



# NAPHA

North American Peruvian Horse Association

November 2020 NAPHA Newsletter

## Thankful for our Members

Wishing you all a very Happy Thanksgiving here in the United States, and we're thankful to have so many wonderful members around the world. It has been an interesting year, and we all should take the time to count our blessings, including the love and enthusiasm we share for the exceptional Peruvian horse.

The NAPHA office will be closed on November 26-27 to celebrate the Thanksgiving holiday.

## Top Online Costume Wins Belt Buckle



Congratulations to Grace Opdyke (pictured here on JyW Afrodita) for winning our online costume contest and a belt buckle! We appreciate everyone who participated in this fun first on our [Facebook](#) page. We continue to look for ways to help us connect with each other despite our distance. If you have ideas for more online interaction, please email Kerry McGinley, [kerrymcg@aol.com](mailto:kerrymcg@aol.com), or send a message to our Facebook page.



## Congratulating Joy of Riding Award Winners

We typically announce year-end awards at the national show, so please take a moment to consider the riding success of your fellow members:

**Region 1:** Rebecca Milligan

**Region 5 and High Hour Rider:** Nancy Cox

**Region 8:** Alice Wolf

**Region 9:** Tina Mewhinney

**Region 11:** Brenda Sessler

**Region 12:** Melody Tapprich

**Region 14:** Bonnie Nicholson

**High Hour Horse:** Coral Stafford with Mágico CR



Keep [logging your hours](#) as you keep an eye on the calendar — this year's hours are due by January 31. You can send them in to either Chelsey Schaal, [eldoradoperuvians@yahoo.com](mailto:eldoradoperuvians@yahoo.com), or Marissa Humphries, [ditunnom@oregonstate.edu](mailto:ditunnom@oregonstate.edu).

## Watch for Board Ballots

Voting members, you should receive your ballots in the mail soon. If you were a member as of June 1, 2020, you are eligible to vote. If you don't receive a ballot and you believe you are eligible, please contact Naomi Scull at the NAPHA office, 707-544-5807 or email [naomi@napha.net](mailto:naomi@napha.net). We are fortunate to have several members vying for the single open position on your NAPHA board. **Votes must be postmarked by November 27 to be counted.**

## Pick up Your Copy of Horse Illustrated

Check out the [Horse Illustrated the Best of Breeds](#) special edition to see fellow members and their horses in action. Thanks to Kelly Powers for the photos for both the full-page ad and the article on our Peruvian horse. Thanks also to the ranches that sponsored the ad celebrating our breed. You can order print copies of this special edition [here](#) or find them at stores such as Tractor Supply in December. These are not part of a standard subscription.

## It's a Peruvian, NOT a Paso Fino

How many times have you said this when somebody asks you what you're riding? On a recent trail ride,



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I found myself repeatedly explaining to other trail users that our horses were Peruvians, not paso finos as they all assumed. I make it a point to call them Peruvian horses so that the word "paso" doesn't contribute to confusion. [This article](#) does a nice job of summing up the differences in our breeds. Please share as you see fit.

## Second Online Auction Begins November 27

NAPHA is hosting a second online auction November 27 to raise funds for the association. If you have items to donate (tack, art, jewelry, horses, board, breedings, etc.), please contact Joy Larsen Ritter at [joy.larsen@ritterinc.net](mailto:joy.larsen@ritterinc.net).

## Log on for our Annual Meeting

Join us December 12 online for our annual meeting to update the membership on changes, issues and projects. Details of the meeting will be coming in a separate email. If you'd like to request a topic for discussion, please email it to me with a synopsis so we can include it on the agenda, [markr1054@gmail.com](mailto:markr1054@gmail.com).

## Website Updates Begin November 16

Fixes to improve the function of the NAPHA website are in the works this week. The content will be the same, but we're working to make it easier to navigate. If you encounter an issue with this update, please let me know. As always, we welcome member feedback.

Again, thank you for all you do to enjoy, promote and share the Peruvian horse.

Sincerely,



Mark Renn  
President  
NAPHA Board of Directors

*Thank you to Debbie Pye for allowing us to use her photo on the front page banner. We always need pictures for the newsletter. If you have one you'd like to share, please e-mail it to Naomi.*