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Ultimate Bonanza, an Atherton, Calif. Horse, Wins APHA World Championships

FORT WORTH, TEXAS—Locally owned Paint Horse Ultimate Bonanza, owned by Meredith Landy of Atherton, Calif., captured a two World Championship titles at the 2006 World Championship Paint Horse Show. The show, which was held in Fort Worth, Texas, June 26 – July 8, was the premier event of the American Paint Horse Association (APHA).

Ultimate Bonanza, a 6-year-old gelding, captured the Championship in Senior Pleasure Driving and Hunter Under Saddle, shown by Karen Qualls. In Pleasure Driving, horses are judged on their ability to quietly pull a small cart and driver at three gaits, the walk, park gait and road gait. Ultimate Bonanza bested a field of 19 for the win. The duo finished ahead of 37 other competitors in Hunter Under Saddle, where horses are evaluated by a panel of judges on their smoothness of gait and response to the rider under traditional English tack similar to what one might find in the hunt field.

The World Championship Paint Horse Show is the largest Paint Horse event in the world, attracting competitors competing for more than \$250,000 in prize money, along with valuable awards and coveted trophies. Approximately 2,000 horses competed at this year's show, with more than 4,500 entries including about 1,300 youth entries, 1,500 amateur/novice entries and 1,700 open entries. Open competitors may be youth, amateurs, or professional trainers, and they can compete on their own horses or horses owned by another individual.

The show attracts competitors from the United States, Canada, and several other nations. Exhibitors demonstrate their skills in 179 classes including halter, Western, English, cattle, driving and speed events.

In addition to exciting competition, the World Show offers seminars, horse sales and a trade show featuring more than 100 commercial exhibitors.

More about APHA

APHA was founded in 1962. By that year's end, early association members had recruited 150 fellow Paint Horse enthusiasts and registered 250 horses. Today, APHA has registered more than 860,000 horses and has nearly 100,000 members around the world.

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