

1-5-2010: 2010 Regional Horse Show OR Sussex County Fair

In the past few years, 2008 & 2009, the Sussex County Farm & Horse Show in Sussex County NJ, also called the New State Fair, has invited us to ride in the show. In 2008 we were asked to put an exhibition of the Peruvian Horse that involved four of us and in 2009 we were invited back for the Battle of the Breeds. I did not participate because I was riding in a show in New Mexico but I was able to coordinate it and get five riders to appear for that. It was a lot of fun and it promoted the breed in our area. So, I know that this year our NEPHC show falls on the weekend in early August which is also the Farm & Horse Show dates and maybe, therefore, none of us will be able to attend. But there are always those few who have no plan of going to the Dreampark for whatever reason and maybe they might be interested in the NJ State Fair. It may be worth mentioning in the newsletter so people can plan. Even if we do not get riders there with Peruvian Horses then at least I know we can get some literature placed there.
Kathleen Morrison

1-3-2010: Sonja Wirth of Phoenix Ranch

We are expecting two foals in 2010 - mother and daughter - Perla and Leonora are both bred to *CLM Ocucaje (JOR Escandalo x JOR Provocativa) our "younger old stallion" -

Perla's 2008 filly is an outstanding chocolate palomino girl, we are hoping for a colt for 2010
Other interesting news is that we sold our beautiful black stud colt PR daVinci to Mr. Ron Jacobson of Ramat Gan, Israel -
Aida and Monalisa to Mr. & Mrs. R. Paoletti of NY, and a golden palomino filly to our long time friend and breeder Leesa Gratkowski of Michigan.

We have two golden girls and a gelded perfect chestnut boy (2008)remaining -

Our Finger Lakes riding program was well attended with weekends from May through October fully booked - we purchased a palomino Quarter Horse and a beautiful black Thoroughbred mare to help for the 2010 season.

On a smaller note - I am thrilled to say that my New Years gift was a beautiful litter of 4 healthy Yorkshire Terrier babies - Phoenix Flower a 5 pound little lady and the imported male from a prominent English breeder are the parents -- nothing makes my heart smile more than foals and puppies ---
Richards spinal surgery was a great success, only 6 weeks post operative he states that he feels like a new man - he will continue providing us and others with some of the best forage for horses, come and check out the results on how our horses look being fed only hay - He is planning to give seminars on the finer points of showing Peruvian Horses, riding lessons and bare foot trimming, with a couple judging assignments, he should find ample of time to promote his young mare Novia, daughter of Novia del Sol for the up coming show season.

Donald and Sonja wish every one a Happy and Prosperous New Year, we look forward to seeing all in NJ for the 2010 NEPC show.