

VIRGINIA REINING HORSE ASSOCIATION

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The Virginia Reining Horse Association held their Annual Awards Banquet February 9th, 2008 at Colonial Downs Turf Club. The event was organized by our Club Secretary, Lynda Cooke, who did a fantastic job. This annual event has become an exciting and well attended tradition for the club and this year was no different, with approximately 92 attendees. Dinner was a sumptuous spread of Roast Beef, Chicken served with various vegetables and desserts which were delicious prepared by the staff of Colonial Downs. Thank You!

The evening began with a social hour, which allowed members to visit while bidding on a large selection of items donated to the VRHA, thanks to all of our donators and sponsors.

Kenny Moore was the presenter for the night, with assistance from various board members. The Awards Ceremony opened with the Election of Officers. The newly elected officers are:

President	Kenny Moore
Vice President	Susan Wilcox-Jones
Secretary	Lynda Cooke
Membership Secretary	Jolyn Hooper
Treasurer	Julie Moore
Sponsorship Secretary	Brenda Clarke
Reporter	Stephanie Askins
Newsletter Editor	Toni Stinson
Director	Erik Blake
Director	Mike Jones
Liaison	Joy Blake
VRHyA Advisors	Toni Stinson & Jolyn Hooper

Honorary guests attending were Mr. & Mrs. Donald Coats (Palomino Horse Breeders Assoc.) & Mrs. Andrea Heid, Program Manager for the Virginia Horse Industry Board and her husband Luis & Sue Alvis, Treasurer for the Virginia Horse Industry Board. Thank you for attending.

Year End Winners:

Year end Champions and Reserves	
Beginner Reiner - Champion	Julie Moore & Paulis Praline
Reserve Champion	Carl K. Miles & Ms Peponita Smokee
Green Reiner- Champion	Lisa Black & Step Ginger Lee
Reserve- Champion	Shannon Leggett & HVR Lil Teddy
Youth 13 & Under- Champion	Carly Galbraith & Talk About Poco
Reserve Champion	Carly Galbraith & Sweet Starbuck
Youth 14-18- Champion	Jordan Cox & Lenas Dixie Chic
Reserve Champion	Blair Childress & Great Shades Of Pine
Youth Rookie – Champion	Josh Stinson & BH Trust Fund
Reserve Champion	Aubrey Galbraith & Wakopa Reys King
Youth 10 & Under Champion	Tucker Lane & Stop Enterprise
Rookie- Champion	Wendy Peterson & The Money Train
Reserve Champion	Stacey St. John & Diggers Cruiser
Open- Champion	Dana Device & Smart Snap
Intermediate Open Champion	Dana Device & Smart Snap
Limited Open – Champion	Dana Device & Smart Snap
Reserve – Champion	Wendy Workman & Joe Codys Cowboy
Rookie Professional- Champion	Dana Device & Smart Snap
Reserve- Champion	Wendy Workman & Arjos Majical Slyde
Limited Non-Pro- Champion	Mike Jones & Jato Kid
Limited Non-Pro Reserve Champion	Joseph Hoggard & Smokin Dixie Whiz

The Year End Champions received a Buckle & the Year End Reserve Champions received plaques and everyone received framed photos of themselves and their horses.

Recipient of **The Bob Davis Member of the Year** is Carl K. Miles riding Ms. Peponita Smokee who despite fighting cancer continued to ride and support the VRHA. Congratulations Carl!

VRHA is also incorporating the VRHyA headed by Toni Stinson & Jolyn Hooper. They will organize youth activities throughout the year. Visit the Youth Page on The Virginia Reining Horse Assoc. Web Site.

Ed & Nadine Galbraith owners of Morning Star Ranch in Rocky Mount, North Carolina donated a reining saddle for the Youth made by Wenger's Saddlery and the winner was Jordon Cox.

Our raffle saddle made by Wenger's Saddlery, donated by VRHA was won by Bundy Lane.

The Board of Directors presented Outgoing President, Glen Askins with a Carhart Vest embroidered by Rita Ashley.

After the serious business was out of the way, the party started, the silent auction winners were announced, door prizes given out and the music and dancing began. We danced & socialized till 1 a.m.

We also made a C/D of VRHA "Our Gang" which is available by contacting Stephanie Askins at Sagafarm1@netzero.net and she will send you a copy. The movie has 20 minutes of music and pictures of all of our members and participants at various activities throughout the last four years.

Respectfully submitted by,

Stephanie Askins – Club Reporter