



TO BEGIN

As I sit down to begin writing my first Land of Lincoln newsletter it is beginning to feel like fall. For some of you that means you are looking forward to the big Championship shows, The Novice Championships, The Quarter Horse Congress and the World Show. For others it is the end of the busy summer show season. For me it has meant bringing home all of my dirty tack, smelly show clothes and cleaning a year's worth of show dirt and debris out of my car. This year I am attending the Congress as a spectator and I am really looking forward to being in the stands and cheering for many of you!

When I volunteered to write this newsletter I really didn't know what I was getting myself into. There are so many successes and wins to recount after almost a year of showing. This newsletter is also in no way inclusive of everyone. There are many of you that I haven't had the chance to meet or maybe catch up with. If we haven't met I hope in the future that you will stop me and say hello. If you ever have some news you would like to share either good or bad, feel free to send me an email or shoot me a text, I'd love to hear from you!

IMPORTANT MEETING INFORMATION

We encourage all members to participate at the General Membership Meeting, either in person or by conference call on Sunday, November 8th, beginning at 11:00am. This is a very important meeting which will determine the future of our association. Please mark your calendars.

THE NEWS

Last October **the Drinkall Family, Jennifer, Adam, Lili and June**, dedicated the **Ivy Faith Playground** at Milledgeville Elementary. As many of you know they lost Ivy at 5 months old in 2013. The Drinkall family raised over 70,000 in Ivy's honor to build the playground, which is at Lili and June's school. Many of the supporters were members of our horse community. What a beautiful legacy for this family!

Jennifer's clients have also had some great achievements this year. **Lili Drinkall** and **Honk and Wave** won the Small Fry All Around at 3 Gordyville shows and at New Castle in June. **Anna Sophia Hauter** and **Especially Gifted** won the Youth HUS Circuit Award at 2 Gordyville shows, the Cap Gun and at New Castle. **Kathy Harper** also bought two new horses, **Lazy When I'm Hot** and **AJ Lazy I Am**. **Sarah Foley** and **Truly that Simple** won 3 Circuit Awards at the Mayflower in the spring.

The Kruchten Family has had a busy year with all three girls, **Kamryn, Rachel** and **Kaylyn (Lou)** in the show ring. They retired **A Modern Zippo** in June, Twiggy is enjoying a well-deserved retirement after teaching all three girls to ride. Rachel has been

borrowing Lou's horse, **Mister Spontaneous**, and will be showing him at the Congress in Showmanship, Horsemanship and Trail. If you were lucky you may have seen Lou riding him in small fry events throughout the year. Kamryn has been showing **Chex Out My Lope**, picking up several Youth High Point Awards including the 14-18 High Point in Springfield at the International Show. They also placed 5th in Showmanship and 9th in Western Pleasure at the Gordyville Shootout this summer. Kamryn will be showing both Chex Out My Lope and **KM Suddenly the Best** at the Congress. **Jeff Greaves** has been showing KM Suddenly the Best in the Green Western Pleasure and doing quite well. When I spoke to Kristi she mentioned how grateful the family is to both Jeff and his assistant **Alex Miller** for their success with the girls this year!

I had a chance to catch up with **Lynda Danielson, Ruth Robinson** and **JoAnn Mackey** at Gordyville a few weeks ago. Ruth's horse, **Aint I A Willy**, finished both his Open and Amateur Superior in HUS this year and is currently 2nd in the Nation in Select HUS and 4th in Performance Geldings. JoAnn Mackey's horse, **Man in Black**, qualified for the World Show in Open and Amateur level 2 HUS. They are looking forward to the Congress with Ruth in Select events and JoAnn in Novice and Amateur.

Debbie Kluz and **Willy Impulsive** are on a hot streak! They have been racking up the Select All Around Awards showing in Showmanship, Halter, HUS, Equitation and Horsemanship. They also completed Earl's AQHA Championship and Amateur Halter superior this year.

Keri Collins and her mare, **Sorry For Partying**, achieved their first Superior in Amateur Showmanship this summer. They are also looking forward to competing at the Congress in Showmanship and Equitation. If you are there don't forget to stop by The Closet Space, owned by Keri and **Trista Mallow**. They will be located in the Annex building booth 1001.

The Demirjian Family continues to successfully show their gelding, **I Got My Game On. Claire** and Levi placed 9th in Performance Halter at the AQHYA World Show this summer. It was their third year in the top 10. I Got My Game On also picked up a few Open All Around

Awards with **Brad Dohm** this year. The family welcomed two foals into the world this spring. **Chrome Me Up** is by Keeping It Good out of Ima Fancy Affair (Lazy Loper x a January Investment daughter). **Huntin an Investor** is by Hubba Hubba Huntin and out of Captive Investment (January Investment daughter).

Anne Pate purchased a new horse early this summer. He is **KM The Best Brandy**, a two year old RL Best of Sudden gelding. He tied for a Championship at the Tom Powers Futurity and then followed that up by winning the NSBA World Championship in the 2 Year Old Intermediate Open Western Pleasure in Tulsa. Next up he'll be showing in the 2 YO Open Western Pleasure Stakes with **Jennifer Burton** at the Congress.

Rebecca Kopping and her 3 YO gelding, **KM Best Ride**, are having a nice year showing in the futurities. They placed in the top 5 at the Tom Powers Futurity. They followed that up with several top 10 finishes at the NSBA World Show. Look for them at the Congress in 3 YO Am HUS events. **Jennifer Burton** will also be showing him in the Open HUS Events.

UFZippospotential has carried 4 riders to wins in the Western Pleasure this year. Rufus is owned by **James Bond** and he has been riding him in the Novice and Select Western Pleasure. One of their highlights included a win and a trophy at the Illinois State Fair Show in July. **Jennifer Burton** has had wins on Rufus in the Green WP. James's daughter, **Jennifer Stoever**, has also been winning in the Novice WP. And when she was called to work for an emergency during a show her husband, **JD Stoever**, stepped in and won the Novice WP. Pretty impressive since this was JD's second return to the show ring in about 15 years. Maybe even more impressive was that his chaps still fit! Jennifer Stoever is the lucky rider that will be piloting Rufus at the Congress.

James Steinman qualified 3 horses for the Select World Show this year including **Very Cool Duke** and **Krisima Stylin** who are also qualified for the World Show in Open and Amateur. At the Illinois Breeders Futurity his 2 YO mare, Krisima Stylin, was the Reserve Grand Champion Mare. Her weanling full sister, **Gracious Stylin**, also won the Champion of Champions, Georgia Davidsmeyer Award.

Marcia Kramer Smith and **Investinalookatme** added Showmanship and Western Riding to their class schedule this year. The pair have won Circuit Awards in 5 different events and picked up some Select All Around Awards. They qualified for the Select World Show in Trail, Horsemanship and Western Pleasure. They are also qualified for the Amateur World Show in Trail, Horsemanship and Western Pleasure and the Open World Show in Senior Trail.

Olivia Wynn has stolen Mom's horse this year. While **Jessica** and **Shesa Good Story** placed 7th in the Gordyville Showmanship Shootout, it's Olivia that will be making her Congress debut in the small fry events. Olivia has prepared by winning Circuit Awards in Horsemanship, Showmanship and Trail.

Payton Boutelle and **Miss Potential To Do** finished last year's show season by winning the 11 and Under Reserve All Around Championship at the Congress. She also won the 11 and Under Equitation, was Reserve in the 11 and Under Horsemanship and placed in the top 10 in the 11 and Under Western Pleasure and the Novice 13 and under Western Pleasure. **Shaelyn** and Miss Potential To Do also earned a top 5 finish in the Small Fry Showmanship. This year the Family has purchased a new horse, **Heres Hopin Im Hot**, a 2011 Gelding. Since June he has earned his Open and Youth ROM and multiple Circuit Awards.

We said goodbye to a few great horses this year. **Anne Pate** lost her gelding, **Heatin Up The Charts**, in the spring. Anne and Sammy earned their Superior in Select Am Horsemanship and Select Western Pleasure and had numerous All Around Awards and Year End Awards. I had the pleasure of personally knowing Sammy and can tell you he was a gentle soul who took good care of his rider. One of my favorite memories was watching him take **John Lyle Burton** for some of his first rides. I speak for everyone at our barn when I say he is greatly missed.

Chayna De Nicolo lost her longtime partner Bruno, aka **Circuit Award**, in August. The family purchased Bruno in 2007 to be Chayna's 14-18 all around horse. They earned Congress placings, a Youth Championship and numerous All Around Awards during their

time together. Bruno's showing career was cut short in 2009 but he was able to happily enjoy his retirement with the De Nicolo family. Chayna chronicled much of their journey together with video's that garnered something of a cult following. They can be found on her youtube channel, Cowgirlup505.

The Land of Lincoln Quarter Horse would like to express our sincerest condolences to the Hannagan family on the loss **John Gordon "Bud" Hannagan II**, who passed away on August 28th. Bud was the second of six children born to **Gordon and Jan Hannagan** and is survived by his wife, two sons, his mother, **Jan**, his sisters we all know and love so well, **Mary, Patty, Jody**, and another brother, **Jimmy**. Although Bud had no interest in horses, he played an important role in farming the family properties and worked at the Gordon Hannagan Auction Company. He will be missed by many.

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