



A message from our President:

This past year has been tried and true to the spirit of NPWHA. We pulled through this year with a bright light and fire in our bellies to do something great for this association in 2014.

2013 didn't start out the way we were hoping for as far as memberships, financial stability, and member participation goes. At the start of 2013's show season we had only a limited amount of money in which to put on shows, pay judges, get awards, and do events. By evidence of how this past year went, I am sure it was obvious that there was not much to work with in the way of money and extra members. Being the optimists that we are we did what we could, with what we had, and I felt we had a good year with what little there was.

I am certain that we will bounce back from this short interlude of economic down flow in the upcoming 2014 show season. We have some things in the works that I think will bring some much needed attention to our association that will restore it to the glory it once had. There is some hard work ahead of us, but if we can get participation and take a-hands on approach, I think we can make this coming show season great!

I would like to thank all the board members and sponsors for their dedication and hard work for 2013 and look forward to working with you in 2014. I would also like to extend a big thank you to our members for their continued support of the association and let them know that without you we could not exist.

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Congratulations to the new Board of Directors!

We would like to give a big thank you to everyone who participated in voting for the new board of 2014. We cannot stress enough as to how important it is to get everyone's participation when it comes to voting. Our association runs off of member participation and when it comes to voting we need to have 2/3 of the members' votes in order to move forward on anything that requires the members' to be involved. Below is a list of the new Board of Directors for 2014.

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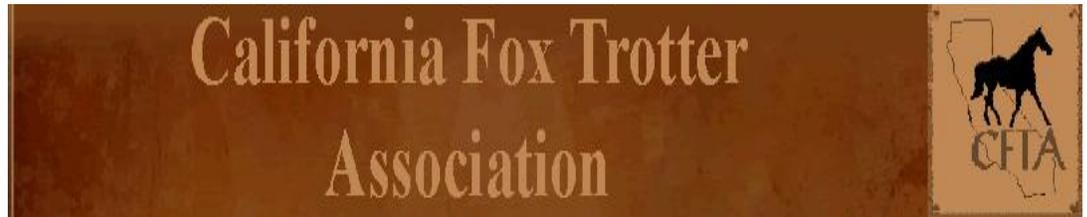
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If you are interested in a position on the board please email Jayme Andersen at justamayzing@aol.com.

The Welcome Wagon

NPWHA would like to give a HUGE welcome to the Missouri Fox Trotters and Paso Finos to our association.

The 2014 show season has a few exciting things in store for us this coming year and one of them is the accepted invitation by the Missouri Fox Trotters (MFT) and the Paso Finos (PFH). NPWHA will host a number of Missouri Fox Trotter and Paso Fino classes at our shows to welcome our sister breeds into our show ring. Let the good times begin!



Missouri Fox Trotter's schedule of events

FEBRUARY:

15 - CFTA Clinic, Norco, CA - Contact: Rene Sharpe (951) 687-2296 email: trottnaround@aol.com

MARCH:

15 - CFTA Clinic, Norco, CA - Contact: Rene Sharpe (951) 687-2296 email: trottnaround@aol.com

APRIL:

19 - CFTA Clinic, Norco, CA - Contact: Rene Sharpe (951) 687-2296 email: trottnaround@aol.com

MAY:

17 - CFTA Clinic, Norco, CA - Contact: Rene Sharpe (951) 687-2296 email: trottnaround@aol.com

31- CFTA Show MFTHBA Point Show at Ridge Riders - West Covina, CA

JUNE:

5 to 8 - MFTHBA Spring Show - Ava MO

21 - CFTA Clinic, Norco, CA - Contact: Rene Sharpe (951) 687-2296 email: trottnaround@aol.com

28 - CFTA Show MFTHBA Point Show at Ridge Riders - West Covina, CA

JULY:

19 - CFTA Clinic, Norco, CA - Contact: Rene Sharpe (951) 687-2296 email: trottnaround@aol.com

26 - CFTA Show MFTHBA Point Show at Ridge Riders - West Covina, CA

AUGUST:

16 - CFTA Clinic, Norco, CA - Contact: Rene Sharpe (951) 687-2296 email: trottnaround@aol.com

SEPTEMBER:

1 to 7 - MFTHBA Celebration, Ava, MO

20 - CFTA Clinic, Norco, CA - Contact: Rene Sharpe (951) 687-2296 email: trottnaround@aol.com

OCTOBER:

4 - CFTA Show MFTHBA Point Show at Ingalls Park - Norco, CA *** WIN MONEY IN THE COSTUME CLASS *** OPEN TO ALL RIDERS *** JUDGED 100% ON YOUR COSTUME *** COME OUT AND JOIN US FOR THE FUN !!!

18 - CFTA Clinic, Norco, CA - Contact: Rene Sharpe (951) 687-2296 email: trottnaround@aol.com

NOVEMBER:

15 - CFTA Clinic, Norco, CA - Contact: Rene Sharpe (951) 687-2296 email: trottnaround@aol.com

DECEMBER:

20 - CFTA Clinic, Norco, CA - Contact: Rene Sharpe (951) 687-2296 email: trottnaround@aol.com

You can find more on their site at www.cfta.com/events.html

Paso Fino's Schedule of Events:

February:

22- CPHFA First Annual Gaited Horse Show, Gavilan Hills, Ca- Contact: Belinda Hines (951) 217-8990
Email: bellemareranch@gmail.com

April:

5- CPHFA Annual Spring Fling Paso Fino Pointed Show & All Breed Fun Show, Lakeview Terrace, Ca-
Contact: Phyllis Buteyn email: pbuteyn@dc.rr.com

May:

2 to 4- CPFHA Fiesta Charity Horse Show & Spectacular, Burbank, Ca-
Contact: Martha Coolidge (818) 951-9051 email: decache@ca.rr.com

June:

21- CPFHA Pointed Show- Contact: Phyllis Buteyn email: pbuteyn@dc.rr.com

You can find more on their site at www.cpfha.com/category/events-calendar

NPWHA's Schedule of Events:

Sorry for the inconvenience. We are currently working on scheduling the shows for 2014. Please check back soon for the events calendar update.

Thank you for your patience and cooperation.

If you have questions please contact Cheyenne Puskas at cheyennepuskas@yahoo.com

NPWHA Updates

At the end of this year, the board had voted on putting a few rules, that some were wanting changed, on the ballots. After a long wait we were finally able to get the ballots back and read. These are the changes that resulted from the vote.

Section 1 Plantation/Western Park Horse Division

Vote to reinstate this division:

1. **Passed-** The Plantation Park horse should display brilliance and animation with a snap to its walk while performing the true walking gaits. Horses in the Park Division should have a high headset and high reaching motion with the front legs die to the extreme impulsion of the hind legs. The horse should be well balanced both front and rear. The nose should be vertical or slightly ahead of vertical with a pronounced head nod.
2. **Passed-** The Western Park horse should display the same characteristics as the Plantation Park horse with a slightly lower head/neck position and softer rein.
3. **Passed-** Park classes shall be open to amateur and/or professional riders in keeping with special class requirements.
4. **Passed-** Shoes must meet the requirements and must not exceed the maximum size. The shoe must be of one piece and it may be no thicker than one-half of an inch and must not exceed one inch in width. The caulk may be no thicker than one inch and the turn back must not exceed one inch in length. Borium is permitted on the caulks. However, the combined thickness of the shoe, the caulk, and the Borium must not exceed one and one-eighths of an inch. This is the maximum shoe allowance for all four feet.

Rule V. Equipment for riders and horses for show purposes

Section 3 Western tack and attire:

1. **Passed-** Para 5: Clean western style boots or Jodhpur boots when worn with chaps.

Rule IX. Judging Criteria

Section 2 Judging Procedures:

1. **Passed-** Horses shall enter the ring counter clockwise at a **working walk** (all divisions except Performance of Park). They shall continue until the gate is closed at which time the judge will call for the performance gaits in the following order: flat walk, running walk, flat walk, and canter or lope when required. When the horses are requested to reverse, they shall perform the following gaits: flat walk, running walk, flat walk, and canter or lope when required. Additionally, the judge may call for a working/dog walk in the Trail Pleasure division classes.
2. **Failed-** Horses shall enter the ring counter clockwise at a **flat walk**.....

Memberships

The NPWHA website is currently being updated, and the club will be adding in some cool new features. Here are some things to come with the website updates:

Our newly revised membership application will be accessible. You will now be able to download it to a PDF file, so that it can be filled out and sent in.

We will have our newsletter available for our members.

The Calendar of events will be brought up to date with NPWHA's plans for 2014.

And the new list of Board of Directors will be updated with the new members filling the position, and their contact information.

As for the membership form, we have made some changes to it. You will notice that you can now choose between an Associate Member (18 & up) and Junior Member (17 & under). Also, if you are interested in helping out with the club or becoming apart of the board, there are now boxes to check off so that you are contacted. Of course you can also get in touch with your Corresponding Secretary for further information on how to volunteer for the club, becoming a board member, getting a membership form, and any other questions relating to memberships and events.

Our past members will have already been sent the new membership application by the time this newsletter goes out, but if you did not receive one, need one, or want one you can contact your Corresponding Secretary Cheyenne Puskas at cheyennepuskas@yahoo.com

Memberships must be renewed every year in order to stay a current member and receive the benefits of being a NPWHA member (i.e. voting, being on the board, discounted show prices, participate in the High Point Award system, and to be kept up to date on all club developments).



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Advertising:

Do you want to say something? Do you want to get your name and business out there? Well then why not advertise with NPWHA. Something new we decided try out this year with our newsletters and website. We have options available in which you can advertise your business, event, or news. If you are interested in taking advantage of this offer please contact Cheyenne Puskas, Corresponding Secretary for NPWHA, at cheyennepuskas@yahoo.com

Sizes available:

Business Card

Quarter Page

Half Page

Full Page

Advertisements will need to be renewed for every newsletter.

Member Suggestions:

As a member driven non-profit organization we would like to hear from our members'. NPWHA would like to reach out to its members' and ask if there are events, shows, or clinics you would like to see your association put on? NPWHA welcomes its members' suggestions and opinions whether it is about improving efficiency, giving compliments, or recommending expansion, events, or fun activities. If you have any suggestions please contact the Corresponding Secretary Cheyenne Puskas at cheyennepuskas@yahoo.com

Member News:

It has been one exciting year at Jayme Andersen and Allen Clarke's house. On December 13,



2013 at 7:30 pm, a bundle of joy was delivered upon to this world. Jayme and Allen, first time parents, would like to give a loving welcome to their first and only child, Sonora Lily Clarke. Being a first time parent can be pretty intimidating, but with a baby being born on Friday the 13th they will have a considerable amount of luck! According to superstition, a baby born on the unluckiest day will have the opposite effect and will actually be one of the luckiest people in the world. NPWHA

would also like to give a big welcome to Sonora and congratulate the proud parents on their beautiful new baby girl. Let's give it up to these loving new parents and their beautiful baby girl Sonora! We can't wait to see you all in the show arena!

In other news, NPWHA would like to wish Ashley Nicole Duncan a speedy recovery and we hope to see you in the show arena this year. Back in April 2009 Ashley was in a severe car accident and suffered 2 third degree sprains in her ankles. As a result, her left ankle's ligaments became unattached and being double jointed did not help the situation. From the stress of working, walking, and going about her daily business on her left ankle with the unattached ligaments, the inside ankle developed a bone spur, causing great pain, and

ultimately pushing her decision to have it all corrected. Four years after the accident, and putting motherhood first, Ashley made the decision to have

the surgery this past November, and is now unable to do much. She will not be able to ride for awhile and is looking at a few months of physical therapy and rehab. She has expressed how much she wishes she could be out riding her dream horse Ryser and hopes to be able to show with her daughter in 2014. Here at



NPWHA, being the horse lovers that we are, know that those horse withdrawals can be terrible, so we hope you get better soon and are able to make it in the show arena for 2014. Hang in there, it will get better soon!

NPWHA would also like to extend congratulations out to Steven and Cheyenne Puskas on their purchase of their first home in Texas. They finally found a nice quiet place to settle down and call home. It is a charming 2 acre mini ranch surrounded by woods and fields. Ahhh! Sounds peaceful! Loving marriage....check! Home....check! I guess what's left on the "to do" list is buy more horses and start luck in the coming congratulations on



a family. We wish you years and your first home.

In The News

Whew!! 2013 has been a very eventful year for the Tennessee Walking Horses and the PAST Act (HR 1518/S 1406). There have been several breaking stories in the media about trainers being caught on camera for soring and using excessive force against the horses. Many of these trainers have gone to trial, been sentenced, and have had everything to do with horses stripped from them. While the HR 1518/S 1406 PAST Act has been gaining global attention and support from celebrities, horse lovers, and government officials alike, there are still a wide number of people who are against the bill. These people, who oppose the bill, believe that it will kill the walking horse industry and cause economic hardship for those who have built their businesses based on soring and using excessive force to win in the show ring.

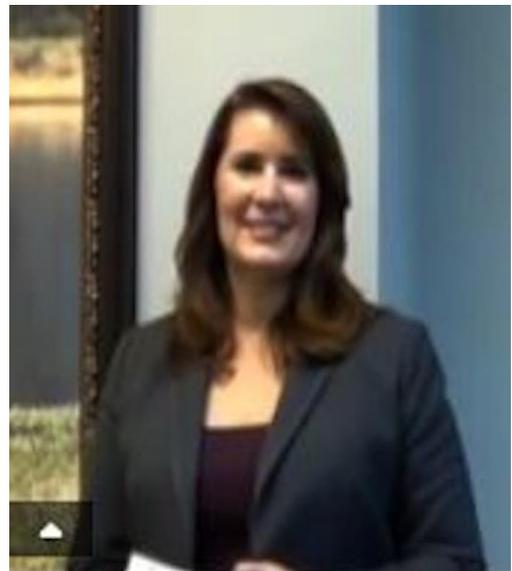
TWHBEA did not get out of this ordeal unscathed as they had hoped to. They have seen a dramatic decrease in membership renewals and in the last few months have received an overwhelming amount of demands for membership dues to be refunded. While only a one person has received a refund, others are still fighting to do the same. If you wish to be one of those members who demands a refund please feel free to inquire at info@billygoboy.com (he will be able to point you in the right direction for getting your money back from TWHBEA and how to get in touch with the right people on other subjects that I will cover in this newsletter in a little bit.) TWHBEA has also sent a letter out to its members about the removal of Christy Lantis, which is to be voted on in February 2014. Another blow to TWHBEA is Priscilla Presley revoking the Graceland Challenge Trophy. Check out the story below.

Removal of Christy Lantis:

December 17, 2013 TWHBEA announced that it will require its California members to make a 2,000+ mile trip to cast their vote in person to determine whether or not Christy Lantis will be removed from the TWHBEA Executive Committee. This vote is scheduled to take place Monday February 3, 2014 at 9:00am in Lewisburg, Tennessee.

Christy Lantis currently serves on the TWHBEA Executive Committee as Vice President of Fiscal Affairs. Lantis was a chairman on the Performance Horse Committee, as well as the Enforcement Committee, where she championed a Big Lick show horse, which has been the subject of much controversy for being abused and exhibited in pads and chains.

In May 2013 TWHBEA Executive Committee voted 7-4 to endorse the HR 1518/S 1406 PAST Act ultimately removing the pads and chains. Then in October 2013 63% of the TWHBEA members voted to pass the HR 1518/S 1406 PAST Act and to remove the pads and chains, get rid of the corrupted HIO's, and make horse soring a federal felony. Christy Lantis was among a handful of Committee members who are against the HR 1518/S 1406 PAST Act. The California TWHBEA



members gave an unexpected and overwhelmingly high amount of support for the bill and have voiced their displeasure with Lantis not representing the California Constituents', who voted her into office, accurately. This has resulted in members demanding the removal of Christy Lantis from the Committee all together.

Christy Lantis has showed Big Lick horses since she was a teenager and has a close association with California Big Lick trainer Russ Thompson, who staged his own show right outside the Celebrations arena, and rallied other trainers to join him, when his horse was refused in 2006 for being sore. The USDA prosecuted him for the illegal exhibition and he plead guilty. Russ Thompson and his gang are expected to be at the election, so they may try to halt the removal of Christy Lantis.

The 25% of the California TWHBEA members who have petitioned for the removal of Christy Lantis is now being represented by a prominent California Attorney and former TWHBEA California Director Fran Cole. Attorney Cole has spoken out against TWHBEA President Stephen Smith and Senior Vice President Walt Chism saying they are 'oppressing the California members' by forcing them to travel to Lewisburg, Tn., to vote." There is currently a plan being hatched by Attorney Cole and some of the members in California to find transportation to Tennessee, so that the California members may be able to cast their votes. Attorney Cole has also said that this "caravan" will be making stops at television and radio stations, so that they can be interviewed about the soring of the Tennessee Walking Horses and what has been happening in Middle Tennessee, which is appropriately named "The sored horse capital of the United States." Attorney Fran Cole has stated, "We plan to make it clear what this backward looking Big Lick leadership has put us through in order for us to do something that could have been handled by mail – all in the interest of attempting to protect someone who is against the Prevent All Soring Tactics Act from being removed from office. Director Lantis was elected by written ballot and should be removed by written ballot. That's the only right way to do it. No TWHBEA election in history has ever required members to travel to Tennessee to vote. It's an international organization, after all. The only possible reason for denying us ballots is to disenfranchise members solely to protect an insider. We just want TWHBEA to follow the law and to act fairly towards its members."

If you are wanting to know how to get involved with this caravan or are wanting to know more about this situation with Christy Lantis and what you can do to help, I believe you can get in touch with Fran Cole at (530) 272-6363. I also believe if you want to get in touch with someone to voice your opposition to Christy Lantis being removed you can contact President Stephen Smith of TWHBEA at ssmith@haurysmith.com

See more of this story at www.BillyGoBoy.com

Priscilla Presley takes back the Graceland Challenge Trophy:

Ebony's Double was the last horse that Elvis Presley purchased. According to www.Elvis.com.au

“**Ebony's Double** was never shown in competition, yet, in 1983, he found himself on the greatest stage of the Walking Horse world. Ebony's Double was invited to be officially retired at the Tennessee Walking Horse National Celebration in a ceremony usually reserved for horses earning world championships. The trip to Shelbyville was hard on Ebony's legs and the day of the ceremony he was having difficulty finding his gait.

There was a great deal of worry among the contingent, including Elvis' wife, [Priscilla](#), who was in attendance for the special ceremony. Yet, with 40,000 expectant people filling the stands, they knew they could not disappoint. When Ebony's Double entered the arena, with Alene up, 'something magical happened,' she says. 'He smoothed out and showed beautifully'. At the Celebration, in memory of Elvis, the Graceland Challenge Trophy is presented to the winner of the Junior Walking Horse Championship Stake.”

Since 1983 the Tennessee Walking Horse National Celebration has given the award every year to the four-year-old Walking Horse World Grand Champion. After three decades of this award being given annually Priscilla Presley



decided to take it back stating “I didn’t know they were still giving the trophy out every year. I thought it was a one-time award.

Graceland isn’t going to support this, knowing what we know now!”



Presley went on to explain that she has always had a passion for horses and was introduced to the breed by her late ex-husband Elvis Presley. He purchased the horses for the pair of them to ride around Graceland property. Presley said that she cannot support the trophy being given out when inhumane methods are being used on the horses and found out from Keith Dane, the Humane Society’s Vice President of Equine Protection that the Celebration was still giving the trophy out. “We both fell in love with this horse,” Presley said. “We knew a little bit of the lingo, but we didn’t know what went on behind the scenes. We were very naive in thinking that’s just the way these horses were. We were novice horse owners. We rode just about every day all over the 13 or 14 acres, and people would stop their cars to watch. Elvis was an entertainer; he loved to show his horses. To be honest, we didn’t know anything about the soring, the pads and the bracelets. If we did, we never would have been behind this horrendous torture.”

Presley has reached out to her friends and other celebrities to join her in supporting the HR 1518/S 1406 PAST Act 100% in hopes to insure that the



cruelty against these horses stops. According to the Celebrations CEO Mike Inman, Priscilla Presley has not yet sent anything to his office asking for the trophy back, but that could also be because of the holidays and the offices being closed. Inman said in an interview that he hoped to speak with Priscilla Presley about her decision before she finalized it. He was quoted as saying “I believe she’d come to a different conclusion.”

To read more about Priscilla Presley taking back the trophy go to www.tennessean.com

To read more about Elvis’ horses and Ebony’s Double go to www.Elvis.com.au

You can see the HR 1518/S 1406 PAST Act bill in its entirety here:

<https://www.govtrack.us/congress/bills/113/hr1518/text>

If you wish to oppose the bill you can find the petition here:

<http://www.change.org/petitions/united-states-house-and-senate-oppose-hr1518-and-s1406-past-act>

References

I was lucky to stumble across several sites for the information given in this newsletter. Without these sites I would not be as informed on the matters at hand.

I got most of my information from www.BillyGoBoy.com

www.Elvis.com.au

www.tennessean.com

www.TheChattanooga.com

www.govtrack.us/congress/bills/113/hr1518/text

www.change.org/petitions/voters-who-oppose-hr-1518-and-s1406-past-act

Keep your eyes out for NPWHA’s next newsletter coming to newsstands near you soon!

Thanks for reading.

Sincerely,

Cheyenne Puskas

Corresponding Secretary for NPWHA