

Brazil National Show Results

July was the 23rd National Show in Belo Horizonte. There are lots of classes at the National Show on conformation and gait- divided by age and gender. The champions of each of these classes compete at the end for "the Champion of Champions" designation.

This year there were also classes on the picada gait - a first and due in part to the efforts of the Guerra family.

There were new classes on jumping, running patterns, like

pole bending or barrel racing and trail.

For a complete list of results, see the ABCCMM website. (<http://abccmm.org.br>) Click on XXIII National. New this year, they also have video of the events.

John and Lynn Kelley and Tresa Smith are interested in attending next year's Nationals. Any one who has an interest in attending, please let us know.

Photos from the show:



Association Update

We have only one step left in our filing process - to get a federal tax id number from the IRS to truly be tax-exempt. Our timeframe is holding to have election of officers for 2005.

We will be sending out information describing the positions on the Board in the fall and asking for nominations. Yes, you can nominate yourself!

Several farms (Lazy T, MM Horse Farms, Marchwind, Plateau Magnifico, Summerwind, Tesouro) have completed DNA and we have the results back. A new mailing for foals born to these horses will begin in September. Their DNA test will also include parental verification since their parents are now known to UC Davis.

Please contact Lynn Kelley if you have not received DNA kits on your horses or if you have questions.

Visit our website at:
<http://usmarchador.com> for information and pictures on members, farms and horses.

EVENT Schedule for 2005

The USMMA would like to publish a show and event calendar for 2005. Let us know what shows or events you plan on attending or would like to attend in 2005.

Events submitted so far:

Equine Affaire, Pomona, CA February. Contact Theresa Longo.

NW Horse Expo, Albany OR. March Contact Susan Neumann.

Summerwind Marchadors Open House, AZ April. Contact Lynn Kelley.

Festival of the Spanish Horse, CA May. Contact Lynn Kelley

All shows and events where we have at least one member showing will be added to the association website Event Calendar. The more information about the show, a link to their website etc. would be useful to include. As the event gets closer, we can provide more information about where people can look for you!

Please let us know of any events remaining in 2004 too.

Send email to
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Articles always welcome!