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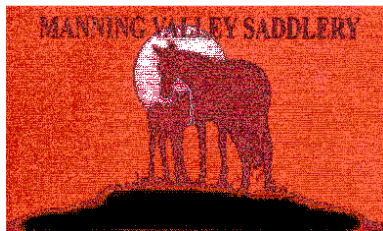


JUNE JULY AUGUST 2009

PRESIDENTS REPORT; Hi to all, it has been a very quiet start to the year so far. I would like to welcome again our board and committee for the year 2009 – 2010, as you can see nothing has changed.

You may have heard roomers concerning Wingham Show ground. The facts are that **Mal Marks** is now the new Administrator and has been appointed by the Department of Lands. There will be changes in the running of the show ground trust. The M.V.P.H.C. has been asked to appoint a representative from our club to meet with Mal every 3 months or so to discuss how to better the showground for the horse industry in the Manning Valley. The Club has appointed Fred Burton to speak for us, if you have any suggestions or constructive criticism concerning the show ground please get in touch with Fred on 65 527 797 AH or email the club mvphc@msn.com and they will be taken to the meetings. These meetings will not be open for all to attend; Mal has asked all users of the showground to appoint just 1 member to represent their needs. Our Board and Committee and hope all our members will do what we can to make this a success and wish Mal GOOD LUCK. Just a note work has started and all the rocks in the main arena have been removed.

Alan



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SECRETARYS REPORT: Welcome to the new season 2009 – 2010, We have had a slow but good start, our ride from Hillsville to Breakneck Look Out was great, we did have a few cancellations due to the winds but that was not a problem. The wind was above us for the whole ride except when we got to the lookout, the trails were great about 4 horses wide the whole time and the company was exceptional. What a view when we did get there. I would like to thank Sue and Terry McMurrich for the idea and the use of their property to start from also thank you to Abby McMurrich for the photos and Kevin and Ricky for bringing our lunches, drinks and water for the horses, THANK YOU guys can't wait for the next ride.

Show Time, we did not have much luck with our February show because of the Floods then trying to find a date that did not clash with all the Nationals was just impossible. **OUR NEXT SHOW IS; SUNDAY 1ST NOVEMBER at WINGHAM SHOW GROUND.** We will be running 2 rings; **Ring 1 Western A grade AQHA & Appaloosa - Ring 2 full Pony Galloway & Hack program** for Programs and entry forms can be downloaded from our website www.mvphc.com.au go to Forms & Programs. **PLEASE NOTE: Ring 1 Western is post entries as per all A grade Western Shows. No entries posted by MONDAY 26TH OCTOBER no Western Ring.** Hope to have a great show and see you there. *Karen*



No 1 Helper RICKY McMURRICH



SOME OF OUR RIDERS



KEVIN, RICK'S OFFSIDER

Skunk **Tailed**

(This article has been reproduced from the October 2007 edition of America's Horse)

IT IS COMMONLY CALLED "TICKING", "COON TAIL" OR "SKUNK TAIL". APPEARING AS WHITE flecking, rabicano (rah-bih-KAH-no) is commonly mistaken for a roan coloration, but it is a marking caused by a different gene.

Rabicano is a specific set of white markings that usually affect the base of the tail, flank and belly of a horse. In its most minimal form, it will show only white frosting at the base of the tail, often called a coon or skunk tail because of the striped appearance. A medium expression will have the white tail base, plus white hairs interspersed over the horse's flanks, creating a roan appearance. In its most extreme manifestation, a rabicano can appear almost like a true roan. It will carry the coon tail and have roaning on the body, concentrated on the flanks and under the elbows, and also have vertical strips of white on the barrel called rib barring. Rabicano can be confused with another white pattern called sabino. Sabino is another gene that causes a roan effect over the flanks and body ...

The easiest way to tell the difference is to remember that rabicano always affects the base of the tail, while sabino does not. Sabino does, however, almost always involve facial white with a spot of white on the chin and socks on the legs, in addition to the body roaning. It is possible for the horse to carry multiple genes, for example, to be both rabicano and sabino. Rabicano is not an official AQHA colour, but rather a marking that can be noted on a horse's registration certificate.



Extra Special Cash, owned by Susan Carlile of Sparks, Nevada, is a classic rabicano.

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Flashy Paint

(This article has been reproduced from the November 2007 edition of America's Horse)

IS A FOAL BORN TO TWO AMERICAN QUARTER HORSES THAT HAS BIG WHITE SPOTS ON ITS BODY an American Quarter Horse? Traditionally, the answer was no, but in 2004, AQHA's "excessive white" rule was rescinded, allowing horses with these markings to be registered. Any horse with excessive white – see Rule 205(d) in the AQHA Handbook – will have a notation on its registration certificate saying "This horse has white markings designated under AQHA rules as an undesirable trait and uncharacteristic of the breed".

The only pinto pattern known to exist in American Quarter Horses is the **overo** (oh-VER-oh) pattern. This includes, sub patterns splash and sabino. The other pinto patterns, tobiano and tovero (a mix of tobiano and overo) have yet to be discovered in the Quarter Horse breed.

Overo most commonly describes **frame**, which is a colouration that looks like a frame of colour surrounding a patch of white. Horses with this pattern usually have white on the face and at least one dark leg. The white on the horse's body rarely crosses over the horse's spine, and the spots are usually fairly jagged.

Splash white horses look as if they were picked up and dipped in white paint. The white begins at the bottom (legs and lips) and moves upward. The markings can vary from normal markings (sometimes as little as just a snip) to much more extensive markings. Markings are usually crisp with smooth edges, and blue eyes are very common.

A master of disguise, **sabino** (sah-BEE-no) produces an extremely variable amount of white spotting from normal socks to wildly coloured pintos. Its most common characteristics include markings on the face from snip to bald face, almost always accompanied by a white spot on the lower lip or chin; leg white; and roan hairs interspersed in the coat. The roaning is not necessarily evenly spread over the horse's body. Sabino differs from true roan by the amount of white – true roans are dark only on their head and legs. It is also different from a rabicano, as the latter always affects the tailhead, producing the "skunk tail" effect ... Patches of white on the leg (especially the knee) unconnected to white markings is another sabino trait.

In its most minimal form, sabino presents itself as a set of normal-height white socks and white on the face – markings so minimal one would never think the horse could produce pinto when crossed with the right mate.



Splash Of Silver, owned by Kirk and Kristy Nielsen of Malad City, Idaho, is a bay with splash white markings.

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