

KWHA Updates

KWHA Members,

The 2015 show season is upon us! The Kentucky Walking Horse Association recently celebrated 50 years of great success. We are humbled by our past, and excited about the future. There are many new announcements and updates for this year's show season. The KWHA Board of Directors continues to work diligently to help support shows across Kentucky and surrounding states.

A sincere thank you goes out to everyone involved in the 2014 KWHA High Point Banquet. It was one of the largest banquets in recent memories. Auction prices were on the rise, and members thoroughly enjoyed getting to spend time with one another. It was definitely a great way to start the new year!

We will be offering several new high point classes this year for our members. These new high point classes include juvenile trail pleasure, 11 and under country pleasure, keg shod country pleasure, and 4 and under country/trail Pleasure. A complete list of the KWHA high point classes and divisions can be found at www.kywa.com.

As a reminder, you must be a member by July 10th in order to be eligible for high point awards. Membership forms can be found on our website. Please also consider supporting other walking horse organizations throughout the state as well. Many shows are also members of high point associations such as, OVWHA, EKWRHA, KWRHTA, SCWHA, and many others.

The KWHA has a strong partnership with the KY-HIO. Let me also share with you some positive information regarding the KY-HIO. New flatshod walking rules, regulations, and judging criteria are now available online. This was done in an attempt to help exhibitors showing between multiple HIO's. This will also allow judges, exhibitors, and owners to have a clearer understanding of the rules and criteria concerning the different divisions. We are especially excited about the addition of the keg-shod country pleasure class. The KY-HIO recently held their annual DQP clinic with the USDA. It was a very positive and informative time for our DQP's. The judge's clinic will be held on March 14th at the Four Points in Lexington. We are excited to have new DQP's and judges serving the KY-HIO in 2015. These individuals will be a great addition to the DQP's and judges already serving.

Currently the KWHA is working around the clock to ensure another great show season in 2015. Last year there were almost 70 shows throughout Kentucky and surrounding states that were included in our high point program. We hope to exceed that number this year. Please look for information concerning upcoming shows on our website. In addition, each KWHA member will receive a show directory (Bluebook) with all KWHA shows for 2015.

We want everyone to feel like they are a part of our association. We welcome every member to attend meetings and contact board of directors with suggestions. As a reminder, check our website out on a regular basis. All meeting dates, business meetings, and other information can be found there. We want to wish everyone a successful show season in 2015! Thank you for your hard work and dedication to the breed.

Thank you,

Jared Scott

KWHA President