



# QCABHA Meeting News

## No August Membership Meeting

As we get into the summer months and show season, it becomes apparent that everyone would like to spend the time with their horses rather than at a meeting. However in the past we have had fun meetings at farms of members. If you would like to host a fun meeting (usually some activity planned) contact one of the BOD at the bottom of this page about setting it up. Meetings are normally held the second Friday of the month, but with enough notice we can also schedule a Saturday or Sunday meeting. Make sure we have enough notice to get all the info in the newsletter.

On a separate note, if you have business you feel the club needs to address, please contact Beth Wooldridge about it. If necessary we can schedule meetings of the BOD and the membership to handle necessary business. Beth's contact information is at the bottom of this page.

## September Meeting & Trail Ride

The plan for the September Membership Meeting is to have a short ride and a pot luck at Scott County Park on SATURDAY, September 12th. The ride will start about 10:00am (or when ever everyone is ready) and we will have a potluck lunch and meeting following. The September meeting is important because it is the beginning of Officer nominations for the upcoming year. We will also be discussing committee chair changes. So please plan to attend. More details to follow in the next newsletter.

*All that said, we hope to see everyone at the Open show on August 17th. As usual, all shows are being held at the Mississippi Valley Fairgrounds in Davenport, IA. Volunteers are always needed to help out at the gate, in the show booth, and in the ring to ringmaster. If you can help out for a couple of hours we would really appreciate it.*

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# QCABHA NEWS BITS



## Futurity News

Hi everyone, hope things are going well with your futurity entries. The futurity will be held Sunday Sept. 21st at the Mississippi Valley fairgrounds. Starting time is 8:00 AM. The futurity classes will be held before the regular show. Stalls will be available this year. The price is \$25.00 per stall, you bring the bedding. We can get into the stalls after 6 PM on Saturday the 20th. Stalls must be paid for in advance. You need to reserve and pay for the stalls by Sept 12th. Also your work hours must be completed by the end of the Aug show. In this newsletter is a sponsorship form. Please, everyone get a sponsor. The sponsorship money goes toward futurity expenses and into the premium jackpot. The more sponsors you get, means more money for your pocket. I know money is tight this year, and sponsors may not be easy to get, please give it a try. If a person does not want to sponsor, ask for a donation. If you have any questions about the futurity, work hours, sponsorship, etc just contact me at the information on the front of your newsletter. See you at the Aug show. Elaine—309-375-6070 or email at [ecbc@dishmail.net](mailto:ecbc@dishmail.net)

## Show Committee News

So far this year we have been blessed with terrific weather and some very nice shows. Our last open show was quite large with 432 total entries. We would like to thank the futurity and High Point entrants who came out to help at the show and work their required hours. All that good stuff mentioned, there has been one little hitch. **Entry cards**. We like to be flexible about when you are able to enter a class and often take entries at the last minute, however, this is starting to get out of hand. At the last show it seemed in almost every class, entry cards were missing OR someone on a horse was stopping at the announcers window and asking that they “be put in this class”. The announcers window is not Wendy’s drive thru guys. The announcer and their helper are busy, calling gaits, watching to make sure everything is going well and communicating with the judge. This doesn’t even touch on the difficulty it causes in the bookkeeping department. PLEASE—try to plan ahead and have your entries to the booth at least one class before the class you are entering. PLEASE—do not ask the announcer or their help to “put you in a class”. We do not want to discourage anyone from showing, and we want everyone to have a good time, but please be courteous and help us out.

Also you will find a copy of the September Showbill in this newsletter. We have made changes to the showbill to accommodate the Futurity classes being held in the morning. We have shortened the number of classes so we can be finished on time. We tried not to disrupt the schedule too much. Let us know what you think of this showbill as we may need to look at something like this again for next year.

As noted in the July newsletter, this is the last year for the current show committee chairs. We have not heard from anyone who would be interested in taking over this committee. If there are no volunteers, the BOD will have to determine whether or not there will be shows in 2009. If you are interested at all, please speak with Penny, Denise or Beth. We would be happy to fill you in and get you started. Many new things were put in place this year to streamline our procedures, and we have had good feedback concerning those from the volunteers. Remember, this is your club, volunteers keep it running. Thanks for supporting the shows, Penny Roberts and Denise Kroeger.

**A Note About the Futurity Drink Stand.....**

The futurity committee would like to **thank everyone who purchased water and pop** at the July show. Your support is greatly appreciated. I use the honor system at the drink stand as I believe most people are basically honest, but in July we had 12 cans/bottles that were not paid for. Despite this lost of product, the committee did make a small profit. Now I want to talk to the few individuals who helped themselves to the drinks. Not only are you taking money from the futurity jackpot, you are hurting the club and individual faith in people as a whole. The futurity committee will be sponsoring the drink stand again in August. Let this show be the one that proves that horse showing is a fun, honest, family activity. See at the show, Elaine

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# Happy Birthday Gold Dust!

By Rebecca Curry

Elaine's Gold Dust aka Gold Dust turned 30 years old this year. She was born in spring of 1978 in Iowa. She is registered Elaine's Gold Dust as a palomino. Her sire was Mammoth Jack and her dam a Golden Saddlebred mare from northern Iowa.

Elaine Curry purchased her in 1981 in West Grove, Iowa, from Dewayne Cason. He even tried to talk her out of it and kept telling her she was not a ladies mule. Elaine was determined to buy her any way. Dewayne had planned to use Gold Dust for barrels, but she had come to him with issues. A previous owner had abused Gold Dust. This particular owner's idea of discipline was a 2 x 4 between the ears. Dewayne had started her rehabilitation. The trick at that time was bridling and mounting.

Elaine's first ride was eventful. I believe it took four mounting attempts before she actually was sitting in the saddle. Gold Dust basically dumped you before your butt even hit the saddle. After about a year of riding Gold Dust got easier to mount and ride. She also got better about bridling.

Gold Dust was originally shown in halter starting her 3 year old. She won majority of her halter classes or placed 3<sup>rd</sup> or higher. She was originally shown in halter, showmanship, Western pleasure, Hunt Seat pleasure, trail, western riding, and costume (sidesaddle-walk/trot). In 1990 we started riding her saddle seat and in 2000 sidesaddle pleasure.

It was the beginning of a very long show career that spans, so far 27 years. Gold Dust has shown in Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, Missouri, Tennessee, and Kentucky. She has been shown locally, in 4-H, nationally, and internationally and was often in the ribbons. Some highlights from Gold Dust's show career include: 1984 National Mule and Donkey Show – 6<sup>th</sup> out of 30 some mules in halter, 4<sup>th</sup> in English Pleasure, and placing in western riding; 1988 National Mule and Donkey Show – top 10 out of 35 mules in halter and placing in English pleasure; from 1990 to 2000 shown locally- placing 1<sup>st</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> place; 2000 National Mule and Donkey Show 4<sup>th</sup> in Sidesaddle pleasure; 2001 IL State Fair – Reserve Champion in the Draft Horse & mule pleasure; 2002 IL State Fair – Champion of the Draft Horse & mule pleasure; and 2002 Ride Aside Show (International) – Champion of the Langston and Calden Sidesaddle Equitation Qualifier for the National Sidesaddle Finals in Great Britain (please note their were horses/ponies from US and Canada in the class) and placed in all of her sidesaddle classes at that show receiving 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, or 4<sup>th</sup> place. Gold Dust has also received Champion or Reserve Champion high point with QCABHA.

During Gold Dust's show career also included being asked not return to a particular show. It was usually due to having too good of a show day. Gold Dust has been kicked out of the Illinois State Fair twice in 1990 and 2002. The second time was due to winning a class and beating a nice Clydesdale stallion. Her most recent request to not to show came at age 25 when Gold Dust again beat very nice stallion twice. On behalf of Gold Dust--- Thank you QCABHA for allowing her to continue to show.

In the last few years Gold Dust has been mainly shown by youth in 4-H and locally. Over the years she has taught several riders to ride, especially saddle seat, and giving them each a good show experience. For the last QCABHA show *Congratulations to Randi, Thalia, and Gold Dust* for a fine show!

# Calendar of Events

***Here is a list of upcoming horse events. If you know of something that your equine friends might be interested in knowing about send it in and it will be added!***

**8-2-08**—Open Horse Show at the Mississippi Valley Fair.

**8-10-08**—QCAHC All Arabian Horse Show at Schone's Friendship Farm  
[www.qcarabianhorseclub.com](http://www.qcarabianhorseclub.com)

**8-17-08**—QCABHA Open Horse Show, MVF, Dav. IA

**8-17-08**—Galesburg Boots & Saddle Club Horse Show across the road from Sandburg College. Contact Buffy Allen 309.344.3605

**9-21-08**—QCABHA Futurity & Open Horse Show, MVF, Dav., IA

**9-21-08**—Galesburg Boots & Saddle Club Horse Show across the road from Sanburg College. Contact Buffy Allen 309.344.3605

## Just A Reminder!

Many of you signed up for High Point and Futurity. This means that you have 4 hours to volunteer at a show if you are to receive your award. Please contact either Penny or Denise (info on the front page) to schedule your hours. You can take your chances and show up at the show to see if we have a spot for you, but if all spots are filled, you may be out of luck. Thanks everyone, your help is appreciated!!!