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Kansas Connections Excel During The 2007 AQHA World Show

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It was a banner year for Kansas exhibitors at the AQHA World Show. World Champions were crowned in 3 different disciplines and a western Kansas family earned a super horse title. There were additional top 10 placements and many finalists with connections to the state.

The open competition concluded with Shiners Diamond Jill earning more points than any other competitor and being awarded the Superhorse title. Shiners Diamond Jill is a 7-year-old daughter of Shining Spark and out of Zans Diamond Jackie by Zans Diamond Sun. She is owned by Garth and Amanda Gardiner of Ashland, Ks and was shown by Brad Lund of La Cygne, KS. She qualified for four events: performance halter mares, senior working cow horse, senior heading and senior heeling. Her placements for the week were a third in senior heading, fourth in senior heeling and a tenth in the sr. working cow horse, giving her 29.5 points and the Sooner Trailer Super horse title. She also competed in the Performance Halter Mares class. While this is the Gardiners first win in Super horse competition Brad Lund was making an encore appearance after win-

ning the title in 2005 with a stallion named With All Probability owned by Jim & Michelle Holland.

Brad also took the reins for an individual world title in the Junior Heading with Right Probably Knot owned by Jim and Michele Holland of Bucyrus, Kansas, "Lilly" is a 5-year-old bay mare by the 2005 Sooner Trailer Super horse, With All Probability, and out of Queen Lori Lynn by Goldseeker King Bo. This was the mares first appearance at the World Show.

Also bringing home a championship was A Certain Vino, sired by Certain Potential and out of Dotevia by Zippo Jack Bar. The 2003 gelding earned his title in the Junior Western Pleasure with exhibitor Karen Hornick of Jamestown Ohio for owner Lee Reeve of Garden City, Ks. He placed first under 4 of the 5 judges. Lee bought the gelding two years ago at the World Show. In 2005, A Certain Vino was the winner of the Reichert Celebration's \$250,000 Sports Medicine Challenge.

Winning the 3 Yr Old Stallions title and the Reserve Amateur 3 Yr Old Stallions title was Not Kiddin Me sired by Buckleys Mr

Twister and out of Not Kiddin by Kid Clu. Presented in the open halter by AQHA Pro Horseman Ross Roark of Monahans, Texas and in the Amateur by Barbara Hoffer. "Twister" was bred and is owned by John and Barbara Hoffer of Auburn, Kansas and was conditioned and qualified by Aaron Hall of Kechi, KS. John won the 2-year-old stallions with Not Kiddin Me at the 2006 Bayer Select World Championship Show. He has earned three American Buckskin Registry Association world champion titles.

Winning a reserve world championship in the 3 Yr Old Mares was Shez One Classy Kid owned by Tom & Mary Reed of Raymore, MO. She was shown by Denny Hassett.

3rd place winners included Nancy Moxley & Im Sucha Sam in the equitation over fences, Amara Packwood and Prince Dell Te Fire in the open jumping, Imagine Me At Last owned by Bruce & Mary Hill in aged stallions.

KQHA Events Calendar—2008

The tentative dates for the 2008 show schedule have been released. They are as follows:

January
 16-17 AQHA Versatility Ranch
 Horse World Champ.
 Denver, CO
 18—19 KQHA Convention
 Salina, KS

February/March
 29-2 Equifest
 Wichita, KS
 29—3 AQHA convention
 San Francisco, CA

April
 4-6 Schools Almost Out (Youth)
 Topeka, KS
 18-20 Capital City Circuit
 Topeka, KS

May
 10-11 Salt City Circuit
 Hutchinson, KS

June
 19-22 Celebrate Kansas
 (Amateur) - tentative
 Salina, KS

July
 17-20 Beat The Heat Circuit
 Salina, KS

September
 7 Kansas State Fair
 Hutchinson, KS
 12-14 American Royal
 Kansas City
 25-28 Hope In The Heartland
 Wichita, KS

October

November

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Important Newsletter Information

Last year the KQHA board of directors voted to discontinue the monthly magazine due to escalating costs of producing and mailing the publication. It was hoped that by going to a newsletter format that we could break even. After producing the last issue of the year it appears that while we are losing much less money that we are still in the red. At the December board of directors meeting several options were discussed. One of the proposals was to raise the price of advertising in the newsletter. After much discussion this option was rejected as comparisons with other similar publications showed that our rates are already at the upper levels for this type of publication. Another option given was to reduce the size of the newsletter to 4 pieces of paper. This size reduction would save on the copying and the cost of postage and would bring the newsletter closer to the break even point. This option was rejected as board members did not want to limit the amount of space given to association news. After much discussion the board decided that they would

prefer that a full sized newsletter be placed on the web site for members to read and print off and that members who could not access the newsletter on the web site be offered the option of paying a \$5.00 surcharge for mailing the newsletter. In order to alleviate the inconvenience of not automatically getting the newsletter I will make a special effort to get show bills and pertinent information for upcoming events to all of the shows in addition to placing the newsletter on the website. Anyone wishing to have the newsletter emailed to them may send me their email address and they will receive it about a week prior to those who elect to receive it by mail.

Newsletter/Web Advertising Rates

Rates include an ad in both the newsletter and the website. We can create and attach a single web page to our site for \$50.00 set up fee in addition to the ad rate. Page can have up to 4 photographs. For more information contact Peggy Pickford at tpickford@aol.com or (785) 478-9014. If no immediate answer contact Sandy Parker at KQHA office.

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Letter From The Youth Advisor

As I'm sitting here writing this in my home it is 49 degrees in the house, trees are down and power poles are snapped in two. Our trees have been broken in two like toothpicks. I am thankful that so far no one has lost life or limb due to this storm. From the sound of things Oklahoma is so much worse off than we are. Here's hoping that we will all be so glad to see each other at our January meeting and awards banquet.

I wish I could give you a precise youth qualifying schedule for 2008 but at this point several shows that we were planning on are in limbo. I would ask that everyone please come to the meetings to participate in the decision making process with open minds. Since we will now be able to send up to 4 state qualifiers we will need lots of money making projects, lots of parent and youth participation to fund our endeavors. This year we are trying to reduce the expenses of staff at the youth show so your help will be vital to the show making a profit. We are looking for people to help take entries, ring steward, open and close gates and help set up trail, western riding and jumping courses. By getting volunteers we can save between \$500

and \$1000.

A reminder, you must meet 4 out of the 5 requirements previously listed to go on the youth team and 3 out of 5 to earn a year end award. These requirements are listed out on the website if you don't remember what they are.

As a change of pace this year we are having a boot decorating contest at the banquet. The boots will be sold during the silent auction. If you are not the artistic type you can bring another item for the auction.

We are still looking for parents to help with the youth committees and an assistant youth advisor. If you can help the youth out please contact me.

As winter descends upon us stay warm and light a fire in the fireplace. I hope you all have a happy holiday season. See you at the meeting on January 19th.

Happy Trails
Sandy Zwick
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ATTENTION

YOUTH

Hey Everybody! Hope everyone had a good Christmas and Happy New Year! I would just like to remind everyone of our annual meeting in January. We would like to see everyone there and getting involved. Don't forget to decorate a boot for the silent auction (any theme you would like to.) If you don't want to decorate a boot then please bring another item to donate for the silent auction.

If you are an outgoing youth member and would like to be spotlighted please call or find me at the Shows!!!!!!!!

ALSO: if you need/want anything youth related publicized please contact me at:

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Kansas Quarter Horse Association Kounts!

This exciting new program is designed to offer incentive for those prospective KQHA and KQHYA members wanting to become familiar with our association. Points will be kept for those individuals nominated to the KQHA Kounts programs when they show in open shows in Kansas. Double points will be offered for special classes held during KQHA run Quarter Horse shows. This program is open to all ages and all breeds! AQHA approved classes will not count in this program. Awards will be presented at the KQHA banquet held in January with high point awards given to each of the three age divisions. To report results print out the results reporting form and ask the secretaries at your open shows to verify your placings. Mail completed results forms to Julie Voge.

General Guidelines

- \$10 per person nomination fee
- Points are kept with the person, not the horse
- Must be a KQHA or KQHYA member to enroll
- Point accumulation for 2008 starts April 1 and ends November 1

Points will be kept in the following class groups:

Halter	Trail	Pole Bending	Equestrian With Disabilities
Showmanship At Halter	Reining	Barrels	Dressage
Western Horsemanship	Walk-Trot	Hunter Under Saddle	Western Pleasure
Lead-Line (13 & U) Only	Hunt Seat Equitation		

Ten points are possible for a first place finish if ten or more entries are in your class with sixth place receiving five points. In a class of six, first place receives six points and sixth place receives 1 point.

Ks Kounts Points Nomination Form			
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Kansas Quarter Horse Association Membership Application	
Open & Amateur - \$35.00 per year Due January 1	
Annual adult membership or multiple ownership of horses such as ranch business, partnership, corporation, or husband & wife	
Life—\$200.00	
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Kansas Horse To Compete At First Ranch Horse World Championship

The American Quarter Horse Association will hold the inaugural Fort Dodge American Quarter Horse Versatility Ranch Horse World Championships at the National Western Stock Show in Denver January 16-17, 2008. The event will crown the first open and amateur world champions of versatility ranch horse competition.

REAL SMART MATE owned by BILL JAMES of Abilene, KS has qualified to compete in the open division of this inaugural event. There are a total of 11 entries competing in the open division for the first time.

The amateur division has a total of 20 entries competing to be crowned the first AQHA World Champion Amateur Versatility Ranch Horse.

The versatility ranch horse competition demonstrates the versatility of the working ranch horse in five categories – ranch riding, ranch trail, ranch cutting, working ranch horse and ranch conformation.

Working Ranch Horse combines the reining ability and cow sense of the horse, and will be judged on the horse's ability, cow sense and smoothness. Each contestant will perform individually, first with a set reining pattern and then one cow is released into the arena.

Ranch Riding shows the horse's ability to move at a working speed with a rider. Horses will be shown at three gaits - walk, trot and lope in each direction of the arena. Horses also will be asked to change directions while on the rail, stop and back.

Ranch Trail contains a course with a minimum of six obstacles, and is designed to show a horse's ability and willingness to perform several tasks that might be asked of him during the course of a normal day's ranch work.

Ranch Cutting requires a horse to cut a single numbered cow from the herd, and demonstrate its ability to work the cow. When satisfied that the horse has proven its cutting ability, the horse and rider must then pen the cow at the far end of the arena.

Ranch Conformation will be based on balance, structural correctness, breed and sex characteristic and degree of muscling, with balance being the most important.

To qualify for the Fort Dodge Championships, a horse must have earned four points in open ranch horse versatility competition and amateurs must have earned one point in their division. The qualifying period for the 2008 Fort Dodge Championships is November 1, 2006 to October 31, 2007.



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KQHA Secretary's Letter

Happy 2008, Everyone! I hope you all had Happy Holidays, and that the cold isn't keeping you from your horse activities.

2007 was an interesting year, and I've learned a lot about running the office. I still have a great deal to learn, and want to thank all of you that have helped in this transition. I especially want to thank the entire Cole family for their help and guidance. I also want to thank Jeff Mellott for patiently helping me along this past year.

Final tallies are in for the Fall Futurity, and it netted a wonderful \$16,443. We were able to donate \$1,000 to the Horses of Hope and \$500 to Rosewood Ranch. Next year we hope to increase those amounts greatly. Thanks to all of you who generously donated time, funding and support to this great event.

Don't forget to send your banquet reservations in. The deadline is January 8th, and I will not be ordering extra meals this year. So, those of you who do not send in reservations will not have a meal. Be sure and attend the meetings and awards

ceremony. These meetings are your opportunity to voice your opinion and/or wishes to the board and association.

2008 will see some changes. We will sadly miss the March Midwest Circuit, as it will not be held in 2008. Hopefully it can be picked back up at a later date. John and Judy Cloe did not make this decision lightly, but felt that they could not continue with the show.

While KQHA is on a firm financial footing at this time, there have been times in the near past where the footing was a little shaky! After much discussion (and some cussin') we have decided that we must discontinue line items that are losing money. Because of that decision, the State Fair show will not offer prizes in 2008 other than ribbons. It has been determined that the cost of prizes is about the same amount that the show has been losing each year. Although we hate to not offer prizes, we cannot continue to lose money on the show.

Along the same lines, those of you who wish to continue receiving the newsletter, (and I'm sure that all of


you appreciate the fine job and hard work that Peggy Pickford has done with our website and newsletter) will need to pay \$5 per year to continue receiving it. While we had hoped that the advertising would cover the costs, advertisers are somewhat scarce, and rather than not feature the news for Youth, Amateur and Open divisions, we decided to charge a minimal fee. It was not a unanimous decision, and some feel that Lifetime Members at the very least should receive it for free. However, that \$5 will cover the mailing costs of each subscription, and put it back in the black.

We have a nice slate of shows planned for 2008, starting with the School's Almost Out Circuit, in early April. The Amateurs are hoping to move their show to the middle of May, and we have a private group hoping to pick up the June dates. So, start planning your show year, and think "SHOW KANSAS".

We'll see you at the annual meeting and banquet!

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KQHA Members Excel on K-State Eq. Team

The 2007 – 2008 edition of the Kansas State Equestrian Team contains several names which will be familiar to KQHA members. These girls are competing at the NCAA division 1 level of intercollegiate sports for Big Twelve, regional and national honors.

Senior Lindsey Salsbury received the honor of being named a captain for her final year on the team. Last year she was a member of the team which finished 6th at the NCAA championships and her record this year is 5 wins and no losses in horsemanship.

Erin Paulsen, has competed successfully for KSU on both the english and western teams, primarily in IHSA and JV competition.

Mickayla Mages is on the western team and has shown in the IHSA shows and

on the junior varsity the last two years.

Mickayla Sundgren is competing on the western team this year in horsemanship and reining.

Claire Leet is showing on the western team in IHSA shows after transferring from MU last year.

Also on the team is Alicia Zimbelman from St. Francis, KS. Alicia competes in varsity reining for the team and has a record of 4 wins, 1 loss and 1 tie.

The team record in meets this year is 4 wins and 2 losses. The wins include a victory over the defending national champion team from South Carolina, Baylor, South Dakota State and Tenn. Martin. The losses were to perennial powers Texas A&M and Auburn. The coaches for the team are Casie William-

son for the western and Ashley Foster with KQHA member Kasey Finnell in her first year as an assistant to the english team.

If you would like to come cheer your KQHA friends on there are several meets scheduled this spring at the home of the team, Fox Run Farms in Manhattan. On February 29th Oklahoma State comes to town for a Big Twelve match. March 9th will bring SEC power Georgia to KSU for a dual meet. March 14th will find Fresno State as the opponent for the cats. Finally a great opportunity to see many great riders will come as the Big Twelve championships will be held in Manhattan on March 29th & 30th. The final event of the year will be the NCAA championships at Waco, TX on April 17–19. For more information see the KQHA website under news.