



Southern Maryland Quarter Horse Association

January 2011 Newsletter

From the President:

I hope this new year finds everyone healthy and happy. The years seems to be going by faster and faster as we get older. Spring is right around the corner and we will be showing our horses again soon. . With everyone's help we have turned into the little club that could, we still have the only AQHA show circuit in Maryland

SMQHA has a lot of fun stuff planned for 2011. We are having two fun shows one in the spring and one in the fall , we are holding a tack swap on February 12th at the United Methodist Church in La Plata and of course our prize jewel the Suntan Circuit in July. None of this would be possible without the help of all of our members and their families. who have worked really hard and donated a lot of our time to make all of this possible. We are even having a yearend awards banquet this year on Feb 26 th in La Plata hopefully everyone will be able to attend..we are giving away awesome prizes

The Suntan Circuit Show will be held on July 21st (novice and open show) and the 22nd thru the 24th is a split combined show to be held at P. G. Equestrian Center. Hopefully it won't be so hot this year.. we are going to have great judges and another great horse show this year.

Our Association is growing and we are doing good things , we donated monies to the Charles Co Humane Society at Christmas which was greatly appreciated.. also we donated monies to the Mounted Wanderers 4-h club We welcome all of our new members we really need all the help and involvement we can get .I am looking forward to serve as your president and hopefully we can have another successful year.

Thank You and God Bless
Mark Miller

Meeting:

Our last Board meeting was held Wednesday, December 15th. Our topics of discussion included:

- ❖ The 2010 Suntan Circuit Show
- ❖ The 2011 Suntan Circuit Show, Our Easter Fun Show, and Our Halloween Fun Shows

Other items included the election of our 2011 Officers & Board. They are:

President	Mark Miller
Vice President	Julie Murphy
Treasurer	Kathy Easter
Secretary	Stephanie Lemke
Past President	Mary Bell
Board of Directors	Dee Hancock, Cindy Fitzsimmons, Joy Woolford Diana Bowling, Summers Miller
Youth Advisor	Jennifer Norleen

We also want to take this time to thank our 2010 officers and board members for a job well done!

Membership:

REMINDER: We are still working to rebuild our Association and can't do it without everyone's help! If you know of anyone who'd like to be a part of our Association, please let Stephanie Lemke know and she will gladly e-mail or snail Mail a copy of our application.

2010 Suntan Circuit Horse Show:

We would like to again thank everyone who participated and came to our 2010 Suntan Circuit Quarter Horse Show last July. We appreciate your support and hope everyone had an enjoyable time!

2010 Points:

Please check out the website as our 2010 points have been listed under the Membership tab!

Events & Happenings:

SAVE THE DATES!!

SMQHA Tack Swap - 2/12/2011

10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

LaPlata United Methodist Church

3 Port Tobacco Road

United Methodist would gladly welcome canned food donations for their Pantry for the Homeless!

SMQHA Banquet - 2/26/2011 - Sleep Inn & Suites, LaPlata, MD

Easter Fun Show - 4/3/2011 - Oak Ridge Park

SouthernStates Showdown - 6/2-5/2011 (Lexington, VA)

Suntan Quarter Horse & Novice Show - July 21-24, 2011

Halloween Fun Show - 10/30/2011 - Oak Ridge Park

Youth Association:

❖ The Youth had their elections and here are their 2011 Officers:

President	Ashley Wall
Vice President	Cheyenne Goldsmith
Secretary	Jamie Norris
Treasurer	Laura Knott

❖ The youth group would like to say thank you to all the youth (members and non-members) that were at the shows and found time to participate in our fundraisers. You guys did a great job and raised a lot of money for the Youth Association. WAY TO GO!!!!

❖ We would like to thank all our sponsors and everyone who supported Ashley, Cheyenne, Kacey and Jamie, SMYQHA's 2010 Congress Team!

❖ The next youth meeting will be at the tack swap on February 12th. We will also be hosting the food booth and bake sale there.

Website:

www.smqha.org

This is our website -- and we've been doing our best to keep it updated. If there's something you'd like to see covered, or something you'd like posted on our news page, such as a horseshow, tack swap, let me know.

If you know of anyone who would enjoy our newsletter, please feel free to forward it on. Also, if you want to be removed from our list, please let Stephanie Lemke know using her contact information below.

In closing, we would like to remind you that if there's anything you'd like to see covered in the newsletter, please contact me, Stephanie Lemke at 240-271-6187 or via e-mail at smlemke@hughes.net.