

# MQHRA NEWSLETTER

MINNESOTA QUARTER HORSE RACING ASSOCIATION



## President's Report

By Rosemary Higgins

Happy New Year! The weather in MN has been frightful so far this year, but if you look on the bright side there is less than 120 days until live racing starts! The 2017 meet will start on May 5<sup>th</sup>, which is Kentucky Derby Day. There will be a new face at Canterbury Park this year with the announcement of Ken Brown as the Track Superintendent. Ken comes to Canterbury Park with four decades of experience working at Pimlico Race Course, Laurel Park, Bowie Training Center and most recently Delaware Park. Please welcome him to MN when you meet him.

The MQHRA Annual Meeting is scheduled for March 11<sup>th</sup>. The details are still being worked out but the specifics will be mailed to you in the meeting notice in early February. It will include an election of new board members and Year End Awards will be presented. If you are interested in becoming more involved with the association and would like to run for the board, please let me know. We would love to have your talent and new ideas for the betterment of the organization.

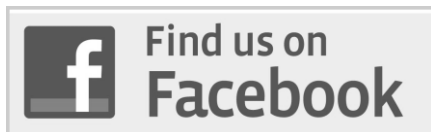
The MN Stallion Breeders' Futurity Auction is in full swing. There are currently 53 stallions on the auction which is open through Feb. 12<sup>th</sup>. The link can be found on our website at [www.MQHRA.com](http://www.MQHRA.com). So, get your bids in now! I also understand that there is an outstanding group of horses eligible to run in the 2017 MSBF which will be held in early July.

I would like to thank the members of the MQHRA board for all of their hard work this past year. As a group, we sponsored and hosted quite a few very successful events and had a fantastic QH meet. I have enjoyed working with and getting to know each of you and I wish you all the best.

Rosemary



### Look for us on the Internet



Our Facebook page name is:  
Minnesota Quarter Horse Racing  
Association

[www.mqhra.com](http://www.mqhra.com)

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## MQHRA's Youth Day Successors

Minnesota youth who participated in MQHRA's Youth Day at the Races are finding success beyond their one day experience on a summer day at Canterbury Park. Katie Orth of Randall, MN and Emily Schimnich of Sauk Rapids, MN are two recent examples.

Orth won third place and a \$1000 scholarship after participating in this year's AQHA National Youth Racing Experience at the Bank of America Challenge Championships at Los Alamitos Race Course from October 26-29.



Orth was one of ten youth selected to participate in this program because she received a recommendation from MQHRA and because of her strong showing in MQHRA's Youth Day at the Races. In addition to winning the scholarship, Orth's all-expenses paid trip included a first-hand experience to learn about racing from some of the top racing professionals. She was matched with a trainer to experience the day in the life in the racehorse barn and she attended informational sessions in the afternoons to learn about the racing industry.

According to MQHRA President Rosemary Higgins, a trip highlight for the youth (and Higgins too) was having the opportunity to see a world-famous Thoroughbred—California Chrome, the 2015 Horse of the Year, Kentucky Derby winner, Preakness winner and winner of numerous Grade 1 stakes races. While California Chrome has traveled the world to race at many racetracks, Los Alamitos is considered his home track. The Minnesotans got to watch him work on the track and they got to go back to the barn and meet

his trainer, Art Sherman and see California Chrome up close and personal. The following day, Orth and the youth contention got to visit nearby Thoroughbred Santa Anita Park racetrack where they met and spent time with famed Thoroughbred trainer and erstwhile Quarter Horse trainer, Bob Baffert.

Meanwhile, Schimnich was recently selected to participate in the AQHA Young Horse Development program. She received a free weaning to train compliments of AQHA Ranching Heritage Breeders. According to board member Cindy Besser, Schimnich was chosen over other applicants because of her past participation in MQHRA at the Races Day at the Races and 2015 AQHA Racing Experience. By the way, Schimnich also won a third place \$1,000 scholarship winner when she attended the youth racing experiences when the Challenge races were at Lone Star Park in 2015. Schimnich has started a Facebook page to journal her experiences with her new palomino weaning that she calls "Lily". She recently received Lily's registrations papers with her first name choice "Miss Lillian Frost". You can follow her progress on Facebook at "Emily Schimnich 2016-2017 Young Horse Development Program".



Congratulations to both Katie Orth and Emily Schimnich for their successes that were kick started by their participation in MQHRA's Youth Day at the Races.

Youth interested in participating in the 2017 MQHRA at the Races should stay tuned to MQHRA's Facebook page and website for details on this upcoming event.

Upper photo courtesy of AQHYA; from left to right—Erica Mehlhaus, winner of \$3,000 scholarship, Hunter Duncan, winner of \$2,000 scholarship winner and Katie Orth, \$1,000 scholarship winner.

Lower photo courtesy of Emily Schimnich—from left to right—Miss Lillian Frost and Emily Schimnich.

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*Wins the \$50,000  
Minnesota Stallion  
Breeders' Futurity  
at Canterbury Park  
on 7/10/16!*

**MQHRA \$2,000 Stallion Award to HASTA BE FAST, Johnson Stables!**  
**MQHRA \$2,000 Breeder's Award to LEADMETOYOURLADDER, Wardell Quarter Horses!**

## Watch For the MQHRA 2017 Online Stallion Auction!

**Early Stallion Donations Include:**

A Regal Choice  
Alazoom  
Azoom  
Bodacious Dash  
BP Phoenix Reign  
Cartels Feature  
Cherokee Country TB  
Chickie Cherry Cola  
Copacorona Special  
Corona B  
Corona Caliente  
Covert  
Dashair  
Dashing Jess Perry

Dealagame  
Divide The Cash  
Docs First Dynasty  
Dos Dashuino  
Down N Dash  
EC Jet One  
Feature Mr Bojangles  
First Down Mr Jess  
First Prize Doc  
First Timber  
Go To The Gravel  
Hes Relentless  
High Rate Of Return  
Hooked On Run

Incognito Bandito TB  
Its Royal Time  
Jess Jones  
Jody's Money Pop  
Junior June Bug  
Kool Wagon  
Knud With Wings  
Little PYC  
More Nachos  
Mr Ease Cartel  
One Famous Diamond  
Paintyourrownwagon  
Profit Increase  
Quick To Flare Up

Racy Casanova  
Seize The Win  
Sizzlin Cartel  
Streakin Six Corona  
The Crawfish  
This Chets A Rockin  
Too Tough To Catch  
Valiant Master  
View Me Flying  
Westover Wildcat  
Winners Version  
Zest Quest

**Follow the MQHRA Website.**  
**Auction Ends on February 12, 2017!**

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## 2017 Canterbury Park Quarter Horse Stakes Winners

Race Name	Date	Horse	Trainer	Jockey	Owner	Time
Gopher State Derby	Sunday, June 12, 2016	Eagle Span	Jason Olmstead	C. Smith	Tom and Bill Maher	20.242
Skip Zimmerman Stakes	Sunday, June 19, 2016	Tempting Valor	Stacy Charette-Hill	J. Torres	Matt Ratliff and Vicki D. Tebow	17.870
Bob Morehouse Stakes	Sunday, June 26, 2016	Vos Filo	E. Hardy	N.G. Goodwin	Rodney Von Ohlen	20.752
Canterbury Park Quarter Horse Derby	Sunday, July 10, 2016	Justified	T.Holaway	C. Clark	Tim and Perry Holdaway	19.854
Mystic Lake Northlands' Futurity	Sunday, July 10, 2016	Pyc Jess Bite Mydust	J. Olmstead	B. Velazquez	Lunderborg LLC	17.792
Minnesota Stallion Breeders' Quarter Horse Futurity	Sunday, July 10, 2016	Faster Than Hasta	R. Johnson	R. Valero	John. G. Johnson	17.758
Dash In A Flash Stakes	Saturday, July 16, 2016	Divas Candy Girl	J. Olmstead	B. Velazquez	Thomas J. Scheckel	7.105
Bank of America Canterbury Park Challenge Championship	Sunday, July 17, 2016	Ajs High	C. Hunt	S. Smith	Michael C. Teel	21.919
Merial Canterbury Park Distaff Challenge	Sunday, July 17, 2016	Bye Bye Birdy	C. Black	S. Smith	Barbara Barley	19.981
North Central Quarter Horse Racing Association Futurity	Sunday, August 7, 2016	Heza Prospect	J.Olmstead	B. Packer	The Magnificent 7 LLC	18.074
Cash Caravan Stakes	Sunday, July 31, 2016	Vos Filo	E. Hardy	J. Montoya	Rodney Von Ohlen	22.175
Minnesota Quarter Horse Derby	Sunday, September 21, 2016	Eyra Hayes	J. Livingston	C. Clark	Terry Reed	20.382
Minnesota Quarter Horse Futurity	Sunday, September 21, 2016	Vodka at Moonlight	J. Olmstead	N. Goodwin	Summer Run, Inc.	18.008

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## Minnesota Racing Commission Reminders

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- Quarter Horse foal registrations are due **within 30 days** of the date a horse is foaled in Minnesota
- All Quarter Horse Stallion registrations are due no later than **January 31** of the current breeding year.
- Quarter Horse Broodmare registrations are due on or before **January 31** of the year in which the mare will foal.

Go to their website for forms and further information: [www.mrc.state.mn.us](http://www.mrc.state.mn.us)

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## 2016 Calendar of Events

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Date	Day	Description
January 19-21, 2017	Thursday-Saturday	38 <sup>th</sup> Annual Heritage Place Winter Mixed Sale (consignment deadline October 31)
January 31, 2017	Tuesday	Quarter Horse Stallion and Broodmare registration deadline with the Minnesota Racing Commission
March 11, 2017	Sunday	MQHRA Annual Meeting
April 28, 29 & 30	Friday, Saturday & Sunday	Minnesota Horse Expo
May 5, 2017-September 16, 2017	Friday	Canterbury Race Meet dates applied for with MRC (proposed race dates)

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## 2017 MQHRA Event Volunteer Opportunities

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- 4-H Boot Camp
- Leg Up for Jockeys
- Quarter Horse Celebration Party
- Youth Day at the Races
- Backside Appreciation Party
- Trainer of the Week/Month & Year





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## **Congratulation to Ajs High, Winner of the \$350,000 Bank of America Challenge Championship (G 1) and Canterbury Park Challenge Qualifier**

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Ajs High won the \$353,500 Bank of America Challenge Championship (G1) on October 29<sup>th</sup> at California's Los Alamitos Racecourse. Congratulations his connections, owner Michael Teel, trainer and MQHRA member Charlton Hunt and jockey Stormy Smith.

The four-year-old gelding qualified for the race at Canterbury Park on July 16<sup>th</sup> by winning the region \$66,690 Bank of America Challenge Championship race.

According to AQHA, it was AJs High tenth lifetime stakes victory. At the time of this victory, his record reflects winning 13 of 20 races and earnings of \$675,114 with \$345,029 occurring in 2016.

Photo above was captured at Canterbury Park and is courtesy of Coady Photography.

## Is your Mare or Stallion Registered with MRC by January 31?

Don't miss the deadline date of January 31<sup>st</sup> for registering your mare or stallion with the Minnesota Racing Commission. The following horses are registered. If your horse is not on this list, you are running out of time. You can find the registration information on the Breeders' Fund page on the MRC (Minnesota Racing Commission) website.

Name of Mare	Owner	Sire
A Moment	Ken Quade	Igotyourtime
Chics Timeto Fling	Shelly Berkner	Red Storm Cat
Cuervo On Special	Ken Quade	This Chets A Rockin
Dancing Tipper	Ken Quade	Incognito Bandito
Delazoom	Ralph A. Haglund	Kool Wagon
Dirt Road Queen	Robert or Julie Petersen	Majestic Cartel
Flashys Back	Darin and Jessica Meyers	BP Phoenix Reign
Forbidden Ivory	Ralph A. Haglund	Hes Relentless
Goldies Big Time	Ken Quade	This Chets A Rockin
How to Pay Dinky	Diane Moe	BP Phoenix Reign
Jazzing Jackie	Ken Quade	Foose
MCM Quickly Chick	Ralph A. Haglund	Alazoom
Pretty Valeria	Mario Alberto Salcido Torres	Jess Cuervo
Rare Berry	Darin and Jessica Meyers	BP Phoenix Reign
ShakeRattlenroll	Amanda McCabe	Capo De Capi
Sommer Special	Nathan Sommer	Coronas Fast Dash
Streak N Sierra	Dale Haglund	Incognito Bandito
Teller Im Out	Ralph A. Haglund	Jess Jones
Too Much	Corey Wilmes	High Rate of Return
Unafraid	Ralph Haglund, Joel/Julie Johnson	A Regal Choice
Western Fun	Robert or Julie Petersen	Cartel Success
<b>Name of Stallion</b>	<b>Owner</b>	*****
BP Phoenix Rain	Darin and Jessica Meyers/Dale Borchers	*****
This is Chets A Rockin	Ken Quade	*****

## 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 ([www.mqhra.com](http://www.mqhra.com)) and Facebook page (Minnesota Quarter Horse Racing Association). 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.

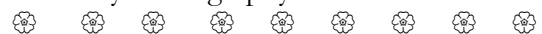
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January 19-21, 2017

**APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP  
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RENEW MEMBERSHIP  
 \$25 SINGLE

NEW MEMBER  
 \$40 FAMILY (does not include adult children over the age of 18)

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