

# MM GOOD NEWS

## The President's Message



The USMMA's success in 2008 was because of your hard work, especially the USMMA Board of Directors who took responsibility and gave the USMMA their time and ideas.

In 2009, we look forward to.....

Adding new states and provinces! In 2008, year we added MD, IL and WA.

Increasing our support for shows and competitions. In 2008, we put together a show kit that you can request. We hope to sponsor some efforts as our budget allows.

Creating of a longer-term plan and goals. We'd like your help and ideas for the next 5 years!

More education on the breed. In 2009, we mailed a great breed DVD to all members. We hope to do more and clinics too!

Continued publishing in magazines and our own newsletter.

Expanding networks with the ABCCMM, Brazilian breeders and trainers to reach our goals here with the breed.

We have a new year, new challenges, and, I hope, new volunteers. We need help with the newsletter, public relations, and later this year, for the 2010 Board of Directors. Call or email me to talk about our USMMA needs and what you may be able to do. We are always open to ideas and good help.

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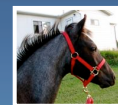
### Member News



Marchadors in Mounted Archery. Rick Lamb, Myth Busters showcase the sport.

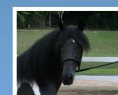


Press release highlights continued success with breeding technologies and importation.



Updates from across the country - breeders, members and horses!

### Association News



President's Message - Looking forward to 2009 and some highlights from the year.



ABCCMM/USMMA meeting highlights includes the news that frozen semen has been approved!



Dr. Tia Nelson's new column, SAUDE. Color genetics.

*One breed, one Passion – the Mangalarga Marchador!*

## New Member – Mike Stachelek

*"I'm 60 years old and have liked horses my whole life. In the last 2 years I decided to own a horse for the first time. I had a stable built by the Amish and fenced a few acres. My first horse was an Arab given to me because he had a stifle problem. I ended up giving him back. I tried a BLM Mustang and an Appy. I wasn't really happy with them, even though they were close to my heart. I sold them both after reading about gaited horses. I looked at Walkers and Rocky Mountains and could not find the answer.*

*Then, an article on Marchadors caught my attention. I contacted breeders from your website to learn more. My wife thought I was crazy to go all the way to Rancho de los Cielos in California for a horse. I fell in love with this sweet little mare that acted more like a puppy dog than a horse. I bought Dancarina do Lucero – Dancer – and an older Mustang mare, Gypsy, to keep her company. Dancer and I are both still green, but Jacob did a great job of getting her ready for me. "*

## Marchadors in Mounted Archery in 2008

Cascade Marchadors has fun with their horses, bringing this ancient sport back into popularity. Holm and Susan Neumann take the show on the road, but also host clinics and expos at their ranch in Oregon. They use an all-Marchador team.

If you'd like to see them in action, Rick Lamb interviewed Holm, Lukas Novotny, Bob Story and Katie Stearns at the NW Horse Expo in March. The segment airs on RFD-TV, but you can also listen to it on Rick's website, <http://www.thehorshow.com>

In July, the mounted archers joined the Seattle Knights, a medieval re-enactment group for

a series of demos. They plan to reunite in 2009 over Memorial Day Weekend at the Hood River Primitive Archer event.

In August, there was a clinic held in Oregon. The attendees, vowed to start the sport up in their home states, so watch for clinics in your local area!



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*Pictured above: Bob Story riding Chogun do Lucero and Katie Stearns riding 4 Seasons Edipo.*

*Pictured left: Mythbusters star shooting an arrow from the back of Despreoccupado do Lucero.*

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## USMMA Press Release October 2008



*Licor Lapidade, 4 Seasons Marchador Stallion, imported in 2008.*

The USMMA Registry recognizes and promotes the new breeding technologies and so, two historic births were just recorded in 2008.

The first Marchador embryo transfer foal was born to Lori Silcher at 4 Seasons Marchadors in Hamilton, MT, a pinto stud colt.

The first Marchador foal created using frozen semen was born to Lynn Kelley at Summerwind Marchadors, AZ, a buckskin colt named DaVinci do Summerwind. The foal is reserved for Connie Claire of Ocala, FL.

In addition, we are happy to recognize Lori Silcher for continuing to import horses from Brazil. Two

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*Below: Steio da Berma, now with Connie Claire.*

*Carol Long on Casablanca do Premier.*

*Lusonatica filly, Boneca at 2.*



*Below: Rox Rogers & Bambino de Itajoana.*

*Sandy Smith's Beethoven do Summerwind.*

*Signa Strom & Azenha de Maripa.*



## Member News

**Arizona** – **Summerwind Marchadors** traveled to Brazil in December to hear the wonderful news about frozen semen importation. They have been successful using frozen semen from La Paz Jivago. Brasilia do Summerwind is pregnant for a 2009 foal and 2 embryos from other mares are in the “freezer”. Owner **Kristy Everson** is busy as a new mom and back in the saddle with her 2 horses.

**California** – **Rancho de los Cielos** showed Marchadors at the Trail Blazer Festival in November in nearby Santa Barbara. Member **Jessica Blischke** found pasture board for her beloved Guarani de Miami as she prepares for some time off from horses to have a baby. Owner **Susann Gabriel** sent in pictures.

**Florida** – **Marchador Manor** had a new buckskin filly, Bella Duquessa (Frevo da Camaq x Aviadora do Campo Real) and is expecting 2 more early in 2009. Congratulations to **Connie Claire** on her recent purchase of Steio da Berma, a pinto MM gelding. **Lusonatica** sent in pictures.

**Georgia** – **Lois March** welcomed a new filly, the first from her stallion Marchwind Damon.

**Illinois** – A new state with the addition of Marchwind Celibalto!

**Maryland** – Welcome to new member Mike Stachelek and his wife Rebecca.

**Michigan** – **Great Lakes Marchadors** now has 3 mares ready to breed in 2009. Amethyst do Summerwind was inspected and approved for breeding by the ABCCMM.

**Montana** – Owner **Rox Rogers** is already wishing for spring and riding her MM again. **4 Seasons Marchadors** owner Lori Silcher was the host to an Australian breeder interested in Marchadors. **Lazy T** owner Tresa Smith has 2 mares bred for foals in 2009. Tresa traveled to Brazil in December. **Dr. Tia Nelson** acquired another filly for her future breeding program.

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**Member News (continued)**

**New Mexico- Ruidoso Equine** was one of the equine destinations in the latest Trail Rider magazine. Irene uses gaited horses for her trail rides and two of them are Marchadors!

**North Carolina** - No News

**Ohio** - No News

**Oklahoma** - No News

**Oregon - Cascade Marchadors** owner, Susan Neumann took her stallion, Oxum do Vale da Prata to the Trail Blazer's Festival Battle of the Breeds in November. They both performed well against more experienced horses and trainers. Congratulations!

**Pennsylvania - Signa Strom** and Azenha de Maripa performed big in her first "conditioning" endurance race. Third place! Signa's article about how she conditions horses will be in the AERC magazine this spring with a second piece on the MM breed in endurance planned.

**South Carolina** - No News

**Tennessee** - Congratulations to the Kambics of **Haras Lucero** on their success at the National Calvary competition in Wyoming. Bill and Sandy visited California and took home Aliane Fazenda Zouga and Bara Fazenda Zouga both bred to Ninja de Sao Joaquim for 2009 foals. Welcome to Mark and Laurie Waugh on becoming members. They own Echo do Lucero and Farol do Lucero.

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**Marchadors and Archery (continued)**

In September, they hosted a TV cast and crew from Mythbusters, a Discovery Channel. The episode will air in 2009. The cast learned how to ride and shoot a bow from horseback. The myth was that arrows shot from a galloping horse had more force at impact than an arrow shot from a standstill.

Lukas Novotny also held a mounted archery clinic in Ocala Florida. Local Marchadors were used and several USMMA members participated and are hooked on this exciting new sport.

*Pictured below: Rick Lamb, Diana Gepner, Katie Stearn, Holm Neumann and Lukas Novotny. Clinic shot with Lukas on Despreoccupado do Lucero.*

**IN PRINT****USMMA Calendar**

The 2009 USMMA calendar was out in time for holiday giving. One of our fund raising efforts for the year, it will again help us to promote the breed. At last check, there were still a handful of calendars left at \$15 each.

**Trail Blazer Magazine****Trail Rider Magazine**

To complement the Trail Blazer Battle of the Breeds, the USMMA also placed an ad and an article about the Marchador as a trail horse in the current issue.

Trail Rider has USMMA news in the gaited section.



## USMMA Press Release (continued)

Marchador stallions arrived in August.

The USMMA continues to work with the Brazilian association to be able to import frozen semen and frozen embryos as well since horse importation is extremely difficult at this time. While expensive, the additional diversity in the North American genetic base and the ability to access top breeding animals is critical to improving and sustaining the quality of the breed here over the long-term.

For more information about the Marchador breed, visit the USMMA website at <http://usmarchador.com> or contact us at (480) 595-2559.

*Pictured below: 4Seasons Ze Travao, first embryo transfer colt and Davinci do Summerwind, first frozen semen foal. DaVinci is reserved by Connie Claire, FL.*



## Member News (continued)

Texas - Owner **Gayle Hamilton** traveled to Scottsdale to see her new foal Destiny do Summerwind.

Utah - No News

Washington - Owner **Sandy Smith** got Beethoven do Summerwind home just in time for winter to set in. Sandy is hoping to do long distance riding next year.

West Virginia - No News

Wyoming - No News

Alberta, Canada - **Sunset Marchadors** owner Pat Rollingson is planning some endurance riding of her own in 2009 with Vedete de Itajoana.



*USMMA/ABCCMM meeting, December 2008. John Kelley, Lynn Kelley, Tresa Smith, ABCCMM Presidente Magdi Shaat, Finance Director, Jose Luis Cruz, General Mgr Fabio Vilela Dias and inspector Getulio Vieira. We got the news that frozen semen was approved!*

## SAUDE (page 7) Send in your questions and comments

### ABOUT THE AUTHOR

*I'd like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. I am Tia Nelson, DVM, a Marchador owner and an apprentice ABCCMM Marchador Technician. Technicians in the Marchador breed are the inspectors who certify the Marchadors who are at least 3 years old for permanent registration with the ABCCMM. Hugh Rogers, DVM, and I spent 3 weeks in Brazil in 2007 studying with Getulio Vieira, DVM and ABCCMM Marchador Technician. In 2008 we spent 4 more days with Getulio in the USA continuing the process.*

*I will write a regular column for this newsletter regarding issues pertinent to the U.S. Mangalarga Marchador Association (USMMA)*

*starting with several articles on color genetics. Because greys are so common in the breed, the first color I will address is grey. Future columns will be about buckskin, palomino, cremello, roan, pinto and the other more common colors, like bay, black and sorrel. Some of these colors, like roan, are important to understand due to their lethality in the homozygous condition. Others, like cremello, are important because of its contribution to buckskin and palomino coloration and also because currently it is not possible to register a cremello either in the USA or Brazil.*

*Another topic to discuss is maturation rates in Marchadors as compared with Thoroughbreds, Quarter Horses and other familiar breeds.*

*Feeding the Marchador (and other "cresty necked" breeds) to avoid issues with laminitis will be covered in another column. If you have any questions, comments or suggestions for other columns, please feel free to contact me.*



*Dr Tia Nelson, DVM during an ABCCMM inspection with Dr. Getulio Vieira and Samba de Lazy T.*

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## About our organization....

The USMMA was founded in 2005 with 4 founding members. Since then we have added over 50 new members and are still growing. If you would like to join the association, there is a membership application form on the USMMA website, or you can contact us at [info@usmarchador.com](mailto:info@usmarchador.com).

Our goals are to introduce and promote the Marchador breed in North America, preserve its history and quality and provide a registry for the breed. You too, can be part of history in the making!

*Below: Pat Rollingson on La Paz Jivago Susann Gabriel's Helga Libertas and Carmela do Dreamcatcher.*



## SAUDE – by Dr. Tia Nelson

## Member Requests

“That’s a nice foal,” I commented to Debra as we watched the pretty copper filly cavort around her dark bay mother. The filly, now 2 weeks old, was conceived by artificial insemination (AI) nearly a year ago. “The sire is sorrel?” I asked and Debra nodded proud confirmation. “I’ve got the pictures of him in here,” she said, leading the way into her well-organized tack room. He was a magnificent glossy sorrel with white stocks and a blaze on his face. “Lots of chrome,” I murmured admiringly.

Three months later I was out to see Debra’s horses for routine deworming and vaccinations. The pretty little sorrel filly was growing up nicely, but when I got close to her, I noticed that her foal coat was shedding; her new coat was coming in grey. I looked at Debra and said with a frown, “I thought the stallion was a sorrel.” “Oh, he is!” she exclaimed. I shook my head. “This filly’s going grey,” I stated. “One of her parents has to be grey. Her mother is a dark bay; therefore her father has to be grey. If she was conceived from AI with shipped semen, it’s possible that the straws got confused and the wrong one was sent.”

Grey is a dominant color in horses. The dominant grey gene will always be expressed even if the horse only has one grey gene. A foal that will become grey is born a solid color and “goes grey” over the rest of his life.

Some go grey quickly, becoming nearly white before they are ten years old; others turn more slowly, becoming greyer each year, but not going nearly white until they are in their late twenties. Grey horses who become white over time are still called grey. Their skin is black; the hairs are the only part that is white.

A grey horse that has inherited two copies of the grey gene, one from each parent, will always produce grey offspring. But, the grey parent who inherited only 1 grey gene will be grey, but on average when bred to solid colored horses, only 50 % of his offspring will become grey. It is possible to breed two grey horses and produce a solid colored foal if each parent has only one copy of the grey gene. It is not possible to breed two solid colored horses and produce a grey offspring.

When choosing breeding pairs, it is important to know what color the grey horse was at birth. Understanding the genetics of the various equine colors will give breeders the information they need to avoid producing horses, like cremellos, who cannot now be registered or having a smaller foal crop due to early embryonic death from a lethal recessive gene if breeding roan to roan.

The pretty sorrel filly will be grey; her father actually was a grey horse whose semen was accidentally shipped to MT. Fortunately, with DNA testing, the true sire was determined and the filly properly registered. The stud farm provided 2 free breedings to the glossy copper stallion Debra preferred.

**From Signa Strom:** Email her at [signa\\_strom@comcast.net](mailto:signa_strom@comcast.net)

1. Looking for help (money, time horses, support) to showcase the Marchador breed on the East Coast:

Horse World Expo Timonium, MD  
January 15 – 18, 2009  
Booth cost: \$600.00 (includes one stall and entry into the Parade of Breeds)  
Travel cost: \$200.00

Horse World Expo Harrisburg, PA  
February 26 – March 1, 2009  
Booth cost: \$600.00 (includes one stall and entry into the Parade of Breeds)  
Travel cost: \$200.00

Equine Affaire Columbus, OH  
April 2-5, 2009  
Booth cost: \$550.00  
Stall cost: \$700.00  
Travel, lodging, food costs: Apx. \$800.00

Equine Affaire Springfield, MA  
November 2009  
Booth cost: \$580.00  
Stall cost: \$750.00  
Travel, lodging, food costs: Apx. \$800.00

2. Would like to get your pictures and input to write about the Marchador as an endurance horse and more generally, the breed and its history. Planned publication in a 2009 issue of the AERC’s, ENDURANCE NEWS.

**From Susan Neumann:** Email her at [holmsusan@aol.com](mailto:holmsusan@aol.com). Looking for input, pictures and stories for a possible coffee table style book on the Marchador breed in English.

*Remember to send photos and stories here to the newsletter too!*  
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