

ESPHC News Bits

- Many of you may have wondered what happen to your Sept. Oct. Nov. Issue of the newsletter. In the past the main purpose of that issue was to give you the futurity results and the main purpose of the Dec. Jan. Feb. Issue was to get the banquet reservation out. Due to economic times it was decided to combine the two issues for this year. As all are trying to cut back so is our club. We will continue to send a newsletter 4 x a yr. but will restrict it to only 12 pages which takes a mere \$.42 stamp. All club information will be posted on the website. If there is something that you would like to see on the website please notify me and I will try to get it included!!!!!!!!!!
- Speaking about the website - it has been taken over by the DCMO BOCES Visual Communication Class, under the direction of teacher, Sandi Sheldon. Each year two students (one junior/one senior) will be assigned to this work experience project. During the summer break Sandi herself will continue with the updates. This is just another cost cutting way the club hopes to save money. Please let us know if you experience any problems or have any suggestions.
- On a sadder note, the club would like to express our sympathies to the Greg Procopio family. Greg passed away Sept. 25, 2008. Greg and his wife Martha have been extremely active in our club, the NY Pinto club, and the NYS Breeders Assoc. club for several decades. We would like to thank Greg for all his hard work and contributions to the spotted horse and bid him a fond farewell.
- At the Summer Spectacular Paint/Pinto Show in July the youth of the Paint and Pinto clubs had some good times making friends and memories. Many of the youth present turned in entries for the coloring contest and were rewarded with prizes. The Paint Youth Club also hosted a ice cream social for all youth exhibitors on Saturday afternoon. A grand time was had by all.
- We would like to inform all members that Dixon Show Stables is having an Open House on January 24, 2009. Visit their website at www.dixonshowstables.com for more information or contact Marty Dixon at (302) 242-5426. You can also drop and email to marcia@dixonshowstables.com. Sounds like it should be a great place to visit.
- Please look on our website for a copy of the minutes from the 2009 Zone 7 Show Committee Meeting, held November 22, 2008. If there are any questions regarding these minutes, please contact the Zone 7 Chairperson, Jill Pacelli. The Zone 7 Show is moving to new grounds. The Gloucester County Dream Park has been secured for 2009, 2010, and 2011. Item for item, all aspects of the Dream Park are better or the same. To ck this facilities out go to: www.gcianj.com and click on DREAM Park. This is now where the Garden State Paint Horse Club holds their shows.
- Included in this newsletter is the form to nominate a stallion for our SSA and the form used to bid on the horses. For an continually updated list of the stallions nominated this year please refer to our website: www.esphc.com
- In Oct. Don and Ellen Coughlin attended the Annual APHA Convention and Membership Meeting in San Diego, California. The California state clubs were gracious hosts with many activities planned. Be sure to ask them what they learned while in attendance. One rule that will have an effect on people is that show fees have changed. APHA fees, which have been \$3/judge, have been raised to \$5/ judge.
- This year the club really thought out of the box about fundraising!!! This year we tried our hand selling choc items from a book. The Easter Fund raiser netted us enough to help purchase the Pat Callahan Memorial Saddle and use some for Yr-End Awards. With the profit from our Fall show being non-existent and no money to buy year end awards, members once again pitched in to sell the Christmas Fundraiser. That netted us enough to reward our members with nice year-end awards. The club would like to thank all those that helped with these fundraisers. Their names are listed on the last page of the newsletter. If you would like to help the club sell the 2009 Easter Candy fundraiser please contact me, at 607-674-9604 or donelfarms@frontiernet.net. The more members that help the more money we can raise to continue to promote the paint horse.
- Kathy Reinhart has taken on the job as our sponsorship chairperson. She could use help raising funds for the club. If you have any ideas please forward your suggestions to her or if you are willing to go out and ask for donations from horse related retailers in your area please feel free to let her know. Note Kathy's contact information in the officer section of the newsletter