

Everglades Paso Fino Horse Association

Quarterly Newsletter

“The Smoothest Ride in **North Florida** serving the Panhandle from Pensacola to Jacksonville and as far south as Ocala across to the Atlantic”

Winter 2006 (and into 2007)

*** Secretary's Note: I apologize for not getting a newsletter out during the last quarter. I was extremely busy.**

Everglades PFHA Officers:

Nivia Buchanan: President/Board Delegate (850) 675-3684

Mike Andrews: Vice-President

Elizabeth Arledge: Secretary (850) 566-5627

Henrietta Ratliff: Treasurer (850) 584-3234

Denise Van Ness: Alternate Board Delegate

Trail Ride Coordinator: Diann Pierce (850) 445-1573

President's Message

Hey Everyone,

Hope everyone is having a wonderful New Year. I have to say that at the Annual Meeting in New Orleans a couple of weeks ago, that was the feeling most of us felt when we left, good. It's going to be a wonderful year for PFHA.

Great people elected as officers, President Robin Ratliff, VP: Ed Smith, Secretary Sue Niebling, Treasurer Roseanne Gmuer.

So many wonderful ideas from all the Committees and Regions willing to work together and help each other to help our Association and our Horses go forward. We rescinded the "Show Tax". Something that was not thought about in October when it passed was this "Show Tax" could have been devastating for the smaller Regions and Iso members who may only go to one or two shows a year. Roseanne is already working with the financial end so we don't have to Tax our members.

I feel that the Marketing Committee is on the right train of thought now. There will be more programs on Paso Finos on RFD-TV. They have already started this, the goal is to have better educative programs = better time slots. This Committee is also working on something Interactive to be up and running on HORSE TV Channel which airs on Cable or Computer.

Marketing Committee is the one behind the Farm Tours. Did you know that if you sponsor Stephanie Dunkin to come to your farm, (flight, hotel or place to stay meals etc. and pay for a one page color add), will give you 6 pages for the farm tour in the Magazine? I for one have enjoyed these farm tours. It gives everyone a chance to see what farm is in their local area, and tour beautiful places.

A New Committee for the "Recreational Rider" was created. Idea is that "Amateur Owner" is used basically for Showing purposes only, therefore, Recreational Rider Committee was formed in order to better serve the Trail Riders, Event Riders, or those of us who don't ride but love owning a Paso Fino etc., who are also Amateur Owners, but do not use this standing when on a Trail Ride or Eventing Event. They were discussing ideas to acknowledge these members and their accomplishments. Like I said, there's a lot of wonderful ideas & things happening. I am so EXCITED!!

We also had Dr. Anderson a Veterinarian from OK, who talked and answered questions about the issue of Tail Cutting. Dr. Anderson explained myths and facts and what AQHA ruling is on this matter. He told us he was not FOR nor was he AGAINST this matter, but wanted to let us know his findings and answer our questions.

Now he was a real Cowboy, very very tall, very slim, very slow & soft spoken, Big handlebar mustache, big black cowboy hat, black jacket, and blue jeans. He made us laugh at times.

New Orleans was a little bit scary at first. Being accustom to seeing it alive with lights, traffic, everywhere as you drive in from I-10, and that was not the case, was a bit different. So many buildings still boarded up & empty. We were told not to get away from the main areas, and to travel in groups. Ed Laafferty of Deep South was a great host and everyone had a great time. Of course The French Q. Bourbon Street was much alive with the music, merriment, great food & Cafe of course.

Our Everglades Meeting will be held on the 10th of Feb. at Greener Pastures hope to see you there.

Thanks, Nivia Buchanan

October 2006 PFHA Board Meeting Notes

The October 2006 PFHA Board Meeting was held in Tampa, FL. Several issues were discussed at this meeting. The Executive Director's contract was renewed for an additional three years. The 2007 budget was passed that included an additional tax on showing (which was rescinded at the Jan 2007 Board meeting). A Futurity Task Force was formed to enhance the Futurity Auction at Nationals.

January 2007 PFHA Board Meeting Notes

The January 2007 PFHA Board Meeting and Annual Convention was held in New Orleans, LA. Several important actions were taken. The Board rescinded the "show tax", added an ad hoc Recreational Riders Committee, and refined the National Show Futurity Auction. At the Annual Convention on Saturday, officers were elected: President – Robin Ratliff, Vice President – Ed Smith, Secretary – Sue Niebling, Treasurer – Roseanne Gmuer. Margaret Fahringer was appointed to the Executive Committee. Also, the members heard a presentation by Dr. Anderson on the evolvement of the AQHA's enforcement of their tail cutting rules. As you can imagine, this was a highly attended talk!

Sept 2006 Trail Ride, Ft Braden, Tallahassee

Everglades member Diann Pierce coordinated a trail ride on September 30, 2006 at Ft Braden Trail, Lake Talquin State Forest off of SR-20 west of Tallahassee, FL. Approximately 12 people came out to enjoy the wonderful weather. If you are interested in seeing a trail ride in your area, contact Diann Pierce (850) 445-1573

Email Addresses

Please let Elizabeth know your correct **email address so we can keep you up to date on all our activities.** Contact her at earledge@hcsmail.com

Everglades Fun Show, Pensacola, FL

We hosted a fun show in Pensacola, FL November 4, 2006. The event started at 10:00 am on Saturday with a dinner in the evening. The show was a great success. We had approximately 40 horses at the show with some classes having as many as 12 participants!

This event was planned as a low cost, fun activity for Paso Fino owners. Special thanks to our members on the west side of the region for all their hard work under the direction of Nivia and Audrey Buchanan.

Planning a trail ride on the eastern side of our region! Our region extends from Pensacola to Jacksonville and as far south as Ocala to the Atlantic. In an effort to reach members east of Tallahassee, Diann Pierce is organizing a **March trail ride either at Suwannee State Park (over night facilities for horses and riders) or Cary Forest. We need your feedback. Please let Diann Pierce know your preferences for participation.**

February 2007 Everglades PFHA Meeting

The February meeting, typically held in Ocala, will be held on Saturday, February 10, 2007 starting at 12:00pm at Greener Pastures Ranch in Lamont, FL. There will be a talk by Henrietta Ratliff on recordkeeping and barn management, lunch (Cuban) sponsored by the club, and then the general meeting. This is an important meeting with a lot to talk about. The meeting will be held at Greener Pastures Ranch, 14279 N US 19, Lamont, FL 32336 or (850) 584-3234 for directions.

Personalized Paso License Plate?

If you have a Paso related or farm name related personalized license plate, contact Elizabeth Arledge at earledge@hcsmail.com. She is doing a story for the Paso Fino Horse World titled, Paso People and their License Plates. The article is due by March 15 for the May edition.

Red Hills Horse Trials

The Annual Red Hills Horse Trials will be coming up again in March. Everglades member Noah Maloy mans the Paso Fino booth. Last year, we had a great turnout for the demonstration on Sunday. Approximately 100 people gathered around to watch our regional members demonstrate the Paso Fino horse. Consider coming out this year and participating!

Classified Section

Horses for Sale

Plebeyo son – 11 yr old gelding standing at 14.1 hh. Gorgeous, naturally gaited and extremely smooth. Excellent ground manners, enthusiastic and very willing to please. Show record as a stallion and trail

rides. Needs a confident rider. Contact Dawn at dmjennings@comcast.net or (904) 230-8129.

Testimonio Con Alas – Kid safe, gelding, son of Carnito QC out of Reserve Grand National Champion Pleasure Mare, Caliope Con Alas. Contact Robin at (850) 570-8645

Absolutely adorable Profeta son, Moot Point's Sostenido. Show trained Pleasure Stallion (can be gelded) with a great personality. Contact Robin (850) 570-8645

Profeta, Capuchino line, 3 yr old filly, cream dun, green \$2,000. Call Doug Davis (850) 488-9150 x318. 9 yr old gray Paso Fino mare – registration #25,470. Up to date on all vet services. Great for pleasure or show. Smooth ride and spirited. Anxious to get her to a good home that enjoys to ride. Pictures and/or ride available on request. \$2,000. Contact Robert at rmnesmith@comcast.net or (850) 562-6983.

Palomino Mare - Beautiful Palomino 4 year old mare with black skin, elegant and very willing out of Eclipse Isaac Wylers cremello largo stud. Contact JoAnn (352) 799-1477

Buckskin Mare - 18 years young, mare Chispa Coral LaCE daughter gaits every step even in pasture and extremely smooth riding. Very safe horse, ridden in parades trails and next to 6 lane highway anyone can ride, controlled brio no bucking or rearing no faults, healthy. Contact JoAnn (352) 799-1477

Prometido de Selecta son - 6 year old chestnut stallion son of Prometido de Selecta out of Postin daughter easy to ride, absolute gentleman, high headset for showing or trail riding, bred for fino but has surprising range of gait. Contact JoAnn (352) 799-1477.

Farm Directory

Greener Pastures Ranch, Lamont, FL, Henrietta and Robin Ratliff, (850) 584-3234

Moot Point Paso Finos, Crystal River, FL, Denise Van Ness (352) 795-7921

N-Vision Horse Farm, Monticello, FL, Noah Maloy, Jr. (850) 997-1138

Business Directory

International Saddlery, Conyers, GA, Pam Speed, (888) 264-TACK (8225)

Vilcom Outdoor News and Horse Report, Greenville, FL Bob and Grace Evans (850) 948-6497

Would you like your farm or business listed? Contact Elizabeth Arledge at earledge@hcsmail.com or (850) 566-5627 for more information

Bay Mare - Seven year old mare, 15.3 hands tall! gentle , kind,sweet riding horse. Very good on trails, looks where shes going, dependable anyone can ride. Contact JoAnn (352) 799-1477.

Classical Image - Very striking 2 yr old registered turning gray colt by Anfitrión del Classico and Imagen de Capuchino. Beautiful natural quick gait, sweet willing personality, and very elegant carriage of body. \$3,000 to a loving home. Contact Debbie, 352-473-5006.

Kasimar de Turpial, gelding, born 1/1/97 with a very tight natural gait. Dapple gray. Pleasure/trail. Anyone can ride. Contact Hilda Hoover, (850) 834 2602 or gulfwindpasofinos@hotmail.com

Tenor del Classico, gelding, foaled 1/23/96. Smooth, natural gait, gray, pleasure/trail. Used in Paso Fino drill team. Contact Hilda Hoover, (850) 834 2602.

Bailando Luna, mare, foaled 3/15/94. Gray, very smooth and quick. Pleasure/trail. Anyone can ride. Contact Hilda Hoover, (850) 834 2602.

Vivente Continental, gelding, foaled 4/20/88. Chestnut. Has been shown in Pleasure and used in Paso Fino drill team. Contact Hilda Hoover, (850) 834 2602 or gulfwindpasofinos@hotmail.com.

Tack for Sale

Everglades members get a 10% discount at International Saddlery in Conyers, GA on all Paso tack and bits in stock. 5 styles of bits from \$49.95 to \$52.95. Call Everglades' members Barb or Pam at (888) 264-TACK (8225).

