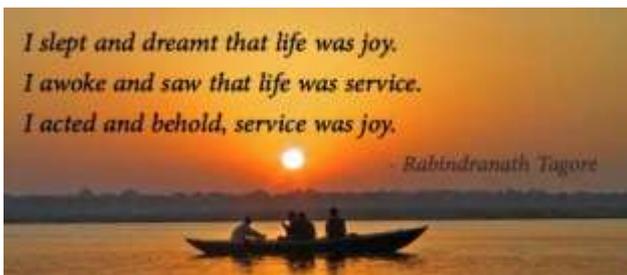


SAQHA Secretarial Appointment

The SAQHA Board of Directors is pleased to announce the appointment of Lettie Kruger as the new SAQHA Secretary, effective 1 February 2013. Deborah Ann New-Buchan interviewed Lettie by telephone, after getting permission from Dr. van Rooyen, Head of Studbook, to approach Lettie about the job as she still works part time for Studbook. Board Member Wessel Fourie interviewed Lettie in person and Basil Butler, Financial Portfolio, has known Lettie for many years through his contacts with SA Studbook and highly recommended her. The Board is convinced that Lettie's extensive background and years of experience working for Studbook are exactly what SAQHA needs.

Lettie with her years with Studbook, is an expert in the Animal Improvement Act of 1998 (as Amended). She has worked with many equine Breed Societies and was, at one time, head of the administrative group working with equine breeds. Lettie is known for her attention to detail, meticulous record keeping, and for her prompt response to enquiries. She is fully bi-lingual and will be able to assist all Breeders and General Members with every aspect of membership and breeding. In addition, Lettie is not related to, nor does she work for, any Breeder so her integrity will be unquestionable. The Board is delighted to welcome Lettie as the new Secretary. As of 1 February, her email address for SAQHA business will be secretary@saqha.co.za and her cell phone number for SAQHA will be 0714713684. She will be available from 12pm on weekdays and will answer emails and SMS messages promptly.

PLEASE NOTE: The SAQHA postal address will be changed to Bloemfontein during January. If you need to post anything to SAQHA before 1 February, please contact Charlene Etsebeth at the SAQHA Secretary email and cell.



"Do you want your horses to be of value?"

Do you want the Western and Quarter Horse Industry to grow?

Want me off your back?

Take initiative and Get Heard!!"

ARABESQUE QUARTER HORSE STUD INVITES INTERNATIONAL CLINICIAN

Shane Borland, a South African who has competed in both the 2004 and 2010 World Equestrian Games and is already qualified for the 2014 WEG in Reining, was here as a guest of Arabesque Quarter Horse Stud. Shane gave several clinics, worked with individuals and horses, and provided participants with a wealth of information on how to train horses for all disciplines.

PR/Marketing Committee Report

Please please support the First Ever SA Quarter Horse Journal, the vision is to distribute this Journal by the end of February 2013. We will have to move the date of distribution due to lack of interest by breeders and general members.

The purpose of the Journal is to promote our Horses, Breeders and Members interests by circulating this publication to as many in South Africa as possible.

The Journal will be a 50 to 60 page Glossy publication and we are trusting to be able to publish at least 250 copies. Gary Player has written the Foreword for us. We will have articles about Quarter Horses in South Africa, The origin and versatility of the Quarter Horse and much more.

Breeders and members are invited to advertise in this Journal. You are welcome to advertise your stud and equestrian services. To make sure we can include everyone we have from 20 word classifieds to Full page space available for your advertising needs.

Breeders and members are requested to submit professionally taken photographs of your Purebred Quarter Horse, no people in the photograph, and submit this to us. A panel shall choose the cover page photograph. All photographs received will be used either in the Journal or on the website.

CONTACT SECRETARY@SAQHA.CO.ZA FOR MORE INFORMATION.

HOW DO WE MOVE FORWARD WHEN THE PISTONS IN THE ENGINE ARE SIEZED!!

DO YOU WANT TO PROMOTE AND MARKET YOUR QUARTER HORSES AND YOUR PRODUCTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE EQUESTRIAN INDUSTRY - BE PART OF THIS EXCITING NEW CHALLENGE TO GROW THE QUARTER HORSE AND THE INTEREST THEREIN!!!

In 2001 the 3 yr old Bronco King Baracuda made his way to his new home with Caledon Valley Stud.

From the onset I knew he was special, something that caught my heart and held it tight. He exhibited **movement one only saw in Tb's and the like**. He floated as he stretched out in all his paces and did so effortlessly.

But a Quarter Horse he proved to be when he proved **he had "cow" by nearly tossing me out the saddle** with a few of his spins to fetch cattle I hadn't noticed had even broken away! As my love is eventing, there was no reason why King should not jump so he learnt to go where he was asked, he learnt to figure out what was required. He was always keen, bold and confident and as gentle as he is, could put in a few serious bucks and shies, but all in a days work.

He proved his temperament by being my therapy tool when, I used to counsel problem teenagers, King and his arch rival Ons Naelperd Termiet, were my therapy horses, they knew instinctively what to do and how to reach out to these incredibly amazing but very troubled teenagers.

King proved he had a heart full of courage when we jumped a series of 1.4m round teff bales whilst galloping across an erigrostis land. He was younger, I was younger (and not so crock) and not a single **thought that we couldn't clear them**. He leapt down banks up to 1.5m drops, into water or onto solid land. He leapt up onto banks and over jumps not knowing what was on the other side. He proved he could trust and in so doing taught me to trust again.

Unfortunately I had a life threatening fall with a thoroughbred who flipped over backwards landing on top of me, and that put an end to my competitive riding career. King was then only used on the farm to work cattle, pleasure rides and to hunt from; he stands ever so calmly while you load up, take aim and shoot, he has no fear of tracking wounded animals, going up to the kill, or even carrying the smaller kills over the saddle.

King was invited in 2010 to attend the Hoefslag Fees, in Bloemfontein, and do a bridle less demonstration, this he did with Thabby riding him and the **sound of "Aaaaahh" from the crowd was heart rending** as they performed a few manoeuvres around an enclosed area, bridle less.

King has since returned to competition, eventing with several people riding him and he clears 1m courses with ease and at the beginning of July 2012 King went to the SAQHA/AQHA Show in Parys where he competed in the Western Novice classes with a rider who had only been riding for 6 months. They excelled with King patiently showing the rider what it was all about. His western dressage test was superb despite his rider not having much of a clue.

At the end of July King competed at an eventing show with a rider who had been in the saddle for 4 months, he looked after her over an 80cm course and



King ~ The Trusted

I've often said
there's nothing
better for the inside
of a man than the
outside of a horse.

~ Ronald Reagan



King ~ The Jumper



King ~ The Versatile

because of the confidence he instilled in her she attempted a few of the 1m jumps for fun!!!

King went to Shumba Valley, Fouriesburg competing in the 3 phase training show with Shairnée where they entered the 80cm but after an elegant fall at the 4th x country jump, Shairnée ended up height confused, and finished up doing the 1m jumps. King attended an Eventing clinic where he wowed everyone with his calm manner, boldness, patience, love and jumping ability.

Getting on in years he is wiser, more versatile and able to keep up with all he has to and of course he is still loved by everyone who meets and has met him. He has a special bond with me and proved such to Thabby: I needed some new photos of him so I asked Thabby to take him round the 2km exercise track and then let him gallop past me, while gallop they did but when King saw me he refused Thabbys aids spun in my direction, almost succeeded in plonking Thabby, ran to me and stopped with **his head in my chest, Now "That's My Boy"**.

His progeny are out there competing in English and western disciplines; eventing, polo-crosse, reining, pleasure, trail, in hand and as we anticipated, they excel in all they do.

King ~ The Eventer



King ~ The Model



King ~ The Barrel Racer



King ~ The Cow Horse

Clinicians Mark & Miranda Lyon are coming over from America and will be staying with Wulff Izko for a whole month.

They offer colt starting, problem solving & riding lessons for beginners and advanced riders. They have continuously placed in the top ten of Americas Mustang Makeover Challenge competitions and won Ranch horse versatility, Cowboy Mounted Shooting and Ranch Roping Competitions. They use Natural Horsemanship methods and work with each horse mentally to bring out the best in them.

PLAN OF ACTION

M & M are arriving on the 20th of March 2013. The first week will be spent on the ranch getting settled. Shortly afterwards our plan is to load a few horses into our truck and travel to towns like Keetmanshoop, Mariental and Windhoek to give the people an introduction to Western Riding and show them what horse and rider are capable of doing together. At the end of the trip we plan to start the clinics on our ranch for the remaining 2-3 weeks. Our goal is to broaden the use and knowledge of western riding in the country and we want as many people to come.

There will be something for everyone!

CLINIC DETAILS

The clinics are split into 7 different sections:

Horsemanship 1,2 and 3, Cattle work, Ranch Roping, Cowboy Mounted Shooting, Colt starting

Horsemanship 1

Are you doing the right thing the wrong way? Common mistakes, Groundwork - getting your horse to listen to you, Basic horse info you might not know, Getting started in the saddle, Basic manoeuvres: stops - pivots - side passing – transitions, Problems and how to correct them

Horsemanship 2

How to use manoeuvres to advance your horse, Perfecting basics: softer - lighter – quicker, Moving basics to advanced, Advanced manoeuvres, Practice and problem solving

Horsemanship 3

Basic manoeuvres: pivots - side pass - transitions - leads – stops, Goal evaluation and identification

Practice manoeuvres, Using tools to your advantage, Practice, Progress evaluation and continuation advice

Cattle Work

This clinic focuses on the handling of stock from horseback, it may range from introducing the to the cattle for the first time to boxing and fencing. Riders and horses learn where to be to influence the cow and how to prepare to respond to stay in position when the cow moves. Riders are taught how to get stock worked in the most efficient manner to ensure cattle are not unduly stressed resulting in weight retention and good rate of gain.

Ranch Roping

Practical application in real life, Shots (roping), Practice on cattle, Practice, Tips for competition and impressing your friends, Tack & equipment - Safety & Etiquette

Cowboy Mounted Shooting

This clinic focuses on the fun and fast growing sport of cowboy mounted shooting. In this sport the rider enters the arena and shoots 10 balloons with 2 old fashioned single action cowboy pistols.

The gun is loaded with a special charge that will break a balloon up to a distance of 25 feet or more. Clinic riders will learn safety and horsemanship. There is a great range of skill levels in this clinic so often we split participants in 2 groups, beginners and advanced, this allows each group to get the most out of this exciting and addicting hobby.

Colt Starting

This clinic is for those that aspire to learn how to start colts. Participants will learn proper groundwork and handling of young and untrained horses. Proper saddling, desensitizing, and preparation will be emphasized. When, how and what to do on the first, second and third ride will be covered and demonstrated as you get to experience for yourself. This is a clinic for experienced riders that wants to learn to do it right and have the desire to take themselves the next level. It takes practice to be good at starting colts and is not for the average rider. But this clinic is great to watch and learn from and always has some excitement in it, colts saddled for the first time occasionally give very athletic demonstrations and guiding these young horses thru the first few days of their education is a special feeling and doing it well is an uncommon skill that few achieve.

- We can provide horses for those without, · Camping or lodging will be available for attendants
- Paddocks will be provided for those traveling with their horses

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The Secretary of SAQHA has e mailed the form to be completed for the tallying up of the **End of Year Points**. These forms need to be completed and e mailed back to the Secretary no later than 31 December 2012, to count toward the SAQHA end of year awards.

THE END OF YEAR AWARDS WILL BE PRESENTED AFTER THE 2013 AGM.





SAQHA MISSION STATEMENT

- To provide beneficial services for its members which enhance and encourage Quarter Horse ownership and participation;
- To generate growth of SAQHA membership via marketing, promotion, advertising and publicity of the American Quarter Horse;
- To encourage dual membership and registration in AQHA and

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SAQHA OBJECTIVES

Subject to the provisions of the Animal Improvement Act and of this Constitution, the objectives of the SAQHA shall be:

- to encourage and promote the breeding and the genetic Improvement of American Quarter Horses in the Territory, to maintain the purity of the breed, and generally to foster its interests;
- to ensure the accuracy of all records of pedigrees and other particulars of all horses registered or eligible for registration in the Herd Book;
- to compile, keep and maintain accurate records of the pedigrees and particulars of - all animals duly registered through SAQHA by the Registering Authority in the Herd Book;
- to apply a Standard of Excellence and other minimum standards drawn up by the Board as a prerequisite for the registration of animals;
- to encourage the expansion of the breed by means of promotion, marketing campaigns and sales;
- to promote participation of horses at shows; to nominate judges who have been approved by SAQHA Board as qualified and competent to judge the breed;
- to safeguard and advance the common interests of breeders in the Territory, and generally to give effect to the objectives contemplated by the Act;
- to stimulate and regulate any and all other matters such as may pertain to the history, breeding, exhibition, publicity, sale or improvement of the breed.

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THE FINAL WORD !!

It is the end of yet another year, a year which has been filled with love, heart ache, joy, tears, peace, new friends, ended relationships, competitions, clinics, plans, events and so much more but no matter what we got through it and we will continue striving to do so. Our intent should be to build not to destroy, to help not to hinder, to love not to hate, to forgive and not to hold a grudge. Life is too short, they say, but I say Love is to rarely exercised.

These amazing horses have brought many people into my life, many I could not have done without, some have rubbed me the wrong way **teaching me to be a better person, some who just simply don't like me "But So What!" I say: I am not here to slide into a grave with a couple million "friends". Life is about challenges, without them we would have no regard for love or joy.**

I urge each and every person reading this to challenge yourself to live to your fullest potential as a human and secondly to build SAQHA, Western and the Quarter Horses into something that will not fade or bring hurt but rather when one of those is mentioned the hearer will **smile and say "I see their love and pride I want to be part of it."**

"If you have raced with men on foot, and they have wearied you, how will you compete with horses? And if in a safe land you will fall down, how will you do in the jungle of the Jordan?" ~ Jeremiah 12:5

Stay strong, be safe and lets step into 2013 as our first growth step of many.

Erica A Scotton

Duplicate 2012 Invoices for Membership Dues have been sent to all the members who have not paid their 2012 fees. If you have not yet received your Membership Invoice, please contact secretary@saqha.co.za immediately. Remember pending Resignations cannot be accepted according to the SAQHA Constitution until membership and any other outstanding fees are paid.