

OFF THE RACK

SPRING CELEBRATION ISSUE

March 2018

A WORD FROM OUR PRESIDENT

I would like to thank everyone who attended the RHBAA winter meetings. As usual, it was a very busy time with committee meetings, association meetings, Board meetings and the annual membership meeting. Congratulations to the winners of RHBAA High Point Awards and the RHPTA Challenge cup awards, this was the second year that RHBAA and RHPTA held a joint banquet and in my opinion, it was one of the best in many years. Also congratulations to Curtis Thompson on winning the zero turn Kubota lawnmower. It went down to last ticket drawn again this year. Many thanks to everyone who purchased tickets. I believe that the dinner was very good, the fellowship was even better and the attendance was up from the last several years. Thanks to all who worked so hard to make winter meetings successful. To you who could not come, please make your plans to attend next year. I am excited to announce that the RHPTA Board of Directors voted to bring the Trainers Show back to Celebration Arena in Priceville, Alabama in 2018. The preliminary dates are June 8th and 9th, 2018. I am also pleased to roll out the new RHBAA-HIO Penalty Structure that was approved by the Board of Directors and presented to general membership and trainers during the weekend. I received a call from Heart of America Walking Horse Association, who are one of our HIO partners through agreement, that they were also presenting our penalty structure to their membership for passage. KWHA-HIO has already passed a similar penalty structure earlier this year for 2018, they too are an HIO partner through agreement. The industry continues to see changes, challenges and new directives that require close examination and studying prior to each show season. This year will be no different, we have to have vision as well as determination to succeed. I would also like to remind all members that our office staff has been greatly reduced over the last two years to meet budget challenges. We strive each day to serve our members quickly, accurately and efficiently as possible. The truth is we only have one full time employee, one who works 4 days a week and one who only works one day a week. So there will be busy times that we ask for your patience in working with your office staff. Let me assure you however we are not going anywhere and continue to strengthen our beloved breed of horses as well as our association. I hope to see all of you in the upcoming year. Thanks again for allowing me to be your President, it is my honor. Let's keep the positive attitude that we left Decatur, Alabama with, throughout our 2018 show season.



2018 Spring Celebration Schedule of Events

TBA	Futurity Meeting	TBA
TBA	Advisory Meeting	TBA
Wednesday, April 25, 2018		
11:00 AM	Pleasure Association	Hospitality Room
4:30 PM	PRHTA Meeting	Hospitality Room
6:00 PM	First Performance	Main Arena
Thursday, April 26, 2018		
11:00 AM	Fish Fry	Sales Pavilion
1:00pm	Amateurs Association Meeting	Hospitality Room
6:00 PM	Second Performance	Main Arena
Friday, April 27, 2018		
9:00 AM	Board of Directors Meeting	Board Room
Lunch	Juvenile Auxiliary Hot Dog Sale Fund Raiser	Hospitality Room
3:00pm	Speed Racking Association Meeting	Hospitality Room
During Show	Ladies Auxiliary Silent Auction	Main Arena
6:00 PM	Third Performance	Main Arena
Saturday, April 28, 2018		
9:00 AM	General Membership Meeting	Hospitality Room
10:00 AM	Judges Meeting	Hospitality Room
10:00 AM	Horse Sale	Sale Barn
During Show	Ladies Auxiliary Silent Auction	Main Arena
6:00 PM	Last Performance	Main Arena

**47th Annual Spring
Celebration
April 25th-28th 2018**

2017 RHBAA WGC Helter Skelter

Ridden By: Brandon Ailshie
Owner: Angela Fields





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*** Preliminary to Championship **Must have qualified in previous class**

	Classes	Entry Fee	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th
Premium List:	1-60, 62, 64	\$35	\$60	\$45	\$35	\$30	\$30
	56, 57	\$0	Ribbons to all Exhibitors				
	61, 63, 65-71	\$80	\$200	\$150	\$100	\$80	\$80
	72	\$200	\$600	\$400	\$250	\$200	\$200
	1-72		6 th – 10 th Ribbons				

Rider must have an Exhibitor Card. Trainer, Owner and Rider must be a member of the RHBAA

Wednesday, April 25th, 6:00pm

- *1. Country Pleasure, Amateur Riders
- 2. Show Pleasure, Male Riders
- *3. 3 & 4 Year Old, Mare & Geldings, Open
- *4. Pleasure Racking, Male Riders
- *5. Specialty Action, 3 Year Old, Amateur Riders
- *6. Specialty Action, Mare & Gelding, Open
- 7. Western Pleasure, Amateur and Juvenile Rider
- *8. Amateur, Open Riders
- 9. 2 Year Old, Open
- 10. Style Pleasure, Female Riders
- *11. Specialty Action, 4 Year Old, Open
- *12. Speed, Flat Shod
- *13. Racking Open
- *14. Trail Pleasure, Amateur Riders
- *15. Specialty Action, Amateur Gentlemen Rider
- *16. Country Pleasure, Lite Shod
- *17. Speed, Keg Shod
- *18. Specialty Action, Style

Friday, April 27th, 6:00pm

- *37. Country Pleasure, Juvenile Riders, 17 and Under
- *38. Specialty Action, Style Amateur
- *39. Trail Pleasure Amateur Owned & Trained
- *40. Juvenile Riders, 12 and Under
- *41. Specialty Action, 15.2 & Under, Open
- 42. Show Pleasure, Female Riders
- *43. Specialty Action, Juvenile Riders, 12 and Under
- *44. 3 & 4 Year Old, Stallions, Open
- *45. Specialty Action, Amateur Lady Riders
- *46. Juvenile Riders, 13 to 17
- *47. Amateur Owned & Trained
- *48. Trail Pleasure, Four Year Old & Under, Amateur/Juvenile Rider
- 49. 2 Year Old, Amateur Riders
- *50. Specialty Action, Ladies Auxiliary
- *51. Specialty Action, Juvenile Riders, 13 to 17
- *52. Pleasure Racking, Lite Shod, Amateur and Juvenile Rider
- *53. Specialty Action, 4 Year Old, Amateur Riders
- *54. Trail Pleasure, Juvenile Riders, 17 and Under
- *55. Speed, Padded

Thursday, April 26th, 6:00pm

- 19. Park Pleasure, Amateur and Juvenile Rider
- *20. Specialty Action, 3 Year Old, Open
- *21. Country Pleasure, Four & Under, Amateur & Juvenile Rider
- *22. Specialty Action, Amateur, Mare & Gelding
- *23. Pleasure Racking, Female Rider
- 24. Specialty Action, Park Performance, Open (up to 1" pad)
- *25. 15.2 & Under, Amateur
- 26. Specialty Action, 2 Year Old, Open
- *27. Trail Pleasure, Keg Shod, Amateur and Juvenile Rider
- 28. Flat Shod, Open
- *29. Specialty Action, Lady Rider
- 30. Style Pleasure, Male Riders
- *31. Specialty Action, 15.2 & Under, Amateur
- *32. Speed, 3 & 4 years, Open
- *33. Trail Pleasure, Western, Amateur and Juvenile Rider
- *34. Specialty Action, Amateur Owned & Trained
- *35. Speed, Open Shod, Juvenile Rider
- *36. Specialty Action, Open

Saturday, April 28th, 6:00pm

- 56. Stick Horse
- 57. Lead Line, Juvenile Riders, 6 & Under (not judged)
- *58. Specialty Action Ponies 60" & Under, Amateur and Juvenile Rider
- *59. Trail Pleasure, Juvenile Auxiliary
- *60. 3 & 4 Year Old, Amateur Riders
- **61. Pleasure Racking STAKE
- 62. Specialty Action, 2 Year Old, Amateur Riders
- **63. Juvenile STAKE
- 64. Specialty Action, Park Performance, Amateur Riders
- **65. Amateur STAKE
- **66. Specialty Action STAKE
- **67. Trail Pleasure STAKE
- **68. Specialty Action Amateur, STAKE
- **69. Speed Stake
- **70. Specialty Action, Juvenile STAKE
- **71. Country Pleasure STAKE
- 72. STAKE



Camper Space	\$150	Golf Cart Pass	\$20
Box Seat	\$150	Barn Pass	\$20
Stalls	\$75 per stall/tack	Parking Pass	\$15

There will be a charge per horse of \$75 as a one-time charge for Spring Celebration

Deadline is April 15th

(This includes all Horse Papers)

Reservation Form

Name _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Phone: () _____

Camper #: _____ Box Seat #: _____

Stalls: _____ Barn _____

Credit Card # _____ Exp. Date: _____ CVC: _____

*****ALL RESERVATIONS ARE NON-REFUNDABLE*****

Return this form along with payment to

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We accept Visa or MasterCard

3% charge on all charge card transactions

Due to previous situations we are required to have all reservations in writing, we apologize for any inconvenience, but there will be no exceptions.



RHBAA Membership Application



- Individual Membership \$35 (\$45 after March 15th)
- Family Membership \$45 (\$55 after March 15th) Includes 2 adults & 2 children

*** Membership and Show Cards Expire Dec. 31st of each year**

We encourage all persons who are actively involved with the Racking Horse to become members. Your involvement in the RHBAA is important and we encourage you to join in making us strong and unified. Mail application with check or money order to:

RHBAA, 67 Horse Center Rd. Ste. B Decatur, AL 35603

Phone: 256-353-7225 * Fax: 256-353-7266 * Email: info@rackinghorse.com * www.rackinghorse.com

Amount Enclosed \$ _____ Cash Check Money Order Visa/MasterCard

Check/ Money Order # _____ Credit Card # _____ Exp. Date: _____ CVC Code: _____

Name on Card: _____ **There will be a 3% surcharge added to all credit card payments*

1. _____ Membership# _____ Birth date _____ SS# _____
Primary member, entitled to one (1) free pedigree registration, during the year foaled each year membership dues are paid.

Address _____ Phone _____
City, State, Zip _____ Email _____

2. _____ Membership# _____ Birth date _____ SS# _____
Secondary Member

3. _____ Membership# _____ Birth date _____ SS# _____
Juvenile member must be under 18 years of age. Date of birth is mandatory for Juvenile members.

4. _____ Membership# _____ Birth date _____ SS# _____
Juvenile member must be under 18 years of age. Date of birth is mandatory for Juvenile members.

Signature of Primary Applicant Required

agrees to abide by the Rules and Regulations of the RHBAA. I am also entitled to conduct business with the RHBAA at reduced prices.

This application cannot be changed or altered in any way once it has been submitted and accepted by the RHBAA.

RHBAA Exhibitor Status Card Application

Please PRINT and complete ALL of the information below so that we may issue your card correctly.

All applications must be approved by the Chairman of the RHBAA Exhibitor Status Committee.

If more than one person is applying for an Exhibitor Status Card please feel free to make as many copies as needed.

(ALL Applications must be signed)

Name _____ Membership# _____ Birth date _____ SS# _____

Address _____ Home Phone _____

City, State, Zip _____ Cell Phone _____

For: (check one) New Application Renewal

- AMATUER SHOW CARD, fee: \$15 (After March 15th, fee will be \$25)
Have you ever trained or assisted in training horses for a living
 Yes No
If Yes, how long? _____

- JUVENILE SHOW CARD, fee \$5.00
Birth Date _____
(A juvenile for horse show purposes is a person who has not reached the age of 18.)

All Cards Expire December 31st of Each Year.

PENALTY FOR NOT PURCHASING A CARD: You will be notified by certified mail that you have shown without a card and you will automatically be suspended until a card is purchased. Cards are required for all Amateur Exhibitors, all Professional Trainers, and all Juvenile Exhibitors.

Under the penalties of perjury, I certify that the above information is true and correct:

Signature Required _____ **Date** _____

* Professional Trainers will need to go to our website and download an application for the RHBAA Trainer Show Card.



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Notice to All Exhibitors

You **MUST** be a member to Show at Spring Celebration!

*****There will be a charge per horse of \$75.00 as a one-time charge for Spring Celebration. This charge does not include your entry fee nor your parking fee, but may include a stall fee if you choose to stay on the Arena Grounds. You will need to report horse name and registration number to entry office.

*If you choose to use a stall, you must make a reservation. Should no stalls be available you are still required to pay the upfront charges for your horse to show.

*Horses that come on the grounds the day of the horse sale must use barn HH and will be charged a fee of \$25.00 per horse. These horses are required to go through the sale.

*****Effective August 1st, 2015 the Board of Directors voted to begin implementing a new policy of collecting a 3% charge on all charge card transactions. We feel this move is necessary to offset the escalating expense we have in offering this service.

*All Exhibitor Cards, Trainer, Amateur and Juvenile, must be current and shown at the time of entering a class.

*Proper Registration numbers must be presented at the time of entry. Pending will not be accepted.

If you have a horse that has not had DNA verified, that horse will not be allowed to show. You must provide proof of DNA and/ or pull hair on the show grounds to begin the DNA process.

*Tabs can be set-up in entry office for all entries with check or credit card. All other items must be paid for at the time of service in the RHBAA Office.

*RHBAA takes Visa or Master Charge Cards Only.

*NO Prize money or awards will be given if a horse/pony fails to pass inspection after tying in a class. All awards must be given to DQP at time of post inspection.

*All horses shown in aged division will be mouthed, including horses shown in the Classic Horse Classes.

Each horse will be assigned an official card indicating the age of the horse.

*Horses providing proof of mouthing will not have to be re-mouthed.

*Negative Coggins and a EHV-1 Vaccine required. This is not to be taken lightly, and will be required in order to pull horses onto the grounds.

*All Ladies Auxiliary and Juvenile Auxiliary classes will be judged by the Ladies and Juvenile Auxiliary Rules.

*Horses that meet all registration requirements and are registered during Celebration will be eligible to enter and show in their classes.

*“**Novice**” to mean that neither the horse nor rider could have won a blue ribbon in any Under Saddle Class during the past three years at either the Spring or Fall shows.

* “**Speed Novice**” To be eligible for entry, neither horse nor rider should have won a blue ribbon in any speed class at the RHBAA World Celebration (in the fall).

*Pony and 15.2 entries must be measured at least 30 minutes prior to the performance in which they will compete.

***Trainer, Owner and Rider must be a member of the RHBAA.**

Other Important Things You Need To Know

HORSE REGISTRATION:

Registration number and complete registered name of horse must be given at time of entry. Each horse must be registered in the name of present owner on the Celebration date to be eligible for exhibition.

Trainer, Owner, and Rider must be a member of the RHBAA. All entry forms must be correct and complete, including social security number and signature of person receiving winnings. Stables and farms cannot be listed as trainer.

BACK NUMBER CHANGES:

We have received a request from the USDA for specific information to be added to our DQP reports. In light of the information you will need to assign each horse a back number. The back number will no longer be attached to the rider. Each horse will need its own back number. **Lifetime back numbers may be used for the one horse of your choosing.**

MEASUREMENTS:

All 15.2 and 54" to 60" horses and ponies must be measured no later than one half hour before performance. Animals that are measured out of classes may enter an appropriate class if one is available on the remaining schedule. In no case will refunds be made for animals disqualified by being measured out of the class originally entered.

PROMPT ENTRANCE TO RING:

Due notice will be served upon all exhibitors as to the time classes will be called, and all horses must be ready and waiting so that they may enter the ring promptly. When the gates are closed upon any class and the judges have started to work, no exhibitor who is late will be admitted to the ring.

COMMISSIONERS AND OFFICIALS:

Commissioners will be available on the show grounds to examine and qualify horses meeting requirements for registration. Officials will be on hand to complete the registration. All horses approved and registered during the Celebration will be eligible for showing in their respective classes. Approved applications must be turned in to the entry office at the time of entry.

REFUNDS:

No refunds will be made when a horse or pony is withdrawn by an exhibitor for any reason other than that of illness, and this reason must be substantiated by a certificate from an Official Veterinarian, at time of scratch. No refunds are made on entries which fail to pass the Stewards inspection station. The Celebration reserves the right to decline any entry and to return any fee before or during the show without being liable for compensation.

DISQUALIFICATION:

Any entry or entries considered by the judges or committee to be in any undesirable, untrained, unfit, or improperly turned out may be disqualified from any class or from the show.

VETERINARY EXAMS:

Horses must be serviceably sound in order to show in any class or classes. Any dispute as to age, height, or soundness of horses will be referred to an Official Veterinarian who will be furnished by the Celebration, and whose decision shall be final. Any entry not having been checked by DQP prior to entering the ring will be charged with a 5-minute time out.

CHALLENGE TROPHIES:

All challenge trophies must be retained in the Racking Horse Breeders' Association of America office. Prior arrangements must be made with the Racking Horse Celebration Arena (256) 353-7225 for all Challenge Trophies presentations.

QUALIFICATIONS:

Horses entered and shown in preliminary qualifying classes (classes with an *beside them) will be eligible, according to age of exhibitor, to compete in their respective stake or championship classes. Exhibitor must declare at time of entry the stake or championship class for which he/she is qualifying the horse.

RESPONSIBILITY:

Neither the Racking Horse Spring Celebration nor the Racking Horse Breeders' Association of America shall be held responsible for loss incurred or damage caused to horses exhibited or animals, person, vehicles, or articles brought or sent to the Celebration.

SPORTSMANSHIP:

The management reserves the right to disbar from competition, by immediate expulsion from the arena, any exhibitor displaying unsportsmanlike conduct:

Each exhibitor is encouraged to practice safe horsemanship at all times on the shows grounds.

REQUEST FROM THE HORSE SHOW COMMITTEE:

The enforcement of the rules for the warm-up area has become a necessity to eliminate the number of spectators in the warm-up area.

We request that trainers and grooms show respect to box seat holders by requesting permission before entering the box seat area. Respect must be shown to the box seat holder if you want to enter or stand in this area. After all, the box seat holders pay for this privilege seating.

Trainers, grooms and exhibitors must show respect to the judges during the show. Please refrain from calling a judge by name.

Please show respect to the ribbon presenter by exhibiting a show walk to receive the ribbon. You may step your horse up when exiting the ring only after receiving your ribbon and are well clear of the ribbon presenter.

Thanks,
Horse Show Committee

Ladies and Gentlemen, The transfer and registration of horses after April 15th may be done with a bill of sale or proof of purchase dated later than April 15th along with all other required paperwork. We do want horses to show but we would like them registered before you get to the Show Grounds. To Commission Register a horse during the 2018 Spring Celebration you must see Ronnie Hooker over Breeders.

- All open accounts must be paid by noon (12:00pm) the last day of the show or the credit card on file will be charged for the total balance.
- Checks returned for Non-sufficient funds will be turned over to the Morgan County District Attorney's office.
- Any items left on the arena property over 60 days will become MCCA's.

If you have any questions please contact MCCA office at (256)584-6725.

Other Important Things You Need To Know

INSPECTION AREA

Procedure Update: *For Horse Inspection Area*

Only 1 person will be allowed in inspection area per entry

Custodian **MUST** have **ALL** of the following information before having a horse inspected

1. Name of horse
2. Class #
3. Back #
4. Name of Rider in the class

Without this information you **WILL** be sent back to the barn.

We will **NOT** check without this information.

You will be asked to give all information after you walk the cones. You will stand in front of the inspection table and give all information while on camera.

Make sure if you are the custodian leading a horse through DQP Inspection that you have ALL info, or you will be asked to go back to the barn to get the correct information.

ONLINE ENTRY

Go to Website: www.Rackinghorse.com
 Scroll down to "Quick Links" in the list you will see
 Instructions for Online Entry

And
 Online Entry Form

If you have never done an online entry – read Instructions for Online Entry
 When ready click Online Entry Form – **Save the File that pops up to your desk top.**
Fill it out on your desk top and then email it to us at :

Entry@rackinghorse.com

!!! MAKE SURE YOU REQUEST A READ RECEIPT!!!

This will be your proof to us that your entry came through;
 You **MUST** have this when you come to show.

MUST HAVE A TAB OPEN WITH RHBAA OFFICE

THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETELY FILLED OUT TO PROCESS YOUR ENTRY

All online entries must be sent by 4:30

When you click the Red link to submit your online entry form you see this page. Below you will find all of the details we must have to process your entry.

The Class number your horse will be entering, if more than one class use next box

Registration number here, you must have this number to enter

Required to pull horses onto the grounds

Cost of the class you are entering

Full Registered Name of your Horse

RHBAA Celebration Online Entry Form
 All information must be complete and submitted by 4:30 pm.

Back Number	Name of Horse (Class Number)	Registration Number	Class & Date	Entry Fee	Full Name and Complete Address	Member # and Complete Address	Owner Name and Complete Address
Member #	Member #	Member #					
Member #	Member #	Member #					
Member #	Member #	Member #					
Member #	Member #	Member #					
Member #	Member #	Member #					
Member #	Member #	Member #					

As per the USDA each horse will need a separate Back number. The back number no longer is assigned to one rider, the rider will need to change their back number each time they ride a different horse. The entry office will assign each horse a back number that is available.

Back numbers must be picked up before entry office closes.

This information **MUST** be **COMPLETELY** filled out for each horse you are entering (even if the information is the same as previous horse)

We need complete names and **COMPLETE** addresses

And Correct Member Number

Full Credit Card Number Here (we can only accept MasterCard or Visa)

Your total cost all classes entered.

Member # _____
 Name _____
 Address _____
 Phone _____

Method of Payment _____
 Total Amount Due _____

All information must be filled out to accept entry

CALL CHARGES & WINNINGS WILL BE CHARGED TO THIS PERSON:

Form developed by the RHBAA Office. It is designed to be used by the RHBAA Office for the purpose of processing entries. It is not to be used for any other purpose. The RHBAA Office is not responsible for any errors or omissions. The RHBAA Office is not responsible for any damages or losses. The RHBAA Office is not responsible for any legal actions. The RHBAA Office is not responsible for any other actions. The RHBAA Office is not responsible for any other actions.

When you submit your form request a read receipt (found in the options category of your email) from our server confirming that we do have your form, please print the read receipt for your files to verify that we did receive your entry. (you will need to bring this read receipt to the show with you)

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