

MID-WEST HACKNEY NEWSLETTER

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2012 — Are You Ready to Nominate and Show?

Mid-West Hackney had a great year in 2011 with our futurity nominations holding fairly steady, many new folks taking home a share of the futurity money, and a good sale in the fall with a strong demand for good quality tack and equipment, and ponies selling to new names to the world of the Hackney Pony! A new year has rolled over and 2012 looks to be even better, but it's up to the nominators and membership to keep this organization strong.

Below are the dates for the futurity as well as the date for Illinois State Fair.

January 31—First nomination fees due on yearlings, two year olds and three year olds.

April 10—Second nomination fees due on yearlings, two year olds and three year olds.

First nomination fees due on 4/5 year old jackpot ponies. Mare and Stallion nomination fees due.

May 31—Second nomination fees due on 4/5 year old jackpot ponies. Full payment due on weanling nominations.

August 7-11—Illinois State Fair. Pony Judge: Josh Greer

Please take a moment to update any missing information on your nomination sheets. Please also list if you have sold a pony and who the new owner is. It's a big help to have correct names and registration numbers listed. Also, for

those of you that have 2011 weanlings listed as "UB" or unborn, they have all been switched to the Yearling Stallion/Gelding category, so please indicate which are fillies and they will be moved over to the Yearling Filly slot.

Also a reminder that everyone starts out with a "zero" balance and the final number goes up as you make payments.

I'm happy to answer any questions you may have on your nominations, so please email or call.

Futurity Book

Shirley Parkinson and Mary Kirkton are once again in charge of the 2012 edition, so please make plans to get your ads in to them. They put together an excellent book in 2011 and this is handed out free of charge at various shows and events during the show season— a very affordable way to get the word out on your stable or business. The front and back covers are already sold, but the inside front and inside back covers are still available at \$150.00 each. Full Page Ad—\$100.00 plus \$10.00 if picture is included

Half Page Ad—\$65.00 plus \$10.00 if picture is included

Quarter Page Ad—\$45.00 plus \$10.00 if picture is included.

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Trophy Sponsors

Included in this mailing is a sheet with the membership form and a form for sponsorship of our trophies for the Mid-West futurity. The membership of this organization has been wonderful over the last few years in helping with these sponsorships and I hope that you will take a moment to help us out again.

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Our website continues to generate a lot of interest and visits to it, so if you have ponies for sale, would like to place a business card ad, or have any upcoming event that you feel would be of interest to the pony community, please send along your information. We are always open to suggestions for new items to add to the site. The price is right—it's free!—so send along anything you want listed.



I would like to take this opportunity to thank those of you that have participated in the Mid-West Hackney organization. The overwhelming majority have been most helpful in getting their nominations in, keeping their memberships paid if they are going to be showing in the futurity classes, helping out with the sale and other projects, and most of all, have been extremely generous in helping out with the trophy sponsorships. It makes my job so much easier!

However, there seems to be a small group that year after year seems to feel the rules for Mid-West Hackney don't apply to them. It's easy to nominate—you pay your fees by the time schedule set up years ago by Mid-West Hackney, you pay memberships for all owners, co-owners, drivers and handlers that will be showing in futurity classes at the Illinois State Fair, and you provide a copy of the registration papers to the secretary of the organization for each pony that will be shown in a futurity class. Sounds pretty easy, right?

Yet year after year, I spend considerably more time than I need to running around from barn to barn on the Monday before the show and even on Tuesday mornings before the show starts trying to get the necessary information and memberships paid. I've tried sending notices on what is needed from each exhibitor to the show office and having them put these notices in the show packets. Still doesn't work for some. I've tried sending letters to remind people what is needed—those are ignored also. So, for 2012, all that is ending and it will be your responsibility to see that all your obligations have been met.

I am more than happy to answer any questions that anyone might have, but some of you need to make the effort to find out what is still needed from you in order to show or better yet, pay all memberships ahead of time if you are planning to show and send along copies of registration papers with your futurity nominations. Copies of papers are kept from year to year so once they are submitted, we have them on file until the pony becomes too old for the futurity classes or is dropped from the futurity. If you feel that these rules need to be changed, then I suggest you contact some of the board members and express your feelings on this issue.

Again, if you have any questions, all you have to do is call or email and I will be glad to help you out. The rules are simple and they apply to everyone.

Karen Wood