



9.25.11 | **EVERGREEN CIRCUIT**

APHA/AQHA Combined Circuit September 2-4

Our Paint enthusiasts from the Lower Mainland appeared to have a great time at the recent LMQHA/BCPHC Evergreen Circuit at Thunderbird Show Park in Ft. Langley over the Labour Day weekend. No doubt the gorgeous summer weather we have been enjoying added to the ambience of showing at this gorgeous facility - a show experience beautifully painted by a keen exhibitor with the words, "Getting up at 3:45 a.m. in order to ride my horse as the sun came up, the mist rising off the grounds...just so I could do early trail practice before the competition!"

The show crew was fantastic - as always - and we would like to thank a number of people who worked very hard to bring both 2011 shows together for all of us: Rod Ash (Show Manager), Glenn Massey (Announcer), Fay Christie (Whipper-in), Marnie Gigliotti and Jacquie Schulz (Ring Stewards), Barbara Williams and her assistant Sandy (Show Secretary), Tracey Olney (Trail Consultant) and, of course, the Show Committee and Board of LMQHA.

The weekend got off to a bang with a move-in day Country-style BBQ, organized by members of the BCPHC coordinating committee. I would like to wrap HUGE arms of thanks around Colleen Schellenberg (President) and Doug, Graeme Bruce (head man on the grill!) and Louise, Bruce Maitland and Alison Willoughby, Marilyn Griffin, Michele and Mark Charleston for contributing such a delicious HUGE salmon, and all the others folks who shucked corn and set up the tables. We had it all - hamburgers, hot dogs, corn on the cob, salads, salmon, pies and fruit (Krause Berry Farms) and ice cream and all the trimmings! Thank you to everyone who helped - including Otter Co-op who donated their travelling bbq for the occasion. And there was enough food left over that Doug and Colleen did a pared-down repeat for lunch on Sunday!

Instead of all around highpoint awards at the end of the show - the exhibitors' efforts were rewarded with a prize for each class! So you can imagine the 'awards booth' was hopping busy throughout the weekend! Thank you LM for organizing such a great selection of useful horse-related items to pick from.

There were a couple of jackpot classes added to the class list throughout the weekend. It was particularly fun to watch the brave exhibitors (mostly youth!) steer their fine 4 legged partners through a Shankless Showmanship pattern. Congratulations to Paint exhibitors Ingrid Libera on Ima Special Delivery (2nd), Emma Schellenberg and All Reddy Smoke N (3rd), Kirsten Chamberland and A Sexy Sensation (4th), and Trinell Carpenter on Zips Classical Image (5th). Kim Servoss and her QH A Little Two Deluxe took the blue ribbon! But the Paints bounced back with 1st and 2nd place wins in the Pro-Am Trail on A Sexy Sensation shown by Kirsten Chamberland and Chris Moore, and Ready to Dream with Jennifer King and Chris Moore respectively.

One special young person we would like to acknowledge is Ariel Taylor. She is not able to show often, but, she really wanted to bring her pretty Tobiano mare Missy (Okies Final Flame) to this show and compete in a few classes. She worked hard to prepare and was thrilled when the judges rewarded her efforts with two 1st places in the Colour class. I am sure she would like to thank her Aunt Pia Pedersen and her trainer Mellissa Buckley for helping her to achieve this success.

The APHA portion of the show would simply not have been possible without the support of all the SPONSORS: Moore Performance Horses, Saddle Up Magazine, Canoa Farms, Maitland & Associates, Country Life in BC, Graeme and Louise Bruce, Sudden Impact, Schellenberg Trucking Ltd., Pyke & Buckley Performance Horses, New Life Construction and Bar BW Paint Horses. Thank you to everyone for your generosity!

This show concludes our circuit for 2011 and we want to take this opportunity to again thank LMQHA for sharing their May and September shows with us and to both Boards and all the exhibitors for their support. We had a number of people travel across the border and we would like to extend a special note of appreciation to Kip Larsen Performance Horses from Arlington WA and also our own local Moore Performance Horses for their participation.