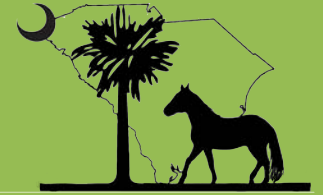


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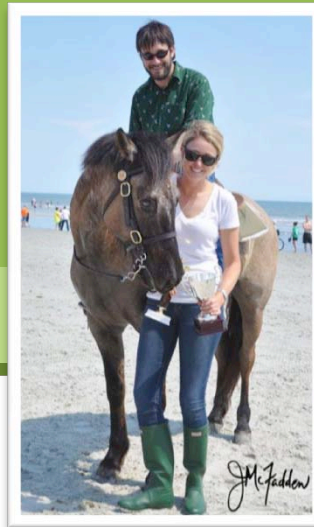
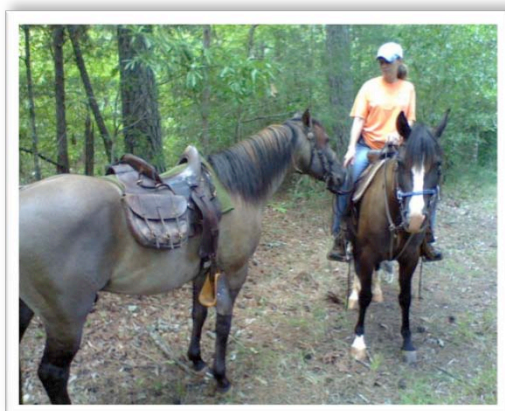


Carolina Marsh Tacky Association brings you news and events from owners, breeders and riders of the S.C. State Heritage Horse.

Spring 2012

Horse bits

- Marion Broach of Heritage Stables in Timmons ville welcomed two new boys to the farm. He purchased two Marsh Tacky colts, Warhorse and Sundance, from Lee McKenzie.
- David Grant welcomed three new Marsh Tacky babies this spring: a bay filly named Mercy's Southern Dream, barn name Anna; a clay baked dun filly named Cocoa's Southern Cross, barn name Faith; and a grulla stud colt that has yet to be named.
- Kim and Jim Brown recently received some good news! They'll be welcoming their first Marsh Tacky baby to their farm in February 2013 out of their stud Gator and mare Noley. Pictured below is Kim on Noley and holding Gator.



Left, Sage; top, Sebata; and right, Southern Breeze



Ride 'em like you stole 'em!

Tackies storm down beach for fourth annual races

James Bakker and his gelding Sage proved to be a formidable pair during the 4th Annual Marsh Tacky Beach Races on March 18. They advanced to the final round by besting seven other geldings and took home the overall winning trophy by outracing the fastest stallion.

A total of 17 horses that included geldings, mares and stallions entered the races held on Coligny Beach in Hilton Head Island. James and Sage won the gelding division; Wylie Bell and Southern Breeze took the mare division; and Amber Smith rode Marion Gohagan's stud, Sebata, for the win in the stallion class.

It was a bitter sweet day for Carolina Marsh Tacky Outdoors owner David Grant, who sold Sage to James less than a year ago. David and James faced off in the final race for the geldings with David riding Simpson, last year's gelding division winner, but Sage proved to have a little more horsepower than Simpson.

The races drew an overwhelming crowd of spectators this year. Race organizers estimated 7,000 people showed up to watch the Marsh Tackies race down the beach.

Off the line first to get the event started was stud colt Jack Friday racing against four-time stallion class winner Sebata. Sebata once again took home the win for Marion Gohagan.

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“This was our first year with a horse in the Marsh Tacky race,” MJ Goodwin, owner of Jack Friday, said. “We put our trainer, Paige Cooley, on Jack Friday, who is almost 3 years old. He did not win his race but had a wonderful time and exhibited all the great characteristics of calmness, level-headedness, sure-footedness and a general good-natured spirit that is so characteristic of our beloved Tackies.”

First up for the gelding division was David Grant taking on his very good friend Leighton Bell, who was riding Sweet Home Alabama a.k.a “Bama.” The races were being filmed by David’s “Horse Tales” TV crew, so David thought he’d give them a show. Knowing he had much more horse under him than Leighton did, David held Simpson back and allowed Leighton and Bama to glimpse a close finish and possibly a win. But then the Pee Dee Cowboy let ol’ Simpson rip and it was bye-bye Bama and LB.

Next up was Koty Smith riding Marion Gohagan’s gelding Lonely against Ashley Lowther riding D.P. Lowther’s gelding Big Red. Koty and Lonely took the win and advanced to round two.

In the third heat, Ashley Jones lined Postel up against his old pasture mate, Sage, carrying James Bakker. Ashley and Postel are a constant threat in the woods for hogs, but they were no threat for James and Sage who clinched the win.

In the final gelding heat, Hunter Rogers guided Toogoodoo to the line to race against a D.P. Lowther horse named Bubba and ridden by Leonard Perry. Owner of



Lauren Simons warms up Salt Creek Annie at the 4th Annual Marsh Tacky Beach Races. This was Lauren’s third year riding Annie, and Annie’s fourth year competing.



Kathryn Heinsohn waves to the crowd while riding Susan Day’s Marsh Tacky mare Red Rocket, who returned to the races for the fourth year in a row. She tied for second for the mare division.



Paige Cooley races MJ Goodwin’s stud colt Jack Friday down the beach. This was Jack Friday’s first race, and he handled the event with a cool head and steadiness that is characteristic of the Marsh Tacky breed.

Toogoodoo, Marion Broach was a proud grandfather when he watched grandson Hunter take the win aboard his horse.

The mares class began with much anticipation for Howling Wolf Stables owner Susan Day, whose mare Red Rocket was entering the races for the fourth year in a row. Susan let her good friend Kathryn Heinsohn ride Red Rocket, who really blossomed last year by coming in third place for mares. Kat and Red Rocket blasted off the line and won the race against Marion Gohagan’s horse Rilla ridden by Koty Smith. Visions of first place danced in Susan’s head as Red Rocket and Kat advanced to the next round.

Next up for the mares was Sully ridden by Marion Broach’s “secret weapon,” Olivia Yeargin. Sully is a unique little Tacky whose “fox-trotting” gait makes her a very smooth ride and a joy to watch as she glides across the ground. Sully and Olivia lined up against a much larger mare named Bebop, who has been heralded as “the most traveled Marsh Tacky.” Now owned by Marion Gohagan, Bebop has had several different owners over the years and has been all over the country and into Canada. Bebop has also been trained under Pat Parelli.

However, Marion Broach’s secret weapon had Sully aimed for the finish line, and they shot from the line on Mr. DP Lowther’s “go” and easily won the race against Bebop and rider Erin Hogan.

To conclude the first round for mares, three horses lined

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Pictured, at top, is Ed Lowndes with his Marsh Tacky gelding Laboka, a seasoned deer hunting mount. Ed and Laboka had much success this past season leading several traditional deer hunts with hounds and horses on four Lowcountry plantations. Pictured, above, Ed and Laboka stand next to a rice barn dating back to the 1700s. It is one of the oldest rice barns still standing in South Carolina.

Hunting Partners

Submitted Ed Lowndes

We had a great deer hunting season riding Blue Belle and Laboka. Blue Belle, sister of Red Rocket, completed her first full season this year. My brother, Rawlins Lowndes, rode her for most of the season. I rode Laboka in his fourth season with me leading the group of horses, hounds and hunters. We performed several traditional deer hunts with our horses and hounds on four different Lowcountry plantations with much success. Blue Belle became accustomed to the excited hounds and blowing horns and even helped raise a new pack of Redbone puppies. She is a wonderful addition to the group. My brother really enjoys riding her and will eventually be able to lead with her. Laboka is a solid leader and enjoys the excitement of running through the woods at full speed chasing the hounds. Maybe it was something he learned at the races. It is something special to have a Marsh Tacky partner to share experiences with in the woods.

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up for the next race. Pete Simons cheered on his horse Salt Creek Annie ridden by his daughter, Lauren Simons, who faced Wylie Bell on Southern Breeze and Katy Bakker-McKee on Tony Bakker's 15-hands-plus mare Silky.

"Annie is 17 years old, and we bought her from Lee McKenzie when she was 8," Lauren said. "My dad and Annie raced in the first beach races in 2009. I raced in the second race even with pneumonia, and we did pretty well. In 2011, Annie won second in mares and lost by a nose to last year's overall winner Molly."

Annie is a barrel horse and competes in gymkhanas events, which include speed pattern racing and timed games. Pete also hunts off of Annie.

Lauren and Annie shot off the line and made the other ladies in the race work to keep up, but Wylie and Breeze edged them out for the win. Lauren and Annie took second. Katy and Silky were third.

In the semi-finals, James Bakker and Hunter Rogers lined up Sage and Toogoodoo, also former pasture mates. It was a hard fought battle, but Sage took the win and advanced to the final gelding race.

The other gelding race in this round was a match-up between David Grant on Simpson and Koty Smith on Lonely. David and Simpson seized the win to advance to the final gelding race but were not able to beat James and Sage for the final win.

With only three mares left to battle it out, race organizers lined them all up and let 'em rip! It was a fiery race from start to finish as Breeze, Red Rocket and Sully ran nearly neck and neck all the way down the beach, but it was Breeze who found another gear to give her the final edge and the win. Race callers declared Sully and Red Rocket tied for second place.

The final race of the day should have included three horses, Sebata, Sage and Breeze, but Wylie Bell decided to scratch Breeze who appeared overheated.

The Marsh Tacky Beach Races is put on by the Carolina Marsh Tacky Association. There is no purse money for winners – only bragging rights.

Announcing the race was State Commissioner of Agriculture Hugh Weathers. Longtime Marsh Tacky breeder D.P. Lowther was the race starter.

Thanks to all who volunteered and supported this event that raises awareness about the Marsh Tacky breed.

For the Record



Pictured is Marsh Tacky mare Cocoa with her filly born this spring, Southern Cross, barn name Faith. These Tackies belong to David Grant.



- Jeannette Beranger of American Livestock Breeds Conservancy (ALBC) reminds owners to report deaths, foals, geldings or stud colts to her so the on-line studbook can be updated. Also, send pictures of new foals or horses to submit with the information. Email jberanger@albc-usa.org.

- Current studbook statistics: total number of horses in studbook (live and dead) – 353; total number of live animals – 285; total number of mares – 160; total number of stallions – 46; total number of geldings – 64; total number of male horses with unknown breeding status (don't know if gelded or not) – 15; birth since January 2011 – 21.

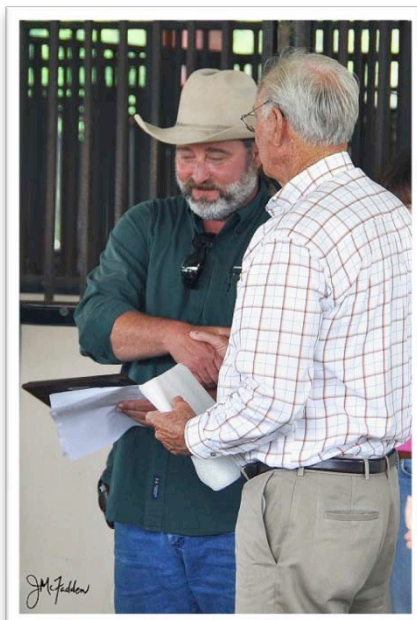
- CMTA and ALBC would like to give a big thank you to Chuck Graham for funding the online CMTA database this year! The database has many search options and allows searches by name or family group. All members can access the database by requesting a username and password from ALBC. Go to: <http://www.albc-usa.org/cgi-bin/pedserve/pedserve-login.pl> and click on the link to apply for a login name and password. If you need more information, contact Jeannette at (919) 542-5704, or jberanger@albc-usa.org.

- Members are reminded to list their stallions standing at stud on the CMTA website, www.marshstacky.org. The listing is free for CMTA members. Send a detailed description and a photo of your horse to Jackie McFadden at marshstacky@gmail.com.

Clinician performs at CMTA's fifth annual meeting

Johnny Crooks of True Connection Horsemanship works with Jenifer Ravenel's Marsh Tacky mare Scarlett at the Carolina Marsh Tacky Association's fifth annual meeting on April 21 at Mullet Hall. Johnny provided a horsemanship clinic at the annual meeting and was riding Scarlett bridleless by the end of the demonstration.

Marion Gohagan accepts an award from D.P. Lowther recognizing Marion's dedicated work over the past four years in helping to put on the Marsh Tacky Beach Races. Marion was recognized at the CMTA's annual meeting.



Renew Your Membership

Carolina Marsh Tacky Association memberships run from annual meeting to annual meeting. If you didn't renew your membership at the annual CMTA meeting on April 21, please send your dues along with any contact information that has changed since your last renewal to CMTA, P.O. Box 1447, Hollywood, SC 29449. Members are encouraged to become more involved. There are a variety of committees to join requiring as little or as much time as you would like to spend. Committees are more efficient with a good number of volunteers and they are fun! You can find the committee list and membership application on the website <http://www.marsh tacky.org/CMTA-Membership.php>. Scroll down the page and let Jackie McFadden know which committee or committees that you would like to join.

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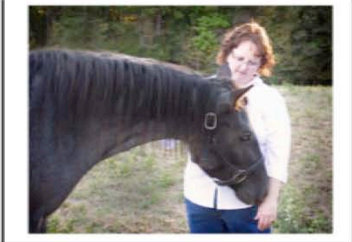
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Website: Attending an event with your Marsh Tacky? Send event info to Jackie McFadden at marsh tacky@gmail.com. Afterwards send your photos!

Newsletter items: We need descriptions of events, activities, and stories of Marsh Tackies for upcoming newsletters and a historical manuscript. Send to: Wylie Bell, 615 Beauty Spot Road W., Bennettsville, SC 29512 or email wylie_bell@yahoo.com or marsh tacky@gmail.com. Photos and materials sent in become property of CMTA.

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