

# President's Update

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## Member Vote to be Mailed On Bylaw Change

During its meeting Sunday, November 15, the NAPHA Board of Directors unanimously voted to send out for a vote a change in the NAPHA Bylaws that will require that five of NAPHA's Board members be elected and two appointed. This will make NAPHA a predominantly elected Board of Directors.

The vote by the Board is in response to a petition mounted by Charles Melton and Margaret Turk. The petition in its entirety will be mailed to NAPHA members along with the pros and cons of changing the current NAPHA Bylaws.

We hope you will read the information you receive and vote for what you feel will be best for our association and our breed. The petition will be mailed out for a vote in early December. We will pull the mailing list from our membership database on December 1, so anyone who is a member as of December 1, 2009 will be mailed a ballot to vote on the petition proposal.

*NAPHA Annual  
Meeting Date*  
February 18-21, 2010  
Las Vegas, NV

## THANK YOU, LINDA VIRGIN!

In the same meeting, the Board also accepted the resignation of Board Member Linda Virgin. Linda was the first elected President of NAPHA in 2005. She served as NAPHA President for two years and on the Board for four years. Linda single-handedly raised the funds for the 2008 NAPHA audit, the only audit any U.S. Peruvian horse association has ever had. She has provided the stability needed by our young organization and steered NAPHA toward many positive goals. Under Linda's leadership NAPHA introduced HorseStudbook.com, our on-line studbook/



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membership/show point database. HSB's cutting edge technology has provided our members instant access to anything they want to know about their horses and others in our breed. HSB is the core of NAPHA's operations, doing the work of several people.

It has truly been a privilege to serve with one who has a great deal of dignity and integrity. We will miss you, Linda.

Although Linda was initially voted onto the NAPHA Board by the general membership, her current position on the Board is an appointed one. The Board agreed to see the outcome of the vote on the Bylaw change before filling Linda's position.

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## **MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY NOW ON NAPHA WEBSITE**

The NAPHA Membership Directory is now on the NAPHA website. The Directory lists the names, contact information and websites of NAPHA members. We feel this will make it easier for those searching for you to find you and for our members to have information at their fingertips. The Directory will be updated quarterly: January 1, April 1, July 1 and October 1.

Since we placed the Directory on the website, many of you have renewed your memberships in order to be listed. We will update the Directory on November 20, so it will provide as much information as possible to our visitors.

We thank you for the many emails we have received complimenting this new on-line service. We are pleased you like it and are using it.

This is just one of the many services NAPHA provides our members.

## **2009 NATIONAL SHOW**

I want to take this opportunity to thank those who helped make our Fifth U.S. National Show a success. Our Second Annual Web cast sponsored by Double W Ranch and Rain Tree Peruvians was a tremendous success. We had viewers from all over the world. We had over 1800 viewers on line at one time. We had to add bandwidth to accommodate all of the viewers. For the first time we ran commercials between the classes and the overall format was applauded by viewers and advertisers. A big thank you to Felice Bearer for all of her hard work designing and producing the commercials and the web cast.

This year we introduced the Regional Champion of Champions classes allowing all the Champion of Champions from regional shows to compete with one another for the Regional Champion of Champions title. The following horses won this prestigious title in their divisions:

Regional Champion of Champions  
Performance Gelding  
MLM FERRARI

Regional Champion of Champions  
Amateur Performance Gelding  
MLM FERRARI

Regional Champion of Champions  
Amateur Performance Mare  
ACS SABRINA

Regional Champion of Champions  
Amateur Performance Stallion  
RSV NOBLE SOL

Regional Champion of Champions  
Luxury Gelding  
HFC SONADOR

Regional Champion of Champions  
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Regional Champion of Champions  
Luxury Gelding  
HFC SONADOR

Regional Champion of Champions  
Breeding Mare  
MLM DIVINA

Regional Champion of Champions  
Breeding Stallion  
GG SENEGAL

We had laureadoes in two divisions. Thirteen year old \*LEA Poema Laureadoed in two divisions: **Champion of Champions Open Performance Mare and Champion of Champions Amateur Performance Mare.** Poema also won the U.S. National Champion of Champions titles in 2007 and 2008. \*LEA Poema is owned and bred by Barbara Windom of La Estancia Alegre in Tesuque, NM

Congratulations to this outstanding mare for this achievement of a lifetime.

The top **Breeding Stallion** of the U.S. Nationals was **Brigadier LRP**, owned and bred by Kenneth and Victoria Shelton of Shelton farms in Somerville, AL. The six year old worked his way through the show winning Stallions 4-6 in bit, Champion Breeding Stallion and the coveted Champion of Champions Breeding Stallion title.

Four year old **MLM Divina** won over seven other Regional Champion of Champions mares to win the opportunity to compete in the Champion of Champions Breeding Mare class where she beat five outstanding breeding mares to win the **U.S. National Champion of Champions Breeding Mare** title. MLM Divina is owned and bred by Mike and Linda Mewhinney of Rocking M Ranch in Stephenville, TX.

**HFC Sonador** owned by Donna Riley and Carolyn Mittrick of Ocean Springs Peruvian Horses won the **Champion of Champions Luxury Gelding** title. Ocean Springs Peruvian Horses is located in Sulphur Springs, TX.

In the performance division, **DW Tulio** gaited away with the awards for **Champion of Champions Amateur Performance Stallion and Champion of Champions Open Performance Stallion.** DW Tulio was bred by Wendy Wirth of Double W Ranch and is owned by Wendy Wirth and Cheryl Aldrich of Raintree Peruvians & Tack in Poolville, TX.

The **Champion of Champions Performance Gelding** was **VIR Otono De Mi Vida**, owned by Lynn, Darla, Chris and Danielle Austin of Mankato, MN.

**Best Gaited Horse of Show** was **MLM Ambrosia** owned by Shay and Leonard Hoffman of Flyn H Ranch, and the **Best Bozal Horse of Show** was **MLM Serenata** owned by Mike and Linda Mewhinney of Rocking M Ranch.

Rocking M Ranch swept the Junior Mare and Junior Stallion classes with Champion Junior Stallion MLM Mandarin and Champion Junior Mare MLM Antorcha. Rocking M Ranch is owned by Linda and Mike Mewhinney.

**High Point Winners of the  
2009 U.S. National Show**

**HIGH POINT BREEDER**  
Linda & Mike Mewhinney  
Rocking M Ranch

**HIGH POINT EXHIBITOR**  
Christina Bailey  
Lakeside Peruvians

**HIGH POINT HORSE OF SHOW  
LEGION OF MERIT AWARD**  
PK Chocolate  
Owned by Dr. Alice Wolf and  
Dr. Jim Johnson  
JyW Coyote Creek Ranch

**PERUVIAN DIGEST HIGH POINT  
AMATEUR OWNER TO RIDE**  
Dr. Alice Wolf  
JyW Coyote Creek Ranch

**HIGH POINT NOVICE RIDER -TIE**  
Deborah Lloyd-Dewey  
Ed Miller

## IMPORTANT DATES

### NAPHA Annual Membership Meeting

February 18-21, 2010  
South Point Casino  
Las Vegas, NV

#### HIGH POINT VERSATILITY AWARD

LEA Dorado de Domecq  
La Estancia Alegre

#### CONQUISTADOR CUP

\*GCLP Mariluna  
Paseo del Traza

#### HIGH POINT SENIOR HORSE OF SHOW

SA Romancero  
Robert & Melba Garner

#### VIVIENNE LUNDQUIST AWARD

Brigadier LRP  
Shelton Farm Peruvians

#### BEST DECORATED STALL

Nik - A-De Farms

#### HIGH POINT JUNIOR AWARDS

High Point Junior 6-12 - Katie Egger  
Reserve High Point Junior 6-12 - Julia Mann

High Point Junior 13-17 - Christian Gallegos  
Reserve High Point Junior 13-17 - Annie Rosia

The complete results of the 2009 U.S. National Peruvian Horse Show can be seen at [www.horsestudbook.com](http://www.horsestudbook.com)

## 2010 ANNUAL MEETING

The 2010 Annual Membership Meeting is scheduled for February 18-21, 2010 at the South Point Hotel Casino in Las Vegas, NV. We have excellent rates for you. Sunday through Thursday, \$69 per night and Friday-Saturday nights will be \$99 per night.

We are planning many things I believe you will find of interest.

For years some members of our association have advocated membership in the United States Equestrian Federation. There have always been pros and cons about a membership with USEF. We have

## YEAR-END TO-DO LIST

- File Stallion Reports
- File Shipped Semen Forms: fresh & frozen
- File Embryo Forms
- Renew NAPHA Membership

You can find the forms you need to file on our web site at [www.napha.net](http://www.napha.net).

asked USEF to send a representative to our annual meeting to address our questions and help us in deciding if USEF membership is for NAPHA. NAPHA is currently an affiliated member of USEF, but not a breed member. USEF has agreed to send a representative to address our concerns. This is your opportunity to put rumor to rest and find out exactly what being a breed member of USEF will require of you and your association.

Back by popular demand, Registrar Arlynda Castro will present a program on using NAPHA's Horse Studbook on Line program. The presentation received much interest and praise at last year's meeting with attendees requesting a more in-depth presentation in 2010. We will schedule Arlynda's presentation as the last thing in the afternoon session, so we can answer any questions you might have and demonstrate the full power of HSB.

To give our judges and stewards an opportunity to comply with the requirements for renewing their cards, we will again hold a Judge's Forum. The Judge's Forum is open to everyone who wishes to attend, whether you are a judge or not.

