

ANWARC NEWS – GAITED DIVISION – SPRING 2018

Hey, Everyone! Who's ready to *GLIDE* into show season? I know I am! Believe it or not, once we actually start our shows, my work load is lighter. Even if I AM sitting in the announcer stand from the start of the show until the bitter end, LOL!

My apologies for being about a month behind on sending out news, but we have had extra hurdles to clear and extra hoops to jump through this year, in order to insure that we can put on a series of shows that we can afford and still create a surplus for year-end awards.

Our ANWARC Awards Banquet in January was well attended. Can we say packed house? Wow! We handed out 142 awards to 38 winners, totaling \$7,430.00. Congratulations to our Gaited Division Sportsmanship winners, Rhonda Kelly-Duncan and Avery Mulloy! And congratulations also to our Open Division Sportsmanship Winners, Kendall Smith and Illeana Sauls!

Our elected **2018 Officers** are: President Phillip Curlee; Vice President Sarah Markley; Secretary Shirley Shelby; and Treasurer Cindy Pharr.

All items on the Gaited Ballot at our Year-End Awards Banquet passed. Class changes can be noted on our 2018 showbills. Most importantly, Entry fee maximums, previously \$30.00 for all exhibitors (juveniles = 10 classes, and adults = 6 classes) were equalized so that the entry fee max is now *ten classes* for all exhibitors. Juveniles will still pay \$30.00 plus the \$5.00 office charge in order to reach the maximum; adults will now pay \$50.00 plus the \$5.00 office charge to reach the maximum. This recommendation from the ANWARC Board of Directors was an alternative to raising entry fees and was voted on by both divisions.

Drum roll please, I'd like to welcome our new REGISTRATION SECRETARY! Kendall Smith will be overseeing registration at all of our shows this year. Please do all you can to make her job easier, so she won't regret her decision, LOL! This means getting to the registration table EARLY to give us time to do what WE have to do in registration to ensure the show can start on time. Classes #1-7 must be entered by 4:15 p.m.

ANWARC will be putting on FIVE Gaited Division shows this year. Membership is not required to show with us; however, we do have a very nice year-end award program for those who ARE members. Since we are an association of clubs, your membership dues need to be paid directly to one of our member clubs. In the case of those with Gaited horses, the natural choice is the Northwest Arkansas Gaited Horse Club. Since our first Gaited show is on April 28th, you have time to pay your membership dues directly, prior to show season starting. I will attach a Gaited Club membership application. Please pay this with enough advance notice for the first show. Registration will go much more smoothly if we do not have to also deal with membership dues money, since that requires a separate check.

Because we are affiliated with the Heart of America Walking Horse Association, your points from ELEVEN Walking Horse classes at our ANWARC shows will also count in their year-end awards program, IF you are a member of their organization. The showbill shows which classes are eligible for HAWHA points. Four of those classes also have money payback. In addition, (although not a class for HAWHA points), the Sr. Gaited Pleasure Championship class has money payback.

Class Sponsorships: These must be paid before the first show. Again, registration will go much smoother – and you won't forget to pay! – if we do not have to collect sponsor money with entry fees. If you are showing for points, your points will not count until your sponsorship is paid, so this is important. Please mail your class sponsor money to me at:

Mrs. Cindy Pharr

P. O. Box 96

Lincoln, AR 72744 (If you don't remember how much you owe – or IF you owe - call or text me at 479-841-1135.)

What else does it take to qualify for year-end awards? You must show in half the shows. That will be three shows this year, since we will have five.

What else? **WORK HOURS**. Each exhibitor must put in four hours of work. That can be done by the exhibitor OR someone working on their behalf. Half the hours must be "registration" hours – which is ANY job, other than working the gate and handing out ribbons. If we did not stipulate this, we would have three people working the gate at the same time and four people trying to all hand out ribbons, since those are the easiest jobs. The other jobs are much more important. Sign up before the shows start by contacting me at pharrsha@pgtc.com. The Work Hours Book will also be in Registration at each show. There is a section behind the sign-in sheets to sign up ahead of time for the shows.

Now, pay attention, this is very important! In most of the gaited classes, the points go to the HORSE. If four different people ride that horse in a particular class throughout the season, for that horse to win an award, all four people have to have 4 work hours! How do you know if the points go to the horse or to the rider? Look at the very last page of the Rule Book. It lists all the Gaited Classes, the gaits that are called for, and whether the points go to the horse or rider.

Another important point for awards: BOTH the owner AND the exhibitor of a horse have to be members of ANWARC. If you are showing someone else's horse, be SURE they have a current membership. If they do not, and you are leasing the horse, then you must provide a copy of your **lease agreement** at the first show in which you compete.

DQP: Our DQP's will be supplied by HAWHA again this year. For each horse shown, we must collect a \$10 DQP fee for the first two classes in which it is entered. All classes after the first two do not require further collection of DQP fees, although the horse will still have to be inspected. We would like to inspect horses three classes ahead, to keep things moving along. Versatility classes do not require a DQP Fee.

USDA has made the following changes this year:

Only padded horses will have to be unsaddled for DQP inspection.

All flat shod horses will be hoof tested.

Showbills and entry forms can be downloaded from our website: <http://anwarclub.tripod.com>. The 2018 Rule Books will be available soon, both online for download, as well as printed copies in registration for \$2.00.

Negative Coggins papers are required and will be checked. You will get your entry forms from the EIA Verifier. If you choose to download your entry form to save time by filling out ahead of time, that is great! But be sure to have the Verifier initial your form for you!

Concessions at the first show – April 28th - will be provided by our club host, the University of Arkansas Block and Bridle Club. This fundraiser helps to fund their educational trips, so please support the concessions!



Put Some Glide in Your Stride and Some Pep in Your Step!