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WRHA 2022 Election

Family memberships get 2 votes, individual memberships get 1 and youth memberships need to be 16 years old and get one vote.

The email, member name and WRHA membership number are required fields. Please contact me if you need your membership number.

Voting will close at 7:00 PM on December 17, 2021



2021 AWARDS BANQUET

January 22, **2022** at the Delafield Brewhaus. The reservation form is included in this newsletter.

2022 SHOW DATES

All shows will be held at Walworth County Fairgrounds, Elkhorn, WI

- **May 21 & 22, 2022**
- () June 11 & 12, 2022
- O August 13 & 14, 2022
- **O September 17 & 18, 2022**

SEPTEMBER WEEKEND HIGH POINT WINNERS:

| All Age: Barry Fagerstrom | Reserve: Paul Huettl |
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| Amatuer: Chris Euhus | Reserve: Lisa Davie |
| Novice: Sara Nosbisch | Reserve: Susan Laird |
| Youth: Carley Gehrke | Reserve: Sophia Cook |
| Novice Youth: Audrie Gander | Reserve: Lily Reese |
| Green As Grass: Tawney Denn | Reserve: Jodi Funk |

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

WELCOME TO THE LAST 2021 WRHA NEWSLETTER!

As 2021 winds down the holidays are here and we are looking toward 2022. Nominations of officers have closed and elections are here. The year end awards banquet will be held on January 22nd at the Delafield Brewhaus. The reservation form is included in this news letter. Everyone is invited to attend. Winning awards is always special however being part of WRHA and celebrating with our friends and family is part of the fun of being in the WRHA. There will be a raffle as usual and a really delicious buffet, cash bar and awards will be presented. Please bring a donation item for the raffle if you can. There will be tables set up to display the items and tickets can be purchased at the door when you check in!

Thank you all for contributing to a great show season and allowing me to be your President! Let's kick off 2022 with a celebration!

Jo Ellen Milkie President 2021

2021 YEAR-END AWARD WINNERS

| | Champion | Reserve | Top |
|-----------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| All Age: | Barry Fagerstrom | Paul Huettl | Helen Lineberger |
| | Gunnin For Smokin Chicks | Sheza Toxic Doc | Quakin Melody |
| Amateur: | Chris Euhus | Lisa Davie | Ashley Gorczynski |
| | Dun Its Charming | Ruidoso Mercedes | Good Roddin Ranger |
| Novice AM: | Sara Nosbisch | Susan Laird | Grant Lineberger |
| | UWRF Peppyallnite | Chic Sure Dunit | Pocos Smokin Angel |
| Youth: | Sophia Cook | Carley Gehrke | Kira Lee |
| | Busy Mr Prince | Mklilredhen | Kits Little Hickory |
| Nov. Youth: | Lily Reese | Audrie Gander | Deborah Sheldon |
| | Dirty Diamond Too | Quakin Melody | Dodgin My Freckles |
| Green As Grass: | Tawney K Denn Resonating Boom | Tracy Fuchs Ourhollywoodhomerun | Tara Haselhorst Face It Chuck |
| Top Cow Horse: | All Age-Barry Fagerstrom | Amateur-Chris Euhus | |

Spotlight

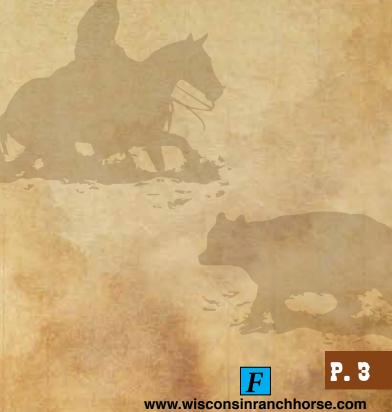
AJ Stone

My ranch horse journey began over 13 years ago. I had purchased a Gray's Starlight yearling (Junior), and we were boarding at Mike and Char Martin's Heartfield Farms. They were showing a horse in this new association called WRHA. At that time there was nothing like it around, and it's mission of promoting the ranch horse with the opportunity to compete in a lot of ranch horse events sparked my interest, so I thought I would give WRHA a try. I got Junior broke, went to my first show, and I was hooked. I showed Junior for a few years and met Paul Huettl. Paul had a place close to home and also had cattle, which is a huge benefit to being competitive in cattle classes, so Junior and I headed to Paul's. At the time, little did I know what a huge part of my life horses and WRHA were going to turn out to be.

Fast forward through a few years of an opportunity to work, drive, and show draft horses, and we are back to Paul's and this great organization that is WRHA with a roan horse called Reality Check or "Skeeter." Skeeter was a feedlot gelding with a lot of personality!! Showing Skeeter in WRHA, the World Show, and working with him at Paul's led me to a Cal Middleton clinic. This clinic completely changed the way I viewed horsemanship. It taught me that it's not about me, but what the horse needs that really matters. At that point, I became 100% a student of the horse. Skeeter and I continued to work together, getting better every ride, and having some success in the showpen. But with my new way of looking at horsemanship, I made the tough decision Skeeter needed to go somewhere else, and I needed to find a new trusty steed. With help from friends, into my life walks, Jeb's Asmart Chic Away. Jeb and I continued the journey in my new found horsemanship methods of Cal Middleton, Peter Campbell, and Tom Dorrance. We found success every ride which resulted in success in the showpen. Jeb has given new meaning to trusty steed and is a wonderful horse. So wonderful, in fact, that my wife decided she wanted to give this great organization a try. Therefore, Jeb started another chapter in his life as a teacher. Marie and Jeb's debut into WRHA was the 2021 season. The journey began finding success in the walk trot classes, and they are hoping to compete in the Green as Grass division in 2022.

So with my wife's new found journey, another horse is needed for me to continue my trip through WRHA. Boom's Gotta Gun, (JJ) was the lucky winner. The journey with this horse has been one of the most challenging, yet rewarding, I have ever had. JJ is a really sensitive horse who needed a lot of help and direction, and I needed to take my horsemanship skills to a new level. We have only done limited showing the past 2 years for a couple of reasons. JJ was not 100% ready, and my roles in WRHA kept me busy at the shows and behind the scenes. At this point, I feel JJ and I are getting better every ride and should be "Ready to Roll" in either the Amateur or All Age division for 2022. For this reason, beginning in 2022 I will no longer be on the Board or committees of WRHA. Serving WRHA for several years has been extremely rewarding. I have met so many people that are a big part of my life, and continue to be lifelong friends. A huge thank you to each and every one of you for all the help and support you have given. Being a part of this great organization and helping with the original message of promoting the American Ranch Horse has been an awesome opportunity and hopefully the message is not forgotten in the future. See ya down the road.





WRHA FORMS

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Join the fun!

Awards Banquet
Saturday, January 22nd
12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Please join us at the 13th annual WRHA awards banquet to celebrate another successful show season – to be held at Delafield Brewhaus, 3832 Hillside Dr. Delafield, WI (exit I-94 at Hwy 83).

12:00 to 1:00 Social/Cocktail Hour

Lunch served at 1:00 p.m., raffle, auction and awards presentation to follow the banquet

Reservations must be received with payment no later than January 10th. Make check payable to WHRA and mail to:

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Sheila Enright
6719 Chillems Dr

Spring Grove, IL 60081

Donations are greatly appreciated. We will again have a raffle for smaller items and a live auction for larger items.

Contact Person

Phone

Total Adult Buffets @ \$ 23 /each

Total Children's Buffets (age 10 and under) @ \$7.00/each

Check enclosed