

Missouri Quarter Horse Association Member Spotlight

Allison Bartels

A member of MQHA since 2004, Allison is currently the Amateur Secretary and a Director at Large in the Association.

Growing up as a horse-crazy girl she would read or watch anything on television that was about horses. Allison had some ponies growing up, but didn't get her first horse until 1990 when she got a surprise for Valentine's Day. She's had a horse ever since. Her first registered Quarter Horse was purchased in the late 90s. She enjoyed trail riding with him and has a 15-year buckle representing the years she has been to Eminence. During those years she met a lot of great people from all over the US. She keeps in touch with several of them.

In 2004, Allison went to her first horse show – The Maple Leaf – at the encouragement of her friend and neighbor, Debbie Uehling. Currently, Allison has two Quarter Horses, Pinebars Dandy Levi (Dandy) and Sheza Perpetual Dawn (Sassy). She has shown both in Halter classes and has ridden Dandy in the walk-trot fundraiser classes several times. "My most memorable moment is when I received my first Grand Champion trophy in 2007. I worked hard with my mare and was very proud to accomplish this goal. I have also had some Reserves with my gelding and have his ROM in both Open and Amateur." Allison hasn't shown recently, but says she's getting the bug again!

Allison also helps out at some of the shows. While volunteering, she enjoys meeting people that are either new to showing, or maybe old friends that she hasn't seen in a while.

Allison sums up her horse life: "I have lots of great memories and look forward to the new memories yet to be made!"



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