

HORSEMAN OF THE YEAR

DIANE STRICKLAND STRICKLAND PAINT HORSES

The Northern California Paint Horse Club would like to nominate Diane Strickland for California Horseman of the Year.

Diane has been a long standing member of the Northern California Paint Horse Club and has been involved in many activities in the club. Diane is currently the Treasurer for the club and has held this office for 6 years and has done an outstanding job. She has always been able to reconcile the club's bank account with expertise and accuracy. Not only has she been the treasurer for the club for as many years, but she has also been the show manager for the Memorial Day P.O.R.

Diane began showing when she was very young and rode a loud Overo Pinto gelding. She was always interested in the "color" patterns of these horses and bought her first American Paint Horse in 1970 where she went to the Overo Acres Dispersal sale. She bred a Quarter Horse daughter of Bert # 227 (AQHA #) to APHA # 8-Skip Hi. She took this bay Tobiano filly named Babes Poco Paint and showed in California Paint Horse shows.

Diane had two daughters who showed extensively, Danette and Vicky. Danette is currently a trainer located in the Klamath Falls, Oregon area. Danette showed Diane's APHA stallion, Skip, and won numerous awards in California, Oregon and Washington.

Diane hauled her daughters for many years and it wasn't until 1997 when Diane began showing her favorite mare, Patti, as a three year old in APHA approved shows. Along with Danette riding this mare, Diane won numerous high points, futurities, etc.

Diane continues to ride and show at the ripe old age of 76 and has two show horses she campaigns. She also continues to breed her mare Patti to have outstanding APHA prospects. This includes the mare, Zippabella, who was the winner of the Sierra Paint Horse Club's Stallion Service Auction 2 year old Futurity and was second in the Sierra Paint Horse Club's Breeder's Classic 2 year old Futurity.

I feel Diane deserves to be the 2008 California Paint Horseman of the Year for her outstanding commitment to the American Paint Horse Association.

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