

HOOFPRIINTS

US National Trials Makes Paso Show History

Live Satellite Broadcast to Millions In The Americas

Horses, music, friends, and family fun highlighted the Labor Day weekend at beautiful Tropical Park in Miami, Florida, the scene for the U.S. National Trials. The trials, the International Paso Horse Federation's showcase event for 2009, was a warmup for the upcoming 2009 Mundial in Pereria, Colombia, S.A. This premiere event was another opportunity in the Federation's young history to introduce and promote the Paso Fino, Trote/Galope, and Troche horses in the United States.

The stars of the show - the Paso Show Horses - were flawlessly presented by their trainers and owners. The streamlined class schedule featured a PRIMETIME session every night showcasing crowd favorite fino and Trote & Galope classes. Sunday night's Main Event brought the top two winners in each fino class into head to head competition for the championship and top prize money of \$10,000.00. After a grueling competition, Jorge Suarez and Soberbio Del Portico took home the Fino Stallion Championship. Soberbio, a stunning four year old colt, performed like a well seasoned pro in claiming the title. He is owned by Humberto Berrios and Hacienda El Portico. The mare championship went to Luna Llena de Milagro, who has returned to top form with the skillful riding of Ricardo "Fonzi" Abreu. Multi-champion Don Pepe, trained and ridden by John Jairo Galvis, thrilled the crowd as he performed the trote in place on the board after picking up his champions award for Trote & Galope stallion. Lola, owned by the Besilu Collection, performed a perfect class for trainer David Castro, and earned the title of Champion Trote & Galope mare. *Cont. on page 2.*



The Final Four in the final class - Marcopastos/Daniel Davila, Astrocan/David Castro, Soberbio/Jorge Suarez, Profeta Segundo/Alejo Palacio

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More than five thousand visitors came out to see the horses during the three day event. Many, new to Paso horses, had the opportunity to visit the barns and speak with the owners and trainers. During breaks in the competition, they were treated to live music and an impromptu clinic hosted by IPHF judges committee member, Sharon Londono. Many vendors lined the pavilion offering top quality Paso tack and equipment, sparkling jewelry, beautiful orchids, and excellent Latin cuisine.

Thanks to DirecTV, an audience of more than eleven million in the United States, South America, Central America, and Puerto Rico tuned in to watch the Main Event championship classes on Sunday night. The satellite audience was treated to 2009 Mundial commentator, Ricardo Arango, and U.S. Judge Magda Iriarte Reid as they explained the requirements of the class and provided their expert analysis. Multiple cameras strategically placed around the arena provided a birds eye view of every feature of the individual tests.

A special tribute to Jaime Escudero was done on Saturday night as he was presented with IPHF's first Legend Award. The ceremony featured a video of Don Jaime's accomplishments as a rider, trainer, owner, and one of the early leaders in the development of the paso horse in the United States.

As the show ended, the party began with a bang as the Brazilian dance troupe entertained the many spectators. Those spectators soon became participants as Tony Rodriguez and Zarela Olsen led a conga line around the arena. The dancers then gave way to a Latin band who entertained the dance crowd.

IPHF thanks its Premier Sponsor, the Besilu Collection, and other sponsors for support of this fabulous event.



Brazilian dancers and drum corps brought a high energy finale to the show. R: Paso blue ribbon smiles for this young youth pleasure rider.

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MEET AN IPHF MEMBER

Karen Kraushaar, Non-Pro

Owner and rider of Pirata de Quebrada, multi-time National and International Champion Performance Stallion

Name and Hometown: Karen Kraushaar, Darnestown, Maryland

What was the name and breed of your first horse? Ridiculous Nicholas, a large pony jumper

How did you get into riding? I bugged my parents for 3 years and finally took my first riding lesson at age 6. I journeyed from hunter-jumpers, through dressage, and am now into Pasos.

How did you get into Paso Finos? After my third corrective back surgery, a friend asked me, "Why don't you get into Paso Finos?" And my response: "What's a Paso Fino?" So it began.

What is the best quality in a Paso Fino? Sweetness and willingness to learn or try

If you could ride any horse other than your own, who would it be? Aprendiz de Colores

What is your favorite Paso Fino horse show? Too

many to count! Mundial, Nationals, Grand Prix, recent Florida shows with new CONFEPASO/IPHF scoring

Who are some of your favorite riders? Alei and Edgar Ortiz, David Castro, Jaime Suarez, Ruben Ibarra, dressage rider George Williams

Trainers? United Paso Fino

Where do you see yourself in 10 years? A retired "Snowbird" with residences in Florida and Michigan, teaching riding and enjoying life

What do you consider your greatest achievement? Conquering scoliosis and closing in on my 25th wedding anniversary to my wonderful husband Kevin

What is the most frequent item on your credit card statements? Show entry fees and vet bills

If you weren't riding, what would you be doing? Looking out of my government office window in Washington D.C. and thinking about riding

What is your great extravagance? German full-leather seat riding jodhpurs

What do you like most about the breed? Other than the horses themselves, the opportunity to learn more about Latin American tradition, horsemanship and culture

MEET US IN MIAMI 2010

Did you enjoy the U.S. National Trials? Mark your schedule now as IPHF will return to beautiful Miami, Florida for Labor Day weekend, September 3-5, 2010. Stay tuned to *Hoofprints* for updated show information. Look for an expanded schedule, a potential new show site, and more!

SAVE \$5.00 on your IPHF membership renewal. **SAVE EVEN MORE** by renewing for three years instead of one! Most of you have memberships that will expire ON 12/31/09. Annual memberships for Individuals are \$45 and annual Family/Business memberships are \$75. Three year individual memberships are \$125 and Family/Business memberships are \$215. **SAVE \$5.00** by renewing your membership before December 31, 2009. **ACT NOW.** Go to www.myiphf.org and renew now!



A Salute to IPHF Legend, Jamie Escudero



On April 27, 1944, in Santa Rosa de Osos in Antioquia, Colombia, a Paso legend was born: Jaime Nicolas Escudero Posada. When Jaime was born, his father, Octavio Escudero, and his mother, Lilian Posada de Escudero, gave Jaime a gift -- a white filly named La Canaria. La Canaria, whom Jaime calls his "first

love", lived for 23 years and died in Jaime's arms. And so began Jaime Escudero's lifelong love for the Paso horse and a career that would forever impact the Paso horse world.

As a master trainer, Jaime placed first in many competitions in arenas all across Colombia. One of his happiest memories is winning the CONFEPASO MUNDIAL in 1980 riding Plebeyo. Besides the triumphant Plebeyo, many other horses under training with Jaime would become champions. These include La Classica, Idolo Internacional, Electron de los Naranjos, Piloto, Carmin, Candelacito, and El Czar.

Jaime's indelible imprint upon the Paso horse world has been felt not only inside the arena but also outside through his role in forming the various Paso horse associations for the benefit of the breed and industry. Jaime founded ASOCABA and was President of USA PASO. He also served on the first boards of directors of ADESILLA and CONFEPASO.

In the first act of CONFEPASO, it was Jaime's vision of forming an international association comprising many different countries governed by the same rules and regulations to promote the orderly competition of horses grouped by age. What we now know today as the CONFEPASO MUNDIAL is the realization of that vision.

Jaime Escudero has been a pioneer in promoting the industry of exporting and importing the Paso horse for breeding and competition.

According to Jaime, the origin of the modern day Paso horse began with Resorte Tercero, then Resorte Cuarto, and then Capuchino... whom Jaime recalls as the most famous Paso horse in the United States and in many other countries as well.

In November 1984, Jaime moved to the United States and there continued to pursue his passion for teaching others the essential skills of handling, training and riding Paso horses. To Jaime, there is no such thing as a "bad" horse; every horse has its own place, use and purpose. And when the partnership between horse and rider is formed, proper horsemanship becomes a true work of art.

In 1995, Jaime opened the Escudero Paso Fino Riding School USA in Homestead, Florida, where the fundamentals of equitation and his training techniques have been taught to thousands of students, many of whom have attained championships in competition at national and international levels.

His dream for the future is to create a school for the training and certification of Paso horse trainers as an accredited profession.

Jaime is very proud of his wife, Alejandra, and his daughters, Luisa Fernanda and Alexandra Maria and his grandson Mario, who have learned his training techniques and share his commitment to passing on to the next generation of Paso horse enthusiasts the lifetime of knowledge and experience he has acquired. To be sure, the Escudero Paso Fino Riding School has as its logo an emblem signifying the family united by the love for the horse.

Colombia is deservedly proud of native son, Jaime Escudero, for his achievements in the show ring and his many outstanding contributions over the past 50 years toward the growth and expansion of the Paso horse industry. His tradition of excellence is an inspiration to all. Jaime's legacy to the entire Paso horse world is one that will surely endure for years to come.

For this reason, the International Paso Horse Federation and the American Trote and Trocha Association are proud to honor the legendary Jaime Escudero: Master of Masters. Trainer of Trainers. Mentor to Champions.

Special thanks to Tony Rodriguez for his work in establishing this award and Galopandtv.com for use of the photograph.

ATTENTION

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Third Annual All Girl Christmas Trail Ride Planned for December 19

Paso Girls will celebrate the Christmas season when they join again this year for their third annual Christmas trail ride. The ride will start at 10:00 a.m. On December 19, 2009 at Goethe State Park. Trail leader Lisa Guess will once again lead the ride through the scenic park. Participants will then gather at nearby Fairway Farms for a potluck lunch. Each rider is encouraged to bring a brand new unwrapped toy. Lisa and son, Garren, a Marine Corps veteran, will deliver the toys to a USMC distribution center.

For more information, contact IPHF Event Chair Lisa Guess at montereyfarm@aol.com. PLEASE RSVP with Lisa by December 15, 2009.



Calendar

December 19, 2009

All Girl Christmas Trail Ride
Goethe State Park
Dunnellon, Florida
Pot luck after the ride. Bring a toy for USMC Toys for Tots program.

February 26-28, 2010

Clinic

March 2010

IPHF trail ride to benefit the Sebastian Ferrero Foundation

April 2010

IPHF in Gainesville, Non-pro and Pro full schedule

September 3-5, 2010

Meet us in Miami for The International - IPHF's best show yet!

Good luck to all Competitors at the XI Mundial Confepaso 2009 in Pereira, Colombia, S.A, and

Congratulations to IPHF members who were dual champions at the U.S. Trials and the PFHA national show:

Dr. Jorge Barquet * Aurora de Barakat
Jimmy Espino * Sensacion de la Roca
Jorge Suarez * Soberbio del Portico