



# MONTANA QUARTER HORSE ASSOCIATION

W I N T E R 2 0 2 6

## HAPPY NEW YEAR!

"I hope that in this year to come,

**You make mistakes.**

Because if you are making mistakes, then you are

*Making new things,*

**Trying new things,**

*Learning, living, pushing yourself,*

**Changing your world.**

You're doing things you've never done before,

And more importantly

*You're doing something"*

- Neil Gaiman

SO, HERE WE GO,

**MONTANA!**

LET'S MAKE **2026** A

**GREAT YEAR!**



DEDICATED TO PROMOTING  
THE AMERICAN QUARTER HORSE

## **PLEASE NOTE: UPDATED VRH/RHC QUALIFYING**

Due to the EHV-1/EHM outbreak, the qualifying period for the **2026 AQHA Versatility Ranch Horse World Championships** and **Ranching Heritage Challenge Finals** has been extended through March 31, 2026. View qualifying details: [aqha.com/vrhworld](http://aqha.com/vrhworld)

**January 1 - March 31, 2026:**  
***Points and participation will count toward both 2026 and 2027 qualifying.***

### **AQHA Versatility Ranch Horse World Championships**

**Qualifying Period:** January 1 - March 31, 2026 (new extended deadline due to the EHV-1 outbreak). Earn the required number of qualifying points during the qualifying period. Qualifiers will be contacted via email and invited to complete the online registration entry form.

### **AQHA Ranching Heritage Challenge Finals**

**Qualifying Period:** January 1 - March 31, 2026 (new extended deadline due to the EHV-1 outbreak). To qualify for the 2026 AQHA Ranching Heritage Challenge Finals, horses must compete at one of the 2025 AQHA Ranching Heritage Challenge events in the class they wish to enter. View the upcoming RHC events on the AQHA website. Qualifiers will be contacted via email and invited to complete the online registration entry form.

### **AQHA Cattle Level 1 Championships, presented by Four Sixes Ranch**

**No qualifying requirement!** An exhibitor must only be Level 1-eligible in the class they wish to enter as of January 1, 2025. Check level eligibility at [www.aqha.com/leveling](http://www.aqha.com/leveling)



# MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Jan 28 – Feb 1	<b>SAGUARO CLASSIC</b>		Queen Creek, AZ
Feb 20-21	<b>NCSHA VRH WINTER SERIES</b>	406 Arena	Vaughn, MT
Feb 27 – Mar 8	<b>SUN CIRCUIT</b>	West World	Scottsdale, AZ
Mar 13-16	<b>AQHA CONVENTION</b>	Southpoint Hotel	Las Vegas, NV
Mar 20-21	<b>NCSHA VRH WINTER SERIES</b>	406 Arena	Vaughn, MT
Mar 22	<b>SPRING FUN DAY SERIES</b>	Kluz Perf. Horses	Gillette, WY
Apr 11	<b>KLUZ PERF HORSES RANCH SHOW</b>	Kluz Perf. Horses	Gillette, WY
Apr 11	<b>BOND RANCH SERIES</b>		Worden, MT
Apr 11-12	<b>EWQHEG SPRING SHOW</b>		Walla Walla, WA
Apr 16-19	<b>BACK TO BASICS</b>	Bastian Ag Ctr	South Jordan, UT
April 17-18	<b>NCSHA VRH WINTER SERIES</b>	406 Arena	Vaughn, MT
Apr 23-26	<b>YELLOWSTONE SLIDE</b>	Anderson Training Stables	Wilsall, MT
Apr 25-26	<b>SPRING FUN DAY SERIES</b>	Kluz Perf. Horses	Gillette, WY
Apr 25-26	<b>MSQHA HORSE SHOW</b>		Walla Walla, WA
Apr 26	<b>NORTH COUNTRY STOCKHORSE SERIES</b>	406 Arena	Vaughn, MT
May 2	<b>KLUZ PERF HORSES RANCH SHOW</b>	Kluz Perf. Horses	Gillette, WY
May 2-3	<b>CWQHA AQHA/ABRA SHOW</b>		Moses Lake, WA
May 5-10	<b>PINNACLE CIRCUIT</b>	Southpoint Eq Ctr	Las Vegas, NV
May 11-16	<b>AQHA LEVEL 1 CHAMPIONSHIPS</b>	Southpoint Eq Ctr	Las Vegas, NV
May 16	<b>SPRING FUN DAY SERIES</b>	Kluz Perf. Horses	Gillette, WY
May 16-17	<b>NO GLITZ NO GLAMOUR HORSE SHOW</b>		Billings, MT
May 16-17	<b>RMBA RANCH HORSE SERIES</b>	Twin Bridges Fairgrounds	Twin Bridges, MT
May 23	<b>WMQHA BUCKLE SERIES</b> (pgs 30-32)	5C Arena	Corvallis, MT
<b>May 24-25</b>	<b>WMQHA AQHA SHOW</b> (pgs 34-37)	<b>5C Arena</b>	<b>Corvallis, MT</b>
May 23-24	<b>MT STOCK HORSE ASSN CLINIC &amp; SHOW</b>		Plains, MT
<b>May 31-Jun 1</b>	<b>ALL BREED RANCH HORSE CHALLENGE</b>	<b>Miller's Horse Palace</b>	<b>Billings, MT</b>
<b>June 4-7</b>	<b>BIG SKY CLASSIC</b> (pgs 39-40)	<b>Cottonwood Arena</b>	<b>Joliet, MT</b>
June 6-7	<b>ANACONDA SC POLE BENDING/O-MOK-SEE</b>	Anaconda Saddle Club	Anaconda, MT
June 12-13	<b>406 SCHOOLING SHOW BUCKLE SERIES</b> (pg42)	406 Arena	Vaughn, MT
Jun 13-14	<b>RMBA</b>	Briggs Arena	Whitehall, MT
Jun 14	<b>KLUZ PERF HORSES RANCH SHOW</b>	Kluz Perf. Horses	Gillette, WY
Jun 19-Jul 5	<b>APHA WORLD SHOW</b>	Will Rogers Memorial Ctr	Fort Worth, TX
Jun 20-21	<b>SPOKANE QH SHOW</b>	Spokane Fairgrounds	Spokane, WA
Jun 20-21	<b>RMBA RANCH HORSE SERIES</b>	Twin Bridges Fairgrounds	Twin Bridges, MT
Jun 21-27	<b>AQHA VRH WORLD SHOW</b>	Fairgrounds	Amarillo, TX
<b>Jun 26-28</b>	<b>SPARK SOME FUN</b> (pgs 44-47)	<b>Super Barn</b>	<b>Billings, MT</b>
Jun 26-Jul 6	<b>EMO CELEBRATION</b>	Southpoint Eq Ctr	Las Vegas, NV
Jun 27-28	<b>YELLOWSTONE SLIDE</b>	Anderson Training Stables	Wilsall, MT

*Events in Red are MQHA approved shows for year-end awards.*

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July 8	WQHA Rookie/Level 1 Show (pg 48)		Douglas, WY
July 9-12	WQHA Cowboy Summer Classic (pg 48)		Douglas, WY
July 10-11	406 SCHOOLING SHOW BUCKLE SERIES(pg 42)	406 Arnea	Vaughn, MT
Jul 17-18	PAINT-O-RAMA		Monroe, WA
Jul 21-26	MRHA BIG SKY REINING CLASSIC	Majestic Valley Arena	Kalispell, MT
Jul 21-Aug 1	ABRA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW		
Jul 23-24	YELLOWSTONE SLIDE	Anderson Training Stables	Wilsall, MT
Jul 23-26	ROSE CIRCUIT		South Jordan, UT
Jul 25-26	RMBA RANCH HORSE SERIES	Twin Bridges Fairgrounds	Twin Bridges, MT
Jul 29 - Aug 9	AQHYA WORLD SHOW		
Jul 31 - Aug 2	NAMPA QH SHOW	Events Center	Nampa, ID
Aug 9-15	NRHA RUN FOR A MILLION	Southpoint Eq Ctr	Las Vegas, NV
Aug 14	WMQHA BUCKLE SERIES (pg 30-32)	5C Arena	Corvallis, MT
<b>Aug 15-16</b>	<b>WMQHA QH SHOW (pgs pgs 34-37)</b>	<b>5C Arena</b>	<b>Corvallis, MT</b>
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Aug 22-23	RMBA RANCH HORSE SERIES	Twin Bridges Fairgrounds	Twin Bridges, MT
<b>Aug 22-23</b>	<b>COWBOY CLASSIC</b>		<b>Big Piney, WY</b>
<b>Aug 27-30</b>	<b>WESTERN STATES AMERICAN BREED CONG</b>	<b>Grant Co Fairgrounds</b>	<b>Moses Lake, WA</b>
Aug 27 - Sep 1	HERITAGE CLASSIC	Bastian Ag Ctr	South Jordan, UT
<b>*REMINDER: MQHA'S show year for 2026 is September 1, 2025 - August 31, 2026.</b>			
Sept 11-13	MT STATE 4-H WORKING RANCH HORSE SHOW	406 Arena	Vaughn, MT
Sept 12-13	RMBA RANCH HORSE SERIES	Saddle Peak Arena	Belgrade, MT
Sept 16-20	AQHA REGION 2 CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW	Central States Fairgrounds	Rapid City, SD
Sept 23-27	AZ FALL CHAMPIONSHIP	West World	Scottsdale, AZ
Sept 25-27	MT STATE 4-H HORSE SHOW	406 Arena	Vaughn, MT
Sept 27-Oct 26	QUARTER HORSE CONGRESS	Ohio Expo Center	Columbus, OH
<b>Oct 10-14</b>	<b>NILE AQHA &amp; VRH SHOW (pg 52)</b>	<b>Miller's Horse Palace</b>	<b>Billings, MT</b>
Oct 29 - Nov 21	AQHA WORLD SHOW		Oklahoma City, OK
Dec 4-6	MQHA Annual Convention & Awards Ceremony	Great Northern Hotel	Helena, MT
Dec 4-7	Dorn Parkinson Memorial Show		Queen Creek, AZ

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**Dates are projected until confirmed by  
AQHA &/or show management.**



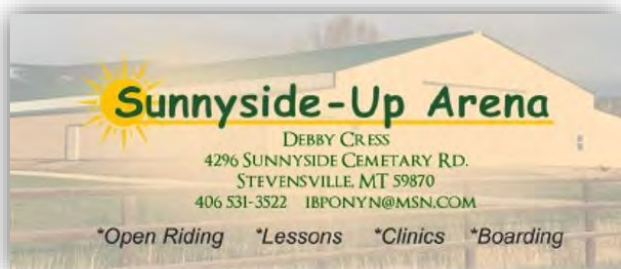


# DON'T MISS THESE DEADLINES

- ♦ **DO IT NOW!** Renew your 2026 MQHA/MQHYA membership & Back Number (pg 26)
- ♦ **DO IT NOW!** Youth & Amateurs, complete your Level 1 Application (pg 27)
- ♦ **JANUARY 15:** AQHF Scholarship Application due for 2025-2026 academic year.
- ♦ **APRIL 1:** MQHYA Show Sponsorship Applications due.
- ♦ **APRIL 30:** AQHA Horseback riding Program January-March hours due.
- ♦ **MAY 14:** WMQHA Pre-entries due. Post entries after this date incur a \$45 late-entry fee.
- ♦ **MAY 17:** WMQHA Buckle Series pre-entries due (*by noon*).
- ♦ **MAY 25:** BSC Pre-entries due. Post entries after this date incur a \$35/horse late-entry fee.
- ♦ **MAY 25:** BSC Cattle fees due.
- ♦ **JULY 31:** AQHA Horseback riding Program April-June hours due.
- ♦ **AUGUST 5:** WMQHA Pre-entries due. Post entries after this date incur a \$45 late-entry fee.
- ♦ **AUGUST 9:** WMQHA Buckle Series pre-entries due (*by noon*).
- ♦ **OCTOBER 31:** AQHA Horseback riding Program July-September hours due.
- ♦ **DECEMBER 31:** AQHA Horseback riding Program October-December hours due.



- ♦ **Patti A. Lizotte**
- ♦ **Stephen Mazzola & Christine Serpico**
- ♦ **Sidney McCasland**  
(From Youth to Amateur)
- ♦ **Matt Rains**



# BIG SKY CLASSIC

Montana Quarter Horse Association Premier Annual Event

Our Annual Summer Quarter Horse show features all traditional classes, Rookie, L1, VRH, cutting and cattle classes. We rotate a variety of money added challenges in different disciplines each year. This show is well attended with many competitors from all over Montana as well as surrounding states and Canada. Exceptional venue, wine tastings, money added classes and beautiful MT scenery all complement this outstanding show. Please consider being a sponsor of this outstanding event.



## **BIG SKY CLASSIC SPONSORS**

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**CHALLENGE  
SPONSOR  
\$1000**

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MAY  
INCLUDE:**

**NAMING RIGHTS  
AWARD PRESENTATION  
CLASS ACKNOWLEDGMENT  
AND ADDITIONAL  
PROMOTIONS, BENEFITS  
SPECIFIC TO THE SHOW**

**PLEASE CALL OR WRITE FOR  
DETAILS OR TO CUSTOMIZE**

# The Horse Show Husband

## "A Week of Firsts"

By Steve Love



*It's the first post of 2026 for the Horse Show Husband!*

Now that I mention it there were many firsts over the week including some big news: **I am now on Instagram**. I had to invent a handle so chose "**akathehorshowhusband**". They cut off my bio because I was pontificating

too much. I went way over the word limit then it asks about a pronoun so I type "any word that can replace a noun as a participant". I thought I'd make Ms. Dumas darn proud with that definition but the algorithm did NOT like that response.

Most importantly we had the first Horseshow of the year which had lots of firsts: **1st time down the fence for my better half** (she did great btw) and **1st time down the fence for Reata Jones** too (atta girl!).

**Another first was a rather peculiar approach to the ranch trail course** by at least one rider. The official pattern stated "right hand push gate". And that's what Jane Doe did alright! She pushed open the gate with her right hand (and I mean with authority) then proceeded to the next obstacle which was the bridge. I'm guessing her life motto is "*Never Look Back*" because she didn't! It reminded me of the trespassing fisherman or lazy ass hunter who always breaks the cardinal rule of "Leave the gate as you find it!" Who knows maybe it was a City Slicker course. Needless to say the gate stayed wide open!

**It was the first time year I had to talk Janene off the ledge** as we loaded to leave. It had been a tense morning at work, stress with leaking water in the basement, dense fog, no meal in the belly, and zero hydration containing any caffeine or sugar. It was good to get this bi annual discussion out of the way early in the year. Once we hit blue skies with a full belly and caffeine flowing; all was right with the world again. I have it on good authority that several other HSH's also had similar experiences with their horse lovin' wives preparing for the show.

**Another notable first was that Jerrian Jones entered her first show on her colt and with her new knee!!** So good to see her back in the saddle.

Well It seems Instapot... I mean Instagram really sticks to this word limit rule so time for me to sign off! Happy New Year everyone!



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# SPARK SOME FUN

## ROOKIE/LEVEL 1 AQHA HORSE SHOW

Offering full AQHA & MQHA points at Open show prices

### SPONSORSHIP FORM

Montana Quarter Horse Association Amateurs developed the **SPARK SOME FUN** horse show to provide an opportunity for Open show exhibitors (and newer AQHA show exhibitors) to enjoy competing at an AQHA show and earn AQHA accolades on their Quarter Horses for the similar fees they would pay at their Open horse shows.

This is our 8th **SPARK SOME FUN** horse show. Our previous shows surpassed expectations—**thanks to our Sponsors!** Not only were they super fun, affordable shows, we have had enough entries to have 2- and 3-point classes. The Rookie clinic the day before fills up quickly. We present awards to **8 Grand Champion Halter Horses, 14 High Point exhibitors and 13 Reserve High Point exhibitors**, and we give-away several prizes throughout the day. *This year will be even better!*

### WHAT'S IN IT FOR YOU?

All of our **Sponsors** are acknowledged publicly on Social Media and email, ads are displayed at the show and names are announced throughout the show. Corporate Sponsors are encouraged to display banners at the show and set up a vendor booth. Additionally, goodwill through name recognition will be earned with your generosity.

#### SPONSOR INFORMATION

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE #: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_ WEBSITE: \_\_\_\_\_

#### SPONSORSHIP AMOUNT

CORPORATE SPONSOR (\$500 +) Corporate Banner & Vendor Space \$ \_\_\_\_\_

MAJOR SPONSORSHIP (\$150 +) Includes Vendor Space \$ \_\_\_\_\_

HIGH POINT SPONSORSHIP : \_\_\_\_\_ Awards x \$125/Award \$ \_\_\_\_\_

RESERVE HIGH POINT SPONSORSHIP : \_\_\_\_\_ Awards x \$75/Award \$ \_\_\_\_\_

CLASS SPONSORSHIP : \_\_\_\_\_ Classes x \$20/Class \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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Show Date/Location: June 26-28 | Super Barn Arena | Billings, MT



## ROOKIE/LEVEL 1 AQHA HORSE SHOW

June 26-28, 2026

Billings, MT

### SPONSORSHIP RECEIPT

Please Keep This Portion  
for Your Records

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c/o Tracy Brown  
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Butte, MT 59702

THANK YOU FOR YOUR  
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Looking  
Back



## VERSATILITY RANCH HORSE SHOW HIGH POINT WINNERS

<u>DIVISION</u>	<u>HORSE</u>	<u>OWNER</u>	<u>RIDER</u>
VRH Senior Horse	Haidas Wildcat	Lesli Glen	Steve Bond
VRH Junior Horse	Montana Kat	Faith Ganziano	Faith Ganziano
VRH Cowboy	Montana Kat	Faith Ganziano	Faith Ganziano
VRH Amateur	Nic It Wiz Bud	Rachel Adam	Rachel Adam
VRH Limited Amateur	No Time To Die	Paige Brummund	Paige Brummund
VRH Rookie Amateur	Tuff N Buzzin	Trissany Richerct	Trissany Richerct
VRH Youth	Wish Iza Lazy	Reagan Jassen	Reagan Jassen
VRH Limited Youth	Boons Royal Dual	Reagan Jassen	Reagan Jassen
VRH Rookie Youth	Ricochets Smart Sue	Rachel Adam	Corby Jean Adam

\* Those in **BOLD** are current **MQHA** or **MQHYA** members.





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## WIN PICTURES





# PURPLE LIGHTS (2004—2025)

On November 7, 2024, an unseasonably warm autumn day, Gary Lynn Olson said goodbye to her remarkable cow horse mare, PURPLE LIGHTS. PURPLE LIGHTS, a 2004 bay mare by SMART LITTLE PISTOL and out of OAK N STARLIGHT by GRAYS STARLIGHT, was bred by Ronald Kuntson of Spokane, WA. In 2013, Gary Lynn and PURPLE LIGHTS were Reserve World Champions in working cow horse at the Adequan Select World Championship Show. Three years later in 2016, they took the World Championship title. PURPLE LIGHTS had a lifetime earnings of \$16,303.

**GARY LYNN OLSON** is a lifetime MQHA member and an AQHA National Director representing Montana. Gary Lynn has 6 World Championships in the Amateur Select Working Cow Horse and 5 Reserve World Championships, all earned between 2007 - 2017.



PURPLE LIGHTS & Gary Lynn Olson



Nearly 8,000 entries from around the WORLD gather annually in November for the **AQHA WORLD SHOW** at the OKC Fairgrounds in Oklahoma City to compete for:

- ⇒ 104 AQHA World Championships,
- ⇒ 44 Adequan Select World championships,
- ⇒ 99 Adequan Level 2 Championships, and
- ⇒ 26 AQHA Level 1 Champion of Champions.



## MONTANA DID NOT DISSAPPOINT!



*Turner  
Performance  
Horses*

### TRASH TALKIN BIGSTAR

**Champion** L2 AM Ranch riding  
**Champion of Champions** L1 Am  
 Ranch Riding  
**Bronz** L2 Am Ranch Riding  
 9th in L3 Amateur Ranch Riding.

### SEVEN S ROYALTY

10th L3 Amateur Dally Team Roping—Heading

### A STARLIGHTS INFERNO

**Reserve Champion** L3 Amateur Dally Team Roping—Heeling



*Barb  
Bouma* and  
**ROGER THATT**

4th L2 Select Amateur Trail  
 9th L3 Select Amateur Trail



**HAVEN MEGED** and  
**THESUPERBLACKEAGLE**

4th Junior Tie-Down Roping  
**PAWHUSKA**  
 7th Junior Tie-Down Roping

### JOHN IRISH

John is a prior MQHA member (now in OR). John placed Top 10 TWICE in the L3 Junior Ranch Riding



# MQHA CONVENTION

## The annual **MQHA Convention and Awards Banquet** was held December 5-7, 2025 at the Great Northern Hotel in Helena, MT.

### **FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5**

**FRIDAY NIGHT** started with an MQHA Board of Directors Meeting followed by a **Member Appreciation Social**—complete with food, beverages, trivia & awards. Trivia questions came from the Newsletters from the 1980s—fortunately many copies of those newsletters were displayed on each table.

MQHA was selling keys for a chance to unlock (and take home) a scooter! **The lucky key holder was Lesli Glen!**



*Leslie Glen taking a victory lap on her new scooter.*

### **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6**

**SATURDAY** was a day of open meetings for MQHA members & friends to share ideas and gain information about MQHA, Amateurs, Youth, 2025 Shows, MQHA Committees, & AQHA Committees.



*Amateur Vice Chair, Janel Favero, selling 50/50 raffle tickets*

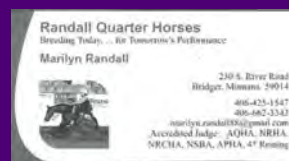


*Ruth McDonald Gates & Julie Schumacher*

**SATURDAY NIGHT** was an evening to visit with friends during the **cocktail hour**, bidding on the **Silent Auction**, and eating an **amazing dinner**. Jeremy Young auctioned some fabulous **live auction** items.



*Cocktail Hour: Friends reconnecting with friends*



# And then it was time for the Awards!

## MQHA HALL OF FAME

MQHA recognized the following **7 MQHA Founding Members**: **Henry F. Wilson, Paul Ringling, Nancy Dear, JK Gustafson, J Lester Jones, Richard T. Fisher, and Erwin Trebesch.**

In addition, MQHA recognized the **Birdtail Ranch** and their famous stallion, **Classy Bar**.

*If you know someone who should be considered for the MQHA Hall of Fame, please see page \_\_\_\_.*



## THE JOYCE McDONALD SPIRIT OF GIVING AWARD

This year's Spirit of Giving recipient was **Nancy Ostle-Zahn**. Nancy started her MQHA journey as a competitor, then was the Youth Advisor, then was an AQHA show secretary for most of our shows. Despite taking a hiatus from her show secretary role, Nancy and her husband, Dan, continue to support MQHA at every turn, including donations of her fine welding and word working creations for auction items.



**Rick Ringling** accepting the Hall of Fame award for MQHA founder **Paul Ringling**.



Table Centerpieces by **Charlene Greene**



## BMQ DREAMS COME TRUE

**Eve Pollari**

**Champion Rookie Am All Around Champion:**

Rookie Am Western Pleasure  
Rookie Am Horsemanship  
Rookie Am Hunter Under Saddle  
Rookie Am Hunt Seat Equitation

**Reserve:**

Am Performance Geldings  
Rookie Am Showmanship

Thank you, **Jeremy Young** (pictured with Eve) for being our auctioneer!



## CARLS LAST CALL

**Colleen Carnine**

**Reserve L 1Am All Around**

**Champion:**

L1 Am Performance Halter Geldings  
Rookie Am Geldings

**Reserve:**

Select Am Performance Geldings







### **CHEX OUT ROYAL**

**Julie Schumacher**

**Reserve Select Amateur**

**All Around**

**Champion:**

Non Pro Showmanship

L1 Select Amateur Showmanship

**Reserve:**

L1 Amateur Horsemanship

Select Amateur Horsemanship



### **HARD WOODS**

**Carolyn Mack**

**Champion L1 Am All Around**

**Reserve Amateur All Around**

**Champion:**

Amateur Ranch Riding

Amateur Ranch Trail

Amateur Boxing

Amateur Working West Ranch Rail

L1 Am Ranch Riding

L1 Am Ranch Trail

Rookie Am Working West Ranch Rail



### **DUNIT SHOOTEN**

**Nicole Morton**

**Champion VRH Rookie Am Around**

**Champion:**

VRH Rookie Am Ranch Riding

VRH Rookie Am Ranch Trail

VRH Rookie Am Ranch Reining

CVRH Rookie Am Conformation

VRH Rookie Am Ranch Cow Work

**Reserve:**

L1 Am Ranch Rail

Rookie Am Working West Ranch Rail

### **THE GUARDIAN ANGEL**

**Reserve:**

L1 Am Ranch Rail

L1 Am Ranch Trail



### **ONA BLUE IMPULSE**

**Charlene Greene**

**Champion Select Amateur**

**All Around**

**Champion:**

Open Senior Trail

Select Am Performance Geldings

Select Am Western Pleasure

**Reserve:**

Select Am Trail

L1 Am Performance Geldings



### **GOOD AND LAZY**

**Jim & Joani Kisson**

**Britt Kisson-Robinson**

**Champion:**

Select Am Horsemanship

Select Am Trail

L1 Am Western Pleasure

L1 Am Horsemanship

L1 Am Trail

### **THE BEST BLAZE**

**Reserve:**

Rookie Am Halter Geldings



### **SLINGIN DYCE**

**Peggy Lucas**

**Champion Open Senior Horse**

**All Around**

**Champion Open L1 All Around**

**Champion:**

Open Senior Ranch Riding

Open Senior Working Western Rail

Open Senior Ranch Trail

Open L1 Ranch Riding

Open L1 Ranch Trail

Open L1 Working Western Ranch Rail



### **XLENT POTENTIAL**

**Hailey Reed**

**Champion Rookie Youth**

**All Around**

**Champion:**

Rookie Youth Trail

Rookie Youth Horsemanship

Rookie Youth Showmanship

Rookie Youth Hunter Under Saddle



### **ZIPPY MERCEDES CHEX**

**Sidney McCasland**

**Champion Youth All Around  
Champion L1 Youth All Around**

**Champion:**

Youth Horsemanship

Youth Western Pleasure

L1 Performance Halter Mares

L1 Youth Horsemanship

L1 Hunter Under Saddle

L1 Hunt Seat Equitation



**Nancy Favero** was the winner of the MQHYA raffle fundraiser! She wins **custom made chaps by Iverson Custom Saddlery!**



**Marilyn Wegweiser** was the winner of the MQHA raffle fundraiser! Marilyn wins the **Tri Star 12 gauge over and under shotgun custom made for MQHA.**

## *Additional Year-End Winners*

### **ADC SMART DUAL STAR**

**Sarah Trotter**

**Reserve:**

VRH Ltd Am Ranch Reining

VRH Ltd Am Ranch Trail



### **BETTIN ONA BLUE**

**Kelly Chvatal**

**Reserve Open Senior Horse  
All Around**

**Champion:**

Open Performance Halter Mares

Senior Western Pleasure

**Reserve:**

Open Senior Trail

### **BOONOLENA SMOKE**

**Linda Smith**

**Reserve VRH Rookie Am Around**

**Reserve:**

VRH Rookie Am Ranch Riding

VRH Rookie Am Ranch Trail

VRH Rookie Am Ranch Reining

CVRH Rookie Am Conformation

VRH Rookie Am Ranch Cow Work

### **COOL STEADY PADDY**

**Laurie Slovarp**

**Champion:**

Non-Pro Horsemanship

### **GOOD HEAVENS IM LAZY**

**Cheri Miller**

**Champion:**

L1 Am W/T Trail

**Reserve:**

L1 Am W/T Western Pleasure

### **HAIL N DIAMONDS**

**Connie Taverna**

**Champion:**

Select Am Ranch Riding

Select Am Working West Ranch Rail

**Reserve:**

Select Am Ranch Trail



### HONEY I ISA DIAMOND

**Theresa Mueller**

**Champion VRH Ltd Am**

**All Around**

**Champion:**

VRH Ltd Am Ranch Riding

VRH Ltd Am Ranch Reining

VRH Ltd Am Ranch Cow Work

VRH Ltd Am Ranch Trail

**Reserve:**

VRH Ltd Am Ranch Conformation

Select Am Ranch Riding

Select Am Working Western Rail

Select Am Ranch Trail

### KATIE LEE GUN

**Greg & Gail Richardson**

**Champion:**

Open Senior Ranch Trail

**Reserve:**

Open Senior Working Western Rail

L1 Am Ranch Riding



### LAZY LADY N RED

**Josephine Marshall**

**Champion:**

Open Aged Mares

L1 Am Aged Mares

**Reserve:**

Select Am Showmanship

L1 Am W/T Horsemanship

Rookie Am Mares



### ONLY IN MY DREAMZ

**Suzanne Sherick**

**Champion Amateur All Around**

**Champion:**

Amateur Performance Geldings

Amateur Horsemanship

**Reserve:**

Amateur Ranch Riding

Amateur Ranch Trail

### RL FIRST N BEST

**Randy Miller**

**Champion:**

Rookie Am Halter Mares



### SHEZAGOODBARROCKS

**Tony & Chas Allen**

**Champion:**

Open Level 1 Western Pleasure



### SO HOT

**Kathy Zadlock**

**Clara Colburn**

**Champion:**

L1 Am W/T Western Pleasure

L1 Am W/T Horsemanship

L1 Am W/T Hunter Under Saddle

L1 Am W/T Hunt Seat Equitation

Rookie Am Showmanship

**Reserve:**

### TCR CATJUMPOVERD BOON

**Susie Barry**

**Reserve VRH Ltd Am**

**All Around**

**Champion:**

VRH Ltd Am Ranch Conformation

**Reserve:**

VRH Ltd Am Ranch Riding

VRH Ltd Am Ranch Cow Work

### WORTH THE BIG LEAGUE

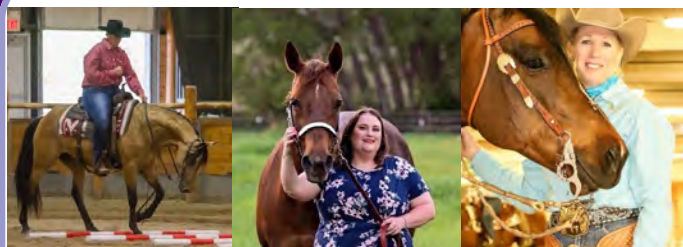
**Maria Jerome**

**Champion:**

L1 Amateur Showmanship



# MQHA AMATEURS



**Cathy Dekker, MQHA**  
Amateur Chair  
**Janel Favero, MQHA**  
Amateur Vice Chair  
**Tracy Knudson-Brown, MQHA**  
Amateur Secretary/Treasurer

American Quarter Horse owners who do not join the professional ranks may enjoy a full spectrum of competition in the amateur division. Within the amateur division are levels: Rookie, Level 1, Level 2 and Level 3. The Select amateur classes are for amateur exhibitors 50 and over.

## ANNUAL MEETING

The Amateurs held their annual meeting at the MQHA Convention in December. Thank you to all who attended. Following are ideas brought forth at the meeting.

### INCENTIVE FUND

Amateurs decided to offer the Incentive Fund again in 2026 with a \$30 nomination fee and \$1000 added. Payback is based on MQHA points earned in 2026.

### CLINIC

Amateurs discussed holding a fundraising clinic at the Kirk Arena in Billings. Ideas for clinicians included Gary Cooper, Steve Meadows and Marty Simper.

### 2026 SPARK SOME FUN

Spark Some Fun in 2025 had 313 entries, 53 horses, and 46 exhibitors—the best turn out since it's inception in 2017. Expecting another exceptional turnout in 2026, the Amateurs are having the Rookie Clinic on Friday followed by two full days of showing. They have added Ranch Rail, a couple warmup classes and additional High Point & Reserve High Point Awards—and are working on a couple other fun ideas.

### MORE DISCUSSION

Other discussion included contributing 10% of net fundraising proceeds to MQHA up to \$500, sponsoring the Big Sky Classic, and sponsoring the Region 2 Championship show.

# MQHYA

## MONTANA QUARTER HORSE YOUTH ASSOCIATION

### Youth Co-Advisors:

**Michele Shaw**

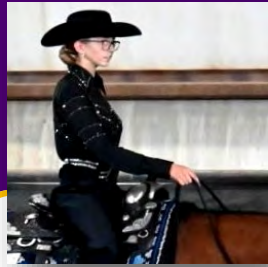
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**Hailey Reed**  
MQHYA President



**Savannah Barker**  
MQHYA 1st  
Vice President



**Justine Curry**  
MQHYA 2nd  
Vice President



## ANNUAL MEETING

MQHYA held their annual meeting at the MQHA Convention. Outgoing MQHYA President, Sidney McCasland, presided over the meeting & Officer elections.

Congratulations, Hailey Reed (President), Savannah Barker (1st Vice President) and Justine Curry (2nd Vice President). Michele Shaw will stay on as Youth Co-Advisor, and outgoing Youth Co-Advisor, Mindi Wilson's, position was filled by Linda Reed.

## INCENTIVE FUND

Max Hawkins was the only Youth who nominated a horse for the Youth Incentive Fund, with made a grand payout for Max.

***Youth, nominate your horse(s) in 2026  
to get paid for each MQHA point  
earned.***

## SHOW SPONSORSHIPS

Show Sponsorship applications are due  
**April 1, 2026.**

One **\$500** scholarship is available to an MQHYA member and one to a non-member. Youths can only win a show scholarship one time.

## EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP

The Bill & Sherrie Harrison Memorial Secondary Education Scholarship application is due **August 1, 2026**, for one of the two **\$500** scholarships available.

## LEVEL 1 CHAMPIONSHIP ASSISTANCE

MQHYA will award up to 5 MQHYA members **\$200** to use toward Level 1 Championship entries. Application is due 7 days *after* show entry deadline.

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# MONTANA QUARTER HORSE ASSOCIATION

It takes a village to run MQHA— Here is YOUR village:

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### **MQHYA Co-Advisors**

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THANK OUR SPONSORS!





# MQHA COMMITTEES

**MQHA Committees** are chaired by an MQHA Director and filled by MQHA members.

Below are the list of MQHA Committees, the Committee Chair, and the MQHA Members on each committee.

## PLEASE REVIEW THIS LIST

If you would like to see a Committee description, to be added to a Committee or to be removed from a Committee, please contact **Laura Bakker** at [montanaqha@gmail.com](mailto:montanaqha@gmail.com).

If you would like more information about the Committee you are on, contact your Committee Chair.

*The chairs would LOVE your fresh ideas—join a committee TODAY!*

<b>COMMITTEE</b>	<b>CHAIR</b>	<b>MEMBERS</b>
<b>AMATEUR</b>	Cathy Dekker	T Brown, V Dekker, J Favero, C Greene, M Jerome, J Kissock, B Kissock-Robinson, P Lizotte, R McDonald-Gates
<b>AWARDS/POINTS</b>	Michele McGuigan	L Bakker, C Coe, L Cochran-Olson, J Favero, M Jerome, K Langton, E Ryckman, J Schumacher
<b>BREEDERS</b>	Lesli Glen	M McGuigan, J Shengle
<b>BY LAWS</b>	Tyrell Burklund	L Bakker, R Church, B Kissock-Robinson, M McGuigan, M Shaw, J Shengle
<b>CONVENTION</b>	Tyrell Burklund	L Bakker, L Cochran-Olson, J Favero, C Greene, R May, R McDonald-Gates
<b>EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE</b>	Tyrell Burklund	J Shengle
<b>FINANCE</b>	Tyrell Burklund	L Bakker
<b>HALL OF FAME</b>	Ruth McDonald-Gates	L Bakker, B Kissock-Robinson, GL Olson, N Zahn
<b>LEGISLATIVE</b>	Britt Kissock-Robinson	M Randall, B Skelton
<b>MARKETING</b>	Julie Schumacher	B Barber, T Burklund, R Jones
Apparel		T Brown, L Glen, M McGuigan
Directory		L Bakker, R Church, B Kissock-Robinson
Newsletter		L Bakker, B Kissock-Robinson
Website/Social Media		L Bakker, T Burklund, R Church, C Coe, B DeVerniero, GL Olson
<b>MEMBERSHIP</b>	Rita Church	L Bakker, B Kissock-Robinson
<b>NILE</b>	Marilyn Randall	L Bakker, T Burklund, L Glen, R Jones, P Lucas, R McDonald-Gates,
<b>NOMINATIONS</b>	Rita Church	T Burklund, J Favero, M McGuigan
<b>RANCHING</b>	Josh Shengle/Lesli Glen	C Dekker, M McGuigan
<b>RECREATIONAL RIDING</b>	Julie Schumacher	T Brown, C Dekker, B Kissock-Robinson
<b>REGION 2</b>	Rita Church	T Brown, P Lucas
<b>SCHOLARSHIPS</b>	Tracy Tiner	L Cochran-Olson, R McDonald Gates, T Olson
<b>SHOW</b>	Tyrell Burklund	T Brown, R Church, B DeVerniero, L Glen, K Langton, P Lucas, M McGuigan, M Randall, J Shengle,
<b>YOUTH</b>	Michele Shaw/Linda Reed	L Bakker, J Barker, S McCasland, M Randall



**Wrangler National Finals Rodeo** (WNFR), presented by Teton Ridge is widely regarded as the Super Bowl of rodeo, serving as the championship event of the **Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association**. Each December, the top 15 money-winners from the regular season in each major discipline earn their spot in this 10-night showdown. This year **Montana** proudly sent returning champions, seasoned veterans and first-time qualifiers—5 in all—to compete for a total purse of over \$13.5 million.



#### Ty Erickson & FINDING MENO

("Crush") earned round 3 steer wrestling honors with 3.5 seconds. Ty, the 2019 World Champion from Helena, tells the story of how Crush got his name, "He's by a sire named FINDING NEMO (by Streakin Rascal/Streakin Dash). The turtle on that movie, his name is "Crush." He's just like "heyyy dude," but when he decides to go downstream, he hauls butt. And that's exactly Crush's personality. He's just kinda laid back until it's time to do his job and then he hauls butt." Crush was the 2024 steer wrestling horse of the year. Ty and Crush won **10th in the average** at 34 seconds/8 head and **8th in the World** with \$246,269.51.



#### Sam Petersen

from Helena arrived at the WNFR as a first-time qualifier. Ten

nights later, the Helena native left with the **Bareback average title** (854 pts/10 head). Sam ended up **10th in the World** with \$448,754.92.

#### Haven Meged and SEVEN S

**TOMAHAWK** ("Smoke") a 2016 gelding by Mr Playinstylish x Seven S Sassy Zan/Seven S Zanaday won **3rd in the average** (90 seconds/10 calves) and **7th in the World** with \$279,930.10.

Haven notes Smoke's style differs from "Lil Punch" (FOR GOODNESS SHAKES), the longtime standout who isn't in Las Vegas this year due to injury. Haven & Smoke won the 9th go-around, the seventh of his NFR career.



**Tayla Moeykens** stepped inside the Thomas & Mack for the first time in 2025. The **Three Forks** cowgirl was one of the youngest in the field at age 23.

But for Tayla Moeykens, the adversity began before the opening run. A nationwide outbreak of Equine Herpesvirus (EHV-1) forced her to make a difficult decision: leave her main horses, "Yeti" (KN FAMES BEST YET) and "Lizard" (JM POCKETSDOUBLEDASH), at home for their safety and compete on a borrowed mount instead.

Tayla Moeykens started on "Penny" (**STREAKIN FIREWATER**), whom a friend, barrel racer Cindy Grainger "so graciously lent me... while we're there" and "Winnie" (**SCR CATS MERADA PEP**). But when Tayla needed another horse this week, fellow first-time Wrangler NFR qualifier Katelyn Scott rode to the rescue, offering her back-up horse "Kian" (**HEAVEN SENT FAME**).



**Sage Newman** from Melstone was **4th in the Average** (840.25 pts/10 horses) and **10th in the World** with \$275,691.26 in winnings.

# RECREATIONAL RIDING

## AQHA Trot-to-250

AQHA's 2025 Trot-to-250 Challenge kicked off on July 1st, 2025,  
and ended on December 31st, 2025.

The first 100 riders to reach 250 hours  
will receive a complimentary HBR Vest & Challenger Patch.  
All others who submit at least 25 hours or more  
will receive a complimentary support patch.

Below are the MQHA members & other Montana riders  
in the Top 100!

### **Congratulations!**

<u>RANK</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>HOURS</u>	<u>DATE GOAL REACHED</u>
<b>17</b>	<b>Cathy Dekker</b>	<b>*250*</b>	<b>8/20/25</b>
<b>39</b>	<b>Marilyn Wegweiser</b>	<b>*250*</b>	<b>9/01/25</b>
40	Grayson Florkey	*250*	9/02/25
74	Ellen Hollifield	*250*	9/30/25
75	Shanna Gray	*250*	10/01/25
<b>86</b>	<b>Jackie Strain</b>	<b>*250*</b>	<b>10/08/25</b>
<b>97</b>	<b>Karen DeVenyns</b>	<b>*250*</b>	<b>10/16/25</b>

*Those in **Bold Gold** are Current MQHA members.*



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let us know what you're doing!

You can e-mail your photos to [montanaqha@gmail.com](mailto:montanaqha@gmail.com).

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# MT QUARTER HORSE ASSOC

## **Mission Statement:**

**We Promote the use of the American Quarter Horse in Montana in a variety of ways. We provide beneficial services for our membership to enhance and encourage Quarter Horse ownership and participation. We generate growth of MQHA membership via the marketing, promotion, advertising, and publicity of the MQHA.**

**MQHA HAS MEMBERS ACROSS  
MONTANA PARTICIPATING IN ALL  
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**Acknowledgment at  
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**MQHA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/RENEWAL  
& EXHIBITOR NUMBER APPLICATION**

NEW MEMBERSHIP ☐ RENEWAL ☐ TODAY'S DATE: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name \_\_\_\_\_ AQHA ID # \_\_\_\_\_  
Ranch Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State/Province \_\_\_\_\_ Zip/Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_  
Cell Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_  
DOB \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_  
Membership Type: ☐ Open ☐ Amateur ☐ Select Amateur ☐ Youth ☐ Ranch

**Open Fees**

- ☐ \$40 Open & Amateur Membership  
☐ \$350 Open & Amateur Life Membership  
☐ \$5 Annual Exhibitor number  
☐ \$50 Lifetime Exhibitor number

**Youth fees**

- ☐ \$10 Youth Membership Only  
☐ \$50 Youth Lifetime Membership only

☐ Please initial decline purchase of back number – required for year-end awards per MQHA By-Laws,  
By declining purchase of an MQHA back number, I understand I am not eligible for year-end awards per  
MQHA By-Law requirements.

**Name: Montana Quarter Horse YOUTH Membership**

**Type: \_\_\_\_\_ Relation: DOB: \_\_\_\_\_ AQHYA#: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Exhibitor number OR requested number \_\_\_\_\_** (contact MQHA Secretary for availability)

**Horse's AQHA Name \_\_\_\_\_**

**Horse's AQHA Registration Number \_\_\_\_\_**

*(ownership as listed on AQHA registration papers -If the owner listed on the AQHA paper is NOT a Current MQHA member, the horse is not eligible for MQHA Year End Award unless the lease form on file with MQHA.*

Is this horse leased? Yes ☐ No ☐

If yes, Please provide a current copy of AQHA lease agreement or lease agreement

**PLEASE PROVIDE A CURRENT COPY OF AQHA REGISTRATION PAPERS**

Please provide a current copy of current AQHA (open, amateur or youth) membership card

**NEW -Pay by Credit Card!! (Additional \$5.00 processing fee)**

☐ CHECK ☐ VISA ☐ MASTERCARD Name on Card: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ CC#: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ Security #: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE: If you exhibit or own a horse that competes in MQHA shows, the associated Exhibitor and Owner AQHA ID numbers must be indicated on this form in order for points to count toward MQHA Year-End Awards. Horse must have an MQHA back number in order for points to count towards MQHA Year-End awards.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature



# AQHA Level 1 Application (Must have Amateur or Youth membership)

MAILING ADDRESS: P.O. BOX 200, AMARILLO, TX 79168  
WWW.AQHA.COM Phone: 800-376-4811 Fax: 800-349-6411



NAME																				AQHA ID# REQUIRED			
ADDRESS																							
CITY												STATE/PROVINCE				POSTAL CODE							
( )								E-MAIL															

## Letter Designations for Level 1 Classes:

<b>A</b> Halter/Performance Halter	<b>H</b> Barrel Racing	<b>O</b> Western Pleasure	<b>V</b> Heeling
<b>B</b> Reining	<b>I</b> Pole Bending	<b>P</b> Western Horsemanship	<b>W</b> Cutting
<b>C</b> Working Cow Horse/Boxing	<b>J</b> Stake Race	<b>Q</b> Hunter Under Saddle	<b>X</b> Showmanship at Halter
<b>D</b> Trail	<b>K</b> Jumping	<b>R</b> Hunt Seat Equitation	<b>Y</b> Pleasure Driving
<b>E</b> Western Riding	<b>L</b> Working Hunter	<b>S</b> Tie-Down Roping	<b>Z</b> Versatility Ranch Horse
<b>F</b> Team Penning	<b>M</b> Hunter Hack	<b>T</b> Breakaway Roping	<b>AA</b> Cowboy Mounted Shooting
<b>G</b> Ranch Sorting	<b>N</b> Equitation Over Fences	<b>U</b> Heading	<b>AB</b> Ranch Riding

## AQHA Level 1 Application

Please read carefully

Level 1 is a classification for people who wish to compete in AQHA Level 1 classes. To be a Level 1 member, you must abide by AQHA Level 1 rules found in the AQHA Official Handbook of Rules & Regulations SHW245. Before submitting your application to AQHA, please carefully read such rules to ensure you meet Level 1 eligibility. Application for AQHA Level 1 shall become active only upon AQHA's acceptance of this application. By submitting your application for Level 1, you affirm the truth and accuracy of your responses below.

**Completely fill in circles for applicable statements.** If you list a class in the spaces provided below, you shall not be eligible to participate in the AQHA Level 1 Program for that particular class. Please use black ink and print legibly.

- ☐ **YES**, I have earned a superior award within the past 10 years in the following classes with an equine organization or association with a membership of more than 7,500 members: *[list classes by their Letter Designation]* \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ **YES**, I have won a world, reserve world, national or reserve national championship title in the following classes (excluding level 1 class) with an equine organization or association (other than AQHA) with a membership of more than 7,500 members: *[list classes by their Letter Designation]* \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ **YES**, I have won a total of \$5,000 in cash and prizes with an equine organization or association in the following classes: *[list classes by their Letter Designation]* \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ **YES**, I have competed on an NCEA equestrian team on a scholarship or have ridden as a starting exhibitor in the following class(es): *[list classes by their Letter Designation]* \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ **NO**, I have never been an accredited horse show judge or have trained professionally. *(If the answer is Yes, you are ineligible for the AQHA Level 1 program).*

*If an exhibitor has pointed-out of a Level 1 class and wishes to return to Level 1 eligibility, he/she may not have earned points in any division of that class in the previous ten (10) consecutive years.*

SIGNATURE

DATE



## 2026 MQHA AMATEUR INCENTIVE FUND PROGRAM

Earn money back while you show  
Amateur classes at MQHA shows.

\$1,000 added money

\$30 nomination fee per horse/rider combination

### Guidelines To Participate

1. Exhibitor must be a current MQHA Amateur member in good standing; horse must have an MQHA back number.
2. Nomination fee is \$30 per horse/rider combination per calendar year (Jan 1st—Dec 1st, 2026).
3. Points will start to accumulate after the completed enrollment form and \$30 nomination fee are received by **MQHA Amateur Incentive Fund, c/o Tracy Brown, PO Box 3524, Butte, MT 59702** or by the show secretary at any MQHA show.
4. Funds will be paid on a one horse/one amateur rider combination.
5. Funds will be paid on every MQHA point earned in Select, Amateur (L2/L3), Level 1 Amateur, Level 1 Amateur Walk/Trot, and Rookie Amateur classes.
6. The value of each point will be calculated after the last MQHA show of the calendar year based on the total money in the Incentive Fund and the total points earned by Amateurs enrolled in the Incentive Fund.
7. Each Incentive Fund point earner will be issued one check at the 2026 Convention, and each check will be payable to the Amateur rider earning the points.

### 2026 MQHA Amateur Incentive Fund Enrollment Form

Amateur Name: \_\_\_\_\_ AQHA #: \_\_\_\_\_

Horse's Reg. Name: \_\_\_\_\_

AQHA Reg. #: \_\_\_\_\_ MQHA Back #: \_\_\_\_\_

Amateur Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### For Office Use Only

Date Form Received: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \$30 Fee Received: \_\_\_\_\_

Date 2026 MQHA Membership Paid: \_\_\_\_\_

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Lunch: 11:30 AM

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## **2026 WMQHA Open Buckle Series 10 am Start**

*NO Silver, NO Sequins Required, at the 5C, Corvallis, MT*

**Saturday** May 23 Judges Betty Labelle and Talitha Hallock

and **Friday** August 14 judges Tyrell Burklund and Peggy Lucas.

**For RV or stall, notify Bonnie the Show Secretary** with which nights and # of shavings bags. **Bonnie is at [bonnied.horseshowsec@gmail.com](mailto:bonnied.horseshowsec@gmail.com)** for stalls, shavings, and RVs.

**Silver Buckles** for Youth, Adult, Open and 10&Under divisions to be awarded at the last show

### **Highpoint English and Western awarded at each show**

To qualify for a buckle, you must nominate yourself prior to your first show and show 3 of the 4 judges. Buckle eligible combinations are one horse/one rider.

The Classes that count towards buckles are as follows:

10 and under Classes Buckle: 1 2 7 9 15 18 31 37 41

18 & Under (age on Jan 1) Youth: 1 2 4 11 16 19 33 38 42

Adult (19 as of Jan 1) Buckle: 1 2 5 12 17 20 23 25 27 34 39 43

Open Classes Buckle: 1 2 6 8 13 18 21 24 26 28 35 40 44

Ties will be decided by place/participation in showmanship.

**To Enter:** Email your completed and signed entry to

[westernmontanaquarterhorse@gmail.com](mailto:westernmontanaquarterhorse@gmail.com). **Your form must be received by noon on the Sunday before the show to secure the pre entry**

**discount rates:** You will receive a email confirmation in response to your email to us with entries; IF you do NOT receive a response retry sending.

Entries received after Sunday do not qualify for the pre-entry discounted rates. Entry at the show is welcome but will be higher than the pre-entry discounted rates.

*All 10 & under classes are Walk/Trot. All classes judged according to AQHA rules when applicable. Training tack and 2 hands are acceptable if used in a humane manner. Two hands in a shank will not be placed above an equal scoring run made one handed with a shank bit. The Judge's decision is final. Stallions must be handled by adults only. Thank you.*

# Buckle Series Class List

1. Halter Mares
2. Halter Geldings/Stallions
3. Halter Champion (1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> places of class 1 & 2
4. Showmanship Youth
5. Showmanship Adult
6. Showmanship Open
7. Showmanship 10 & Under
8. Western Pleasure Walk/Trot Open
9. Western Pleasure 10 & Under WT
10. Western Pleasure W/T **Green**  
Horses not showing in a loping Western class
11. Western Pleasure Youth
12. Western Pleasure Adult
13. Western Pleasure Open
14. Western Horsemanship W/T Open
15. Western Horsemanship 10 & U WT
16. Western Horsemanship Youth
17. Western Horsemanship Adult
18. Western Horsemanship Open
18. Western Equitation 10&U, rail WT
19. Western Equitation Youth, rail only
20. Western Equitation Adult rail only
21. Western Equitation Open, rail only
22. Western Equitation Open WT rail
23. Working Western Rail, Adult
24. Working Western Rail, Open
25. Reining Adult
26. Reining Open
27. Ranch Riding Adult
28. Ranch Riding Open
29. Leadline – no fee
30. English Pleasure W/T Open
31. English Pleasure 10 & U
32. English Pleasure W/T **Green**  
Horses not showing in a cantering English class
33. English Pleasure Youth
34. English Pleasure Adult
35. English Pleasure Open
36. English Eq W/T Open pattern
37. English Eq 10 & U, pattern
38. English Eq Youth pattern
39. English Eq Adult pattern
40. English Eq Open pattern
41. English Equitation 10&U, rail only
42. English Equitation, Youth, rail only
43. English Equitation, Adult rail only
44. English Equitation, Open, rail only
45. English Equitation, Open Rail WT

**Green classes :** Horses not showing in a loping or cantering class



**2026 BUCKLE SERIES ENTRY FORM** (one entry form per horse/ride combination please) Please check your email for a confirmation that your entry has been received in order to get the pre-entry discount. Email pdf completed entry form needs to be submitted by Sunday before the show to qualify for pre-entry discount. You will receive a confirmation email back once your entry is successfully received by the show secretary. **You can Also enter AT THE SHOW, but pre-entry by Sunday provides you discounts.**

Rider \_\_\_\_\_ Horse \_\_\_\_\_ Permanent Back # \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Classes Entered \_\_\_\_\_

Class Fees: the number of Classes received by Sunday: \_\_\_\_ x \$20/class (2 judges)= \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\$13 per judge if after Sunday: # of classes \_\_\_\_ x \$26/class (2 judges) = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Office Fee (per horse) if by Sunday \$10.00

Office Fee (per horse) if after Sunday or at the show \$35.00

Buckle Nomination Fee \_\_\_\_ X \$20.00 per buckle division \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please **circle** below the Buckle division(s) you wish to nominate.

10 & Under, Youth, Adult, Open. Youth vs Adult is determined by age on Jan  
1. 18 or under is youth, 19 or over is adult.

Stalls \$70 per night. \$ \_\_\_\_\_

One bag of shavings is included with stall rental. Additional bags \$12 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

RV per night \$50 for \_\_\_\_\_ nights \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Fees \$ \_\_\_\_\_

The 5C, and Western Montana Quarter Horse Association, its/their Members, and Volunteers are not responsible for any accidents which may occur. The inherent risks involved with horseback riding are well known. Each rider, guardian, and parent accept responsibility for him/herself, their children, their family, their guests, and their mounts. Entrant and guardian waive all claims against 5C, WMQHA, and WMQHA Members and volunteers. An approved helmet is required for all English and is recommended for Western Classes. Your signature shall be deemed acceptance of the terms.

Exhibitor Signature (Parent/Guardian if under 18) \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to WMQHA.

**To enter:** Email a pdf copy of this completed and signed entry form before Sunday noon to:  
[westernmontanaquarterhorse@gmail.com](mailto:westernmontanaquarterhorse@gmail.com). THANK YOU!!



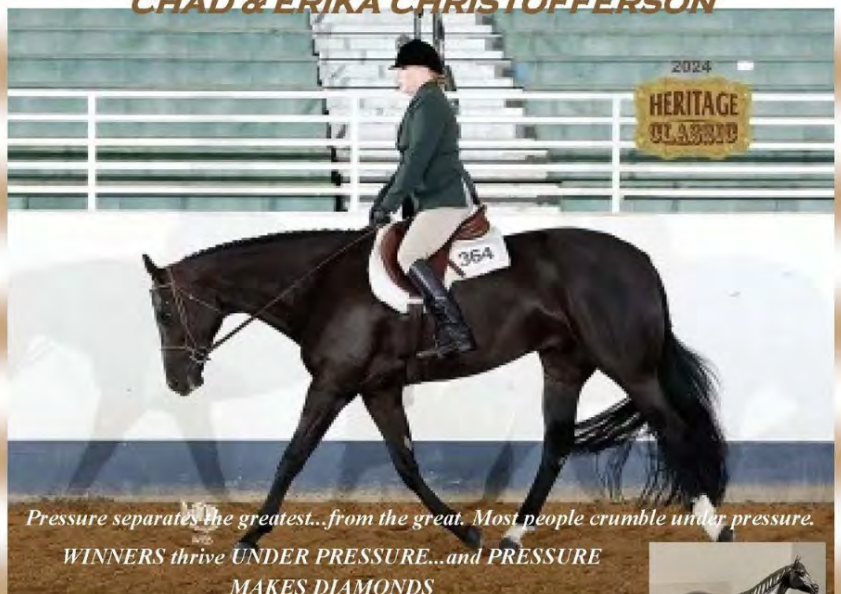
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## **64<sup>th</sup> Annual WMQHA Quarter Horse Shows!**

**May 24 - 25, 2026 & August 15 - 16, 2026**

**AQHA, APHA, MQHA, MPHC, MSQHA, and IQHA Approved**

**2 days, AQHA/APHA Triple Judged**

**Open Buckle Schooling Show Saturday, May 23 & Friday August 14 (separate entry form and class list)**

**5C Arena & Event Center, 224 Rusty Spur Way, Corvallis, MT**

Directions coming from Missoula: Highway 93 south towards Hamilton, at mile marker 61.2 (just short of mile marker 61), turn left at the 2 yellow flashing lights onto Bell Crossing going east. Continue 1.8 miles on Bell Crossing to a single red flashing light with a stop sign, turn right or south onto Eastside Highway, go 6.2 miles south on Eastside to mile marker 9. Turn left into the facility.

**Pre-Entry discounts if entered 10 days ahead.**

**Now Available, Online Pre-Entry at: On Horse Show Tracker or Mountain States Quarter Horse Alliance website.**

### **ARENA**

5C Arena and Event Center  
224 Rusty Spur Way, Corvallis, MT  
(406) 381-8175

### **SECRETARY**

Bonnie DeVerniero  
2244 Bender Rd  
Billings, MT 59101  
(406) 694-5234 *call or text*  
bonnied.horseshowsec@gmail.com

### **MANAGER**

Pam Diamond  
(406) 529-6728

### **SHOW FEES**

AQHA&VRH: \$10 per judge/horse  
APHA: \$3 per entry/judge  
Office Fee: \$15 per horse  
RV Hookups: \$50/night 20/30 amp  
(if available) \$60/night 50 amp

Dry Camping: \$20/night  
Grounds Fee: \$15 per horse/day  
Shavings: Bagged/Bulk shavings available. Pre-Bedding Available.  
Shavings must be purchased through the show – **NO OUTSIDE SHAVINGS ALLOWED.**

**POST/LATE ENTRY FEE: \$45**, waived if copies of horse registration papers, current owner & current exhibitor cards and complete entry forms showing all classes are sent to secretary postmarked 10 days before the show. It is much easier to delete exhibitors from classes then to add at the last minute so please pre-enter all you think you might do

Send all Stall & RV requests to Bonnie.  
(406) 694-5234 *call or text*  
bonnied.horseshowsec@gmail.com

**STALLING:** Circuit Rate Nightly Rate  
Indoor Stalls: \$190 \$70  
Cover Panel Pen: \$170 \$60  
Outdoor Pen: \$140 \$50

**Circuit Rate includes:**

May Show: arrive Friday & depart Monday.

August Show: arrive Thursday & depart Sunday.

**If stall payment is postmarked after pre-entry date \$20 will be added to the circuit rate.**

*\*Must have 6 in a group for a Tack*

### **CLASS FEES PER JUDGE**

AQHA/VRH/APHA:  
Open/Amt: \$19/judge  
Youth: \$16/judge  
All Breed (OAB): \$14/judge  
Trail Obstacle Fee: \$5/judge  
10 & Under: \$5/class  
All Class Inclusive: \$495

**YOUTH SPECIAL!!** If you show in the Buckle Show, the same classes you enter at the breed show will be half price, \$8 per judge not \$16.

**Cattle Entry Deadline 10 days ahead**  
Cattle Fees Non-Refundable!

**CATTLE FEE: \$65/go** **Must be prepaid by entry deadline.**

**AS OF 2025:** All registered Paint horses will compete together regardless of their registry classification.

### **SHOW REMINDERS**

**Management decisions are final**

**\*\*Rookie & Level 1 rail classes may run concurrent (Not VRH)**

**\*\*AQHA/VRH Respective classes will run concurrently**

**>VRH Conformation must show in 2 riding VRH classes in the same division**

**>Performance halter must have ROM or show in a loping class in any division**

**!! ELIGIBILITY ACCURACY IS THE EXHIBITOR'S RESPONSIBILITY !!**

**Show Co-Sponsored by  
Montana Paint Horse Club**

### **AQHA & APHA Triple Judged!**

**Sunday & Monday MAY 24-25, 2026**

#### **JUDGES:**

David Avery, Amarillo, TX  
Delena Doyle, Stephenville, TX  
Rebecca Halvorson, Guthrie OK

**Saturday & Sunday AUG 15-16, 2026**

#### **JUDGES:**

Randy Alderson, Sharpsville, IN  
Teresa Sullivan, Fountain Hills, AZ  
Scott Merritt, Lincoln, NE

**Sun. May 24 & Sat. Aug 15**

**Show Starts at 8 AM**

**AQHA Working Cow Horse, Boxing,  
& AQHA VRH**

1. AQHA Junior Working Cow Horse
2. AQHA Amateur Working Cow Horse
3. AQHA Senior Working Cow Horse
4. AQHA Amateur WCH Box Drive
5. AQHA Youth WCH Box Drive
6. AQHA Youth WCH Boxing
7. AQHA Amateur WCH Boxing
8. VRH Junior Ranch Reining
9. VRH Junior Ranch Cow Work
10. VRH Cowboy Ranch Reining
11. VRH Cowboy Ranch Cow Work
12. VRH Amateur Ranch Reining
13. VRH Amateur Ranch Cow Work
14. VRH Senior Ranch Reining
15. VRH Senior Ranch Cow Work
16. VRH Youth Ranch Reining
17. VRH Youth Ranch Cow Work
18. VRH Limited Amateur Ranch Reining
19. VRH Limited Amateur Ranch Cow Work
20. VRH Limited Youth Ranch Reining
21. VRH Limited Youth Ranch Cow Work
22. VRH Rookie Amateur Ranch Reining
23. VRH Rookie Amateur Ranch Cow Work
24. VRH Rookie Youth Ranch Reining
25. VRH Rookie Youth Ranch Cow Work

**AQHA Reining**

26. Reining All Ages
27. Level 1 Amateur Reining
28. Amateur Reining
29. Level 1 Youth Reining
30. Youth Reining

**OAB Working Western Rail**

31. OAB Working Western Rail

**AQHA Working Western Rail**

32. Junior Working Western Rail
33. Amateur Working Western Rail
34. Amt Select Working Western Rail
35. Senior Working Western Rail
36. Youth Working Western Rail

**APHA Ranch Conformation**

37. APHA Open Ranch Conformation
38. APHA Amateur Ranch Conformation
39. APHA Youth Ranch Conformation

**AQHA VRH Ranch Conformation**

40. VRH Junior Ranch Conf
41. VRH Cowboy Ranch Conf
42. VRH Amateur Ranch Conf
43. VRH Senior Ranch Conf
44. VRH Youth Ranch Conf
45. VRH Limited Amt Ranch Conf
46. VRH Limited Youth Ranch Conf
47. VRH Rookie Amt Ranch Conf
48. VRH Rookie Youth Ranch Conf

**BREAK (Length To Be Announced)**

**OAB Showmanship**

49. Open All Breeds 10 & U SMS
50. Open All Breeds All Ages SMS

**APHA Showmanship**

51. APHA Youth Showmanship 13 & U
52. APHA Youth Showmanship 18 & U
53. APHA Amt Walk Only Showmanship
54. APHA Amateur Showmanship

**AQHA Showmanship**

55. Rookie Youth SMS
56. L1 Youth SMS
57. Youth SMS
58. Rookie Amateur SMS
59. Level 1 Amateur SMS
60. Amateur Select SMS
61. Amateur SMS

**APHA Halter**

62. APHA Open Color Class (*All Ages & All Sexes*)
63. APHA Open Yearling Stallions
64. APHA Open 2-Yr-Old Stallions
65. APHA Open 3-Yr-Old Stallions
66. APHA Open 4-Yrs & Older Stallions
67. APHA Open Performance Stallions
- Open Grand & Reserve Stallions***
68. APHA Amt Color Class (*All Ages & All Sexes*)
69. APHA Amateur Stallions All Ages
70. APHA Amateur Performance Stallions
- Amateur Grand & Reserve Stallions***
71. APHA Open Yearling & 2YO Geldings
72. APHA Open 3-Yrs & Older Geldings
73. APHA Open Performance Geldings

***Open Grand & Reserve Geldings***

74. APHA Amateur Geldings All Ages
75. APHA Amt Performance Geldings
- Amateur Grand & Reserve Geldings***

76. APHA Yth Color Class (*All Ages & All Sexes*)

77. APHA Youth Geldings All Ages
78. APHA Youth Performance Geldings
- Youth Grand & Reserve Geldings***

79. APHA Open Yearling Mares
80. APHA Open 2-Yr-Old Mares
81. APHA Open 3-Yr-Old Mares
82. APHA Open 4-Yrs & Older Mares
83. APHA Open Performance Mares

***Open Grand & Reserve Mares***

84. APHA Amateur Mares All Ages
85. APHA Amateur Performance Mares
- Amateur Grand & Reserve Mares***

86. APHA Youth Mares All Ages
87. APHA Youth Performance Mares
- Youth Grand & Reserve Mares***

**AQHA Halter**

88. Amateur Yearling Stallions
89. Amateur 2-Yr-Old Stallions
90. Amateur 3-Yr-Old Stallions
91. Amateur Aged Stallions
92. Amt Performance Halter Stallions
- Amateur Grand & Reserve Stallions***
93. Open Yearling Stallions
94. Open 2-Yr-Old Stallions
95. Open 3-Yr-Old Stallions
96. Open Aged Stallions
97. Open Performance Halter Stallions
- Open Grand & Reserve Stallions***
98. L1 Amateur Yearling Geldings
99. L1 Amateur 2-Yr-Old Geldings

100. L1 Amateur 3-Yr-Old Geldings
101. L1 Amateur Aged Geldings
102. L1 Amt Performance Halter Geldings

***No Grand & Reserve***

103. Amateur Yearling Geldings
104. Amateur 2-Yr-Old Geldings
105. Amateur 3-Yr-Old Geldings
106. Amateur Aged Geldings
107. Amateur Perf Halter Geldings
- Amateur Grand & Reserve Geldings***

108. Open Yearling Geldings
109. Open 2-Yr-Old Geldings
110. Open 3-Yr-Old Geldings
111. Open Aged Geldings
112. Open Performance Halter Geldings

***Open Grand & Reserve Geldings***

113. L1 Youth Yearling Geldings
114. L1 Youth 2-Yr-Old Geldings
115. L1 Youth 3-Yr-Old Geldings
116. L1 Youth Aged Geldings
117. L1 Yth Performance Halter Geldings

***No Grand & Reserve***

118. Youth Yearling Geldings
119. Youth 2-Yr-Old Geldings
120. Youth 3-Yr-Old Geldings
121. Youth Aged Geldings
122. Youth Performance Halter Geldings

***Youth Grand & Reserve Geldings***

123. L1 Amateur Yearling Mares
124. L1 Amateur 2-Yr-Old Mares
125. L1 Amateur 3-Yr-Old Mares
126. L1 Amateur Aged Mares
127. L1 Amt Performance Halter Mares

***No Grand & Reserve***

128. Amateur Yearling Mares
129. Amateur 2-Yr-Old Mares
130. Amateur 3-Yr-Old Mares
131. Amateur Aged Mares
132. Amateur Performance Halter Mares

***Amateur Grand & Reserve Mares***

133. Open Yearling Mares
134. Open 2-Yr-Old Mares
135. Open 3-Yr-Old Mares
136. Open Aged Mares
137. Open Performance Halter Mares

***Open Grand & Reserve Mares***

138. L1 Youth Yearling Mares
139. L1 Youth 2-Yr-Old Mares
140. L1 Youth 3-Yr-Old Mares
141. L1 Youth Aged Mares
142. L1 Youth Performance Halter Mares

***No Grand & Reserve***

143. Youth Yearling Mares
144. Youth 2-Yr-Old Mares
145. Youth 3-Yr-Old Mares
146. Youth Aged Mares
147. Youth Performance Halter Mares

***Youth Grand & Reserve Mares***

**APHA Longe Line**

148. APHA Open Yearling Longe Line
149. APHA 2-Year-Old Longe Line
- BREAK (Length To Be Announced)**

**Lead-Line**

150. Open Lead-Line



### **OAB Western Pleasure**

- 151. Open All Breeds W/T WP
- 152. Open All Breeds Western Pleasure

### **APHA Western Pleasure**

- 153. APHA Western Pleasure
- 154. APHA W/T Youth 5-10 WP
- 155. APHA W/T Youth 11-18 WP
- 156. APHA Youth 13 & U WP
- 157. APHA Youth 18 & U WP
- 158. APHA W/T Amateur WP
- 159. APHA Amateur Western Pleasure

### **AQHA Western Pleasure**

- 160. Level 1 (Green) Western Pleasure
- 161. Level 1 Youth W/T WP
- 162. Rookie Youth Western Pleasure\*\*
- 163. Level 1 Youth Western Pleasure\*\*
- 164. Youth Western Pleasure
- 165. Junior Horse Western Pleasure
- 166. Level 1 Amateur W/T WP
- 167. Rookie Amateur WP\*\*
- 168. Level 1 Amateur WP\*\*
- 169. Amateur Select WP
- 170. Amateur Western Pleasure
- 171. Senior Horse Western Pleasure

### **OAB Youth Western Pleasure**

- 172. Open 10 & Under W/T WP

### **OAB Horsemanship**

- 173. Open 10 & Under W/T HMS
- 174. Open All Breeds W/T HMS
- 175. Open All Breeds HMS

### **APHA Horsemanship**

- 176. APHA Amateur W/T Horsemanship
- 177. APHA Amateur Horsemanship
- 178. APHA Yth W/T 5-10 Horsemanship
- 179. APHA Yth WT 11-18 Horsemanship
- 180. APHA Youth 13 & U Horsemanship
- 181. APHA Youth 18 & U Horsemanship

### **AQHA Horsemanship**

- 182. Level 1 Youth WT Horsemanship
- 183. Rookie Youth Horsemanship
- 184. Level 1 Youth Horsemanship
- 185. Youth Horsemanship
- 186. Level 1 Am WT Horsemanship
- 187. Rookie Amateur Horsemanship
- 188. Level 1 Amateur Horsemanship
- 189. Amateur Select Horsemanship
- 190. Amateur Horsemanship

**Ranch Trail warm up Saturday evening until Sunday at 7:40am.**

**City Trail warm up Saturday evening until 1 hour before Ranch Trail ENDS unless both trail courses are inside then the break between ranch and city trail may be short.**

**Mon. May 25 & Sun. Aug 16**

**Show Starts at 8 AM**

*Outdoor arena (Weather Permitting)*

**\*\*AQHA and VRH respective classes will run CONCURRENTLY.**

### **APHA Ranch Trail**

- 191. APHA Open Ranch Trail
- 192. APHA Amateur Ranch Trail

- 193. APHA Youth Ranch Trail 18 & U

### **AQHA Ranch Trail**

- 194. AQHA Junior Ranch Trail \*\*
- 195. VRH Junior Ranch Trail \*\*
- 196. VRH Cowboy Ranch Trail
- 197. AQHA Level 1 Amateur Ranch Trail
- 198. AQHA Amateur Select Ranch Trail\*\*
- 199. VRH Amateur Ranch Trail\*\*
- 200. AQHA Amateur Ranch Trail\*\*
- 201. AQHA Senior Ranch Trail \*\*
- 202. VRH Senior Ranch Trail \*\*
- 203. AQHA Youth Ranch Trail\*\*
- 204. VRH Youth Ranch Trail\*\*
- 205. VRH Limited Amateur Ranch Trail
- 206. VRH Limited Youth Ranch Trail
- 207. VRH Rookie Amateur Ranch Trail
- 208. VRH Rookie Youth Ranch Trail

### **APHA Ranch Riding**

- 209. APHA Open Ranch Riding
- 210. APHA Amateur Ranch Riding
- 211. APHA Youth Ranch Riding 18 & U

### **AQHA Ranch Riding**

- 212. AQHA Level 1 Open Ranch Riding
- 213. AQHA Junior Ranch Riding\*\*
- 214. VRH Junior Ranch Riding\*\*
- 215. VRH Cowboy Ranch Riding
- 216. AQHA Amateur Select Ranch Riding\*\*
- 217. VRH Amateur Ranch Riding\*\*
- 218. AQHA Amateur Ranch Riding\*\*
- 219. AQHA Senior Ranch Riding\*\*
- 220. VRH Senior Ranch Riding\*\*
- 221. AQHA Youth Ranch Riding\*\*
- 222. VRH Youth Ranch Riding\*\*
- 223. VRH Limited Amateur Ranch Riding
- 224. VRH Limited Youth Ranch Riding
- 225. VRH Rookie Amateur Ranch Riding
- 226. VRH Rookie Youth Ranch Riding
- 227. AQHA Level 1 Amateur Ranch Riding
- 228. AQHA Level 1 Youth Ranch Riding

### **APHA Ranch Pleasure**

- 229. APHA Open Ranch Rail Pleasure
- 230. APHA Amateur Ranch Rail Pleasure
- 231. APHA Yth Ranch Rail Pleasure 18&U

**BREAK (Length To Be Announced)**

### **OAB Trail**

- 232. Open All Breeds W/T Trail
- 233. Open All Breeds Trail
- 234. OAB 10& Under W/T Trail

### **APHA Trail**

- 235. APHA Youth W/T 5-10 Trail
- 236. APHA Youth W/T 11-18 Trail
- 237. APHA Amateur W/T Trail
- 238. APHA Open 2-Yr-Old In-Hand Trail
- 239. APHA Open Yearling In-Hand Trail
- 240. APHA Youth 13 & U Trail
- 241. APHA Youth 18 & U Trail
- 242. APHA Open Trail
- 243. APHA Amateur Trail

### **AQHA Trail**

- 244. Level 1 (Green) Trail
- 245. Level 1 Youth W/T Trail
- 246. Rookie Youth Trail
- 247. Level 1 Youth Trail

- 248. Junior Horse Trail
- 249. Level 1 Amateur W/T Trail
- 250. Rookie Amateur Trail
- 251. Level 1 Amateur Trail

### **Pattern Reset**

- 252. Youth Trail
- 253. Amateur Select Trail
- 254. Amateur Trail
- 255. Senior Horse Trail

**BREAK (Length To Be Announced)**

### **AQHA Driving**

- 256. Pleasure Driving
- 257. Amateur Pleasure Driving

### **AQHA Western Riding**

- 258. Level 1 (Green) Western Riding
- 259. Youth Western Riding
- 260. Western Riding All Ages
- 261. Amateur Western Riding

### **OAB Hunter Under Saddle**

- 262. Open All Breeds W/T HUS
- 263. Open All Breeds HUS

### **APHA Hunter Under Saddle**

- 264. APHA HUS All Ages
- 265. APHA Amateur W/T HUS
- 266. APHA Amateur HUS
- 267. APHA Youth W/T 5-10 HUS
- 268. APHA Youth W/T 11-18 HUS
- 269. APHA Youth 13 & U HUS
- 270. APHA Youth 18 & U HUS

### **AQHA Hunter Under Saddle**

- 271. Level 1 (Green) HUS
- 272. Level 1 Youth W/T HUS
- 273. Rookie Youth HUS\*\*
- 274. Level 1 Youth HUS\*\*
- 275. Youth HUS
- 276. Junior Horse HUS
- 277. Level 1 Amateur W/T HUS
- 278. Rookie Amateur HUS\*\*
- 279. Level 1 Amateur HUS\*\*
- 280. Amateur Select HUS
- 281. Amateur HUS
- 282. Senior Horse HUS

### **OAB Youth Hunter Under Saddle**

- 283. 10 & Under W/T HUS
- 284. 10 & Under W/T HSE

### **APHA Hunt Seat Equitation**

- 285. APHA Amateur W/T HSE
- 286. APHA Amateur HSE
- 287. APHA Youth W/T 5-10 HSE
- 288. APHA Youth W/T 11-18 HSE
- 289. APHA Youth 13 & U HSE
- 290. APHA Youth 18 & U HSE

### **AQHA Hunt Seat Equitation**

- 291. Level 1 Youth W/T HSE
- 292. Rookie Youth HSE
- 293. Level 1 Youth HSE
- 294. Youth Hunt Seat Equitation
- 295. Level 1 Amateur WT HSE
- 296. Rookie Amateur HSE
- 297. Level 1 Amateur HSE
- 298. Amateur Select HSE
- 299. Amateur Hunt Seat Equitation

#### **List of classes that may run concurrently**

- 162 & 163 Rookie Youth Western Pleasure & Level 1 Youth Western Pleasure
- 167 & 168 Rookie Amateur WP & Level 1 Amateur WP
- 194 & 195 AQHA Junior Ranch Trail & VRH Junior Ranch Trail
- 198, 199 & 200 AQHA Amateur Select Ranch Trail, VRH Amateur Ranch Trail & AQHA Amateur Ranch Trail
- 201 & 202 AQHA Senior Ranch Trail & VRH Senior Ranch Trail
- 203 & 204 AQHA Youth Ranch Trail & VRH Youth Ranch Trail
- 213 & 214 AQHA Junior Ranch Riding & VRH Junior Ranch Riding
- 216, 217 & 218 AQHA Amateur Select Ranch Riding, VRH Amateur Ranch Riding & AQHA Amateur Ranch Riding
- 219 & 220 AQHA Senior Ranch Riding & VRH Senior Ranch Riding
- 221 & 222 AQHA Youth Ranch Riding & VRH Youth Ranch Riding
- 273 & 274 Rookie Youth HUS & Level 1 Youth HUS
- 278 & 279 Rookie Amateur HUS & Level 1 Amateur HUS


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 Homozygous Black EE


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 Blue Spark Olena  
 Smart Sugalena  
 Boon Bar  
 Boon Quixote  
 Chicks Magic Quixote

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 Bay Roan  
 Homozygous Black  
 EE Aa Rr

Peptoboonsmal  
 Once In A Blu Boon  
 Autumn Boon  
 Duals Blue Boon  
 Ima Prissy Blue Boon  
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# June 4-7, 2026 Cottonwood Equine Center Joliet, MT

## SHOW FEES:

<b>AQHA Circuit Flat Fee</b> .....	<b>\$110/horse/judge*</b>
Youth (zero class fee for all youth classes).....	\$0
Rookie.....	\$12/class/judge
All Breed & Novice (Level 1 Amt).....	\$14/class/judge
Open & Amateur.....	\$18/class/judge
Cutting Fee (Enter by May 25 <sup>th</sup> ).....	\$100/run
Cow Work Fee (Enter by May 25 <sup>th</sup> ).....	\$50/run
Boxing Cow Work Fee (Enter by May 25 <sup>th</sup> ).....	\$40/run
Youth Cattle Classes will pay cattle fee(s) shown above	
Office fee.....	\$15/horse for circuit
AQHA Show Admin Fee.....	\$10/horse/judge
<b>SPONSORED Stalls Indoor (35 limited).....</b>	<b>\$150 for circuit</b>
<b>**Sponsored stalls - \$50 BSC Sponsorship required**</b>	
Outdoor Stalls.....	\$110 for circuit
Stalls.....	\$45 nightly
RV Hookups.....	\$35/night
Grounds Fee.....	\$15/horse/day
Obstacle Trail Fee.....	\$10/horse
Shavings.....	\$TBD/bag
<b>NO OUTSIDE SHAVINGS ALLOWED</b>	
AQHA Challenge.....	\$100/horse
VRH Challenge.....	\$100/horse
Post/Late entry fee.....	\$35/horse
waived if copies of horse registration, current owner & exhibitor cards, AND complete entry forms have been sent to <b>Show Secretary or Postmarked 10 days before the show.</b>	

**\*Circuit Flat Fee Includes:** AQHA classes, Office Fees, Admin Fees & Obstacle Fees.

**Stalls, RV, Shavings & Cattle Fees are NOT included within Circuit Flat Fee**

Patterns will be posted online MontanaAQHA.com & Facebook per AQHA rule SHW430.1 Pattern. It is mandatory that the judge post the initial pattern to be worked at least **one hour prior to the commencement of the class**. Any pattern posting prior to this rule is at the discretion of Show Management.

## ALL SHOW FEES DUE UPON ARRIVAL.

Stall & Circuit Flat Fees non-refundable, unless a Vet or MD release is received prior to the start of the show.

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**Please send stall & RV inquiries to show secretary**

**Exhibitors must check-in at the show office upon arrival.**

Exhibitor move-in Wednesday, June 3.

**Eligibility accuracy is the exhibitor's responsibility.**

Rookie and Level 1 classes will run concurrently (not VRH classes).

**Cattle Entry Deadline May 25<sup>th</sup>**  
**Friday Night BBQ hosted by MQHA! Come join us!**

## Thursday June 4th 12:00 P.M.

### Cutting

1. All Breed Cutting
2. AQHA All Ages Cutting
3. AQHA Amateur Cutting
4. AQHA Youth Cutting

### Versatility Ranch Cutting

5. VRH Open Cutting
6. VRH Cowboy Cutting
7. VRH Amateur Cutting
8. VRH Youth Cutting
9. VRH Limited Amt Cutting
10. VRH Limited Youth Cutting
11. VRH Rookie Amt Cutting
12. VRH Rookie Youth Cutting

## Friday June 5th 8:00 A.M.

### Working Cow Horse

13. All Breed WCH
14. AQHA All Ages WCH
15. AQHA Amateur WCH
16. AQHA Youth WCH

### WCH Box Drive

17. All Breed WCH Box Drive
18. AQHA Amateur WCH Box Drive
19. AQHA Youth WCH Box Drive

### WCH Boxing

20. All Breed WCH Boxing
21. AQHA Amateur WCH Boxing
22. AQHA Youth WCH Boxing

### AQHA VRH Ranch Reining & Cow Work

Each GO completes Reining & Cow Work

23. VRH Open Reining
24. VRH Open Cow Work
25. VRH Cowboy Reining
26. VRH Cowboy Cow Work
27. VRH Amateur Reining
28. VRH Amateur Cow Work
29. VRH Youth Reining
30. VRH Youth Cow Work

31. VRH Limited Amateur Reining
32. VRH Limited Amateur Cow Work
33. VRH Limited Youth Reining
34. VRH Limited Youth Cow Work
35. VRH Rookie Amateur Reining
36. VRH Rookie Amateur Cow Work
37. VRH Rookie Youth Reining
38. VRH Rookie Youth Cow Work

### Reining

39. All Breed Reining
40. AQHA Level 1 Youth Reining
41. AQHA Youth Reining
42. AQHA Level 1 Amateur Reining
43. AQHA Amateur Reining
44. AQHA Select Amateur Reining
45. AQHA Reining All Ages

### Ranch Riding

46. All Breed Ranch Riding
47. AQHA Level 1 Ranch Riding
48. AQHA Small Fry Ranch Riding
49. AQHA Level 1 Youth Ranch Riding
50. AQHA Youth Ranch Riding
51. AQHA All Ages Ranch Riding
52. AQHA Level 1 Amateur Ranch Riding
53. AQHA Amateur Ranch Riding
54. AQHA All Ages Working Western Rail
55. AQHA Amateur Working Western Rail
56. AQHA Youth Working Western Rail

## Saturday June 6th 8:00 A.M.

### Ranch Trail

57. All Breed Ranch Trail
58. AQHA Level 1 Ranch Trail
59. AQHA Youth Ranch Trail
60. AQHA Amateur Level 1 Ranch Trail
61. AQHA Amateur Ranch Trail
62. AQHA All Ages Ranch Trail

### AQHA VRH Ranch Riding & Ranch Trail

Each GO completes Ranch Riding & Trail

63. VRH Open Ranch Riding
64. VRH Open Trail

65. VRH Cowboy Ranch Riding
66. VRH Cowboy Trail
67. VRH Amateur Ranch Riding
68. VRH Amateur Trail
69. VRH Youth Ranch Riding
70. VRH Youth Trail
71. VRH Limited Amt Ranch Riding
72. VRH Limited Amt Trail
73. VRH Limited Youth Ranch Riding
74. VRH Limited Youth Trail
75. VRH Rookie Amt Ranch Riding
76. VRH Rookie Amt Trail
77. VRH Rookie Youth Ranch Riding
78. VRH Rookie Youth Trail

**To show in VRH Conformation, the rider must show the horse in at least two VRH riding classes in that division at the same show.**

### AQHA VRH Ranch Conformation

79. VRH Open Conformation
80. VRH Cowboy Conformation
81. VRH Amateur Conformation
82. VRH Youth Conformation
83. VRH Limited Amt Conformation
84. VRH Limited Youth Conformation
85. VRH Rookie Amateur Conformation
86. VRH Rookie Youth Conformation

**VRH All-Around** is based on one horse/rider combination and requires entry into at least one VRH cow class, one VRH non-cow class, and VRH conformation.

**VRH Reminders:** Riders cannot cross enter Amateur or Youth subdivisions with the same horse. Fake tails NOT ALLOWED in VRH classes, along with other participation rules, AQHA SHW556.

### \$\$ VRH Challenge \$\$ 70% Payback!

\$1,000 added if more than 5 entries per division. Scores from classes pull forward for challenge placing. Non-Pro open to youth too  
**Open:** Cow Work, Trail, Conformation  
**Non-Pro:** Reining, Trail, Conformation



## Saturday June 6th continued...

### HALTER

**GRAND & RESERVE WILL BE SELECTED FOR EACH SEX DIVISION WITH 3 OR MORE ENTRIES**

**\*\*Pursuant to AQHA - Performance Halter:**

"current performance halter eligibility rules (SHW365.3) will apply and/or horses which are competing in a performance class at the same show may also be shown in performance halter. Horses must be ridden or driven at that show". \*\*

### AQHA Stallions

- 87. Yearling Stallions
- 88. 2 yr old Stallions
- 89. 3 yr old Stallions
- 90. Aged Stallions
- 91. Performance Stallions
- GRAND & RES OPEN STALLIONS**
- 92. Amateur Yearling Stallions
- 93. Amateur 2 yr old Stallions
- 94. Amateur 3 yr old Stallions
- 95. Amateur Aged Stallions
- 96. Amateur Performance Stallions
- GRAND & RES AMATEUR STALLIONS**

### AQHA Geldings

- 97. Yearling Geldings
- 98. 2 yr old Geldings
- 99. 3 yr old Geldings
- 100. Aged Geldings
- 101. Performance Geldings
- GRAND & RES OPEN GELDINGS**
- 102. Amateur Yearling Geldings
- 103. Amateur 2 yr old Geldings
- 104. Amateur 3 yr old Geldings
- 105. Amateur Aged Geldings
- 106. Amateur Performance Geldings
- GRAND & RES AMATEUR GELDINGS**
- 107. Youth Yearling Geldings
- 108. Youth 2 yr old Geldings
- 109. Youth 3 yr old Geldings
- 110. Youth Aged Geldings
- 111. Youth Performance Geldings
- GRAND & RES YOUTH GELDINGS**

### AQHA Mares

- 112. Yearling Mares
- 113. 2 yr old Mares
- 114. 3 yr old Mares
- 115. Aged Mares
- 116. Performance Mares
- GRAND & RES OPEN MARES**
- 117. Amateur Yearling Mares
- 118. Amateur 2 yr old Mares
- 119. Amateur 3 yr old Mares
- 120. Amateur Aged Mares
- 121. Amateur Performance Mares
- GRAND & RES AMATEUR MARES**
- 122. Youth Yearling Mares
- 123. Youth 2 yr old Mares
- 124. Youth 3 yr old Mares
- 125. Youth Aged Mares
- 126. Youth Performance Mares
- GRAND & RES YOUTH MARES**

### Longe Line

- 127. All Breed Yearling Longe Line

### Showmanship

- 128. All Breed Showmanship
- 129. AQHA Small Fry Showmanship
- 130. AQHA Rookie Youth Showmanship
- 131. AQHA Level 1 Youth Showmanship
- 132. AQHA Youth Showmanship

- 133. AQHA Rookie Amateur Showmanship
- 134. AQHA Level 1 Amateur Showmanship
- 135. AQHA Amateur Showmanship
- 136. AQHA Select Amateur Showmanship

### \*\*BREAK\*\*

### Western Pleasure

- 137. All Breed Western Pleasure
- 138. AQHA Level 1 Western Pleasure
- 139. AQHA Small Fry Western Pleasure
- 140. AQHA Level 1 Youth WT WP
- 141. AQHA Rookie Youth Western Pleasure
- 142. AQHA Level 1 Youth Western Pleasure
- 143. AQHA Youth Western Pleasure
- 144. AQHA All Ages Western Pleasure
- 145. AQHA Level 1 Amateur WT WP
- 146. AQHA Rookie Amateur W Pleasure
- 147. AQHA Level 1 Amateur W Pleasure
- 148. AQHA Amateur Western Pleasure
- 149. AQHA Select Amateur Western Pleasure

### Horsemanship

- 150. All Breed Western Horsemanship
- 151. AQHA Small Fry Horsemanship
- 152. AQHA Level 1 Youth WT Horsemanship
- 153. AQHA Rookie Youth Horsemanship
- 154. AQHA Level 1 Youth Horsemanship
- 155. AQHA Youth Horsemanship
- 156. AQHA Level 1 Amateur WT Hrsmnshp
- 157. AQHA Rookie Amateur Horsemanship
- 158. AQHA Level 1 Amateur Horsemanship
- 159. AQHA Amateur Horsemanship
- 160. AQHA Select Amateur Horsemanship

## Sunday June 7th 8:00 A.M

### Trail

- 161. All Breed Trail
- 162. All Breed In-Hand Trail Yearling
- 163. AQHA Small Fry Trail
- 164. AQHA Level 1 Trail
- 165. AQHA Level 1 Youth WT Trail
- 166. AQHA Rookie Youth Trail
- 167. AQHA Level 1 Youth Trail
- 168. AQHA Youth Trail
- 169. AQHA All Ages Trail
- 170. AQHA Level 1 WT Amateur Trail
- 171. AQHA Rookie Amateur Trail
- 172. AQHA Level 1 Amateur Trail
- 173. AQHA Amateur Trail
- 174. AQHA Select Amateur Trail

### Western Riding

- 175. All Breed Western Riding
- 176. AQHA Level 1 Western Riding
- 177. AQHA Rookie Youth Western Riding
- 178. AQHA Level 1 Youth Western Riding
- 179. AQHA Youth Western Riding
- 180. AQHA All Ages Western Riding
- 181. AQHA Rookie Amateur Western Riding
- 182. AQHA Level 1 Amateur Western Riding
- 183. AQHA Amateur Western Riding
- 184. AQHA Select Amateur Western Riding

### \*\*BREAK\*\*

### Hunter Under Saddle

- 185. All Breed HUS
- 186. AQHA Level 1 HUS
- 187. AQHA Small Fry HUS
- 188. AQHA Level 1 Youth WT HUS
- 189. AQHA Rookie Youth HUS
- 190. AQHA Level 1 Youth HUS
- 191. AQHA Youth HUS
- 192. AQHA All Ages HUS

- 193. AQHA Level 1 Amateur WT HUS
- 194. AQHA Rookie Amateur HUS
- 195. AQHA Level 1 Amateur HUS
- 196. AQHA Amateur HUS
- 197. AQHA Select Amateur HUS

### Hunt Seat Equitation

- 198. All Breed HSE
- 199. AQHA Small Fry HSE
- 200. AQHA Level 1 Youth WT HSE
- 201. AQHA Rookie Youth HSE
- 202. AQHA Level 1 Youth HSE
- 203. AQHA Youth HSE
- 204. AQHA Level 1 Amateur WT HSE
- 205. AQHA Rookie Amateur HSE
- 206. AQHA Level 1 Amateur HSE
- 207. AQHA Amateur HSE
- 208. AQHA Select Amateur HSE

### Barrel Racing

- \$500 added if more than 5 entries
- 209. AQHA Youth Barrel Race
- 210. AQHA Amateur Barrel Race
- 211. AQHA All Ages Barrel Race

### \$ AQHA Challenge \$ 70% Payback!

\$1,000 added if more than 5 entries per division. Scores from classes pull forward for challenge placing. Non-Pro is open to both Amateurs and Youth.  
Open: Western Pleasure, Trail, Halter  
Non-Pro: Horsemanship, Trail, Halter

### REMINDERS:

- >Amateur & Select Amt. classes with less than 3 entries will be combined into all-ages.
- >Stallions may not be exhibited in walk-trot, rookie, level 1 amateur, or any youth classes.
- >No horse may cross enter a western pleasure or walk-trot western pleasure and ranch riding class at the same show regardless of division.
- >No horse may cross enter a trail class or walk-trot trail class and ranch trail at the same show regardless of division.
- >If a rider is entered into a walk-trot class that rider cannot show in the corresponding lope/canter class at that show.
- >VRH R. Reining and Reining are allowed to cross enter because the show numbers are separate.

### \*\*Halter is required to qualify for High Point Awards in all divisions.

**Open** 88, 89, 90, 91, 98, 99, 100, 101, 113, 114, 115, 116, 144, 169, 180, 192, 211.

**Level 1** 88, 89, 90, 91, 98, 99, 100, 101, 113, 114, 115, 116, 138, 164, 176, 186.

**Amateur** 93, 94, 95, 96, 103, 104, 105, 106, 118, 119, 120, 121, 135, 148, 159, 173, 183, 196, 207, 210.

**Select Amateur** 93, 94, 95, 96, 103, 104, 105, 106, 118, 119, 120, 121, 136, 149, 160, 174, 184, 197, 208.

**Level 1 Amateur** 93, 94, 95, 96, 103, 104, 105, 106, 118, 119, 120, 121, 134, 147, 158, 172, 182, 195, 206.

**Rookie Amateur** 93, 94, 95, 96, 103, 104, 105, 106, 118, 119, 120, 121, 133, 146, 157, 171, 181, 194, 205.

**Youth** 108, 109, 110, 111, 123, 124, 125, 126, 132, 143, 155, 168, 179, 191, 203, 209.

**Level 1 Youth** 108, 109, 110, 111, 123, 124, 125, 126, 131, 142, 154, 167, 178, 190, 202.

**Rookie Youth** 108, 109, 110, 111, 123, 124, 125, 126, 130, 141, 153, 166, 177, 189, 201.



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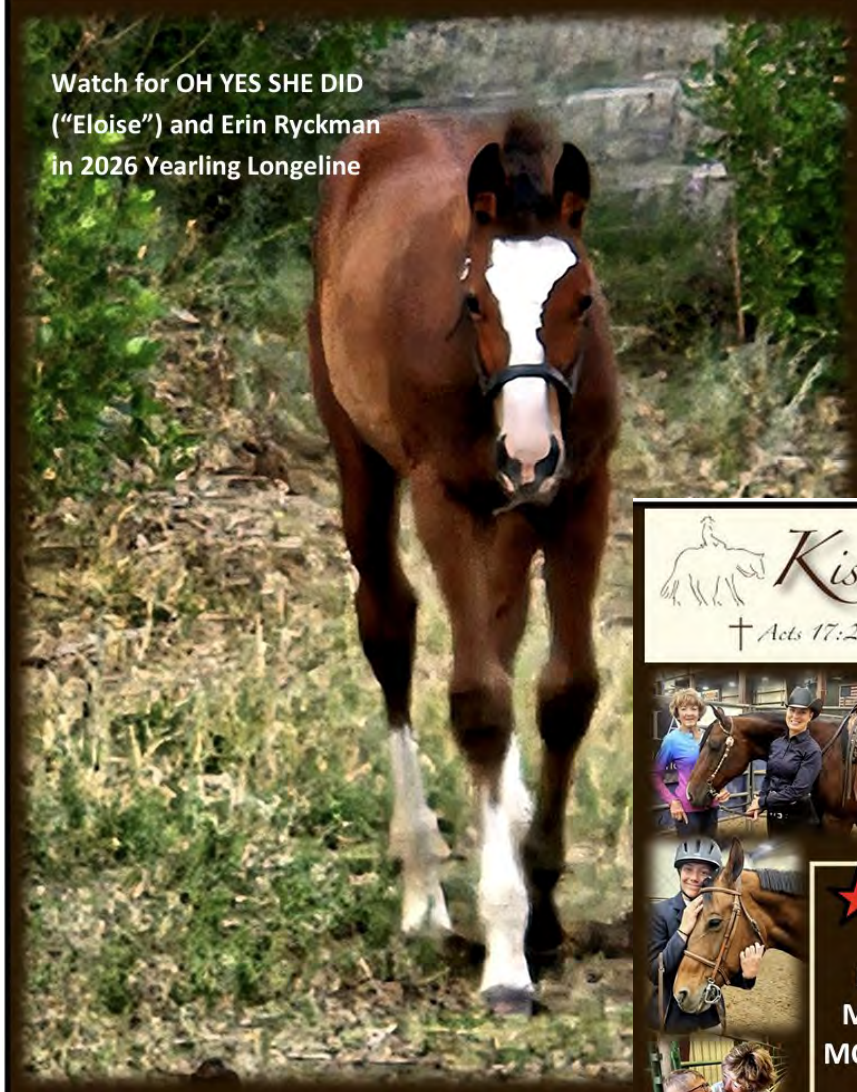
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Rookie/Level 1 Clinic & Horse Show

**June 26, 27 & 28, 2026**

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## Fees:

Rookie Clinic Fee:	\$50 / rider
Class Fee AQHA	\$10 / class
Class Fee Open	\$12 / class
AQHA Admin Fee	\$10/ horse
AQHA All Day Fee	\$90 / horse/ rider combo
Office Fee	\$10
Lead Line	Lots of smiles 😊
Stalls	\$35 / stall/night
Day Haul In	No Charge
RV Hookups	\$40 / night

AQHA All day fee includes AQHA classes only plus AQHA Admin fee and office fee

## NEW TO AQHA SHOWING? ATTEND FRIDAY'S CLINIC:

Starting at 9:00 a.m. Friday, this clinic will cover AQHA rules and penalties as you practice classes for the show. Limited to 10 riders entered the show. Rookies will get preference. Auditing is free. See more details on page 2

## Show Rules:

Rookie classes with fewer than three exhibitors *may* run concurrently with the corresponding Level 1 class.

Halter is NOT required for High Point but WILL count towards it

## High Points & Reserve High Points

### Awarded in 14 Divisions

Rookie Youth	Rookie Amateur
Level 1 Youth	Level 1 Amateur
L1 Youth Walk/Trot	L1 Amateur Walk/Trot
Open All Breed	Open Walk/Trot
Rookie Youth Ranch	Rookie Amateur Ranch
Level 1 Youth Ranch	Level 1 Amateur Ranch
Open All Breed Ranch	Open Ranch Walk/Trot

## AQHA JUDGE:

Jan Larsen | Kalispell, MT

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**AQHA Rules:** The below are paraphrased rules; please consult the 2026 AQHA Official Handbook of Rules and Regulations for the complete text.

**Rookie Classes (SHW252.1):** The *exhibitor* must have earned fewer than 10 lifetime points in that class in any division, and the *horse* must have earned fewer than 50 lifetime points in that class in any division.

**Level 1 Classes (SHW250):** To find your level, go to

<https://aqhaservices.aqha.com/members/summaries/viewleveling>.

**Level 1 Walk/Trot (SHW755):** If a rider is entered into a walk-trot class that rider cannot show in the corresponding loping/ cantering class at that show.

**Ranch Riding (SHW416-418):** A horse may not cross enter RR and WP. Hoof polish, banding/ braiding, tail extensions are not allowed.



\*Rookie Halter winners **DO NOT** Come back for Grand and Reserve Halter

\*Halter WILL count towards High Point Awards but is NOT required.

New this Year!

~\$5 paid warm up for Hunter Under Saddle and Western Pleasure. This will be run like a regular class with the gates being called by the announcer but will not be judged.

~**More** Classes and **More** divisions for Hight point

**Please join us Friday for a clinic put on by  
AQHA Professional Horseman Joani Kissock**

Date: Friday 6/26/2026

Start time: 9:00 a.m.

Cost:

- Riding: \$50.00
- Auditing: Free (please come watch and learn)

Limited to **10 riders**

This clinic will cover AQHA rules, what judges look for and penalties as you practice classes and elements of the patterns for the show. This is a great opportunity to learn how classes are scored, how to pick up more points and avoid those penalties.

# Saturday- June 27th

Start Time: 8:00 a.m.

## Halter

1. Open All Breed Halter Geldings —All Ages
2. Rookie Youth Geldings All Ages
3. Level 1 Youth Yearling Halter Geldings
4. Level 1 Youth 2 YO Halter Geldings
5. Level 1 Youth 3 YO Halter Geldings
6. Level 1 Youth Aged Halter Geldings
7. Level 1 Youth Performance Halter Geldings

Grand & Reserve Level 1 Youth Geldings

8. Rookie Amateur Gelding All Ages
9. Level 1 Amateur Yearling Halter Geldings
10. Level 1 Amateur 2 YO Halter Geldings
11. Level 1 Amateur 3 YO Halter Geldings
12. Level 1 Amateur Aged Halter Geldings
13. Level 1 Amateur Performance Halter Geldings

Grand & Reserve Level 1 Amateur Halter Geldings

14. Open All Breed Halter Mares —All Ages
15. Rookie Youth Mares All Ages
16. Level 1 Youth Yearling Halter Mares
17. Level 1 Youth 2 YO Halter Mares
18. Level 1 Youth 3 YO Halter Mares
19. Level 1 Youth Aged Mares
20. Level 1 Youth Performance Halter Mares

Grand & Reserve Level 1 Youth Halter Mares

21. Rookie Amateur Mares all Ages
22. Level 1 Amateur Yearling Halter Mares
23. Level 1 Amateur 2 YO Halter Mares
24. Level 1 Amateur 3 YO Halter Mares
25. Level 1 Amateur Aged Mares
26. Level 1 Amateur Performance Halter Mares

Grand & Reserve Level 1 Amateur Halter Mares

**\*\* BREAK \*\***

## Showmanship

27. Open All Breed Showmanship—All Ages
28. Rookie Youth Showmanship
29. Level 1 Youth Showmanship
30. Level 1 Horse Non-Pro Showmanship
31. Rookie Amateur Showmanship
32. Level 1 Amateur Showmanship

**\*\* BREAK \*\***

## Hunter Under Saddle

\$5 Paid Hunter Under Saddle Warm Up

33. Open All Breed W/T Hunter Under Saddle —All Ages
34. Open All Breed Hunter Under Saddle —All Ages
35. Rookie Youth Hunter Under Saddle
36. Level 1 Youth W/T Hunter Under Saddle
37. Level 1 Youth Hunter Under Saddle
38. Rookie Amateur Hunter Under Saddle
39. Level 1 Amateur W/T Hunter Under Saddle
40. Level 1 Amateur Hunter Under Saddle

## Hunt Seat Equitation

41. Open All Breed W/T Hunt Seat Equitation —All Ages
42. Open All Breed Hunt Seat Equitation —All Ages
43. Rookie Youth Hunt Seat Equitation
44. Level 1 Youth W/T Hunt Seat Equitation
45. Level 1 Youth Hunt Seat Equitation
46. Level 1 Horse Non-Pro Hunt Seat Equitation
47. Rookie Amateur Hunt Seat Equitation
48. Level 1 Amateur W/T Hunt Seat Equitation
49. Level 1 Amateur Hunt Seat Equitation

**\*\* BREAK \*\***

50. Lead line

## Western Pleasure

\$5 Paid Western Pleasure Warm Up

51. Open All Breed W/T Western Pleasure —All Ages
52. Open All Breed Western Pleasure—All Ages
53. Rookie Youth Western Pleasure
54. Level 1 Youth W/T Western Pleasure
55. Level 1 Youth Western Pleasure
56. Rookie Amateur Western Pleasure
57. Level 1 Amateur W/T Western Pleasure
58. Level 1 Amateur Western Pleasure

## Horsemanship

59. Open All Breed W/T Horsemanship —All Ages
60. Open All Breed Horsemanship —All Ages
61. Rookie Youth Horsemanship
62. Level 1 Youth W/T Horsemanship
63. Level 1 Youth Horsemanship
64. Level 1 Horse Non- Pro Horsemanship
65. Rookie Amateur Horsemanship
66. Level 1 Amateur W/T Horsemanship
67. Level 1 Amateur Horsemanship

## Sunday - June 28<sup>th</sup>

Start time: 8:00 a.m.

### Trail

- 68. Open All Breed W/T Trail —All Ages
- 69. Open All Breed Trail—All Ages
- 70. Rookie Youth Trail
- 71. Level 1 Youth W/T Trail
- 72. Level 1 Youth Trail
- 73. Rookie Amateur Trail
- 74. Level 1 Amateur W/T Trail
- 75. Level 1 Amateur Trail

**\*\* BREAK \*\***

### Ranch Trail

- 76. Open All Breed Ranch Trail — All Ages
- 77. Open All Breed Walk- Trot Ranch Trail- All Ages
- 78. Rookie Youth Ranch Trail
- 79. Level 1 Youth Ranch Trail
- 80. Rookie Amateur Ranch Trail
- 81. Level 1 Amateur Ranch Trail

**\*\* BREAK \*\***

### Ranch Rail

- 82. Open Ranch Rail
- 83. Open All Breed Walk- Trot Ranch Rail- All Ages
- 84. Rookie Youth Ranch Rail
- 85. Level 1 Youth Ranch Rail
- 86. Rookie Amateur Ranch Rail
- 87. Level 1 Amateur Ranch Rail

### Reining

- 88. Open All Breed Reining- All Ages
- 89. Open All Breed Walk- Trot Reining – All ages
- 90. Rookie Youth Reining
- 91. Level 1 Youth Reining
- 92. Rookie Amateur Reining
- 93. Level 1 Amateur Reining

### Ranch Riding

- 94. Open All Breed Ranch Riding—All Ages
- 95. Open All Breed Walk- Trot Ranch Riding- All Ages
- 96. Rookie Youth Ranch Riding
- 97. Level 1 Youth Ranch Riding
- 98. Rookie Amateur Ranch Riding
- 99. Level 1 Amateur Ranch Riding





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