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A View from the Office - Growing Pains...

by Judy Heimbeck

The situation we had this last month reminds me of summer family reunions at my grandma's house. Since I was one of the older grandchildren and my brother and I were the only ones that lived in the same town as grandma we spent lots of time with her. At dinners it was just the six of us at the table (grandma, grandpa, my parents, my brother and me). But when my dad's five siblings, and their growing families, came home each summer, more and more tried to fit around the table and we were always bumping elbows and crowded in my grandma's small house. It was a little uncomfortable, I'll admit, but what fun my cousins and I had as our number got bigger! It made our childhood games like "kick the can" and "hide and go seek" much more fun!

This past show we were packed to the limit and many of you voluntarily scrunched together to try to fit in as many as possible. Your efforts were very much appreciated. The BHAM Board of Directors is faced with a very serious yet positive problem...how do we handle this explosion of growth?

The Board has to go to the mission statement as a guide when we make decisions. The mission statement reads as follows.....***BHAM's purpose is to further improve the breeding, exhibition, sale and publicity of the Buckskin, Dun, Red Dun and Grulla horses. Additionally, the purpose of the organization is to promote a family environment in which all can compete and to promote the natural movement of the horse.***

Ray Warner asked me to look up some past information and discovered the following facts..... Going back to 2004 the average number of horses per show was 86 of which 39 were ABRA registered horses or about 45%. At the June show we had 116 of which 60 were ABRA registered horses or about 51.7%! In other words our ABRA horses have increased by 35% since 2004 and constitute over half of the horses shown. That is fantastic!

Stallion Service Sale has sold 21 breedings this year which is a phenomenal number given the present Michigan economy. Slot classes have been added to try to draw more buckskin breeders to the Futurity. The Buckskin Congress has hired three judges to try to draw more Michigan and out of state buckskins that are running for ABRA points. We added ABRA Youth 13/U classes this year and have seen outstanding growth in this division. These are things the board has done to try to fulfill the first part of the mission statement.

To date we have 159 memberships (family w/ youth, family, individual, youth, and lifetime), 68 of that 159 are new this year, 92 memberships have an ABRA horse and/or membership, 57 are ALL COLOR only, and 10 are undetermined. ***Well over half of our membership is buckskin related.***

This year the board voted to have Youth Teams, to add ABRA Youth 13/U classes, and start the Jr. BHAM Youth Scholarship Fund. These things were implemented because we are very youth and family oriented which coincides with the second part of the mission statement.

We have AC and ABRA families that exhibit at our shows. Some families have an ABRA and an AC horse. Some families over the years started with AC horses and have gradually replaced them with ABRA horses. We added the AC division years ago so that the whole family can compete at our shows and not just the ones who ride an ABRA horse, which also coincides with the second part of the mission statement. Both ABRA and ALL COLOR BHAM members serve the organization by working at the show, serving on the Board of Directors, chairing committees, preparing our audit, editing the Bullet, leading a Youth team etc... Every member is important and has equal value to BHAM.

So now, what do we do about our over filled barn? Do we say no tack stalls or at least 3 horses to a tack stall? Do we say no tack stall for halter horses? Do we say no horses can come that are not being shown? Do we say only BHAM members can have stalls? At the time of this writing (6/26/07) of the 156 stalls that are reserved (we only have 140 stalls) only 13 of those stalls are reserved by non BHAM members. As was stated in the last issue of the Bullet, there will be a suggestion box out at the July show. Please give careful thought to this dilemma and share your ideas for solutions. We are all in this together and need to know what the membership wants.

Let us also remember that the mission statement applies to the members too, not just as a guide for the Board of Directors. A family environment is encouraged by the members' attitudes in welcoming and befriending new members and their families, and our attitudes regarding each other with consideration and respect. So in the meantime, please make every effort to be considerate of others in this situation. Try to find someone to share a tack stall with. Let me know as soon as you know that a horse is not coming and we have a stall open up. Please don't bring horses that you don't intend to show. You may be taking a stall that someone trying to stay in year end award qualification needs. If you are close enough to trailer in, please consider doing so. With a little bit of effort and sacrifice we can make room for everyone until other solutions are found. So, let's exhibit that BHAM family spirit we are so famous for and squeeze together and make more room at *grandma's table*, so to speak. The games are more fun with good competition!

2007 Youth Representative - Sara Veit

Hi Everyone!

The June show was lots of fun and all of the teams did a great job decorating their stalls. Remember to continue hanging your decorations at all of the rest of the shows. Thanks to everyone that participated in our Friday night meeting and rode in the Pairs class. Laurie Bowns asked me to pass along her thanks to all of the youth that have been helping and mentoring each other. She is proud of all of you.

I am heading to New Orleans with my church youth group for our annual mission trip. I am really looking forward to the trip and seeing the progress that has occurred. Our group will be working with Habitat for Humanity and helping with whatever projects they have going on at the time. Ask me about the trip at the July show and I will tell you about what I did and saw.

I hope that you will check out the Horses Haven website and continue to bring in any donations that you can. They appreciate our assistance so much! (www.horseshaven.org)

At the July show, youth teams can earn some extra points by baking cookies and bringing them to the Jr. BHAM meeting. They will go with our BHAM group to the ABRA World Show and be a part of the sloppy joe supper where BHAM will be promoting the Buckskin Congress and Futurity. You will earn ten points for each dozen baked.

Good luck to Jenna Gallegos and Elizabeth Keyes while competing at the Regional Quarter Horse Experience Show in Columbus, OH. We will miss them at our July show.

Sara



Jenna Gallegos is 15 and she is home schooled working on 10th grade level. She enjoys writing, playing piano, and gardening. Of course, shopping and hanging out with her friends is a favorite activity along with watching 'American Idol' or 'I Love Lucy'. She has been riding 'Zip' for five years and shows in the AC Youth 14-18 Division. Her riding goal this year is to perfect flying lead changes and patterns. Jenna is pictured with her horse, 'Zip', holding the June Weekend Hi Point prize.

Youth Spotlight

Katlyn Gagnon just turned 14, (she was 'pinked' for her birthday at the June show). This is her last year to show in the ABRA Youth 13/U division. She will be a freshman at Ida High School this fall. One of her favorite things is going to Cedar Point for a day of amusement park rides. She also enjoys listening to music and going to dances. However, her true passion is horses! Besides working and training her 4 year old buckskin, 'Pyro', since she was a yearling, Katlyn also helps out at her barn with a yearling named 'Passion' and a new foal, 'Norman'. Katlyn also shows in the Paint circuit on 'Real Cruz Control'. This will be her first year showing Pyro at the Monroe County Fair. Her goal is to make each ride better than the last and continue placing well. She is also working towards taking 'Pyro' to the ABRA World Champion Show in 2008.



BHAM Youth Rep. Contestants Announced

Brytnee Wells from Columbia City, IN and Melissa Kinnick from Howell, MI are running for the 2008 BHAM Representative. Brytnee shows two ABRA horses, IM REDHOT AND SMOKIN and CLASSY DUN DOLL in the ABRA Open Horse and ABRA Youth 14-18 divisions. Melissa also shows an ABRA horse, COWBOY DUSTER BAR, in the ABRA Open and ABRA Youth 13/U divisions. Both girls are planning to compete at the ABRA World Show this year.

Each applicant turned in a resume telling about themselves as well as their school and horse activities. During the July show the ladies will be interviewed by the Board of Directors and at the August show we will all witness their horsemanship ride! The winner will be announced at the All American Buckskin Horse Congress on Sunday afternoon. BHAM Representative Director, Heidi Gautz, would like to wish them both the best of luck.



Melissa Kinnick



Brytnee Wells



Three Apply for Jr. BHAM Scholarship

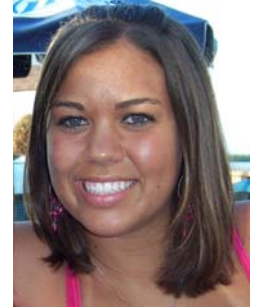
Kaitlynn Watts, Sara Veit, and Hallie Bowns submitted their applications and essays to apply for the \$500 Jr. BHAM Scholarship that has been started this year. Each candidate must have a B/3.0 average or above, log at least 8 hours of community service and submit an evaluation from a supervisor, and be interviewed by the Scholarship Selection Committee. Points are accumulated based on their application, essay, volunteer review and interview. Rick Heim-buck, Jr. BHAM Youth Director, stated, "I am very pleased to have such worthy candidates apply for the scholarship. The selection committee will have a difficult time choosing just one winner. I really want each of them to be awarded a \$500 scholarship." Rick is in the process of asking members to serve on the selection committee who either know each of the candidates equally or do not know them at all.



Hallie Bowns



Kaitlyn Watts



Sara Veit

The scholarship is funded by Jr. BHAM membership money, the proceeds of the Silent Auction at Congress, and donations. If you would like to donate to this worthy effort, please fill out a sponsorship form and designate **Youth Scholarship Fund** to receive your donation. Sponsorship forms may be picked up at the show office or downloaded from the website, www.michiganbucks skin.com from the Sponsorship page.

ODE TO PEACHES

For Hallie's 15th Birthday ~ by Judy Heim buck

*She was just a little pasture mare, no famous sire or dam, no fancy pedigree
But she was a pretty buttermilk buckskin who found a partner in a girl named, Hallie*

*The mare knew she had to teach the child that nothing in life comes easy
So they struggled and fought and worked till they dropped to become a pair more pleasing*

*They finally began to experience success in showmanship, pleasure, and trail
As patterns improved reining was added with spinning, sliding and flying tail*

*Hi points were won, weekend, year end division, congress, and saddle to name a few
Including a trip to Tulsa where at the ABRA World Show they placed in at least two*

*Sadly, this past spring, the little mare officially known as Peaches N Cream
Fell terribly sick and had to leave this world, but she left at the top of her game*

*We all feel the pain, and grieve with Hallie for her heartbreaking loss
Yet encouraged are we when we look at what "Peaches" taught us*

*She proved that where you come from cannot determine your course
Set goals, work hard, learn to give and take and there will be no remorse*

*Don't accept the word can't, things will work out if you just do your part
And most important, whatever you do, do it with all of your heart!*

*In memory of
PEACHES N CREAM
2000-2007*

COOKIE DRIVE

Want to earn more points for your Youth Team? Cookies are needed for the Sloppy Joe Supper at the ABRA World Show. Help BHAM promote the Buckskin Congress and Futurity and earn 10 points for every dozen cookies you bring to the Jr. BHAM Meeting at the July Show.



BHAM Rocks Tulsa-Part 1

It looks like BHAM is going to have another large representation at the ABRA World Championship Show in Tulsa this year. Several of our BHAM members from Michigan as well as Minnesota, Wisconsin, Illinois, and Indiana, are heading out after the BHAM July show for another World Show adventure. Several of these participants also represent our sister charter clubs, HBO and Wis-III.

Christina Amell will be carrying the Michigan flag for the parade of states. Joe and Melissa Kinnick may also be carrying a flag for states that don't have a horse and rider for the job.

Rick St. Onge is willing to haul extra horses for a reasonable fee. If you need a ride for your horse you can contact Rick at 517-546-4783 or 517-404-4478. Joe Kinnick arranged a potluck for all participating to get together and make plans. I can't wait to hear the stories that will be told after this year! Good luck to all!

If we have missed someone please let us know. To date the roll call looks something like this....

MICHIGAN

Wendy & Christina Amell & Mark Russell –
IMA DROP DEAD FRED
Robert & Jill Girbach & Ken Brooks –
MISS BOSTON BEAMER
Bill, Carla & Robert Cox –
DUN IN SECRET
MISTER GQ PLATINUM
Andy & Kellie Hart & Vince Eckstine –
GEE IM STAR WATCHIN
Rick St. Onge, Chris Holbin & Ellen Loveland –
DUN N DIVERSIFIED
Joe, Ann, Justin, and Melissa Kinnick –
COWBOY DUSTER BAR
MADE UP MY MIND
Ray, Haley, & Ethan Warner –
MCTIGER INVESTMENT
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Tami Wells-Thornton & Tony Thornton –
IMTOOSEXYFORMYCLASS
Brytnee Wells –
IM REDHOT AND SMOKIN
Nancy & Sara York & Drew Sutton –
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Bill, Diane, & Kate Buffa –
SCOTCHS SHOWCASE

MINNESOTA

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Jean Crouch –
CHYNNAS DUN KIDDIN



FYI – THERE WILL BE NO MSU CONCESSIONS FOR THE JULY SHOW

\$\$\$ New BHAM Coupon Option \$\$\$

The association is ever striving to give our exhibitors options and convenience. Each time you place in a class from 1st to 6th place a coupon with a monetary value is issued for you to pick up at the Coupon table once the results are in the computer.

Now you may choose to have your coupons automatically tabulated and deducted from your bill by letting the office know when you **CHECK IN**. The only requirement is that you leave an open check and we will close it out for you during the following week when we close the show. The show office will then mail or e-mail you a copy of your statement. This saves you the time it takes to pick up coupons throughout the show and time at the end of the show checking out. If you choose to use this option, please remember to tell other members of the family not to pick up coupons.

If you prefer to pick up your coupons please remember that it is your responsibility to go to the coupon table and give the person attending the table the class numbers you exhibited in so they can issue and mark off that you have received your coupons or ribbons. Please pick them up throughout the day and do not wait until your last class. All coupons need to be picked up before you leave the show. Coupons will no longer be issued for a previous show.

Coupon values are as follows:

1st = \$1.50 2nd = \$1.00 3rd = \$1.00 4th = \$.50 5th = \$.50 6th = \$.50

BHAM WEEKEND HIGH POINT - JUNE SHOW

ABRA OPEN HORSE

GRAND Kaitlynn Watts & Great Pocos Mocha 68 pts
RESERVE Kelly DeVooght & KT Dun A Little 60 pts

ABRA AMATEUR

GRAND Lee Strahan & Sun Sparkle Cricket 108 pts
RESERVE Joseph Kinnick & Made Up My Mind 40 pts

ABRA YOUTH 14-18

GRAND Katelyn Allen & Magic Dunit 91 pts
RESERVE Spencer Grygiel & Quick to Skip 87 pts

ABRA YOUTH 13 & UNDER

GRAND Katie Rich & Cashes Fancy Ruger 96 pts
RESERVE Katlyn Gagnon & Pyro Can Burn 77 pts

ALL COLOR ADULT

GRAND Lynn Hatfield & Finest Rendition 109 pts
RESERVE Laura Jackson & Citas Irish Gold 80 pts

ALL COLOR YOUTH 14-18

GRAND Jenna Gallegos & Zippos Magic Moment 97 pts
RESERVE Catlin Stewart & Dees Rappin Bar 95 pts

ALL COLR YOUTH 13 & UNDER

GRAND Brianna Slager & Just Wastin Time 97 pts
RESERVE Kylie Brown & Jag of Jazz 83 pts

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RESERVE Katie Blount & Brighteyes Nifty 44 pts

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Important Dates

Sunday, July 22: **Board Meeting**
 Show Office
 Bring a chair
 Immediately after Longe Line

2007 Weekend Show Dates

July 21 & 22
 August 18 & 19
 September 1 & 2

July 25-29: ABRA World Show
 Tulsa, OK.

October 4-7: **All American Buckskin Horse Congress**
 October 5: **BHAM Breeders Moonlight Futurity**

TOP 5 ELIGIBLE FOR YEAR END DIVISION SADDLE AWARD-JUNE 2007

ABRA OPEN HORSE

#414	KT DUN A LITTLE owned by Kelly DeVooght	121 PTS
#626	BROGANS PEPPY FLITE owned by Kevin Humble	65 PTS
#422	GENTRYS CLASSIC MR owned by Diana Snyder	63 PTS
#182	HOT STARDUST SHADOWS owned by Amanda Dixon	52 PTS
#176	ALILBITOFBREEZFACTOR owned by Sally Creger	40 PTS

ABRA AMATEUR

#337	SUN SPARKLE CRICKET – Lee Strahan	182 PTS
#100	GIORGIO ARMANI – William Stewart	77 PTS
#422	GENTRYS CLASSIC MR – Diana Snyder	70 PTS
#182	HOT STARDUST SHADOWS - Amanda Dixon	59 PTS
#2255	STARS GOLD JACKPOT – Kathleen Frisk	50 PTS

ABRA YOUTH 14-18

#930	MAGIC DUNNIT – Katelyn Allen	163 PTS
#1640	QUICK TO SKIP – Spenser Grygiel	137 PTS
#21	GREAT POCOS MOCHA – Kaitlynn Watts	134 PTS
#947	COOL ISLAND BREEZE – Erica Taylor	73 PTS
#99	JAZZER DUN – Maureen Meis	66 PTS

ABRA YOUTH 13 & UNDER

#208	CASHS FANCY RUGER – Katie Rich	172 PTS
#605	PYRO CAN BURN – Katlyn Gagnon	143 PTS
#900	REBELS WRAPPED – Sarah York	120 PTS
#225	MC TOTALLY TUCKERED – Tommy Blount	110 PTS
#999	COWBOY DUSTER BAR – Melissa Kinck	107 PTS

ALL COLOR ADULT

#944	FINEST RENDITION – Lynn Hatfield	166 PTS
#587	CITAS IRISH GOLD – Laura Jackson	145 PTS
#222	EXTREMELY KEEN – Lisa Castle	64 PTS
#602	QUIGS BIG BEN – Rachel Papoi	52 PTS
#991	PRETTY MUCH ZIPPED – Karen Waite	51 PTS

ALL COLOR YOUTH 14-18

#175	ZIPPOS MAGIC MOMENT – Jenna Gallegos	177 PTS
#19	CINNAMON SHY - Sara Veit	137 PTS
#128	DEES RAPPIN BAR – Catlin Stewart	129 PTS
#336	SA SUDDEN ECLIPSE – Courtney Stewart	102 PTS
#13	TRIPLES BOBCAT – Susan Avery	84 PTS

ALL COLOR YOUTH 13 & UNDER

#931	JUST WAISTIN TIME – Brianna Slager	166 PTS
#276	JAG OF JAZZ – Kylie Brown	124 PTS
#943	SCARED CHUTELESS – Megan Hosey	119 PTS
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#140	NET THIRTY ZIP – Christine Michael	113 PTS

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