

# MARCHADOR NEWS

USMMA, Mangalarga Marchador Association for North America



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The USMMA is the recognized affiliate of the Brazilian Mangalarga Marchador Association, the ABCCMM.



## THE USMMA MISSION

*The vision of USMMA is to provide leadership for establishing and promoting the Mangalarga Marchador horse breed in North America, encouraging the pursuit of excellence in bloodlines, and the welfare of its human and equine participants.*

*Our mission is to:*

- *Inspire and encourage interest in the Mangalarga Marchador breed.*
- *Provide a registration body to insure the purity of the breed.*
- *Publish a breed standard consistent with the Brazilian standard of the ABCCMM.*
- *Encourage participation and cooperation among breeders, owners, trainers and other equine professionals in support of the Mangalarga Marchador and the USMMA goals.*
- *Affiliate and coordinate with other organizations and associations in support of the vision and mission of the USMMA.*

Join us to learn more about the Marchador breed!

Join us to promote the Marchador breed!

Join us to register your horse!

Join us to connect with other Marchador owners!

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<http://www.namarchador.org/contact-us/>

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## USMMA NEWS

### President's Letter

by Tia Nelson, DVM



Tresa Smith showing imported mares Brauna, Libertas and Pupila de Itajoana at Spruce Meadows.

Tresa Smith bought the last horse I owned when I got into vet school; a lovely bright bay Thoroughbred mare whom I loved. When I delivered Melica to Tresa's ranch, Tresa invited me in for lunch. It was 1995. We visited and she asked me if I'd heard of the Mangalarga Marchador breed. I confessed my ignorance.

She told me stories about this magical horse in Brazil. I left filled with images of beautiful horses in the mountains and on the beaches of Brazil. We kept in touch while I studied veterinary medicine at Colorado State University. When I finished school, four years later, we picked up our friendship and I learned so much more about Marchadors.

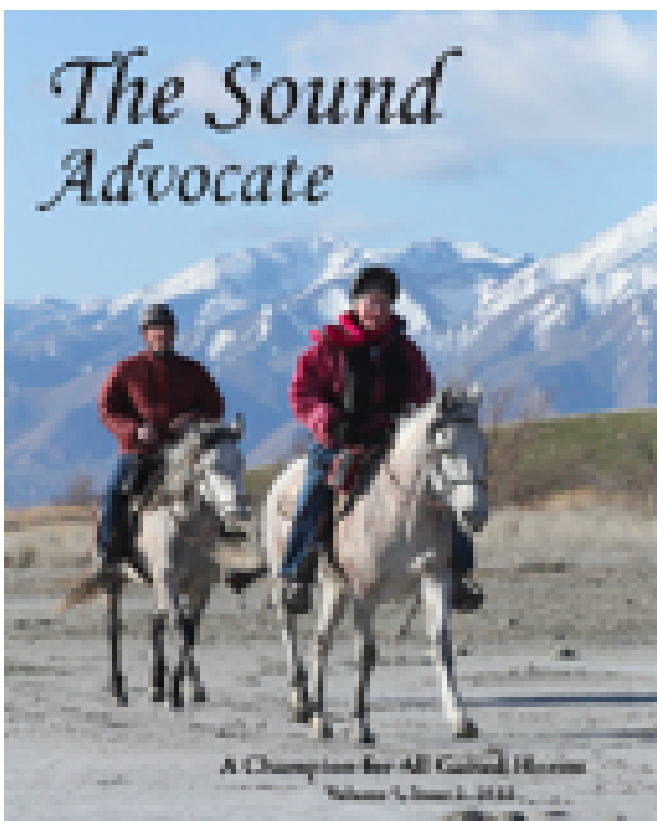
We went to Brazil, Tresa on a buying mission and me as her technical advisor. For several weeks we rode hundreds of horses and I fell utterly and hopelessly in love. I have, literally, been around horses my whole life; I've admired many breeds and many more horses. But while in Brazil, I gave my heart and committed my life to the Mangalarga Marchador.

We, my husband Derek Brown and I, got our first Marchador, a weanling colt, from Tresa in 2006. He is the son of two horses she imported. He still lives with us. The next two years saw two more Marchadors join our family; a weanling each year. We were patient, having Marchadors to ride was absolutely worth the wait.

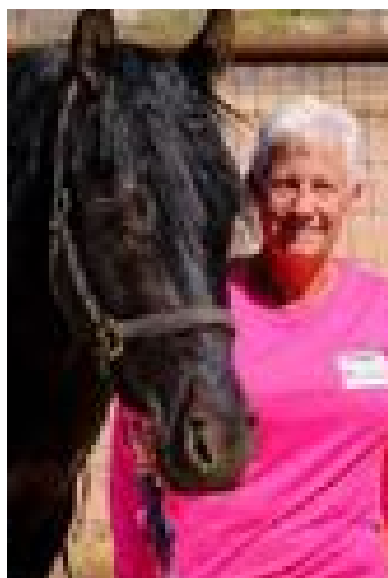
Now we have 25 members of this magnificent Brazilian breed in our pastures. Many colors, ages, and personalities, some bold, some curious; they're all beautiful, intelligent, and kind. As Breeders, we've shared our horses all over the United States and Canada.

Last year we competed at Antelope Island Endurance Ride with three of our Marchadors finishing the 50 mile ride on Saturday in fourth, fifth, and sixth place out of 27 horses who started. Our first Endurance Ride! We're planning to do four more this year.

## The Sound Advocate



Tia and Derek and their Marchadors were featured in the FOSH magazine - Antelope Island, UT.



I'm looking forward to promoting this incredible breed and working with people who share my love and respect for them. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve the United States Mangalarga Marchador Association. Together we will bring this amazing horse to an even wider audience in North America. They can do it all!

How did you meet your Marchador? Let's hear your story!

## 2022 Year-end Breed Awards

- **AERC Award** - Endurance. Winner is Kari Graves riding Flying Oaks Zephyrus - 1st photo
- **USAWE Award** - Working Equitation. Winner is Emma Keith and her MM Fidalgo do Summerwind - 2nd photo
- **ETS Award** - Equine Trail Sports. Winner is Randy Gasset with Nobre do Summerwind in-hand - 3rd photo

Congratulations to our winners! Winners must belong to both associations to qualify and the horse must also be registered with the USMMA to win the BEST OF BREED for the year. The affiliate association tracks the results for each horse and competitor and reports the results to the USMMA.

If you have a sport or activity that you would like to submit, please let us know. We'd love to add more.

## USMMA Financials and Membership Reports

*By Lynn Kelley, Treasurer*

### Financials - February 2023

\$7,013 Wells Fargo Savings -multiyear Lifetime Memberships  
 \$2,593 Wells Fargo Checking - annual spending \$\$  
\$4,631 PayPal - annual spending \$\$  
 \$14,237 Total

### Membership - February 2023

127 Members. 27 Members have not renewed as yet. Of the 27 non-renewals, we expect some more of them to renew. 4 no longer own a Marchador and are not expected to renew..  
 26 Lifetime Members - 1 new in 2023

## Enter by March 17th! First Quarter Virtual Challenge

### First Quarter Virtual Challenge

Thanks to Dana Johnsen for creating these challenges for us! Our first virtual challenge is one that is easy to do in winter! No riding, but lots of learning. Our VC creator, Dana Johnsen, has been a farrier and barefoot trimmer for many years. She has offered to give feedback and consultation on your horse's feet based on the photos and information you submit. We also have a second consultant offering her assistance, our USMMA President, Dr. Tia Nelson, also a farrier as well as a vet. Thank you both for a wonderful challenge!

#### Hoof form & function assessment

This challenge is to take series of 5 images: 1 of your horse (side shot) and 4 of your horse's front left hoof. Barefoot or shod - the challenge is for all!

Taking good hoof photos is crucial to getting a good evaluation of your horse's hooves. Studying good hoof photos will help you learn more about the health of your horse's hooves and how to spot problems before they occur.

We made the VC entries easier to complete using an online google document. In the instructions is also a link to showing you how to take the photos to send in.

We are all winners in this challenge! First 5 entries will get a hoof pick!

ENTER BY MARCH 17th!

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## **HELP Wanted:**

### **USMMA Newsletter Coordinator**

We are seeking a newsletter coordinator! The newsletter would consist of USMMA news and member submissions. Your job would be to take it all and put it into a journal format.

We would like to publish our newsletter monthly or quarterly depending on content submissions from our members.

### **USMMA Events Coordinator**

We would like to have a member to volunteer to look for and create an annual event calendar of equine expos around the US and Canada. We would like to do more of these events in each region, and knowing what the dates are now would be very helpful in planning and organizing.

**If you have an interest in either - please send in your name to us! [usmmarchador@gmail.com](mailto:usmmarchador@gmail.com)**

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## ABCCMM NEWS



### **DNA/Parental Verification for ABCCMM Registration**

*By Randy Conilogue, Registrar*

The ABCCMM is requiring an ABCCMM inspector collect the DNA hair sample in order to register with the Brazilian Association. For ABCCMM/USMMA members, the sample will be sent to UC Davis VGL Laboratory here in the United States for processing and Parental Verification. After which the USMMA will forward the DNA Report to the ABCCMM for the provisional registration.

What does this mean for Dual Registered horse in the US and Brazil? Because of the possible time delay involved waiting for the ABCCMM foal inspection, we would suggest that it makes sense to collect the hair twice. Once by the owner for USMMA registration and once by the ABCCMM inspector for ABCCMM registration.

**For horses registered only with the USMMA, there will be NO Change** in the registration process and the owner will collect the DNA for parental verification.

Please note that the owner/breeders/inspector's signature is required at the time for hair collection and the signature form sent to the USMMA registrar in a photograph or mailed through USPS.

### **USMMA Nucleo CASH BACK!**

The ABCCMM will pay 3% of all ABCCMM breeder fees (like registration fees, transfer fees etc) back to the USMMA Nucleo starting in 2023. There will be a ABCCMM letter sent from us to all ABCMM Breeders to sign agreeing to this funding. Please watch in your email for the letter coming in March.



**Picture 4. Snoozing in the arena with her head on me**

## MEMBER NEWS

### 4thQ Virtual Challenge Gaia do Summerwind & me – a wonderful journey

by Adrienne C. Scheck

#### How Gaia came into my life

At the age of 50 I had never dreamed of owning a horse. I had done virtually no riding in my life. However, I loved all animals and when I had the opportunity to visit the Summerwind Ranch in Scottsdale I went, thinking it would be a nice break from a very intense work schedule. When I walked up to the first stall, a stallion put his head on my shoulder. The stallion next door put his head on my other shoulder and they gently nuzzled me with their noses. I felt myself relax and decided that I needed to learn to ride. At the time, it did not occur to me that I would ever own such a special horse, or that I would become so passionate for this breed. I began to learn to ride on a wonderful “bomb-proof” older horse belonging to a friend. I later purchased an older quarter horse of my own. During this time I became very friendly with Lynn and John Kelley, and they started to share their knowledge and love of the marchador with me. They allowed me to interact with their foals and to ride their marchadors while I learned more about riding in general, and this breed in particular.

I started to dream of getting a foal of my own so I could be part of its life from the day it was born. Lynn Kelley spent hours discussing pros and cons of getting a foal, bloodlines, training and everything else involved in this undertaking. In the summer of 2012 she told me a very special foal would be available. The dam was Brasília do Summerwind, and the sire was Oma de Maripa. This would be the first foal born in the US with imported frozen semen from Brazil. I made the decision to go for it, and it was life-changing.



Picture 1. The night she was born and the following morning after imprinting.

## What drew you to your horse

I arrived at the barn 30 minutes after Gaia was born, and it was definitely love at first sight (although I was in love with her before she was born)! She was a dream that I never even knew I had until I was more than 50 years old. Lynn and I did imprinting the first few days of her life (Picture 1) and I visited the barn just about every night so I could bond with her and even curl up with her asleep in my arms. She is my "heart horse" and we share a special bond.

## ORTH AMERICAN MANGALARGA MARCHADOR ASSOCIATION



### Virtual challenge 4/2022

This last quarter of 2022, we are asking for entries for Marchador personalities



*Tell us your Marchador's story along with 4 photos that you feel represent your horse's presence and talent best.*

entries will  
also receive a  
USMMA branded  
badge or  
cho.

- How your horse came into your life
- What drew you to your horse
- What trials and tribulations your horse has endured
- Your horse's best strengths and challenges
- What you feel is in your horse's best interest for the future
- If your horse will be sold at a later date - possibly.

The 4 photos should reveal your Marchador's charisma and best features. 1 photo should be a head/eye close up - Type text here and 1 "4 stance" image from front or rear.



1 entry per horse, no limit per owner.  
email this entry along with your story and photos to [usmmarchador@gmail.com](mailto:usmmarchador@gmail.com)  
with the subject line of VC 4/2022 entry

This is not a competition. This is a sharing opportunity for other owners to learn about each others horses and their background.



☒ Check this box if you approve your entry to be made public or used for future USMMA fund-raising or public materials

#### RULES:

- Send images as individual photos attached to your email
- Submissions must be received by Dec 31, 2022 - early entries encouraged.
- 1 submission per horse, multiple submissions per owner ok
- "4 stance" image is a photo taken with the horse's 4 legs all evenly spaced apart at an angle



Picture 2. Riding in the arena



Picture 3. Working equitation rearing

### **What trials and tribulations your horse has endured**

I hope that if Gaia could talk, she would say she hasn't really had any major trials or tribulations. Perhaps her only comment would be that I really was a beginner when she was born. And even with all the help I received from Lynn as she was growing up, and friends and trainers when we started riding, she has still been "training me" throughout her life. (Picture 2)

### **Your horse's best strengths and challenges**

Gaia is everything a Mangalarga Marchador should be – a big strong mare that is smart, beautiful and easily passed inspection for Brazilian registration. Perhaps Gaia's best strength is her temperament. She is an amazing horse that takes care of me, even if we are both in a new environment and I am nervous. She loves attention and is a total ham. She poses for pictures on her pedestal with visitors all the time, wears hats, and celebrates her birthday with sparkling apple cider from a big martini glass. Her biggest challenge is that we haven't gone to new environments often enough so trying to learn working equitation in clinics and schooling shows is new for us, but she is rising to that challenge!

### **What you feel is in your horse's best interest for the future**

Her best interest would be served with improvements in my riding abilities, but that has been the case since the beginning. I continue to try to be the best horse parent that I can be. I continue to try to earn her confidence in me and be a worthy partner for my incredible mare. I think she likes the challenge of working equitation (Picture 3) and we will keep practicing!

### **If your horse will be sold at a later date**

I could NEVER sell my very special heart horse. (Picture 4)

## MEMBER NEWS

### Ulla in Brazil!

*by Irene Howcroft, USMMA Secretary*

**Ulla Hudson, Trainer/Instructor, will offer Specialized Marchador riding instruction, clinics and certified trainer courses here.**

Ulla Hudson was sponsored to go to Brazil for a month of studying Marchadors under the instruction of Hytalo Bretas, one of the top 5 Marchador trainers in Brazil. It has been a very informative, inspiring and compelling experience for her.



Ulla riding a Mangalarga Marchador stallion in Brazil. She rode over 250 horses!

Ulla is a highly accomplished FEI dressage Gold Medalist in both the United States and Europe. She was born in Germany and has a lifetime of experience with horses of all types, both gaited and non-gaited. She is a certified Riding Instructor by the German National Equestrian Federation (German F.N. Trainer "A" license)

Ulla has been importing horses to the U.S. for decades from both Europe and Iceland. In addition to her dressage career, she has specialized in breeding, raising and training Icelandic Horses for over 3 decades and has a solid, profound understanding of gaited horses, how to differentiate gait, develop gait and gymnasticize a horse using soft hands, balanced seat and seat and leg cues, resulting in a well muscled and balanced frame for any sport and trail riding. She has an impressive depth of knowledge and ability.



Hytalo Bretas and Ulla Hudson in Brazil.

Prior to leaving for Brazil, Ulla studied the Marchador and their gaits for many months so that upon arrival she would have a solid understanding of how they move etc. In her words: “I am absolutely blown away by these horses.” “They are unlike anything else I have ever ridden or been around”. Hytalo has been impressed by her knowledge of gaited horses and training and has given her undivided full days of attention, instruction and mountains of information for the entire month. It has been an extraordinary experience.

Hytalo has taken Ulla to many shows, and invited her to ride the champions of some shows immediately after they were awarded their championships, an acknowledgement of her skill as a rider. A true privilege. Ulla has been interviewed for Brazilian TV and has been on youtube live stream events riding Marchadors. She was interviewed at these events as well. She has gone to many breeding farms, not tourist ranches, and ridden over 250 horses in all stages of their training from the first 2 minute ride on a 2 year old to fully finished horses. They have discussed training methods, development of the gaits, differentiation of gaits. They discussed each horse, its conformation, gaits, bloodlines, where it is in its training and what the training protocols will be for the ongoing development of the horse. The training methods in Brazil are quite different to the United States. The end results of the horses performance is the focus.



Poli, Barbara and Ulla

Ulla was a guest in Barbara’s home, a friend of Hytalo’s, and came to experience a true sense of family with Barbara, Hytalo and Poli, Hytalo’s wife. It was a magical, all inclusive, very personal experience.

Many videos and pictures have been taken.

Ulla is writing a book about her experience in Brazil. She has kept a daily journal. It will be available in June and will be an informative, fun and helpful reading for any Marchador rider no matter their experience or skill level, and also for anyone planning on going to Brazil. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to a fund for youth riders in the Marchador community.

Ulla will be offering clinics, remote riding instruction, classes and certified trainer courses specifically for Marchador trainers. These will be posted in detail in the near future. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to a fund for youth riders in the Marchador community.

We now have another specialized deeply knowledgeable Marchador trainer in the United States available for riders of any skill level wanting to understand and develop the gaits of their Marchadors and also for owners with young untrained horses to develop both their skills and their horses to full potential.

EXCITING and wonderful for the forward direction of the Marchadors in the United States.





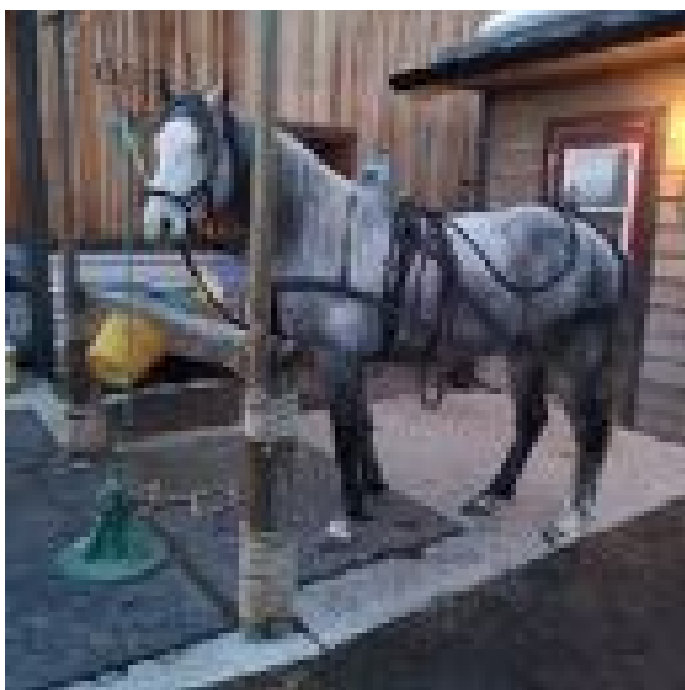
## MEMBER NEWS

### Winter 2022 at Rocke Ridge Ranch!

*by Dana Johnsen, Regional Director, Canada*

Rocke Ridge Ranch in Penticton, B.C. is home to 5 Marchadors. Flying Oaks Pedro, Flying Oaks Rufino, Flying Oaks Barron, Flying Oaks Javier & Rocke Ridge Vicente'. All these boys are in various stages of training. This winter has been tough as far as finding comfortable weather to ride in, but the horses sure do appreciate the outings.

MMs Flying Oaks Urano and Valentim Beijo Fazenda Zouga left our place in October to head south to AZ and NM. We hear that they are doing well in their new homes.



Flying Oaks Pedro is really coming along well at 4 years and 5 months. We waited till this year to start riding him regularly as he was too gangly and goofy last year. He is all business this spring and is taking great to the road driving as well as slogging through the snowy trails. Pedro is full of charisma & so fun to work with.

Flying Oaks Rufino is coming 6 this year. He is a perfect size to be handy, nimble and easy to ride @14.2HH. Every outing with Rufino is a pleasure. We just adore this stallion. He should cross very well with an endurance-bred Arabian for an amazing distance prospect. One of our regular non-rider ranch visitors, Diane, has been starting to ride Rufino out on the trails & having some great times!



Vinny & Barron are best buds and really enjoy their walks and grooming sessions.

Javier is the most interesting colour, it is like a grey tweed jacket. He is coming 3 in May 2023. Javier is eligible for dual registration, as is Vicente.

Loads of groundwork with the 3 youngest as often as they want, which is ever-increasing.

Right now we are looking forward to the end of this very long winter and getting back to the beach with the horses.



This is one reason we have a horse-sharing program for non-horse owners and often non-horse people to help with handling the horses and exercising them.



Flying Oaks Rufino with Diane!

# MEMBER NEWS

## Event Spotlight and Calendar

### Feb 24-25th -AERC Convention - Florida

Irene Howcroft, USMMA Secretary attended this annual event and presented the Marchador breed in a booth at the trade show.

The AERC stands for American Endurance Ride Conference. Endurance is a wonderful sport for the Marchador breed with their stamina, temperament and comfortable, ground-covering gaits. We have several Marchador owners and horses competing in the 25 mile and 50 mile rides.

The USMMA also sponsors a year-end breed award for the Marchadors in conjunction with the AERC who tracks the miles and the entries. Kari Graves was our 2022 winner with her horse. Flying Oaks Zephyrus.

Here are the banners that Irene made for the MM booth. The USMMA provided Marchador flyers and the Breeder's list for handouts at the booth.





### **May 2023 ABCCMM Inspection Visit and Clinic - Arizona**

Harvest Meadows Marchadors and Summerwind Marchadors, have preliminary ABCCMM inspections planned in Phoenix, Scottsdale and Sedona AZ. Summerwind Marchadors also sponsoring an ABCCMM clinic during the weekend.

May 19 - Inspection in Phoenix and Scottsdale

May 20 - Clinic in Phoenix

May 21 - Inspection in Sedona

For more information, contact Lynn Kelley, Summerwind, 602-999-3915 or Carolina Peterson, SW Regional Director, 503-970-3760

### **July and August Summer Camps and Retreats - Colorado**

Come ride and learn in the mountains on a Marchador! Hosted at Summerwind Marchadors Ranch. For more information, contact D.j. Sims Klein 623-414-1774

### **August 9-14 2023 ABCCMM Inspection Visit and Cavalgada - Montana**

Preliminary and Definitive (riding) Inspections. A long ride. Feasts and Music. Definitely an event to put on your calendar. Hosted by Haras Vista da Serra. For more information, contact Tia Nelson 406-475-3770

Other ABCCMM breeders may also be planning inspections after this one and we will add those when they are scheduled.



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For any event you are planning or attending, the USMMA offers members support for Marchador events that promote the Marchador! via a [show subsidy](#) and [event subsidy](#) It's easy to apply on-line

**Please send us your local events for the newsletter and website. We want to share your photos and news!**