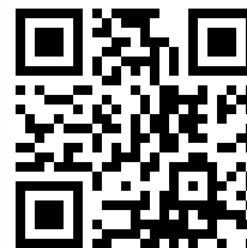


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NEWSLETTER

MINNESOTA QUARTER HORSE RACING ASSOCIATION



President's Report

By Kelvin Childers

The Live racing season is well underway and I would like to welcome everyone back to Canterbury Park for the 2015 season – owners, trainers and jockeys.

You will see on page 7 of this newsletter a current list of members to our association as of June 11 and I would encourage you to spread the word and get those potential members that are not already members to sign up and join.

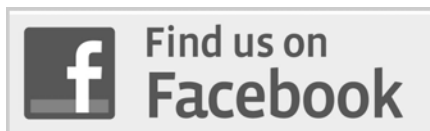
The entries were taken for the Mystic Lake Northlands Futurity and 44 horses drew into 6 trials for what will be the LARGEST EVER Canterbury Park Quarter Horse purse at over **\$140,000**.

The association has numerous events coming up in the next few months be sure to check the calendar on page 6. The biggest will be the by invite only Quarter Horse Celebration being hosted by MQHRA and Canterbury Park on July 5 for the running of the Mystic Lake Northlands Futurity and the Canterbury Park Derby the two largest Quarter Horse races contested this year. As a member you should have received or will be receiving an invitation to the event in the Triple Crown Room on the Clubhouse Level of Canterbury Park.

Best wishes for a Great Racing Season
See you at the track,

Kelvin Childers

Look for us on the Internet



Our Facebook page name is:
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MQHRA Trainer Awards

ATTENTION all you QH trainers and owners with horses at Canterbury Park! You must be a member of MQHRA to participate in the Trainer of the Week contest! Please submit your dues now. The trainer of the week will receive a gift certificate to Ruby Tuesday's restaurant in Shakopee, along with the Trainer of the Week sign which will be displayed outside your barn on the backside. Please join us in congratulating the winners so far:

Week 1 – MERRITT PRIDE

Week 2 – ROBERT JOHNSON

Week 3– JERRY LIVINGSTON

We have added an exciting additional category for 2015- TRAINER OF THE MONTH. The monthly winner will receive an embroidered sheet/cooler for your horse. Your horses will be styling on the hot walker or on the way to the paddock announcing that their trainer is one of the best!

At the end of the meet, the trainer with the most points will receive a beautiful trophy buckle.

LEG Up Fund, Assisting Canterbury Park's Injured Jockeys



June 28th will soon be upon us and we will be spending the day raising money for the Leg Up Fund which assists Canterbury Park's injured jockeys. The fund provides emergency transitional financial assistance to jockeys who have sustained on-track injuries. Our long-term goal is to create a legacy that will enable the fund to sufficiently assist every jockey injured at Canterbury Park in the years ahead. Reaching that goal requires the continuous support of all who participate in, and are connected to, the sport of horse racing.

Join us for a day filled with fun and opportunities to support our Canterbury Park jockeys! A huge Silent Auction, dunk tank, jockey photo and autograph table, drawing for the Leg Up Fund scooter raffle after Race #9, and so much more! Pick up your "Leg Up Fund" t-shirt - a fashion must for all race fans! You can sponsor a jockey by making a donation for every time he or she finishes in the Win, Place or Show category. You can also make a contribution to the fund in their name. Sponsorship forms can be turned into the book keeper or at the information booth.

Do you have a great item you'd like to donate to the Leg Up Fund Silent Auction? We're requesting donations for this exciting event and would appreciate a variety of items that will appeal to our racing fans that will support our injured jockeys through their generous bids! For details or to drop off your donation by June 21st, please send an email to: mnhorseracergirl@outlook.com

Be sure to follow our Facebook page, Leg Up Fund, for up to the minute details about this event.

Raffle for Scooter
Silent Auction
Jockey Dunk Tank
Stick Horse Pony Race
Autographs
Photos with Jockeys

Introducing MQHRA Intern Annise Montplaisir



Every time I meet someone in the horse racing industry, I'm curious to learn how their lives became intertwined with the sport. It seems as though horsemen and women each have a different story to tell about how they were drawn into the electrifying and unpredictable game called horse racing.

As the new intern for MQHRA, I'd like to tell you about my horse racing adventures and the growth I have experienced through the opportunities provided by AQHA.

Horse racing peaked my interest when I watched the movie *Ruffian* as a 12-year-old. Fortunately, I was able to pursue my new-found passion for racing at a track near my home called the North Dakota Horse Park. I worked my way up the ranks, starting as a volunteer "Racehorse Ambassador," pony rider, media relations intern and eventually the Director of Communications.

The North Dakota Horse Park runs a mixed race meet, so I had the chance to learn about Thoroughbred and Quarter Horse Racing. In 2013 I applied at-large to attend the American Quarter Horse Youth Association National Racing Experience (NRE). A few months later I received a letter in the mail stating that I was one of 10 youth selected to attend the NRE, held at Los Alamitos racecourse in November of 2013.

The National Racing Experience is a youth scholarship competition held in conjunction with the AQHA Bank of America Challenge Championship races. Youth can qualify to attend the competition through a regional racing experience or by applying at-large. MQHRA hosts "Youth Day at the Races" as a qualifying experience each year at Canterbury Park. The 2015 Youth Day at the Races will take place on June 20.

Prior to attending the National Racing Experience, participants complete a booklet of information that tests their horse racing knowledge. Upon arrival at the NRE, the 10 competitors are paired up and placed with trainers, who they shadow and learn from for three days leading up to the Challenge Championships. Throughout the 2013 NRE, I had the opportunity to learn from a trainer, take part in meetings at Los Alamitos, tour Vessels Stallion Farm and even visit historic Hollywood Park just months before its closing.

The National Racing Experience is judged on three different components: the booklet completed before attending the competition, a trainer packet that outlines the nutritional program and barn management practices of your particular trainer and a comprehensive final exam. The scores are combined to determine scholarship winners, who were announced in the winners circle at Los Alamitos on the night of the Challenge Championships. I was thrilled to learn that I was the recipient of the top scholarship.

The American Quarter Horse Association encourages youth to blog about their experiences at AQHA events on the online "Youth in Action" page. I wrote about the 2013 National Racing Experience, what I had learned and how I hoped to continue my involvement in racing in the future.

Throughout the summer of 2014 I worked as the Director of Communications at the North Dakota Horse Park. In an effort to encourage youth to develop an interest in the world of horse racing, I organized and directed a regional racing experience, which was attended by 13 participants. Because I was only 18 at the time, I decided to write another Youth in Action blog for the AQHA website. The article was an update on my work at NDHP, hosting a Youth Racing Experience and working at Canterbury Park throughout August of 2014 as a journalism intern. (continued on page 4)

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A few months after submitting the article I received an email from one of the editors at AQHA inviting me to apply for their spring online communications and publications internship. Taking a semester off from school had not originally been in my plans. I'm currently studying at North Dakota State University, majoring in management communication and international studies with a minor in Spanish. I also compete on the NDSU hunt seat equestrian team.

On January 1st, 2015 I embarked on an entirely new course for the spring semester when I moved to Amarillo, Texas, to work at the AQHA International Headquarters. Over the course of five months I worked in the publications department, where my primary duties included managing the America's Horse Daily blog and newsletters and updating the AQHYA social media pages. In January I had the opportunity to attend the 2014 AQHA Racing Champions Announcements, held at Heritage Place in Oklahoma City during the Mixed Winter Sale. Interning with AQHA exposed me to real-world learning experiences that can't be obtained in a classroom setting.



That brings me to where I'm currently at – the new intern for MQHRA! You can look for my articles in the MQHRA newsletter throughout the summer, and probably even meet me at an event or two. I'm looking forward to connecting with Minnesota Quarter Horse racing fans and hearing their stories of how they became involved in the exhilarating sport of horse racing. Contact me at annisesanecdotes@gmail.com with questions, comments or ideas for upcoming stories.

Making Tracks to a Forever Home

An off-the-track Quarter Horse with a meaningful nick-name finds a second career as a barrel racer.
By Annise Montplaisir

It was probably meant to be that Tres My Tracks, a 2010 gelding by Tres Seis out of the Rare Form mare Lenas Rare Lady, found his way into Sue Ahlgren's life.

Ahlgren's first experience with the off-the-track Quarter Horse turned barrel racing protégée – fondly known as "Marvin" – was in the midst of his racing career.

"I have only been to Canterbury once in my whole life," Ahlgren said. "I watched Marvin race when I was there. He happened to come in second that day I believe. But it was fun to see him and he wasn't on my radar at all at that point."

Tres My Tracks was bred and owned by Jan and Tom Pouliot, members of the MQHRA board. Jan and Sue are friends and fellow barrel racers, and it was through that connection that he found his way into Ahlgren's barn in Darwin, Minn.

"Jan and I have been friends for years," Ahlgren says. "He came to my house off the track to prepare him for a career in barrel racing. (Jan) rode him after 30 days, and she came back and rode him after 60 days, and she said 'He's going to be really good, isn't he?' And I said 'Yes, I really believe he is.'"

Pouliot had another up-and-coming barrel horse who she wanted to focus her time on, and decided Tres My Tracks should be sold to someone who would bring out his full potential.

So Marvin became Ahlgren's.

"The name Marvin was his barn name from the beginning," Ahlgren said. "Marvin was my dad's name, and he's been gone for 20 years, so that name was endearing to me in the first place. But I really liked the horse, I liked everything about him."

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Marvin started 18 times over three years of racing. He amassed \$41,457 and took second in both the 2013 Bob Morehouse Stakes and the Cash Caravan Stakes. Tres My Tracks was trained by Jason Olmstead, who is also the trainer of 2014 AQHA champion 3-year-old colt, Hes Relentless.

Having only been in Ahlgren's barn since November of 2014, Marvin is fairly new to the world of barrel racing, but already shows promise in his new career. He took second in the 2D division at his first futurity, and made his ninth run on May 31st. Marvin is entered to run in the MN Breeder's Futurity held on June 5-7, which offers a \$500 side pot sponsored by MQHRA for Minnesota bred off-the-track Quarter Horses. MQHRA donates \$1,500 to SC Productions barrel racing events, which is broken into side pots for three different barrel races. Visit www.scproductionsllc.com/events for information on upcoming events, and www.scproductionsllc.com/track to learn more about the MQHRA "Off the Track" program.

"I think it's such a great program," Ahlgren says. "I entered it just to support it... It's a wonderful program to highlight and showcase these horses that are getting a second career."

Ahlgren noted that she had previously trained ex-racehorses, but Marvin is the first off-the-track Quarter Horse she has owned.

"You have to be a little patient and wait for them to tell you what they understand and don't understand, and then show them," Ahlgren says. "For me it meant a lot knowing where he came from. I knew the people that I bought him from, and I trusted that they had input with their trainer. I never felt like I had to overcome any bad experiences. The horse had been bred to have brains, and he had been trained properly and he was sound."

Marvin is making fast tracks toward success in his new career.



Gopher State Derby, June 7, 2015, 400 Yards, Three Year Olds, Purse \$26,000

HORSE	TRAINER	JOCKEY	OWNER	TIME	SI
Panther Prize Me	Robert Johnson	J. Shepherd	Legacy Ranch	20.309	89
My Girls Toasted	Merritt Pride	S. Golibrzuch	J. Witte& M. Pride	20.318	88
Tty From Mr Pye	Edward Hardy	D. Pinon	R. Von Ohlen	20.428	86
Pyc Power Wagon	William Harris	R. Richard	R. & J. Petersen	20.459	85
Miss Jess Blue	Merritt Pride	D. Beaty	J. Witte& M. Pride	20.515	83
O Ya	Stacy Charette-Hill	J. Torres	D. Riechmann	20.739	78
Bhr Guys Flash Me	Robert Johnson	C. Smith	Broken Heart Ranch	20.773	77
Corona Rattler	C. Livingston	M. Swiontek	G. W. Schreiner	20.959	72
Carex	Jason Olmstead	M. Luark	T. Maher	21.021	71
Dreamgirl On Fire	Jason Olmstead	G. Murphy	T. Maher and Summer Run, Inc	21.043	70
Cokato Cartel	William Harris	R. Eikleberry	R. & J. Petersen	21.262	64

Calendar of Events

Date	Day	Description
JUNE		
6/13/2015	Saturday	Skip Zimmerman Stakes
6/16/2015	Tuesday	4H Boot Camp and racing presentation
6/20/2015	Saturday	Youth Day at the Races
6/28/2015	Sunday	Leg Up for Jockey Day
6/28/2015	Sunday	Bob Morehouse Stakes
JULY		
7/4/2015	Saturday	Great Lakes Bonus Challenge
7/5/2015	Sunday	Private event by Invitation only; MQHRA Celebration & Year End awards presentation
7/5/2015	Sunday	Canterbury Park Derby
7/5/2015	Sunday	Mystic Lake Northlands Futurity
7/12/2015	Sunday	MN Stallion Breeders QH Futurity
7/18/2015	Saturday	Extreme Day
7/18/2015	Saturday	Dash in a Flash Stakes
7/26/2015	Sunday	Backside Appreciation Party
AUGUST		
8/2/2015	Sunday	Canterbury Distaff Bonus Challenge
8/9/2015	Sunday	North Central QH Futurity
8/20/2015	Thursday	Cash Caravan
8/16/2015- 8/17/15	Friday & Saturday	MTA Horse Sale for Thoroughbreds & Quarter Horses
9/6/2015	Sunday	MN QH Derby
9/6/2015	Sunday	MN QH Futurity

MQHRA Communication Team

The MQHRA Communication Team is working diligently to provide members with regular updates regarding issues and events concerning the Minnesota Quarter Horse racing industry via its newsletter, website and Facebook page. While the information contained within these communication tools is believed to be accurate, we will not be responsible for errors. If we are notified about an error in writing, we will gladly publish a correction. All PAID members will receive the MQHRA Newsletter.



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 \$25 SINGLE

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