



Hoofbeats Newsletter

May 2015

Question of the Month

Who was the first horse to be registered with the AQHA (American Quarter Horse Association)?

Answer to last month's question: Untappable

Breed Profile

The Colorado Ranger Horse

Modern Day Uses: Have good endurance, "cow sense", and are very athletic making them a very versatile breed of horse. Today they are still used as ranch horses and are shown in both western and english disciplines.

Height: 14.2 to 16+ hands high

Color: May be leopard spotted or solid colored. No pinto horses are allowed to be registered.

Conformation: Exhibit conformational traits of a stock type breed of horse (Quarter Horse, Paint, Appaloosa, etc.). They have a long muscular neck, a deep chest, and a straight facial profile. They also have a sloping shoulder and croup with a short back.

History: The first ancestors of the Colorado Ranger Horse were gifts to president Ulysses S. Grant from the Turkish sultan Abdul Hammad II in 1878. One was a gray Barb by the name of Linden Tree and the second was a gray desert bred Arabian by the name of Leopard. The two stallions were used by Randolph Huntington (a renowned breeder of trotting and roadster horses) as part of his breeding program before being loaned to a friend of Grant's who bred them to his ranch mares. These breedings resulted in high-quality ranch horses. Several years later a group of friends in Colorado bought a group of these ranch horses whose bloodlines traced back to either one of the imported stallions or one of the stallions that was bred by the friend of Grant's who had a leopard spot coat pattern. These horses were used to improve the ranchers' own stock and the offspring of these horses were some of the original Colorado Ranger Horses. Leopard spotting was not the original aim of the breed, but as many of the offspring of these horses had a spotted coat pattern people began to breed for that coat pattern. Two there stallions became influential the breed later on. "Max" was a Colorado-born leopard spotted horse and "Spotte" was a Barb that had been imported from North Africa. In 1935 Mike Ruby founded the Colorado Ranger Horse Association. Today many of Colorado Ranger Horses are also registered with the Appaloosa Horse Club in which every one out of eight horses have Colorado Ranger Horses in their pedigrees..



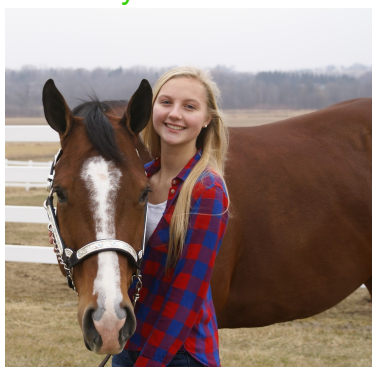
Spotlight Members

Elizabeth Esser



Elizabeth is a member of the Horse and Pony Project as well as a member of the Town and Country 4-H club. Last year Elizabeth competed at the state Horse Bowl in May. She also rode her horse, Winston, in hunter jumper events. This year Elizabeth plans to ride Winston again in hunter jumper events.

Sydni Loose



This is Sydni's first year as a member of the Ozaukee County Horse and Pony Project and the Jay Road 4-H club. This year Sydni competed at the state Horse Bowl on a senior quiz bowl team that placed in the top tens. Sydni will also show her horse, Simon, in western pleasure, english pleasure, trail, and showmanship classes.

Isabella Schneider



This is Isabella's first year as a member of the Ozaukee County Horse and Pony Project as well as the Instride 4-H club. Isabella has attended education meetings all year and attended the state Horse Bowl this month. Isabella owns a nine-year old mare named Kahlua that she rides english. This year Isabella is excited to attend the many shows and clinics offered by Horse and Pony with her mare.

Judging Practice

Arabian Western Pleasure (Judge rein length, expression, headset, head carriage, etc.)

Visit this website for more halter class practice <http://horseandrider.com/resources/conformation-clinics!>



Last Month's Results and Bonus Answers:

1st: Horse #2 (Bonus Answer: Secretariat)

2nd: Horse #3 (Bonus Answer: Zenyatta)

3rd: Horse #4 (Bonus Answer: Assault)

4th: Horse #1 (Bonus Answer: Seabiscuit)

Old News

On April 27th the Horse and Pony project held their monthly meeting at the Cedarburg Fairgrounds. The business meeting was lead by the youth president, Jessica Doering. The secretary's report was given by the youth secretary, Kayla Wallner, and the treasurer's report was given by the treasure, Kate Hoffmann, and the the youth treasurer, Royal Doering. After the business meeting Kate Werwinski talked to the youth about running a horse trailering business. She answered many questions she, much to the youth's' delight, showed us one of her trailers and how she trailered horses in different conditions.



On April 28th the Horse Education group met for one of their last practices before heading off to Horse Bowl on May 9th. At the meeting the youth, lead by Mrs. Weiss, practiced using the buzzers and quizzed each other on various equine topics.



On May 8th most of the Ozaukee County Horse Bowl participants drove up to Wausau to spend the night at a hotel. That evening the youth had a great time swimming, messing around in the pool, and studying horse questions for Horse Bowl. The next morning everyone drove to the the Marathon County community college where the event was to be held. At the college everyone participated in both the Horse Bowl and hippology portions of the event. Ozaukee County was very competitive in all the divisions and took home a top ten for a beginner and senior team, a reserve championship for a beginner team, and a grand championship for a junior team. Everyone also placed well in the individual and hippology portions of the competition. Congratulations to all who competed at the state Horse Bowl and a huge thank you to Mrs. Weiss for coaching and helping us reach this point of success! We wouldn't be here without you!



May Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9 Horse Bowl
10	11	12	13	14 Horse Board Meeting	15	16 Spring Performance Show
17 Speed Clinic/Mock Show	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25 OCHPP General Meeting @ 7 pm	26	27	28	29	30
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June Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5 Open Jumping Clinic	6 Open Jumping Show/Open Dressage Clinic
7 Open English and Dressage Show	8	9	10	11	12	13

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21	22 OCHPP General Meeting @ 7 pm	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

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If you have a horse related article that you have written and would like to share with us, please email it to us at either ampoullhorse@gmail.com or ahoffmann.hoofbeats@gmail.com. Thank you!