

Greetings to all NCPEA Membership holders :

It has come to the attention of the NCPEA Board Members that there have been questions, concerns, and opinions expressed within the membership regarding **the** third show date, at the NC State Fair, on October 20 and 21, 2022. We wanted to inform everyone as to the accelerated decisions that had to be made by the NCPEA Board of Directors.

As many of you know, Richard Isley along with Travis Alford and Equine Event Planning **are** responsible for the full management of the NC State Fair Horse Shows. This is a God send to some NCPEA members because they will finally be able to go to a show and actually show **without being responsible to put the show on.**

Some of you may remember looking forward to those two weeks in October! It used to be a highlight of the fall to “go and show” at the fair! The regular barns were filled, the portable stalls were filled, and each day/night brought a chance to see a wide variety of horses live and in person. There were mini’s, draft horses, spotted and colored horses, slow movers, high steppers, and even long ears, and it all happened in those two weeks in October. PHBA has missed this event for many years and are thrilled **to have the opportunity to be a part of this exciting time once again.**

Mr. Isley has been a huge supporter of bringing back the color breeds to the fair. It fell upon him **abruptly** to be able to offer this **wonderful** opportunity to **PHBA horse owners**. **He** took the reins, and ran with it. Due to all the hoops **he** needed to jump through getting PHBA approval and hiring judges, it delayed our formal announcement until the end of July.

Unfortunately, we did not have the luxury to fully exhaust and examine all aspects . The Board is fully aware that inconveniences occasionally arise with any decisions made. We do take into consideration the majority benefits available to PHBA as a whole entity. The main goal of the Board of Directors was to add incentive which in turn, would provide our full support for this event. **Therefore, the decision was made to include this show’s points in the NCPEA Year End awards.**

We are deeply grateful to those who came to Bladenboro and Lake Waccamaw, earlier in the year, and have continued to support NCPEA in many other ways! The eligibility requirements were not changed. We simply wanted to offer an extra incentive for those who were not qualified for NCPEA Year End awards to have one more chance to do so. We also wanted to give those who were already qualified another opportunity to earn more before the end of the year!

For those of you who are already qualified for Year End Awards, I challenge you to come to the **NC State Fair Palomino show** and show North Carolina why your horse is the best! These are PHBA approved point-earning classes, so you have another opportunity to earn **more** points **to go towards** National Awards, as well as ROM’s, Championships, etc.

We want everyone to come out, support the Fair, support NCPEA, and help bring back the color breeds to the NC State Fair Horse Show. The whole purpose of NCPEA is to give Palomino owner’s a place to showcase our golden treasures and to enjoy the healthy camaraderie we have among our extended Palomino family. We want our color breeds back at the Fair and hopefully, if we show them that we appreciate this opportunity, it will be something to look forward to in the future!