

Lincoln Log

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Happy New Year!

I hope you are wrapping up a happy holiday season. Writing this newsletter left me looking back over the 2015 show season. Mine had ups and downs and I'm guessing yours did too. In the end I learned a lot, made some progress, some new friends, and had a lot of laughs. In short it was a great success! I personally sat out his year's championship season but I had so much fun cheering on many of my fellow Land of Lincoln members. Thank you for providing the thrills and congratulations on a great finish to 2015!

Novice Championships East

Trista Mallow started off the Novice Championships with a bang in late September. She and her young

gelding, Suddenly Winter, also know as Weebaby, won the first Rookie Showmanship Championship. They also placed fifth in the Novice Amateur Showmanship out of 105 entries. Showmanship has never been Trista's favorite class but they started playing with it in January and Weebaby was so good that things took off. Weebaby is the last foal out of Trista's stallion Winter, who she showed in all around events.

Lauren Stepaniak and her gelding, Gota Lota Chex, also had a great Novice Championship show. "Marvin" is kinda famous for being The Old Man with one good eye at 22 years old and it looks like he is just hitting his prime. They started the show with 2 great runs that earned them a 13th in the Novice Amateur Showmanship. Then were 11th in the Rookie Ranch Riding and 18th in the Novice Ranch Riding.

Anna Sofia Hauter and her young horse Especially Gifted brought some nice hardware home from Viginia. They were Champions in the Novice Youth 3 Year Old Halter Geldings. They also were the Reserve Champions in the Youth Hunter Under Saddle.

All American Quarter Horse Congress

The Small Frys kicked off the Congress with a bang this year. The trio of Kaylyn (Lou) Kruchten, Olivia Wynn and Lili Drinkall made us very proud!

Lou Kruchten and her bay roan gelding, Mister Spontaneous, started out with a 3rd place in the Small

Fry Trail. They followed that up with a 7th in the Small Fry Showmanship. Lou and Earl then went on to win Reserve Champion in the Small Fry Horsemanship. At the end of the competition they won the Congress Reserve Small Fry All Around Championship!

Olivia Wynn and Shesa Good Story also made their Congress debut this year. They placed in all 4 of their events. They were 4th place in the Small Fry Showmanship, 4th place in the Small Fry Trail, 6th place in Small Fry Horsemanship and 7th place in Small Fry Equitation.

Lili Drinkall and Honk and Wave showed in three events at this year's show. They were finalist in the Small Fry Equitation. They also showed in the Showmanship and the Horsemanship. Congratulations to these three young ladies for representing the LLQHA so well!

JoAnn Mackey and her gelding, Man in Black, placed 15th in the Novice Amateur Hunter Under Saddle at the Congress. JoAnn's trainer, Lynda Danielson, also rode Man in Black in the Senior HUS and finished as finalists.

Ruth Robinson, also with Lynda and Rose Ranch, showed Aint I A Willy in the Amateur Performance Halter Geldings. They finished 14th and 13th in the Limited.

Rebecca Kopping and her 3YO, KM Best Ride, had a great year in the futurities. They placed 10th in the 3YO Non Pro HUS and 5th in the Southern Bell. They were

also 10th in the Limited. Jennifer Burton rode "Vinny" in the Open 3 YO Hus and placed 11th and 15th in the Limited

Lauren Stepaniak and Gota Lota Chex followed up their Novice Championship success by placing 11th in the Novice Showmanship. They were also 5th in the NSBA.

Jennifer Stoeber rode Ufzippospotential in the Novice Amateur Western Pleasure. They made it through the enormous splits and were finalists. This class is always one of the largest at the Congress. As you may know "Rufus" is owned by Jennifer's Dad, James Bond. You can usually find Jennifer in a hunt seat saddle but she switched it up this year to take Rufus to the Congress.

Hannah Tapling and Oh So McDreamy were 12th in the 15-18 Hunt Seat Equitation. Hannah also let our Illinois Queen Representative ride him in the Queen's Horsemanship Competition.

Anne Pate's new horse, KM The Best Brandy, also had success in the futurities. Jennifer Burton rode him in the 2 YO Open Western Pleasure Stakes Class. They finished 13th in the Open and 8th in the Limited.

AQHA World Show

Ruth Robinson and JoAnn Mackey followed up a great Congress by making the trip to Oklahoma. Both Ruth and JoAnn were finalist in the L2 Amateur Hunter Under

Saddle. Ruth went on to show Aint I A Willy in the Am Performance Halter Geldings. They placed 5th in the L2 and 9th in the L3. Lynda Danielson showed him in the Open and placed 4th in the L2 and 11th in the L2.

Mary Mancini, one of our Halter Exhibitors, also showed her gelding Calilujah at the World Show. They won the Reserve Amateur 3YO Halter Gelding World Championship.

Gordyville Turkey Run

We finished out last Land of Lincoln horse show over the Thanksgiving weekend at Gordyville. It was a great show that started with a special single judged event on Friday that included both HUS and Western Pleasure classes. It went on to a full 4 judge show over Saturday and Sunday.

Mary Caitlyn O'Malley purchased a new horse two weeks before the show, Orange is the New Bay. He is a 3 year chestnut gelding. He won the Circuit Award in the Junior Hunter Under Saddle for his new owner.

Anne Pate got to show her 2 year old KM The Best Brandy for the first time in the Select Western Pleasure. They looked like old pros (not that I am biased) even earning a first place from one of the Judges.

Lauren Stepaniak and Gota Lota Chex won their first Amateur All Around Award at the final show of the year

and Deb Kluz and Willy Impulsive added another Select All Around Award to their yearly total.

Looking Forward to 2016

I am so excited to begin the 2016 show season and I am sure you are too! Our first Land of Lincoln Show will be February 18-21st at Gordyville. Be sure to get your membership forms in before or at this show so that all of your points count for next year. This is also the Land of Lincoln Quarter Horse Association sponsored show, that means this is your show! Without your membership this show does not exist, take a moment to pat yourself on the back. Once you have finished the self congratulations go and recruit a few of your friends to join! I know I speak for everyone involved with the Land of Lincoln Quarter Horse Association when I say that we are grateful for your membership and appreciate your help with the recruiting effort!

I am sure I missed some things so in the future feel free to drop me an email if you have news. I would love hearing from you!

Best of Luck and Happy Showing in 2016!

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