



It's Judging Time

The AQHA World Championship Collegiate Horse Judging Contest begins Wednesday.

On Wednesday, the stands of Barn No. 6 will be filled with college students competing in the AQHA World Championship Collegiate Horse Judging Contest.

Contestants will vie for \$8,000 in grants to their respective colleges and universities, plus other awards, including plaques and sterling silver Montana Silversmiths belt buckles.

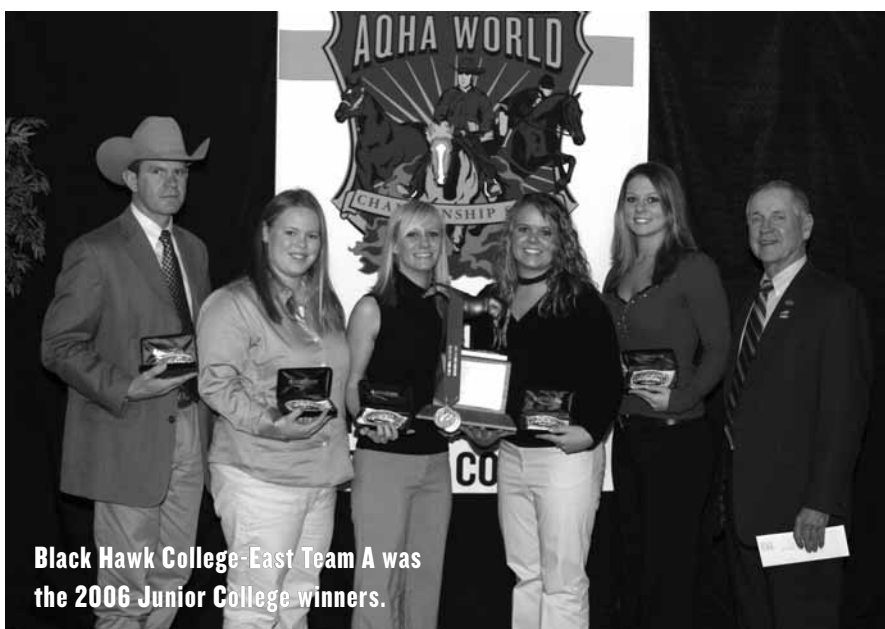
AQHA is awarding \$2,000 in scholarships to the universities with the top senior and junior division teams. Grants of \$1,250 go to the reserve champion team in each division, and \$750 is awarded to third-place teams. To date, more than \$100,000 in scholarship grants and awards have been given.

Each senior college or university can send two five-member teams, and each junior college can send two four-member teams. In the senior division, the top four team members' scores count for team standings. In the junior division, the top three team members' scores count for the team standings.

Twelve classes are judged, including four halter and eight performance classes. Each class is composed of four horses. Contestants must place the horses from first through fourth and present oral reasons on their placings for selected classes.

Horses used in the contest are donated by World Show exhibitors, who volunteer not only the use of their horses but also the time required to groom and exhibit the animals.

An awards breakfast is at 8:30 a.m. Thursday to honor this year's winners.



Driving Through Tough Times

Family had a difficult year but is glad to have made it to this year's World Show.

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This was the World Show that almost wasn't for the pleasure-driving Saul family of Des Arc, Arkansas.

In December 2006, after showing at the AQHA World Show, Joyce Saul and her husband, Darrell, 70, headed to Florida for horse show circuits in Tampa and Venice. At those shows, even with the help of a hoist, Darrell had difficulty loading the buggies onto the trailer.

"When we got back home, the next day we went to Little Rock (to the doctor), and they put him in the hospital," Joyce said. An arteriogram was next, followed immediately by open-heart surgery. As Darrell was in recovery, his blood pressure shot up and a stitch

burst open, Joyce recounted.

"They were giving him blood, but they couldn't give it to him fast enough," she said.

"It was just going out of him faster than it was going in."

But he fought his way back from that, and the family thought he was on the road to recovery. Then another complication struck

Shortly after he had gotten home from the hospital, Darrell became unable to move his legs. He had suffered a stroke due to the blood loss, Joyce said, but thankfully, he suffered no permanent damage and was able to make another recovery.

Just a month ago, he was strong enough to undergo shoulder surgery to correct a problem that had been nagging at him, and now he's focusing on strengthening that shoulder.

"We didn't know if we were going to get to come to the World or not," Joyce said. "But he's doing great."

So with the help of their son Dean, the Sauls brought two horses to Okla-

homa City – Queen Of The Blues for Joyce to drive and CC Lukin Surprised for Dean's wife, Kathie, to drive.

But you can imagine that with all the medical emergencies this year has brought, qualifying for the World Show wasn't easy, especially since Darrell "has always been there, helping me, doing everything for me," Joyce said.

After the Florida shows, Joyce and her horse, "Lucille," showed at a circuit in Pine Bluff, Arkansas, and another in Culpepper, Virginia, that gave her the necessary 2.5 qualifying points.

Other family members pitched in to fill Darrell's void. Dean, in particular, helped out by riding Lucille and getting her tuned up.

As for Darrell, don't expect him to be out of commission much longer.

"I'll go to the barn for a couple of hours every day and mess with young horses," he said. "I'll be back. I feel better than I've felt in a long time. I'm in good shape."

High Seller



Zippos After Shock was the top seller at the two-day AQHA World Championship Show Sale, which was Saturday and Sunday. The 1998 bay stallion brought \$103,000. He is by Zippo Pine Bar and out of Sassy Hotrodder by Hotrodders Jet Set. On the first day of he sale, which featured working and halter horses, the average price was \$7,827.34. The high seller for that day was Sirs Cool Janie, a 2002 chestnut mare by Sir Cool Skip and out of Snips Sweet Thing by Imperial Snips. She brought \$79,000.

The World According to Sarah

Many Quarter Horse owners never get the chance to experience being an exhibitor at the AQHA World Championship Show.

To highlight what life is like at the World Show, the *Journal* asked exhibitor Sarah Elder to give a daily chronicle of her time here in Oklahoma City.

Sarah and her horse, Detail This, qualified for six classes.

Check online daily at www.aqha.com through November 17 for her story.



SARAH ELDER & DETAIL THIS

Are You Smarter than a Junior Master Horseman?

AQHA's Junior Master Horseman program was created to bring the world of horses into the lives of children and horse enthusiasts.



Along with the American Youth Horse Council, AQHA developed a guide titled "Junior Master Horseman: Level One," which presents basic age-appropriate and kid-tested activities, created specifically to encourage young horsemen to embrace beginning horsemanship in a meaningful, safe and fun way.

Each day of the AQHA World Championship Show, a question will be pulled from the JMHH guide. If you answer the question correctly, you can win an AQHA-logo shirt.

So just how smart are you? Smarter than a Junior Master Horseman?

QUESTION

Horses are used for many things but there are those special horses that serve in a therapeutic way, helping people heal or rehabilitate.

Who said, "There's something about the outside of a horse that is good for the inside of a man?"

For the answer, check out a Junior Master Horseman guide at the AQHA booth in the Trade Show.

YESTERDAY'S WINNER

Holly Spooner of DeWitt, Michigan, (along with nine other entries) had the correct answer Monday's question, which was: What are the pieces of leather called that attach the stirrups to the three of a western saddle?

The answer is fenders.

Holly, you can pick up your Team Wrangler-logo jacket in the Media Room.

ENTRY FORM

Bring your answer to the Media/Press Room on the west-side of the coliseum by 4 p.m. today. If more than one person provides the correct answer, the winner will be chosen randomly from the correct responses.

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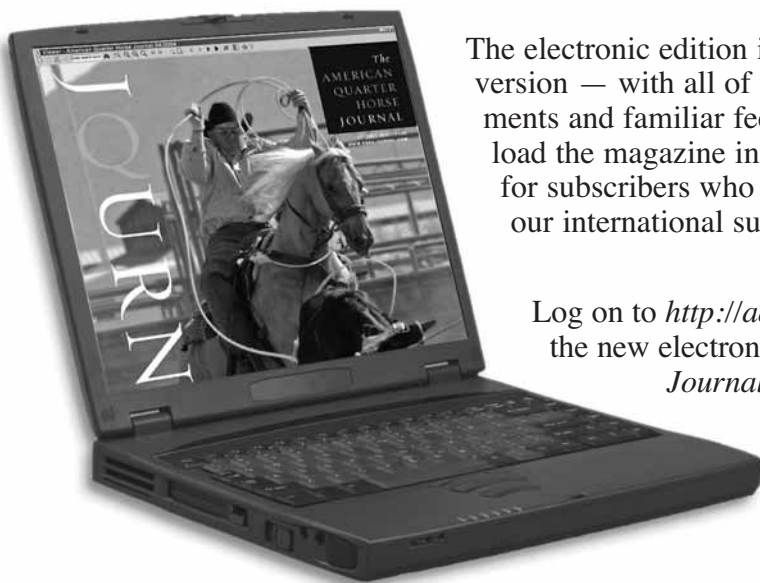
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