



CAROLINA

Marsh Tacky

ASSOCIATION



7th Annual Meeting

June 7
2014

Gates open at 10:00AM
Folly Moon Farm, 1824 Smiths
Crossing, Ridgeland, SC

Marsh Tacky owners will have horses to show and horses to sell
Featured event: Horsemanship demonstration by Joe and Penny Most of Perfect Partners
Equine Silent auction and door prizes
CMTA merchandise for sale
Renew your membership or become a new CMTA member
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MARSH TACKY BEACH RACE

2013 DAUFUSKIE BEACH RACE

By Roger Pinckney

The Fifth Annual Marsh Tacky Beach Race held on Daufuskie Island Saturday, April 27 was hailed as a remarkable success by all parties.

Fourteen horses out of the seventeen barged to the bridgeless barrier island gratis by Wick Scurry of J&W Corporation competed for "bragging rights" in three classes along a quarter mile of hard-packed sand, with the winner in each class vying for "supreme bragging rights" of the Marsh Tacky Cup.

Gelding winner Sweet Home Alabama was ridden by Wylie Bell. Lauren Simons aboard Salt Creek Annie took the mare division and Jack Friday ridden by Paige Cooley took the stallion class, going on to win the coveted Marsh Tacky Cup for the fastest horse on the strand.

A crowd estimated at 1200 cheered the horses from private boats in Calibogue Sound or from the comfortable facilities of Melrose on the Beach, the event's co-sponsor.

There was also a silent auction to benefit the Carolina Marsh Tacky Association, a "meet and greet" field trip by Daufuskie Elementary students, a "Tacky hat" contest, food and refreshments aplenty. The event wound down with live music and local seafood at the Old Daufuskie Crab Company



2013 DAUFUSKIE BEACH RACE – HEATS

Race 1
Paige Cooley / Jack Friday - Winner
Ashley Tims / Sabata
David Grant / DP

Race 2
Terel Smith / Lonely - Winner
Ashley Lowther / Bubba

Race 3
Kim Hill / Arkansas 34 - Winner
Ricky Warren / Smokey

Race 4
Wylie Bell / Sweet Home Alabama - Winner
David Grant / Simpson

Race 5
Lauren Simons / Salt Creek Annie - Winner
Johnny Crooks / Biff

Race 6
Wylie Bell / Southern Breeze - Winner
Emily Lofton / Easy Dancer
Ashley Tims / BeBop

Race 7
Wylie Bell / Sweet Home Alabama - Winner
Terel Smith / Lonely
Kim Hill / Arkansas 34

Race 8
Lauren Simons / Salt Creek Annie - Winner
Wylie Bell / Southern Breeze

Race 9
Paige Cooley / Jack Friday - Winner
Lauren Simons / Salt Creek Annie
Kim Hill / Sweet Home Alabama

Check our website at www.marsh tacky.org

For More Information about future Races, For Sale Marsh tacky's, New Foals, and CMTA merchandise

Stewardship Responsibilities For the Marsh Tacky

By D. Philip Sponenberg & Jeannette Beranger

The mission of the American Livestock Breeds Conservancy is to ensure the future of agriculture through genetic conservation, and the promotion of endangered breeds of livestock and poultry. Effective conservation works to ensure the continuing existence of viable populations. At the heart of live animal conservation is the private agricultural effort of individual farmers and breeders. Farmers have developed and maintained our rich array of breeds by being good stewards - carefully and responsibly managing the animals entrusted to their care by their predecessors. The responsibility of stewardship passes to all who choose to work with endangered animals, ensuring their long-term survival and the diversity of the species.

Before acquiring animals that are endangered, it is important to consider some key issues. A conservation breeder must have the skill level, facilities and financial means appropriate for keeping and managing the breed. Losses and management mistakes take a great toll on the overall population of the more endangered breeds. It is therefore crucial that the animals be managed so that the risk to the overall population is minimized in the event of natural disaster, fire, or disease outbreak. Items to take into account include:

- Do not locate all of the breeding stock or all of a rare bloodline in one location. If disaster were to hit, it could be devastating for the breed. Beyond the farm, it is important to work in cooperation with other breeders to ensure that a breed or crucial bloodline is not wiped out.
- Incorporate an effective biosecurity plan to reduce the risk of disease outbreak that could decimate or even eliminate an entire population. (see [Creating a Contagious Disease Biosecurity Plan](http://www.albc-usa.org/downloads.html) and related biosecurity topics on the ALBC website at www.albc-usa.org/downloads.html)
- Have an emergency plan in the event animals need to be moved and housed off farm temporarily. Do you have enough trailers to move the animals? Do you have family, friends, or others that can take animals on short notice?
- Make sure that in the event of disaster, there is financial means to get the farm and the breed re-situated and secured. Insurance can never return irreplaceable genetics to the farm but can be used to re-build infrastructure to support the animals that remain.

There will be a time when you need to disperse your animals and it will be of the utmost importance to have a plan. Change is a part of life. As a steward, you have the responsibility to disperse stock to future stewards. If you find yourself losing interest or have difficulties managing your animals, transfer your stock to others who will assume the responsibilities of a breeder.

In the event that something unforeseen should happen to you, make your wishes known to your family and make provisions in your will for the future of your animals. Make sure they go to knowledgeable individuals that will maintain responsible stewardship for the breed. Many valuable animals have been lost because no provisions were made for them. Make decisions now to assure that the animals are passed along into good care.

Conservation breeding means animals must be selected and bred. ALBC's objective, and yours as a breed steward, is to increase the numbers of animals while preserving the genetic diversity that exists within the breed. Failing to regularly and thoughtfully select and breed stock reduces their opportunity to contribute in a significant way to the survival of their kind. If you do not wish to breed, choose animals that cannot breed or are not considered integral to the breed population's diversity. Animals that don't meet the requirements of breeding stock and altered males are ideal for those not wishing to participate in reproduction. These animals can be excellent ambassadors for their kind.

A greater ration of intact males of the rare breeds must be maintained by breeders to maximize genetic conservation since semen for artificial insemination may not be readily available for all bloodlines within a breed. It is important that you consider and assess your ability to successfully keep and handle intact males that may be key for genetic diversity in the breed. With few breeding males available, often popular studs will come to dominate a population and can quickly diminish important genetic diversity needed for the breed. It is of the utmost importance to produce enough purebred offspring to ensure rare or threatened lines continue. Although crosses can be lucrative for some breeds, it can be their undoing if not enough purebred offspring are created to support the overall population.

Once you own an endangered breed such as the Marsh Tacky, be intentional in your stewardship. Register breeding stock animals so they can remain active in their breed's gene pool and that there is a clear record of pedigree for them. Beyond working with the registry, it is important as stewards to actively participate in the breed association. It is the responsibility of your association to facilitate the exchange important information, knowledge, breeding stock, and efforts toward common goals to support your breed. Breed associations play an important role and becoming an active member gives you a voice in the future of your breed.

Throughout history, agriculturalists have been stewards of the genetic legacy passed to succeeding generations. What took centuries to develop can be lost in our lifetime if we are not diligent in our mission to secure breeds. If lost, many breeds cannot be recreated. Only a commitment to stewardship will protect this genetic legacy for future generations.

HORSIN' AROUND



Nandy's 1st Halter



Sasha learning to bow



Wylie and Breeze enjoying an afternoon ride.



Wylie and Breeze after a hog hunt with Team Marsh Tacky.



Christina Charron (soon to be Christina Jones) and Ashley Jones riding two of David Grant's Marsh Tackies at the Heart Ride at Myrtle Beach. Christina is riding stud DP and Ashley is on gelding Spirit.



Leighton with his 9-year-old Marsh Tacky gelding Sweet Home Alabama and Wylie with G.R.L.T.S., a 3-year-old Marsh Tacky filly she trained for Barclay McFadden.

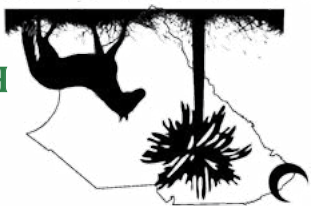


Breeze is a 6-year-old grulla mare off of David's stud DP and MaryJane Goodwin's mare Blessing. Here she is playing in the snow.

Send photos of your new foals and of you and your horse just "Horsin' Around" to Karen Exley at kexley@windstream.net



NEW FOALS



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