



First KPHA Show of the Year a Success!

The first KPHA show of the year kicked off April 26 and 27 in Hutchinson. There were exhibitors from several states and it was great to see lots of new faces! The weather was perfect besides wind! Trail was shown in the outside covered arena and it was so windy the judges allowed hats as optional! Despite the Kansas wind, the atmosphere was fun and welcoming! Thank you to all of our volunteers! We look forward to seeing everyone again in June!

Amateur Walk-Trot Division

The APHA Amateur Walk-Trot Division is a fairly new but is seeing an increase in popularity. Amateur Walk-Trot was actually had the best numbers at our spring KPHA show! The Amateur Walk-Trot Division is a great opportunity for those new to horses and showing, those who may have physical concerns, those with a young horse, and those just getting back into showing. In order to be eligible a person must hold a current amateur card and have not shown in any APHA lope classes during the calendar year. They may also enter halter, showmanship (in addition to Walk-Trot showmanship), yearling in-hand trail and yearling longe line classes; but cannot enter any lope classes at any show where APHA approved classes are held. If a competitor decides to try lope classes, they may for the rest of that year. If they decide they want to go back to Walk-Trot for the next calendar year, they may by reapplying. For complete rules and application see <http://www.apha.com/programs/competition/amateur/competition>.

There are lots of reasons people show horses but the one of the most important to most is that it is fun! Here are testimonials from a few of our KPHA members who show in the Amateur Walk-Trot Division:

When I bought a registered Paint horse from my friend, she encouraged me to look at the Paint shows and think about participating. When I saw they were offering an amateur walk/trot

division, that really motivated me, because I had gotten scared at the last shows I had been to, and I really needed a confidence boost. I started out just showing Hunter under saddle and equitation (because I had been recently riding English), but the western divisions looked really fun and interesting, so it wasn't long before I began experimenting with that too. It was a great way to learn some new things without thinking I had taken on too much and being overwhelmed. KPHA members were so welcoming and friendly, helping me out, lending me tack and clothes, and offering advice in a kind, tactful way. Now we have more people participating in the division, and I am so glad to see it grow. It is the perfect way to get to know people and to learn about showing paints. Showing is fun again and not scary anymore!

*Laurel Littrell &
Zipagentleman*



Actually the WT classes are the reason I got back into showing! While I was fearless when I was younger, sitting behind a desk for 30 years has changed me physically and mentally :) Even though I've been involved in raising and breeding horses, getting "back in the saddle" made me a little nervous...especially since I would be riding a youngster. But the WT is perfect for both of us, it gives us the opportunity to build a solid foundation. To work on the details and refine our ride before adding speed. I especially love the fact that there are several WT classes... You can work on all aspects of your riding... English, western pleasure, trail. My biggest pet peeve is a class with only one or two people ... The turnout for the WT has been so good you can actually enjoy the competition as well as a great group of people!

*Linda McFarland &
Bet On The Bling*



I started out thinking, "OK, this is a good way to start a young horse but it is kind of silly otherwise." I have since changed my mind as there is real competition here among people who may be working through some fear or physical issues as well as just not being comfortable or ready to lope or canter. It has allowed me to compete when neither I nor the horse is ready for the competition level of the regular amateur classes.

*Terri Settle &
Cheeky Charlie Harper*



It's a great way to get "re-introduced" to showing in a much less stressful venue. My horse & I are out of condition, having not shown, besides 1 class, in 3 years. It's a great way to try it out again.

*Patricia Bruce-Novak &
Im A Hot Flash*



2014 KPHA Show Schedule

April 26th – Judges: Bonnie Jo Clay & Pat Thebesch

All Breed Classes Also Offered!

April 27th – Judges: Cyndi Brown & Cindy Wolverton

All Breed Classes Also Offered!

Kansas State Fairgrounds - Hutchinson, Kansas

June 7th – Judges: Jim Jirkovsky & Sandy Jirkovsky

All Breed Classes Also Offered!

Youth All Breed Show! 4-Hers are encouraged and welcomed to attend as a warm-up for 4-H District Horse Show competition!

June 8th – Judges: Lisa Ligon & Scott Merritt

All Breed Classes Also Offered!

Kansas State Fairgrounds - Hutchinson, Kansas

July 30th - August 3rd: World Wide Paint Horse Congress

Built Ford Tough Livestock Complex at Expo Square – Tulsa, OK

August 16th – Judges: TBD

August 17th – Judges: TBD

Kansas Pavilion, Park City, Kansas

The HotR N Heck Show held with the Oklahoma Paint Horse Club proved to be a successful partnership. Please make plans to attend on the 16th and 17th.

September 9th – Judges: Duke Neff & Meri McKillips Lemay

September 10th - Judges: Cindy Chilton Moore & Kendra Weis

Kansas State Fair - Hutchinson, Kansas

All breed classes will be offered at the April and Junes shows, with youth all breed offered at the June 7th show. All breed classes will cost \$ 7.00 per class OR \$ 35 flat fee PLUS stall expense.

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Current association and show information can be found on the KPHA website at <http://kansaspainthorse.com> or Kansas Paint Horse Association on Facebook for show dates, locations, judges, the show bill and much more.

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