



Upcoming Events:

April Board Meeting
April 14th 7:00 pm
Holiday Inn, 6288 Old
Dixie Hwy Jonesboro, GA

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The Georgia Ambler

March 2009

GWHEA News...

GWHEA TRAIL RIDE POSTPONED DUE TO RAIN

The GWHEA Trail Ride scheduled for March 28, 2009 was canceled due to rain. The trail ride will be rescheduled for another day, so please check the GWHEA website for the new date.

GWHEA INCENTIVE PROGRAMS FOR 2009

GWHEA will offer two separate competitive programs this year which are designed to compliment our shows and excite our membership. We continue to offer the GWHEA High-Point Program as we have in the past, and have added a new program — the Pro-Am Incentive Program. Each program has awards which will be given out at our yearly banquet. Remember, for both programs, the Rider, Owner, and Trainer of the horse must be members of the GWHEA for the points to count. It is your responsibility for complying with this requirement.

PRO-AM INCENTIVE PROGRAM

- Ten categories (46 classes) are reserved for the ProAm Incentive Program
- Points are counted as per the GWHEA High-Point System
- Points are counted only in GWHEA sanctioned shows — including the Southern Championship
- GWHEA dues must be paid prior to a show for points to count
- Owners, riders, and trainers must be members of GWHEA for points to count.

- Prizes in each category:
 - ◇ 1st place: \$500
 - ◇ 2nd place: \$250
 - ◇ 3rd place: \$150
- Special Grand Prizes awarded for:
 - ◇ Total points earned by a barn employing a professional trainer
 - ◇ Trainer voted "Trainer of the Year"
 - ◇ Total Points earned in Three Amateur Flat Shod Classe Categories
 - ◇ Total Points earned in Amateur Performance Categories

GWHEA HIGH-POINT PROGRAM

- Points are counted in GWHEA sanctioned shows
- Earn points in 40 category classes
- Owners, riders, and trainers listed on the class entry forms must be members of GWHEA with dues paid prior to the show.
- Trophies are awarded for first and second place.

GWHEA WEBSITE TO ACCUMULATE POINTS FOR INCENTIVE PROGRAMS

Points for both the Pro-Am and High-Point incentive programs will be automatically accumulated on the GWHEA website. Once the shows begin, you should check the website after each show to make sure you understand how your points are being counted. If you have any questions, or notice any errors, please contact Scott Green right away. Scott can be contacted at: scottgreen_2000@yahoo.com

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER...

To all GWHEA members —

Functioning amid confusion is difficult. We do what we can with the options that are available to us.

This is probably a very good year to show our horses in Georgia, and I urge you to participate in each of our affiliated shows. The new Pro-Am Incentive Program and our High-Point Program should make for some spirited competition! Let's start with Monroe.

I welcome all of our new members and thank them for their support. I also thank the GWHEA officers and directors who give of their time and talent each month. It is a sacrifice of love!

Sincerely,

Frank Shelton
GWHEA President

GWHEA MEMBERSHIP — JOIN NOW!!

As you can see, there are many exciting events coming up for GWHEA members this year! If you would like to continue to receive news from GWHEA and also participate in our Pro-Am and High-Point Incentive programs, you need to join now! Remember, the Owner, Rider, and Trainer must all be GWHEA members prior to the show to receive points from that show.

A membership application is included in this month's Ambler for your convenience. If you have not already joined GWHEA for 2009, please complete the membership form and send it in as soon as possible so that you can continue receiving news and communication from GWHEA.

A membership application can also be found on the GWHEA website: www.gwhea.com Click on the "membership" button.

If you have any questions, please contact **Dee Cantrell** at 706-366-1011 or via email at: birddogs@bellsouth.net

2008 HIGH-POINT CORRECTION...

The GWHEA High Point Committee reported an error in the points for the 2008 Overall Performance Horse of the Year award.

The correct recipient of this award is Trouble on the Line owned by Dr. Amy McCurdy.

We apologize for this error.

**GWHLA NEWS...****GWHLA Officers for 2009**

President: Wanda Goodson cell 770-519-1644

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Secretary: Linda Walden

twofewacresfarm@aol.com

Treasurer: Joy Geske

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770/472-4382

Please contact Joy Geske if you are interested in joining the GWHLA

According to Scott Green, our GWHEA webmaster, a new GWHLA website is currently under construction and will be modeled after the GWHEA website.

There is a link to it on the Links pages, and in the Home dropdown navigation menu on the GWHEA website, or you can get there by typing in the url:

<http://www.gwhea.com/GWHLA/>

Please let Scott know if you have any ideas or comments about the new GWHLA website. Scott can be reached at scottgreen_2000@yahoo.com

GWHEA FINANCIAL REPORT, 3/10/2009

Ending Checking Account Balance	\$20,562.04
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*Certificate of Deposit Gwinnet Community Bank	\$35,000.00
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Total Assets	\$55,562.04
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**United community savings account closed on 3/3/09. \$35,000.00 transferred to Gwinnett Community Bank to purchase certificate of deposit.*

Georgia Walking Horse Exhibitor's Association

2009 Membership Form

Due by March 15th, 2009

Name(s) (as it should appear on membership roster):

Children under age 17:

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Fax Number: _____

E-mail: _____

Dues for 2009

(Please indicate which type membership)

_____ Adult Membership: \$40.00

_____ Family Membership: \$60.00

_____ *Junior Membership: \$10.00

_____ *Life Membership: Free

*Junior Memberships apply to individuals 17 yrs. & under

* Life Memberships includes: Past Presidents and Five Year Members 65 and over

Payment Method:

_____ Check # _____ Make Payable to GWHEA

_____ Cash

***** Notice – You must be a member of the GWHEA in order to qualify for any high point awards at the end of the year.**

Mail to: Dee Cantrell
110 Richardson Road
Phenix City, Alabama 36869

If you have questions: birddogs@bellsouth.net or 706-366-1011



MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 2009 GWHEA BOARD MEETING



MEETING DATE: Feb 10, 2009

LOCATION: Holiday Inn, 6288 Old Dixie Hwy, Jonesboro, Ga.

TIME: 7:30 pm EST

ATTENDANCE: All officers and board of directors were present except Kathy Hollin, Jimmy Grant, Toni White, Guy Ben

Findley and Debra Hans. Visitors included: Beverly Kirk, Danny Rylee and Bobby Mixon.

Mr. Frank Shelton, President, called the meeting to order. He welcomed all guests. He had mailed handouts earlier in the week so the directors would have an opportunity to review the material prior to the meeting.

The January 13, 2008 minutes were reviewed and approved (motion made by Lindy Rogers and 2nd by Bill Cantrell.)

The GWHEA Financial Report for period 1/14/09-2/10/09 was reviewed. The Park Avenue Bank's balance was \$16,902.18. The United (savings) Account's approx. balance was \$37,427.10. Dr. Jones reported that all SSCHS sponsorships and all bad debt amounts had been collected. She will give an exact net profit made from the SSCHS at our March meeting. The Treasurer's report was approved...motion made by Kathy Zeis and 2nd by Bill Cantrell. In addition, President Shelton directed Treasurer, Dr. Linda Jones, to secure a CD for \$35,000.00. She will contact Guy Ben Findley and follow through with this process. She will report her actions at the March meeting.

President Shelton reviewed his packet of information:

He stated that he had mailed 370 individual letters to TWHBEA Ga. members that were not members of GWHEA. In addition, he mailed 190 individual letters to different vendors...trainers, farriers, media outlets, tack shops, etc. The letters extended an invitation to join GWHEA. This week he will do another mail out to all 2008 GWHEA members. This mailing will explain the Hi-Pt and Pro/Am program as well as share what is happening with our Association and the activities that are forthcoming.

By-Laws...President Shelton stated that he had secured approval for the board to make specific

changes to the by-laws. He asked the board to consider the following: Recognize the show in Unadilla, Georgia and allow GWHEA members to participate without jeopardizing their points earned at our sanctioned shows. This was approved by the board. (Motion by Kathy Zeis and 2nd by Greg Beasley). In addition, he asked the board to suspend the 3-show rule...stating that this will positively affect our banquet and membership numbers. This was approved by the board. (Motion by Bill Cantrell and 2nd by Lindy Rogers).

Southern Championship Charity Horse Show.

President Shelton stated the dates for the show will be Nov. 19, 20, 21, 2009 in Perry, Georgia. He plans to meet with several board members and will bring a pre-planning report to our April meeting. Planning will include the show format, class schedule, judges, etc.

The Ambler: Susan Paul has agreed to produce The Ambler in 2009. She is superb at this and her acceptance fills a big void. Remember: all information needs to be given to Susan by Friday following the monthly board meeting.

Website/High-Point Tabulation: Scott Green will continue to maintain the website again this year. He has done an excellent job for several years and we can expect good results this year. In addition, Scott has agreed to tabulate the Pro/Am Incentive Program along with the Hi-Pt system. Joy Geske will assist Scott in this task.

Membership: In 2008, the GWHEA had a total membership of 276...24% were lifetime members. Our goal is to increase our membership by 50 new members for 2009. Hopefully, the invitation mail outs will help reach our goal. Currently, we have 55 renewals for 2009.

Revised Budget: President Shelton presented a revised budget. The board approved. (Motion by Bill Cantrell and 2nd by Lindy Rogers).

2009 GWHEA High-Point Program...this program will continue to function as in the past...with the owner, rider, and trainer...being GWHEA members to receive points. The trainer listed on the NHSC entry form must be a member for points to count. After reviewing the class categories and making minor changes, the Hi-Pt program was approved. (Motion by Bill Cantrell and 2nd by Kathy Zeis). President Shelton will present a final and polished copy to the board at our March meeting.

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Pro/Am Incentive Program...Much of the success of a horse show is measured by the number of entries. Incentives are a good investment. President Shelton presented this program to the board. After a lengthy discussion and some changes, the board approved. (Motion by Bill Cantrell and 2nd by Greg Beasley). President Shelton will present a final and polished copy to the board at our March meeting. (It should be noted that approval was given by the board to award \$500 for total points earned in the 3 amateur flat shod class categories and \$500 for total points earned in the 3 amateur performance categories. The board was asked for personal donations to secure \$500. Lindy Rogers graciously agreed to donate the remaining \$500 and stated that he would also cover the amount not met for the other \$500. We appreciate Lindy Rogers for his support to the GWHEA.)

Kathy Zeis reported that the GWHEA would sponsor a Trail Ride and Poker Trail Obstacle Competition on Saturday, March 28th, 2009 starting at 10am at McIntosh Park. In addition, she handed out the GWHEA show schedules for 2009. She will continue to get shows confirmed and will present an undated list at our March meeting.

"New Horse Show" will be discussed at a later meeting.

Committee Assignments: President Shelton gave a hand out with each committee denoting the chair and members. Everyone listed agreed to serve as designated.

Southern Championship Committee: Chair: Frank Shelton...members include: Lindy Rogers, Bill Cantrell, Danny Rylee, Ed Federer.

Social/Awards/Banquet Committee: Chair: Dee Cantrell...members include Dr. Linda Jones and Linda Mixon.

Membership Committee: Chair: Frank Shelton...members include all members of GWHEA.

High Point/ProAm Committee: Chairs: Scott Green and Joy Geske...members include others as needed.

Horse Show, Trail Ride, Versatility Committee: Chair: Kathy Zeis...members include: Howard Woodman, and others as needed.

Youth Committee: Chair: Gregg Beasley... members include Stephanie and Toni White and others as needed.

Website/Ambler Committee: Chairs: Scott Green and Susan Paul...members include Wanda Goodson and Dee Cantrell

Sunshine Committee: Chair: Carol Rylee... members include Linda Mixon and Kathy Hollin. **President Shelton ask that acknowledgements of gratitude be sent to all 2008 Southern Championship volunteers, judges, Charles Knowles, all show officials, etc. He stated, "courtesy pays". Carol and Dee will get this done.

By-Laws Committee: Chair: David Mullis
Other Committees: SSCHS Committee will be assigned at a later date.

Adjourn: 10:00pm

Next Meeting Date: March 10, 2009

Respectfully Submitted by:

Dee Cantrell, Secretary



Individual Commitment To a Group Effort

**That is what makes
A Team Work
A Company Work
A Society Work
A Civilization Work**

-Vince Lombardi

"It will work for the GWHEA"

2009 COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Southern Championship Committee

Chair: Frank Shelton, Lindy Rogers, Bill Cantrell, Danny Rylee, Ed Federer

Social/Awards/ Banquet Committee

Chair: Dee Cantrell, Dr. Linda Jones, Linda Mixon

Membership Committee

Chair: Frank Shelton, all GWHEA members

High Point/ProAm Committee

Chairs: Scott Green and Joy Geske, others as needed

Horse Show/Trail Ride, Versatility Committee

Chair: Kathy Zeis, Howard Woodman, others as needed

Youth Committee

Chair: Greg Beasley, Stephanie Roth, Toni White

Sunshine Committee

Chair: Carol Rylee, Linda Mixon, Kathy Hollin

Website/Ambler Committee

Chairs: Scott Green

Nominating Committee

Chair, Howard Woodman

By-Laws Committee

Chair: David Mullis

FOR SALE

**Black yearling filly
with a blaze face
And no white feet**

**She is by A Specialist and
out of a Skywatch mare.**

\$800.00.

If interested call or email:

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Heather Beard
Owner



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QUOTATION OF THE MONTH

"The horse, with beauty unsurpassed, strength immeasurable and grace unlike any other, still remains humble enough to carry a man upon his back."
~Amber Senti



"The love for a horse is just as complicated as the love for another human being...if you never love a horse, you will never understand."
~Author Unknown

Important information about FOR SALE/AT STUD Advertisements

The FOR SALE/AT STUD ads are provided free of charge as a service to our members.

Please contact Susan Paul at 770-267-7647 or email sgpaul@symbolene.com to submit, renew or cancel ads.

To help keep our Ambler current, please cancel the ad when an item has sold. Otherwise, FOR SALE ads will run for three (3) issues, and will be cancelled if you don't contact us to renew them.



FOR SALE**Stud Weanling by Lined With Cash and Broodmare**

Big and beautiful, 4-month old Smokey Black/Gray stud weanling sired by Lined With Cash out of a mare sired by Wired. Weanling still nursing. Mare is 9 years old, 16.2 hands, black with white stripe on face and two rear socks. Mare is great broodmare and easy to handle.

Asking \$5,000 for both mare and stud weanling.

**Serious inquiries contact:
David Mullis at 770-722-6413**

FOR SALE

TENNESSEE WALKING HORSES
(Trail Horses)

1. RADAR by J.F.K. is a 4 year old BLUE ROAN gelding.
2. LITTLE DEE is a 4 year old sorrel gelding with blonde mane and tail.
3. BLACK MONEY is a 4 year old black mare

All horses have been mountain trained. They all tie, stand, load, and clip. They have all been on many camping trips and will do anything you ask of them. They will go anywhere you point them to go. Just good ole horses!

Also have ELMER'S EMMY — a 3 year old chestnut mare. Green broke but shows a lot of potential.

Available to be seen at anytime.

CONTACT:

**Chris (Rawhide) Kelley
706-776-5388**

FOR SALE

Black roan stud colt by Out On Parole Halter broke, all shots, wormed regular 7 months old

Black roan stud colt by Out On Parole Halter broke, all shots, wormed regular 6 months old

Black Broodmare, granddaughter of the Pusher

In foal to Santana's El Nino
Up-to-date on shots Gentle

Black roan mare All old bloodlines
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Due to foal in March Will ride Up-to-date on shots

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Halter broke Rode several times
15 hands Out of above mare
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in Chickamauga, GA**

13.5 acres House 2 barns 3 out buildings
Across from Chickamauga Battlefield
9 miles of riding trails

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Tennessee Walking
Horse!*

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GWHEA Events for 2009

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| *TBD | GWHEA 2nd Annual Trail Ride
McIntosh Reserve Park (<i>to be rescheduled</i>) |
| *May 2 | Walton County Horse Show
Monroe, GA |
| *May 9 | Billie Lane-King Cotton Show
Edison, GA |
| *June 27 | Twin City Classic Show
Phenix City, AL |
| July ?? | East Hall Dugout Show
Gainesville, GA |
| *Sept. 26 | Triple Crown Classic Show
Sponsored by GWHLA
Franklin, GA |
| *Oct. 17 | Heard County Lions Club Show
Franklin, GA |
| *Nov. 19-21 | Southern Championship Charity Horse Show
Perry, GA |
| *Confirmed | |