

Background on the Quarter Horse Show at Georgetown Fair

HISTORY OF THE QUARTER HORSE

The Quarter Horse is both the oldest and youngest breed of horses in America. The breed originated during the colonial era, in the Carolinas and Virginia. There, more than 300 years ago, match-racing was the leading indoor sport, with races run on village streets and along country lanes near the plantations. Seldom were these horses raced beyond 440 yards, hence the colloquial name, "quarter miller."

The foundation of these quarter running horses came from the Arab, Barb, and Turk breeds brought to North America by Spanish explorers and traders. Stallions selected from these 1st arrivals were crossed with a breed of mares which arrived from England in 1619. The cross produced compact, heavily muscled horses which could run a short distance faster than those of any other breed.



The uses of the Quarter Horse were manifold. As the white man moved west he took the Quarter Horse with him to help conquer and settle the continent. This is the horse that pulled the plows, wagons and buggies of the pioneers; that went up the trail with cattle to pasture and market; carried preachers and their Bibles to the furthest points of the wilderness; and sped country doctors to the beds of injured and ailing frontiersmen. The Quarter Horse survived time and change because he excelled in qualities which were of major importance to the greatest number of persons in diverse occupations and geographical areas. He was early adopted by ranchers and cowboys as the greatest roundup and trail driving horse they had seen, for the possessor inherent cow sense.

The Quarter Horse became established in the Southwest in the early part of the Nineteenth Century. As he trailed cattle north and west, he left his progeny along the way, though his greatest influence remained in the Southwest until after his registry was established in 1941 by the American Quarter Horse Association. In the years after the registry was created, the breed spread rapidly throughout the nation, into Canada, Old Mexico and numerous nations overseas. His registry now is growing more than three times as fast as any other horse breed registry in the world.

A true hot blood, the Quarter Horse breeds true when given the chance. In type he is unlike any other breed. In performance and endurance he has never been excelled, and in bloodlines he has been sufficiently prepotent to withstand outcrossing and hold his own for more than three hundred years — the most versatile horse the world has ever known.

ROPING

Roping is the time-honored job of a superior ranch horse; where the horse must measure the speed of the calf or steer being roped and time his approach with maximum exactness to give the rider the best opportunity possible to throw his loop to greatest advantage. No less important is the ability of the horse to keep a tight rope on the calf as the rider dismounts to tie the animal, and continue holding a tight rope until the tie-down is completed.

BARREL RACING

Barrel Racing has been received in all sections of the country with easily explained enthusiasm. It is one of the best tests of combined speed and agility of horse and rider, for it is a race against time coupled with ease of maneuverability around obstacles. Women and girls are particularly adaptable to this performance event and, in colorful attire, they contribute much to spectator appreciation of the sport.

WESTERN RIDING

Western Riding is conducted over a prescribed course to test the all-around disposition and ability of a ranch horse. The horse is required to perform the usual ranch chores over trails that are quiet, comfortable, pleasant riding in the open country, through and over obstacles. Western Riding is neither a stunt nor a race; but, rather competition in performance and characteristics of a good, sensible, well-mannered, free and easy moving ranch horse.

HALTER

Halter show judges base their decisions on the structure, type, muscling, freedom from inherited unsoundness and manner in which the horses travel, for these factors are fundamental requirements of a good horse whether it is used for breeding or performance. Points awarded a horse showing at halter reflect credit on its sire and dam, add immeasurably to the value of its offspring, and vastly increase the sale value of the horse itself. No matter how superior a Quarter Horse may be, it cannot be declared an AQHA Champion until it has won 30 or more points in competition in official shows and contests recognized by the American Quarter Horse Association; and at least 12 of the 30 points must have been won at halter. Four of the 12 required halter points must have been won in either A or B class shows.

WESTERN PLEASURE

Western Pleasure is especially appealing to women and junior riders. It is primarily a walk, trot, and canter class designed to demonstrate an unruffled disposition of a horse and its quick response in changing gaits. Being in the proper lead is important, too, since there is a noticeable lack of pleasure when a horse travels while using the wrong lead. The Western Pleasure class enables both the horse and rider, neither of which is trained for nor inclined to compete in the more strenuous and complicated performance events, to enjoy participation in a contest sanctioned by the American Quarter Horse Association.

REINING

Reining is among the most exciting and beautiful of all patterns a quarter horse performs in the approved contests. The horse follows a prescribed course, and is required to demonstrate his proficiency in changing leads, turning, stopping and backing. He must keep his feet under him at all times while following the various intricate patterns of the contest; he must rein easily, and back up without undue emotion, fretting or tail waving.

WORKING COWHORSE

Working Cow Horse events combine reining ability and simulate numerous jobs which are common to everyday ranch life. Horses must maneuver at top speed and turn quickly, while showing their willingness to work a rope properly with the rider mounted and also dismounted.

For Prowess With Motorcycles Harley, Cock Are Przewinners

A slow start, caused by bad weather turned into a success that may well be the beginning of a regular event for the Y-Co-Ed Club. The Motorcycle Safety Week, ran into foggy and rain conditions for the Monday night opening, but still had 12 small bike riders register to take the test and attempt the course. By the end of the 3 night session, there were 20 area riders involved in testing their skill.

In setting up the event, a first for the Georgetown Club, and the area, the Co-Ed Club enlisted the aid and experience of the town's experienced cyclists' Club, the Yellowjackets.

Under the guidance of Yellowjackets President John Milham, the club members set up the course to be run by the participants and then worked them as they checked through the different areas. Assistance and advice was also forthcoming from the Canadian Motorcycle Association through President Mr. E. White and secretary and editor Mrs. E. White.

The Association provided the manuals for the riders, the tests, entry forms, and evaluation sheets. Words of great encouragement were also received from Mr. and Mrs. White who are quite experienced in the setting up and running of these courses. The Co-eds were impressed that this was one of the best organized courses they had visited and it presented the best challenge to the riders.

The setup of the week's activities began with a parade from the Georgetown Park to the Delta Plaza on Saturday afternoon. The vitality and interest in the community by the youth of our town was shown when they pooled their resources to put on this parade and the following street dance.

The lead convertible in the process held Miss Yamaha, Miss Thera Koldenbaf, a 17 year old

miss from Scarborough. She was escorted in the parade by Co-Ed member Bill McKeown. Second spot in the line-up was held by the swinging liked Georgetown Girl's Pipe Band. Next came the latest in motorcycles, a 1967 Yamaha, supplied by an area firm.

The flag bearers for the Yellowjackets Motorcycle Club led their members and the riders of the small bikes entered in the earlier course.

The street dance held at the plaza in the evening attracted some 300 young dancers. The Deadbeats provided the musical fare for the event as their contribution to the successful week.

The highlight of the evening was the presentation of the awards to the "Safest Rider Over All" and the "Most Improved Rider." Miss Yamaha presented the awards: "Safest Over All" was Dave Harley, a 19 year old Georgetown youth riding an 80cc Suzuki. For his efforts he won a car carrier for his bike.

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This Big Fellow Didn't Get Away

A five pound 23" Rainbow trout was taken from Kalso Lake by Albert Lechler, of RR 2 Georgetown on Sunday. Dave Tarzwell, who was fishing with him, was consoled when he hooked into the giant's younger brother, a 14" Rainbow. Lechler was using the old reliable trout bait — a worm.

The success, enthusiasm and general approval given this project of the active Y-Co-Ed Club may well earmark it as a regular event in the town. Co-Ed President Gene Roebler expressed the Club's pleasure especially at the approval given the event by the parents and older residents of the area.



Gene Roebler of the sponsoring Co-Ed Club looks on as "Most Improved Motorcyclist" Barry Cock receives a helmet and goggles from Miss Yamaha.



Bruce Harley accepts the "Safest Over All" award for his son Dave who was unable to attend the windup parade and dance.

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MINOR BASEBALL
By Bob Plett

Semi-finals in both International and American Leagues start tonight (Thursday). Quarter finals will be history after Tuesday, Sept. 6th. Already some teams have advanced to the semi-finals. In the National League Columbus defeated Toledo in their two game total runs series by the score of 16-13. Rochester were heavy favorites in their series with Atlanta, but after the final out Atlanta was the victor by the score of 6-3.

In the American League the series between Detroit and New York was won by Detroit. The first game was no-contest as both teams failed to field a team. In the second game Detroit staged off a rally by New York in the late innings as they defeated them 5-3.

Because of the shortening of the evenings at this time of year, we hope to be able to play the final games on the week-end of Sept. 17 and 18. As yet plans are not finalized but when they are, teams playing in the final round will be notified.

Be careful to prevent forest fires

GEORGETOWN & DISTRICT YMCA-YWCA ACTIVITIES PROGRAMME

ACTIVITY:	COMMENCES:	THOSE ELIGIBLE:	PLACE	TIME:
Y-COED	New Meeting	High School students	Centennial Park	Wednesday weekly 7.00 - 10.00 p.m. Monday, bi-weekly 7.30 - 9.00 p.m.
TRI - NI - VI	September 12th	Girls Grades 9, 10, and 11	High School St. Paul's Church	Monday, weekly 7.00 - 8.30 p.m.
JR. Y - TEENS	September 12th	Girls Grades 6, 7 and 8	Chapel St. School	Monday and Wednesday Jr. 7.00 - 8.00 p.m. Sr. 8.00 - 10.00 p.m.
JUDO	September 12th	Anyone over 8	High School Cafeteria	Tuesday, monthly 7.30 - 9.00 p.m.
HANDICAPPED	September 13th	Adults and teen-agers	Centennial Park	Tuesday, monthly 8.00 - 10.00 p.m.
NATURALISTS	September 13th	All Ages	Centennial Park	Wednesday weekly 8.00 - 10.30 p.m.
SLIMNASTICS & CHARM	September 14th	Ladies only!	High School Gym	Thursday, monthly 7.30 - 9.00 p.m.
LEADERS' TRAINING	September 15th	Y' leaders and advisers	Y' Office	Tuesday weekly 8.00 - 10.00 p.m.
BADMINTON	September 20th	Adults and teen-agers	High School Gym	Tuesday weekly 8.45 - 8.00 p.m.
GYM	September 20th	Boys 7 to 14	High School Gym	Tuesday weekly 6.45 - 8.00 p.m.
GYM	September 21st	Girls 7 to 14	High School Gym	Wednesday weekly 7.00 - 8.30 p.m.
GRAY	September 22nd	Boys Grades 6, 7 and 8	St. Paul's Church	Thursday, weekly 7.00 - 8.30 p.m.
SKI CLUB	Seasonal	All ages	To be set by Executive	Weekly, when suitable
SKI LESSONS	With Snow	All beginners	Local Slopes	Tuesday, weekly 9.30 - 10.30 a.m.
LADIES TAKE-A-BREAK	January, 1967	Housewives		

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