

# MjPHC Newsletter

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**Message from Colt Cumpton Zone 5 Representative,  
“Painting Relations“ Chairman**



(AjPHA has asked that each AjPHA EC members to prepare monthly newsletters for E-Mail Distribution to all AjPHA Members. Below you will find Colt Cumpton’s submission.)

Hi Paint Horse Friends!

My name is Colt Cumpton and I am your Zone 5 Representative and the current Missouri Junior Paint Horse Club President.

I hope everyone is having an exciting start to their show season! I would like to congratulate the new National Directors for 11. Let's make it an awesome year!

I would like to encourage everyone to be involved with all that AjPHA has to offer. There is something for everyone! This year AjPHA has three new committees that you can join in on: a World Show Committee with Madison Malsch as your Chairman, an Education and Clinics Committee with Kate Peterson as your Chairman, and a Public Relations Committee with Colt Cumpton as your Chairman. If you are interested in helping out with any of these committees, contact Shelly or the Committee Chairs. All of the contact information is on the AjPHA website

**\*\*Are you interested in photography?** Don't forget to be taking photos for the AjPHA photo contest in the fall.

**\*\*Are you a budding artist who loves Paints?** Don't forget to submit your artwork this spring.

**\*\*Do you love riding the trails with your Paint?** You can pay a onetime fee of just \$25 in the Ride America Program and be awarded for all the hours you spend riding your paint on the trails.

**\*\*Do you have strong leadership skills?** AjPHA has some of the best youth leaders in the country and we are always looking for motivated, enthusiastic, and supportive youth to be a part of this organization.

These are just a few things that AjPHA has to offer along with our world class shows! So please check out our website, Facebook page, or the Paint Horse Journal to stay on the cutting edge!

Are you making plans to be at the 2011 Youth World Show? Again, AjPHA has something to offer for everyone! There will be the Boot Camp, YTT contest teams, Paint For A Day, Judging and many more fun events in addition to an amazing show. **ATTENTION!** Coming soon! Watch for the biographies and videos of your favorite directors who will be running for officers on the Executive Committee. Let your voice be heard! Elections will be held during the Convention at the World Show.

We need to work together to promote how wonderful the American Junior Paint Horse Association is everywhere we go! When we are in public places such as 4-H or FFA events, school, or shows we need to remember to always be friendly and helpful and to set a good example for others to follow.

*Paint Our Country Proud*

Colt Cumpton

**NICOLE BRICKER**

*MjPHC*

**VICE PRESIDENT**

*reports on*

*Sugar Creek*

*Equinapy*

An incredible therapeutic riding center, Sugar Creek Equinapy, recently suffered a debilitating barn fire. I have volunteered around forty hours over the summer with Sugar Creek and I know them very well. Sugar Creek Equinapy is located in Pleasant Hill and specializes in therapeutic



riding lessons. They are a not-for-profit charitable organization serving those who have disabilities through equine-assisted therapy, which is otherwise known as equinapy. They customize the equine services and activities to each rider in order to meet the rider's therapy and personal goals. Sugar Creek gives non-disabled lessons as well.

During the early morning of Sunday, February 20<sup>th</sup>, Pine Dell, the barn that Sugar Creek was using, caught fire around six in the morning. The exact cause of the fire is unknown, however officials say that it was most likely caused by an electrical problem. The barn experienced severe damage and is not salvageable. Sugar Creek also lost their trailer, tack, feed, grooming equipment, office equipment, storage, as well as six therapeutic horses. They do still have three remaining horses that they are able to give lessons on.

Sugar Creek is asking for donations from the public to help get them started again. They have a wish list on their website. They ask for horse supplies such as old show clothing for their disabled riders to use at the American Royal, fly spray, riding gear including helmets and bridles, and grooming supplies such as hoof picks. They also ask for stable supplies including tissues, cleaning supplies, storage containers, paper cups and plates, office supplies, and working barn equipment such as shovels and tools. Monetary donations are the most helpful at this time; however anything you are able to donate is greatly appreciated.

If you plan on coming to the MPHHC clinic over the weekend of April ninth and tenth I will be attending. Donations can be given to me at the clinic to deliver to Sugar Creek. I will hopefully have a display and a money collection box on the grounds, or you can give money to me to donate to Sugar Creek. At [sugarcreekequinapy.com](http://sugarcreekequinapy.com) you can also give a donation via Pay Pal.

Nicole Bricker  
MjPHC Vice President

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

***Courtney Hall***

1.) March 19<sup>th</sup> – MjPHC members are participating in the Missouri State 4-H Judging Contest at Mizzou.

Six members will be showing in mare and gelding halter classes, hunter under saddle, and western pleasure. A booth will be set up also at the event to give out information on APHA and MjPHC.

2.) April 8th-10th - Trainer Joe Frank Brown will be at Misty Rivers Equestrian in Independence again to help with the MjPHC “Preparing for Success 2011” Clinic. A limited amount of riders will be under his direction for tips and training for showmanship, horsemanship, trail, and equitation. Don’t be left out – sign up today. Go on to MjPHC website to get forms and all information.

3.) April 30<sup>th</sup> – May 1<sup>st</sup> – Coming soon, the first MjPHC show of the 2011 show year. The MjPHC youth are the managers for this show. During the weekend we will be doing the following things: breakfast/bake sale on Saturday morning, selling pattern books to exhibitors, and collecting canned goods for a local food pantry. On Friday night before the show MjPHC members will be holding mentoring with youth for training and riding tips. Join us for a time of games and pizza at the youth meeting Friday night also.



## **Member Profile ~ Bridget Comparato**

**Bridget and her horse, Charismas Play Girl, a/k/a Chrissy, will be competing in 14-18 Hunter Under Saddle, Hunt Seat Equitation and Showmanship.**



**Age:** 15

**Grade:** Sophomore

**Favorite class in school:** English (well ... Anything that isn't math!)

**Event you would like to try in the future:** Horsemanship. Since my horse Charismas Play Girl "Chrissy" is only 4, we have not yet started working on western events with her, but I can't wait!

**Favorite Event:** Wow . . . its pretty close, but Hunt Seat Equitation for sure! I just love really being able to present my horse to the judges in a way that's challenging, and I like the pressure of knowing everyone is looking at me. It makes me want to do that much better!

**Hobbies other than horses:** Music and singing. I play piano and some guitar.

**Goals for the future:** To be honest, I change my mind a lot. I would love to be somewhere in the Journalism industry such as broadcasting or a publicist or a youth counselor and worship leader at a church. But more importantly than my career I just want to live my life for God and do everything for His glory.

**Who I admire most in the horse industry:**

**My trainer, Suzetta Busby, even though I've been with her for only a few months the hard work she's put in her entire life for a career she loves and the work she's done with it is pretty inspiring and I can take her dedication as an example for multiple areas of my life.**