



New Member Information

OQHA Website

Please refer to www.oqha.on.ca for up-to-date association information. You can learn about fellow members with the “5 Question Spotlight”, “Director Spotlights”, and direct links to the Youth and Amateur Associations. The site also offers free Classified Ads to members, a Discussion Forum courtesy of The Rider, the latest information on shows, point standings, recent events, and industry and affiliate news. As well, membership applications, incentive fund forms, reserve back number forms, show bills, novice permits, and potential sponsor letters are all available to download. For information pertaining to the OQHBF and Hall of Fame, there is quick access links located on the main page. Our links page has expanded to include other Quarter Horse affiliates, organizations, and Promotional Clubs.

OQHA Incentive Fund

We have our own Incentive Fund which you can enter each year to earn money for your OQHA points. The cost is \$25 per class and you must fill out a form and hand it in to the show secretaries or send it to: Kim Allen, at 1357 2nd Line, R. R. #1, Palgrave, ON L0N 1P0 (519) 942-2424. In the past, almost \$8,000 has been paid out! Don't forget to sign up at the first show as points only count from the date you pay in. Forms can be downloaded off our website.

Reserve Back Number

Order your favourite back number now and you will receive laminated numbers for your exclusive use at 2007 OQHA sanctioned shows. Cost is \$20 for 2 numbers or \$30 for 5. You only have until March 31st to hold your current number before it becomes available to others (one to four digits in length). Download the form off our website and mail to Kim Allen at above address.

Year End Awards

Each horse's owner and exhibitor must be OQHA members for their points to count. Points begin counting when membership is paid in full. At the year end banquet, awards are presented to the High Point and Reserve High Point winner in each eligible class if they have accumulated over 25 OQHA points at OQHA sanctioned shows. Refer to the By-Laws and Constitution (March Issue) for further information.

Trail Ride

OQHA in conjunction with AQHA will be hosting another All-Breed trail ride. Contact Ride Coordinator Jan Ropp at (519) 293-3867 for more information.

Members may also sign up to our Horseback Riding Program for a

one-time fee of \$25. Log your hours in the saddle and become eligible for great awards.

OQHA News

All members receive the OQHA News. A glossy magazine, it features a Membership Directory Issue, Breeders' Issue, and Stallion issue. For advertising, contact W.D. Keeling at admin@weprint.on.ca

All Novice Show

OQHA will again be hosting an All Novice Youth and Amateur Show this year. For the past two years, each entry was eligible for a draw for either a Collegiate English Saddle or a Tex Tan Western Saddle. In 2006, OQHA hosted the largest All Novice Show in the World! We offer fantastic Hi-Pt and Reserve Hi-Pt awards, great prizes and ribbons to 9th. Also, informational clinics are presented by AQHA Professional Horsemen and the province's top trainers. This show is approved for OQHA points. Check our website for more details coming shortly.

Queen Contest

OQHA selects a young lady each year to represent OQHA at various functions including the OQHBF and the All American Quarter Horse Congress Queen Contest. This is a contest of Horsemanship, AQHA and OQHA Rule Book knowledge, and an Oral Interview. Interested young ladies can contact the OQHA Office for more information.

Youth Association

Our youth association have their own association which conducts fund raising activities including the Sunshine Circuit horse show. This is a complete AQHA show for youth and adult participation. The youth association also organizes youth teams for the Congress and World Championship competition.

Amateur Association

The Amateurs also have their own association which conducts fund raising activities, hosts educational clinics and non-pro events, and runs a year-long team tournament. For Mentor information, see their website at www.oaqha.com

Breeders' Futurity

The Ontario Quarter Horse Breeders' Futurity is the annual showcase of Ontario member bred Quarter Horses. Approximately \$100,000 in cash and prizes is offered at this prestigious event September 8th and 9th at Black's. All are welcome to come and watch top horses from weanlings to five

year olds compete in halter, western pleasure, hunter under saddle, longe line and reining classes. Refer to entry eligibility rules and deadlines.

Hall of Fame

Since 1997, OQHA has recognized men, women, and horses who have played a vital role in the development of the OQHA. For nomination forms, download them from our website or contact Joe Carter at (519) 448-1127.

The Rider News

Members also receive the latest OQHA news, 10 times a year, through our page in The Rider. Due to mailing costs, available to Canadian members only. U.S. residents may be able to pick up copies at the show office at OQHA sanctioned shows.