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MM Good News

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President's Message By Tresa Smith

USMMA Upcoming Board of Directors Election

In September 2009 our USMMA association will hold its next election of Officers and Board members. Our Association has made great progress since its founding in 2005 in introducing the Mangalarga Marchador to the United States and Canada, establishing a Registry of Horses, and building a close affiliation with the Brazilian Association. The USMMA is committed to assure the quality of this amazing horse breed and to expand the number of Mangalarga Marchador owners and breeders. I encourage every member to consider offering their time as an officer, board member, committee member or volunteer to help us all moved forward. If you would like to help, please contact me.

asked to assume an area of responsibility, either as an officer or as a committee head.

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Tresa Smith shares a tasty hat with Tabatinga Jobim

All seven board positions will be up for election for four year terms. To serve on the board, a person must be a full voting member of the USMMA and own a Mangalarga Marchador. Board members are asked to participate in three meetings annually, approve the annual budget and approve association business. Additionally board members are each

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Horse Normals

Knowing whether your horse is sick or not can often be a guessing game, but the following norms can help determine if it's time to call the vet.

<i>Pulse Rate</i>	<i>30 - 40 BPM</i>
<i>Respiratory Rate</i>	<i>12 - 20 BPM</i>
<i>Temperature</i>	<i>99.5 - 101.5°F</i>
<i>Capillary Refill Time</i>	<i>< 2 seconds</i>

Historic MM Bloodlines in Brazil

When the Kelleys and I were in Brazil we were fortunate to meet Ricardo Luis Casiuch and spent several evenings listening to him and learning from him. He is an inspector for Registration at the ABCCMM. He is considered the key horse historian of the Mangalarga Marchador. He is the writer of many articles on the history of the Marchador for the TOP 2000 series and wrote the text for the important books on the Marchador stallions, Garanhoes, and Marchador Mares, Grandes Femeas. In his photographic archives he has over 5,000 photos of Mangalarga Marchador horses who have been key to the breed. At one point, I asked him if he would be willing to write something for us in English on the key Mangalarga Marchador

families. He graciously did and we are delighted to share it with you through the USMMA newsletter. Enjoy and be enlightened.
USMMA President Tresa Smith

Attached to this newsletter is a PDF document that contains the above mentioned article. Please click on the attachment to read it.

Member News

Welcome New Members!

It is our great pleasure to welcome the following new members into the USMMA:

Canada

Shannon Ford - BC
Denis Pelletier - BC

United States

John Whitney – IL
Allan Byrd - MT



Shannon Ford on Tabatinga Jobim

Shannon Ford (Canada), a noted breeder of Wirehaired Pointing Griffons, and a Canadian artist, came to Montana Mangalarga Marchadors to look at the breed. She fell in love with Regina de Lazy T, a half sister and look alike of Tabatinga Jobim, purchased her and now plans to start her own Mangalarga Marchador Breeding program in Canada.

Susan and Holm Neumann (OR)

Cascade Marchadors is having a great summer. May saw us at a SCA event in St. Helens, OR. We gave a mounted archery demo and it looks as if this will become an accepted event with the SCA. This is a medieval reenactment group that has several mounted events but heretofore had not included mounted archery.

June 27-28 saw us in Puyallup, WA, at Celebrate the Horse, an expo benefiting a horse rescue organization. There we did a breed demo and an mounted archery demo. This is always a fun, relaxed expo featuring one of our favorite clinicians, Ken

McNab.

We will host another mounted archery clinic the second week-end of July. Several people from the Puyallup expo have signed up for this clinic. We have people coming from Arizona and California as well as Oregon and Washington.

Holm and Katie Stearns will be traveling to S. Korea to compete once again in the International Mounted Archery competition. This takes place in mid August.

Sandy Smith (WA) Owner of Beethoven do Summerwind writes:

Dear Signa,

Just wanted to let you know we're all settling into our very different surroundings here in the wilderness of Eastern Washington. Beethoven's getting used to bear, moose, and wolf smells, and very noisy huge flocks of turkeys wandering close by. I just keep reminding him that he's the same big bad Mangalarga Marchador that he was in Western Washington.

My husband Brad, and I are getting used to our 100% energy independence. Last week we had a lightening storm destroy a \$2500 inverter. Now we know to unhook everything from the batteries as we see these storms approaching on the horizon. Luckily the company which manufactured the in-

verter fixed it for free and we are again enjoying our wind/solar power.

We had a heck of a time finding a farrier here in Fruitland Washington. And I'm glad we did. The only one who answered my call was a barefoot trimmer in Spokane, about 70 miles away. So last Monday we had the privilege of traveling with our horses to meet Jay Healy at his ranch. He has 50 years of experience with raising and collecting different breeds of horses from around the world. At one time he was the largest Thoroughbred breeder in Washington. He still owns 40 head of different breeds from Icelandics to Percherons. As I walked Beethoven over to a holding pen, he couldn't take his eyes off of him. Mr. Healy had never seen a Marchador and he was impressed as he enjoyed watching Beethoven. "It's very rare that I get to experience a new breed of horse, I thought that I had seen them all." Beethoven always does this beautiful floating trot when he is turned loose at a new place, so he put on a beautiful show for Jay. Mr. Healy's love for horses was evident from the kindness he showed us as he explained and taught proper hoof care and trimming techniques. We are looking forward to our next visit and having Brad becoming closer to being a graduate barefoot trimmer.

I Hope I'm not to late in reporting to you Signa. And I hope you can let me know how you and Azenha are doing. Thanks for your hard work with these newsletters. You do a beautiful job



Theresa and Jacob Long welcome a new baby -- Iyoli de los Cielos

Member News, continued

with them. I'm looking forward to the next few weeks riding with a gal named Ann Kirk and hopefully starting Beethoven pushing cattle. I'll let you know.

Take care!
Sandy

Gayle Hamilton (TX) owner of Destiny do Summerwind writes:

Dear Signa,

Don't know if this is newsworthy, but will let you decide. After waiting for conception, birth, weaning and preparation of my facilities, I finally got my "Summerwind future foal", Destiny do Summerwind. She arrived on Memorial Day and it will always be memorable for me! She's everything I hoped for; beautiful, feisty, independent and sweet, though she is a bit of a brat!

She is here with my daughter's 18 year old Quarter Horse mare and she is getting lessons daily from her on how to act. They are quite the pair. I had major back surgery last year and that was one of the reasons I decided to get a Marchador, that and the fact that every owner/breeder I contacted went out of their way to provide me information and welcome me into their breed. Once my baby sheds her wooly baby coat, she will be a beautiful golden buckskin. Attached is a photo of me with her and one of her "communicating" with

one of our dogs!

Thanks!
Gayle Hamilton

Short Member Profile

Mark Waugh and Lorrie Beevers
Knoxville, TN

Mark and Lorrie live only 25 short miles away from Bill and Sandy Kambic (Haras Lucero) on 9 acres called B&W Ranch. Here they reside with their two Marchadors (Echo do Lucero and Farrol do Lucero), a quarter horse, Spotted Saddle Horse, Shetland Pony, and llama.

Share your news!

Have you met another MM owner? Are you using MMs as lesson horses? Have you entered your MM in a recent or upcoming competition? Do you think your MM is simply the perfect horse for his job? Have you attended a clinic that you thought was valuable? Please, tell us about it!

Submit your news, thoughts, pictures, and updates at any time, day or night, and I'll make sure they get included in an upcoming newsletter.

NEW!!! Submission Guidelines for the USMMA Newsletter.

We welcome articles, news, letters to the editor and pictures about you and your Marchador horse; this information is the core of our newsletter. We will not however publish any material that promotes for sale (either directly or indirectly) any specific horse, or that appears to be a promotional "plug" for any specific breeder or farm/ranch.

However, it is acceptable for owners of newly acquired horses to mention in their news submissions the breeder or farm/ranch that they've acquired their marchador from and express their appreciation.

As you prepare your newsletter submissions, keep in mind that we are specifically looking for information that supports 2 of the USMMA goals:

- 1) To inspire and encourage interest in and appreciation for the Mangalarga Marchador breed.
- 2) To encourage participation and cooperation among breeders, owners, trainers and other equine professionals in support of the Mangalarga Marchador.

If you're questioning the appropriateness of your submission send it to the editor for comment.



Beethoven do Summerwind and owner Sandy Smith on the trail -- BAREBACK! You go girl!!



Destiny do Summerwind and new owner Gayle Hamilton (TX) take time to bond.



Synergist endurance style saddle.



Tucker Trail / Plantation style saddle



Boz Slick Fork Bone Sport Agility saddle

Saddles, Saddles, and More Saddles

A while back I asked for recommendations on saddles and here is what some of you have had to say:

Connie DeCamp writes:

Do I have a recommendation for a saddle! I scouted around for gaited horse saddles and came across several good ones: Tucker, Brenda Imus, Desoto Custom Saddles and Crest Ridge Saddlery. My husband, Dave has a Tucker that he rides his Tennessee Walker with and it fits well and is comfortable. Some friends that we ride with had custom saddles from Desoto made to fit their hard to fit, very wide horses and they love them. I chose the Crest Ridge Ovation saddle and I just love it! It fits both my Marchador and Tennessee Walker well and with all the hours I put in the saddle I'm very comfortable. I just love this saddle! I highly recommend these saddles for Marchadors as they are specifically made for gaited horses and allow freedom of shoulder movement, lightweight with extra spine clearance. websites listed below.

tuckersaddles.com
desotosaddle@voyager.net
crestridgesaddlery.com
gaitsofgold.net

Theresa Longo responds to a question I asked her about Synergist saddles:

We bought a new [Synergist] saddle custom-fitted for Jacob and a used saddle for me. We each got a "plastic" mold that

you warm in the oven to make pliable, then apply to the horse's back to custom fit the saddle to the horse. We had >15 Marchadors and other horses when we got the saddles. We were told to fit the saddle to our broadest barreled horse, then use a custom pad for the skinnier horses that we would augment with pads ("memory foam", that stuff they use to make hospital mattresses).

Our saddles are their basic endurance model. I think they have some models that look more Western or more English. We find the shape very conducive to riding Marchadors because the distance from pommel to cantle is relatively short, the skirts/fenders are very modest, there is support that is adequate but not exaggerated in front of the rider's knee. Even more important, the contour behind the withers is relatively cut away and the contour across the shoulders doesn't interfere with the reaching strides that our and other gaited horses have. Also, the girth is not so far forward that it interferes with the full range of shoulder movement.

Having said all that- Jacob loves his. He feels that they did a great job fitting the saddle to him. Gypsy (the black mustang mare now owned by Mike Strachelek) was the model for the saddle, but it turns out that the saddle fits Ninja (our 15.1 MM stallion) and our more mature, least slab-sided Marchadors very well. The used saddle that I bought never fit any of our

horses as well as Jacob's new one. Even with maximum padding, it doesn't seem to be comfortable to the horses I ride (often the broodmares who are getting their girlish figures back or the younger, less filled out horses earlier in training. Jacob has a special old western saddle with almost no tree that he uses on these horses.)

I do recommend the Synergist to people who have a special horse in mind to fit. I definitely recommend it to folks who ride Marchadors. I don't recommend it to folks who must have one saddle for many horses.

My saddle is a Boz saddle, from www.Bozsaddlery.com. I got mine used from a friend. It has a fiberglass, flexible, hollow tree. It sits above the horses' back on pads. The pads attach by velcro and the fit is easily adjustable for each horse. The size and cut are endurance in style, but closer contact than the Synergist saddle. Some of the features I got were not their basic options, especially the stirrups that I use, but on the whole, this was relatively "no frills." ...I can't say enough good things about it.

synergistsaddles.com
bozsaddlery.com

More information about saddles will be shared in another upcoming newsletter. If you have anything you'd like to contribute, please send it in!

Registering Your Marchador Foal *By Lynn Kelley, USMMA Registrar*

The 2009 foaling season is in full swing! Members have reported births from FL, TN, OK, MT, CA and Canada.

What you may not know is how to get that foal registered with the USMMA and that there is a time limit after which you incur a late fee of \$50 per horse.

Registration must occur within 6 months of date of birth or the registration fee changes from \$35 for the DNA kit to \$85 (\$35

for the DNA kit + \$50 late fee).

In order to register your foal, please send the following information to me at kellejaz@rnsmtc.com or mail it to the USMMA office:

- Full name of the foal
- Date of birth
- Sire and dam
- Color, markings and sex
- Digital picture of the horse or Coggins certificate showing markings, color etc.

Following receipt of that communication, I will send out 2 forms to be completed and submitted:

- The DNA kit for UCDavis
- Exhibit A certification of no heritable defects in the foal.

When all of the documents and payments are received, you will receive your USMMA

registration document in the mail.



New Marchador foals should be registered within 6 months of birth to avoid incurring late filing fees.



A good example of a profile shot. Shown is Heranca do Ipeago of Haras Ipeago. www.harasipeago.com.br



Another good profile shot with rider. Shown is Belina D.F.D of Haras Selva Morena. www.selvamorena.com.br

Marketing 101 *By Signa Strom*

If a picture is worth a thousand words, what words are your pictures conveying?

Even if you're not a horse breeder, at some point you may be faced with the task of trying to sell your horse. When it comes to catching the attention of prospective buyers pictures (more than written words) are the key to success.

ONE good photo will pay off better than a dozen bad ones, so take the time and effort to get, at the very least, a good full body profile shot of your horse.

Profile shots – ones that help to show off conformation – should be in every horse owner's records not only for use in selling the horse, but also for use in identifying your horse if he is ever lost or stolen.

To the right are a few examples of good profile shots. Although it can take over 100 attempts to get one good one, the time involved could be as little as 20 minutes and the cost with a digital camera is absolutely nothing. Given this type of minimal investment there's no excuse for not having a good quality photo of each of your horses. Know what type of shot you want and then work to get it.

This Months Google Search: *Miscellaneous links of interest*

Digital Marchador

Launched in July 2009 it is the first digital magazine about the Mangalarga Marchador. It will be published in Portuguese and English.

A preview can be seen at <http://www.marchadordigital.com.br/> by clicking on the magazine image.

Best of America by Horseback

Riders from this highly publicized ride from Mexico to Canada are now in CO. Follow their adventures, or volunteer to ride with them for a spell.

<http://www.bestofamericabyhorseback.com/>

The World Ride

Basha and CuChullaine O'Reilly are setting out to ride the Equestrian Equator. In addition they are attempting to collect DNA of every horse breed in the world.

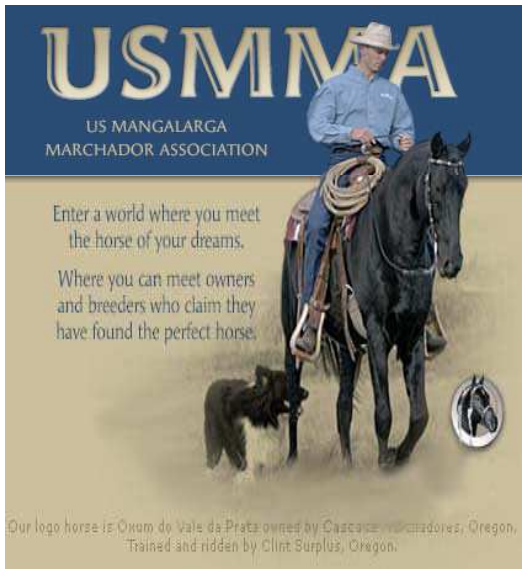
Read their story and mission at: <http://www.theworldride.org>

Watch the ABCCMM National Championships ONLINE now!

<http://www.abccmm.org.br>

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On the next screen on the left side, click on AO VIVO and choose one of the 2 cameras to watch.



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Deadlines: August 26, 2009 for September newsletter

About Our Organization

The USMMA is dedicated to the Marchador breed in America by providing information and assistance in all areas to current and future owners of these wonderful horses.

The United States Mangalarga Marchador in America (USMMA) provides an official information site for all American Mangalarga Marchador horses, owners and breeders. The USMMA is affiliated with the Associacao Brasileira dos Criadores do Cavalo Mangalarga Marchador (ABCCMM), the Brazilian organization founded to preserve, regulate and register the unique bloodlines of this magnificent breed. Mangalarga Marchadors must pass rigid standards for conformation, gait, performance and endurance. In many cases, the horses maintain registry in Brazil. In many cases, the horses in the U.S. maintain **dual** registry with the ABCCMM in Brazil.

If you would like to join the association, there is a membership application form on the USMMA website, or you can contact us at info@usmarchador.com.

USMMA Members Meeting

Dear Fellow USMMA Members,

This year following the August 8th Board Meeting, we will have a General USMMA Membership Meeting open to each and every one of you at our Ranch home in Bonsall, California from 1pm-5pm followed by a no host cocktail party .

Please consider our topic **Looking at the Future of the USMMA** and, if you cannot come, email our president Tresa Smith with your thoughts. It might be particularly helpful if you have experience with another imported breed's organization and how that breed was introduced and established in the US.

For more information or to RSVP, please contact:

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If you can not attend but would like to share your thoughts on this year's topic, please email them to:

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We look forward to having as many of you as can attend!