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Meredith Landy Wins APHA World Championship

FORT WORTH, Texas—Local Paint Horse amateur competitor Meredith Landy of Alameda, Calif., captured a World Championship title on June 29 at the 2004 World Championship Paint Horse Show. The show, which was held in Fort Worth, Texas, June 20 through July 3, was the American Paint Horse Association's (APHA) premier event of the year.

Landy captured the Championship in Amateur Senior Hunter Under Saddle showing Real Me In, a 7-year-old gelding. In the class, horses, aged five and older, are judged on their ability to move through three gaits, the walk, trot and canter, under English tack. Landy bested a field of 29 for the win.

The World Championship Paint Horse Show is the richest Paint Horse event in the world, offering more than \$250,000 in prize money, along with valuable awards and coveted trophies. Approximately 2,000 horses are competing at this year's show, with more than 4,800 entries including about 1,300 youth entries, 1,500 amateur/novice entries and 1,700 open entries.

Amateurs are competitors aged 19 and older who do not compete or train horses professionally. This year's show has attracted competitors from the United States, Canada, Germany and Australia, who are demonstrating their skills in 166 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 780,000 horses and has approximately 107,000 members around the world.

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