

ASAC Annual Convention and Awards Banquet

The American Saddlebred Association of the Carolinas (ASAC) held its 40th annual convention and awards banquet on February 8-9, 2019 at the Embassy Suites, Concord, North Carolina.

Friday night featured a “Wild West Family Night” including a live auction, DJ, trainers’ bull riding challenge, best western attire contest, and a variety of activities for all ages. This fun-filled evening was produced by John & Erin Fann’s Event Mix.

On Saturday morning, the following officers and board members were elected at the general membership meeting:

President – Karol Kunkle
Vice-President – Chris Bishop
Secretary – Betsy Boone
Treasurer – Beth Viering Grant
NC Corresponding Secretary – Kathy Carpenter
SC Corresponding Secretary – Suzanne Wright
Show Affiliate – Sandra Hall
NC Professional – Paul Boone
SC Amateur – Brenda Pulis

The following individuals were elected as ASAC Youth officers for 2019:

President: Gracie Ledet
Vice President: Carolyn Baker
Secretary: Caroline Josephson
Treasurer: Corbin Bumgarner
Historian: Brooke Calisto
Publicist: Emma Robinson

Saturday’s luncheon, “Hot Topics,” featured a panel who knowledgeably, and bravely, tackled a wide range of questions intended to inform new families in the American Saddlebred industry all about what happens at horse shows and in the show ring. The audience of 160+ enjoyed asking challenging and probing questions about “Everything You Always Wanted to Know...”

Other meetings held throughout the weekend included Carolinas Futurity, ASAC Board of Directors, ASAC AOTs, Riding Instructors, ASAC Youth, and UPHA Chapter 12. The hundreds of convention attendees also had an abundance of equine-related vendors to visit and shop.

The awards banquet on Saturday night had a sold-out full house of 440 enthusiastic attendees, the largest attendance in many years. A special recognition goes to Margaret Poovey, convention chair, and Peyton Hamilton, who has served as master of ceremonies for many years.

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2018 ASAC High Point Winners

Place	Horse	Owner	Barn
FIVE-GAITED			
Five-Gaited Open:			
1 st	Senor Frog	Don & Phyllis Brookshire	Matt Shiflet Stables
2 nd	Tim Don't Tell	Vickie Byrd	High Caliber Stables
3 rd	I'm Berry Tarte	Robert Weisner	High Caliber Stables
Five-Gaited Ladies:			
1 st	CH The Cat Walk	Ellen Susman	West Wind Stables
2 nd (t)	Callaway's Don't Blink	Bob & Lauren Miller	Felder Stables
2 nd (t)	CH Grand Master Flash	Ginger Griffin	Boone's Farm & Stables
2 nd (t)	Finest Hour Spent	Tom & Patsy Plant	High Caliber Stables
2 nd (t)	Ridgefield's Dancing Soldier	Swope Equine Investments	West Wind Stables
2 nd (t)	Texas Pete	Swope Equine Investments	West Wind Stables
3 rd (t)	Arrowhead's Salem Magic	Thomas Brock	High Caliber Stables
3 rd (t)	Mystery Mansion	Jessi McCurry	Harrison Shiflet Stables
3 rd (t)	Queen Of Memphis	Don & Phyllis Brookshire	Matt Shiflet Stables
3 rd (t)	Vegas Secrets	Triple D Holdings/Dudan Family	Boone's Farm & Stables

Five-Gaited Amateur:

1 st	Arrowhead's Salem Magic	Thomas Brock	High Caliber Stables
2 nd	Inspiration's Rose	Roy & Donna Lockett	Boone's Farm & Stables
3 rd (t)	Cary On Broadway MBA	Gaited Inc./Halloran Family	Matt Shiflet Stables
3 rd (t)	CH He's In Style	Sharyn Stokes Lackey Trust	West Wind Stables

Five-Gaited Jr Exhibitor:

1 st	Vegas Secrets	Triple D Holdings/Dudan Family	Boone's Farm & Stables
2 nd	She's All Business	Helen Rich	High Caliber Stables
3 rd	I'm Berry Tarte	Robert Weisner	High Caliber Stables

Five-Gaited Pony:

1 st	Infamous Kiss	Dr. John and Kim Stewart	North Star Equestrian
2 nd	Tippity Toes	Lee Anne and Scott Bohannon	High Caliber Stables

THREE-GAITED**Three-Gaited Open:**

1 st	Undulata's Saturday Night	3D Equine/Lindsey Dowling	Lenux Stables
2 nd	Callaway's How About Now	Ellen Susman	West Wind Stables
3 rd	Blue Excellence	Jack & Donna Finch	High Caliber Stables

Three-Gaited Ladies:

1 st	On Higher Ground	Swope Equine Investments	West Wind Stables	2 nd
	Blue Excellence	Jack & Donna Finch	High Caliber Stables	
3 rd	Blue's Final Impression	Pair of Jacks Stables/Bosworth Family	High Caliber Stables	

Three-Gaited Amateur:

1 st	Drosselmeyer	Graceless Farm/Tammy Whitworth	Boone's Farm & Stables
2 nd	My Crazy Faith	Lee Anne Williams	Harrison Shiflet Stabl
3 rd	The Great Oz	Don & Phyllis Brookshire	Matt Shiflet Stables

Three-Gaited Jr Exhibitor:

1 st	CH She's Born To Sparkle	Robert Weisner	High Caliber Stables	2 nd
	Chardonnay's Phancy Lady	Grace Mize	Jansal Saddlebreds	
3 rd	Off The Record	Nissa & Kelli Sultan	Matt Shiflet Stables	

Three-Gaited Pony:

1 st	Tra La Lady	McD of Spartanburg/Samantha Dunn	Harrison Shiflet Stables
2 nd	Loose Cannon	Duane Clonch	Three M Farm/Legacy Saddlebreds
3 rd	Lighter Than Heir	Gamine LLC/McDonell Family	High Caliber Stables

FINE HARNESS**Fine Harness Open:**

1 st	Our Lucky Charm	Denise Trethaway	Jon Walker Stables
2 nd	Grey Ridge Wildcat	Swope Equine Investments	West Wind Stables
3 rd	Chica Locca	Don & Phyllis Brookshire	Matt Shiflet Stables

Fine Harness Amateur:

1 st	CH Lace's Last Tango	Ellen Susman	West Wind Stables
2 nd	Our Lucky Charm	Denise Trethaway	Jon Walker Stables

THREE-GAITED PARK**Three-Gaited Park Open:**

1 st	Tefnut	ECL Family Investments/Ellen Messinger	Boone's Farm & Stables
2 nd	Roi Du Soleil	Julie Lynn Andrew & Halston Manor	Jansal Saddlebreds
3 rd	Kalarama's Too Hot To Handle	Anita Simpson	Chestnut Lane

Three-Gaited Park Amateur:

1 st	Full Regalia	T&T Saddlebreds/Matt & Barby Thornton	Boone's Farm & Stables
2 nd	CH Simon Cowell	Dan & Laura Cedrone	Boone's Farm & Stables
3 rd	Bad Romance	Sandra Kaiser	Felder Stables

Three-Gaited Park Jr Exhibitor:

1 st	CH Twice The Dice	Katherine & Joseph Michalek Boone's Farm & Stables/North Star Equestrian
2 nd	Sunset's Excaliber	Danielle Loar O'Kelley Jon Walker Stables
3 rd	Going Rogue	Ledet Ventures LLC Boone's Farm & Stables

ROAD HORSE**Road Horse Open:**

1 st	Lima Cajun	Heather Lail	Champion Manor at the Creek
2 nd	GR CH Belle Star	Kathy Melious	Jansal Saddlebreds
3 rd	Locked And Loaded	Shaun & Macy Altman	Rock Creek Farm

Road Horse Amateur:

1 st	Kirkwood	Mike Ohlson	Champion Manor at the Creek
2 nd	CH Sue's Bad Moon	Holly Ackerman	Champion Manor at the Creek
3 rd	Code Blue	Holly Ackerman	Champion Manor at the Creek

Road Horse Under Saddle:

1 st	CH Sue's Bad Moon	Holly Ackerman	Champion Manor
2 nd	GR CH Belle Star	Kathy Melious	Jansal Saddlebreds
3 rd	Holy Cannoli	Catherine Meadow	Chestnut Lane

ROAD PONY**Road Pony Open:**

1 st	War Pony	David Hicks	Harrison Shiflet Stables
2 nd	CH Late Nite's Basic Impact	Sheila Lail	Champion Manor at the Creek
3 rd	The Quarterback	Sheila Lail	Champion Manor at the Creek

Road Pony Amateur:

1 st	CH Cool Max	Amy Roberts	Chestnut Lane
2 nd	Heartland Detonator	Ken Killinger	Ingleside Farm
3 rd	My Maserati	Jean Myers	Steve Hanks Stables

Road Pony Jr Exhibitor:

1 st	Outside The Lines	Thomas Brock	High Caliber Stables
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Road Pony Under Saddle:

1 st	CH Sha-Boom	Jennifer & Doug MacLean	Boone's Farm & Stables
2 nd	China Princess	Destiny West	Three M Farm
3 rd	Heartland Party Time	Vickie Wilson	Lenux Stables

HACKNEY PONY**Open:**

1 st	Mighty Man	Denise Trethaway	Jon Walker Stables
2 nd	CH Black Merlin	Taylor Young	Carolene Stables

Amateur:

1 st	Mighty Man	Denise Trethaway	Jon Walker Stables
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HARNESS PONY**Open:**

1 st	Crystal Creek's Powerstroke	Karen Jones	Ingleside Farm
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Amateur:

1 st	Crystal Creek's Powerstroke	Karen Jones	Ingleside Farm
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PLEASURE PONY DRIVING**Open:**

1 st	Crystal Creek's Big Time	Jean Myers	Steve Hanks Stables
2 nd	Showstar's Image LF	Amy Calisto	Ingleside Farm/Max Ciampoli Stables
3 rd	Gold Dream	Susan Whittington	Gallant Stables

PARK PLEASURE**Park Pleasure:**

1 st	Wild In New York	Shelby Balmas	Shelby Balmas
2 nd	Oskar Blues	Zandyland Farm/High Caliber Stables and Glen & Linda Mosser/Harrison Shiflet Stables	
3 rd	Get Crackin'	Janet Kellett	Matt Shiflet Stables

Park Pleasure Driving:

1 st	Chautauqua's Northern Kiss	Jill Stewart	Champion Manor at the Creek
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SHOW PLEASURE**5-Gaited Show Pleasure Adult:**

1 st	CH Moonlight Memories	Pair of Jacks Stables/Bosworth Family	High Caliber Stables
2 nd	CH Grand Master Flash	Ginger Griffin and Zach & Katherine Hampton	Boone's Farm & Stables
3 rd	CH I'm Something Wicked	Pair of Jacks Stables/Bosworth Family	High Caliber Stables

5-Gaited Show Pleasure Jr Exhibitor:

1 st	Chardonnay's Firestorm	Catherine & Makenzie Moore	Jon Walker Stables
2 nd	He's All Mine	Paige Mahoney	Harrison Shiflet Stables
3 rd	Memories' Miracle Man	Todd & Margaret Poovey	High Caliber Stables

3-Gaited Show Pleasure Adult:

1 st	CH Mystery Magic	Graceless Farm/Whitworth Family	Boone's Farm & Stables
2 nd	CH Warrior's Carumba	Sam & Janet Kellett	Matt Shiflet Stables
3 rd	Park And Ride	Thomas Brock	High Caliber Stables

3-Gaited Show Pleasure Jr Exhibitor:

1 st	Treasure By The Bay	Carolyn Baker	Break-Away Farm
2 nd	Doubletree's Sayin' It All	Olivia Dapolite	Heads Up!
3 rd	Tantara's Magic Decision	Three Bears Farm/Brinkley Family	Champion Manor at the Creek

Show Pleasure Walk & Trot 12 & Under:

1 st	Ridgewood's Hat Trick	Emma Katherine Warren	Break-Away Farm
2 nd	Callaway's The Heartbreak Kid	Alexis & Samantha Holyfield	Lenux Stables
3 rd	Daimler	Bob & Lauren Miller	Felder Stables

Pleasure Pony:

1 st	Ratatouille	Oak Hill Academy/Tim Henry	Jansal Saddlebreds
2 nd	Sexy And I Know It	Bob & Lauren Miller	Felder Stables

Show Pleasure Driving:

1 st	Guy Ormsby	Cindy Dunham	High Caliber Stables
2 nd	Double Black Diamond	Legacy Saddlebreds/Robert Weisner	High Caliber Stables
3 rd	Get Out	Donna & Amanda Bush	Lenux Stables

COUNTRY PLEASURE

Country Pleasure Adult:

1 st	Passionut	Dr. Melinda Snyder	Ingleside Farm
2 nd	Kentucky Proud	Halloran Family/Matt Shiflet Stables & Stacy Crickenberger/Boone's Farm & Stables	
3 rd	I'm Davy Jones	Melisa Decuir	High Caliber Stables

Country Pleasure Jr Exhibitor:

1 st	CH Man Of Hour Dreams	Grace Mize	Jansal Saddlebreds
2 nd	CH Selvaggio	Shawn & Susan Robinson	Boone's Farm & Stables
3 rd	Night Watch Fox	Stafford Hyman/Susan Atchley	Three M Farm/Jansal Saddlebreds

Country Pleasure Walk & Trot/All Ages

1 st	Heir's Embers	Bob & Lauren Miller	Felder Stables
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Western Country Pleasure:

1 st	A Splash Of Fire	Vicki Combs/Sheila Wingle	Gallant Stables
2 nd	The Man Can Tango	Catherine Meadow	Chestnut Lane

3rd Walterway's Wild Asset Peyton Whitehead Jansal Saddlebreds

Hunter Country Pleasure:

1st CH Oh So Debonheir Carol Addison/Asa Stafford Summer Chase
2nd Touchdown In Titledown Catherine Meadow Chestnut Lane
3rd One Hot Pistol Raeann Spurlin Felder Stables

Country Pleasure Driving:

1st CH Amarula Sunrise Laura Cedrone Boone's Farm & Stables
2nd CH Meadowlark Jubilee Cindy Dunham High Caliber Stables
3rd CH Upstate Bill & Linda McComb Boone's Farm & Stables

EQUITATION

Adult Equitation:

1st Sarah Brann Ingleside Farm
2nd Dr. Melinda Snyder Ingleside Farm
3rd Ann Isaksen AOT – Crimson Acres

14-17 WTC:

1st Caroline Josephson Harrison Shiflet Stables
2nd Mackenzie Todd AOT – Four Oaks Farm
3rd Chloe Baker Jansal Saddlebreds

11-13 WTC:

1st Sara Evans High Caliber Stables
2nd Grace Mize Jansal Saddlebreds
3rd Michelle Conley Lenux Stables

Pleasure Equitation:

1st Stephanie Sanders North Star Equestrian
2nd Chloe Baker Jansal Saddlebreds
3rd Mackenzie Todd AOT – Four Oaks Farm

ACADEMY

Show Rider WTC Equitation:

1st Rachel Sanford Boone's Farm & Stables
2nd Allison MacLean Boone's Farm & Stables
3rd Sarah Brann Ingleside Farm

Show Rider WTC Showmanship:

1st Rachel Sanford Boone's Farm & Stables
2nd Allison MacLean Boone's Farm & Stables
3rd (t) Sarah Brann Ingleside Farm
3rd (t) Haley Rutledge Legacy Saddlebreds

Adult WTC Equitation:

1st Heather Kolbiaz Legacy Saddlebreds

2 nd	Laurie Brooks	Lenux Stables
3 rd	Abby Dwiggins	Legacy Saddlebreds

Adult WTC Showmanship:

1 st	Heather Kolbiaz	Legacy Saddlebreds
2 nd	Laurie Brooks	Lenux Stables
3 rd	Abby Dwiggins	Legacy Saddlebreds

14-17 WTC Equitation:

1 st	Caroline Battaile	Boone's Farm & Stables
2 nd	Sara Baker	Legacy Saddlebreds
3 rd	Willard Dodson	Legacy Saddlebreds

14-17 WTC Showmanship:

1 st	Caroline Battaile	Boone's Farm & Stables
2 nd	Sara Baker	Legacy Saddlebreds
3 rd	Hollis Young	Creekwood Farm & Riding Academy

11-13 WTC Equitation:

1 st	Emily Moorefield	Jansal Saddlebreds
2 nd	Lindsay Goodrich	Boone's Farm & Stables
3 rd	Victoria Voletto	Legacy Saddlebreds

11-13 WTC Showmanship:

1 st	Emily Moorefield	Jansal Saddlebreds
2 nd	Lindsay Goodrich	Boone's Farm & Stables
3 rd	Victoria Voletto	Legacy Saddlebreds

Adult WT Equitation:

1 st	Erika Larson	Jon Walker Stables
2 nd	Ashley D'Angelo	Boone's Farm & Stables
3 rd	Tammy Hamby	Jon Walker Stables

Adult WT Showmanship:

1 st	Erika Larson	Jon Walker Stables
2 nd	Ashley D'Angelo	Boone's Farm & Stables
3 rd	Tammy Hamby	Jon Walker Stables

14-17 WT Equitation:

1 st	Marissa Hernandez-Thompson	Legacy Saddlebreds
2 nd	Samantha Holyfield	Lenux Stables
3 rd	Rachel Young	Lenux Stables

14-17 WT Showmanship:

1 st	Marissa Hernandez-Thompson	Legacy Saddlebreds
2 nd	Rachel Young	Lenux Stables
3 rd	Samantha Holyfield	Lenux Stables

11-13 WT Equitation:

1 st	Alexis Martini	Boone's Farm & Stables
2 nd	Megan Jobe	Legacy Saddlebreds
3 rd	Mackenzie Chandler	Boone's Farm & Stables

11-13 WT Showmanship:

1 st	Alexis Martini	Boone's Farm & Stables
2 nd	Megan Jobe	Legacy Saddlebreds
3 rd	Brooke Gunter	High Caliber Stables

9-10 WT Equitation:

1 st	Claire Ann Frostad	Jon Walker Stables
2 nd	Preston Simmons	Legacy Saddlebreds
3 rd	Emma Huffstetler	Jon Walker Stables

9-10 WT Showmanship:

1 st	Claire Ann Frostad	Jon Walker Stables
2 nd	Preston Simmons	Legacy Saddlebreds
3 rd	Mai Graham	Legacy Saddlebreds

7-8 WT Equitation:

1 st	Wynn Farris	Jon Walker Stables
2 nd	Savanna Graham	Jon Walker Stables
3 rd	Lawson Simmons	Legacy Saddlebreds

7-8 WT Showmanship:

1 st	Wynn Farris	Jon Walker Stables
2 nd	Savanna Graham	Jon Walker Stables
3 rd	Hayden Collins	Boone's Farm & Stables

6 and Under, WT Equitation:

1 st	Madison Gunter	High Caliber Stables
2 nd	Lyla VanderSpuy	Lenux Stables
3 rd	Blair Robinson	Boone's Farm & Stables

6 and Under, WT Showmanship:

1 st	Madison Gunter	High Caliber Stables
2 nd	Lyla VanderSpuy	Lenux Stables
3 rd	Blair Robinson	Boone's Farm & Stables

Driving:

1 st	Samantha Holyfield	Lenux Stables
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The Sparky Award

The Sparky Award was initiated by Chestnut Lane Riding Academy in loving memory of Sparky, a beloved lesson horse. It is presented each year to the individual with the highest total academy points for the show season.

We'd like to recognize the top three riders.

Caroline Battaile – Boone's Farm & Stables
 Lindsay Goodrich – Boone's Farm & Stables
 Emily Moorefield – Jansal Saddlebreds

These three riders exemplify what it takes to be a winning high point competitor – dedication, fortitude, talent... AND families that support them. These young ladies successfully competed in a combined total of more than 120 classes at 18 different horse shows across 7 states. Wow!

Our winner this year distinguished herself by placing first in both equitation and showmanship in 14-17 Walk, Trot, Canter. During the 2018 season this young lady competed in a total of 40 classes at 14 horse shows. More than 60% of her ribbons were firsts and seconds, earning this rider an impressive 5,580 points. What a tremendous accomplishment!

Congratulations to this year's winner of the Sparky Award

Caroline Battaile from BOONE'S FARM and STABLES

Caroline, please come forward to accept your award, and best wishes in 2019 as you begin a whole new chapter in your riding career graduating to the Performance Division with your new American Saddlebred partner, Cherry Popsicle.

HIGH POINT BARNs

PERFORMANCE – Top 10

High Caliber Stables – Champion

Boone's Farm & Stables – Reserve Champion

Champion Manor at the Creek

Chestnut Lane

Felder Stables

Harrison Shiflet Stables

Ingleside Farm

Jansal Saddlebreds

Matt Shiflet Stables

West Wind Stables

ACADEMY – Top 10

Legacy Saddlebreds - Champion

Boone's Farm & Stables – Reserve Champion

Creekwood Riding Academy

Edgewood Farm

Harrison Shiflet Stables

High Caliber Stables

Ingleside Farm

Jansal Saddlebreds

Jon Walker Stables

Lenux Stables

SPECIAL AWARDS

CAROLINAS FUTURITY DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD – Vickie Byrd and Tammy Whitworth

The following ASAC special awards were presented by ASAC President Karol Kunkle.

Barbara Blackwelder Humanitarian Award

This year's recipient of the Barbara Blackwelder Humanitarian Award has been a fixture in ASAC since the very early years. She has been one of the foundation cornerstones in the development of the ASAC Academy Program, which has evolved into one of the largest groups of Academy participants in the country. Her love of the horse and development of a young rider is evident in everything she does. She continues to be a driving force in the Carolinas as an integral part of the evolution of our Academy while running a full-service show barn with top notch horses. She takes a personal interest in her students and her show riders, always pushing them to do their very best and enjoy the ride. She shows great compassion for both people and animals. She truly has an eye on the future of the industry with her many years of exemplary service and contributions to ASAC and its membership. It is our pleasure to present **Mary Lou Carrick** with the Barbara Blackwelder Humanitarian Award.

Frank Ogletree Youth Award

This year's recipient of the Frank Ogletree Youth Award is an excellent role model for the ASAC Youth. She has been a very strong influence on our youth programs this year bringing her passion for both young people and the American Saddlebred Horse together to serve ASAC. She understands and appreciates that today's youth are the future of the Saddlebred industry and is creative and supportive in every endeavor she undertakes for our ASAC youth. She was instrumental in the development of the criteria and requirements for the Eddie Case Memorial Scholarship. She developed a tracking program to keep up with all ASAC youth activities and participation. She is also active in ASHA Youth Clubs and brings this interaction to our ASAC Youth. She has a very creative and strong work ethic that is an inspiration to all who work with her—youth and adults alike. It is our pleasure to present the Frank Ogletree Youth Award to **Sondra Warren**.

Margaret Stewart Memorial Youth Award

This winner of the Margaret Stewart Memorial Youth Award this year is a truly outstanding ASAC youth. She is a very responsible young lady who takes her role as an ASAC youth officer very seriously. She has a great personality that allows her to develop relationships with kids and adults alike. She has developed a network of friends throughout the Saddlebred world with her infectious personality and profound work ethic. She has developed leadership skills within her position as an ASAC youth leader that have allowed her to promote and involve other youth in a variety of ASAC activities. She continues to inspire and encourage other youth within our organization to follow her example.

This young lady has been involved with the American Saddlebred horse, starting as an Academy rider and progressing to the performance divisions. She won at Louisville this past year—a true crowning achievement for all her hard work. It is our great pleasure to present the Margaret Stewart Memorial Youth Award to **Gracie Ledet**.

Sandra Hall Distinguished Service Award

(presented by convention chair, Margaret Poovey)

I am very excited to present the Sandra Hall Distinguished Service Award to a very special lady. The first word that comes mind to describe this person TENACIOUS. On a personal level I have had the privilege. to get to know and work with this person at a new level. She has become by partner in helping make this convention better for

all our members. Words cannot describe her passion to make this organization sustainable for years to come. She has stretched the ASAC board members to think outside the box, to grow and improve. She has encouraged all of us to be transparent and open minded to change. She always asks questions and wants to ensure the best decisions are being made. She us a dedicated member and goes above and beyond with any task. She has given her all to ASAC. Even with the personal battles that she is going through, she hasn't backed down from helping with the organization. I look forward to more time with her as our LEADER! I am happy to present the Sandra Hall Distinguished Service Award to **Karol Kunkle**.

The **MARTINA ROSEBERRY SPORTSMANSHIP AWARDS** were named in honor of our first association President Martina Roseberry. Martina passed away in 1999 but served ASAC for many years and worked tirelessly to promote our association and our breed. The definition of Sportsmanship is: the fair and generous behavior or treatment of others, especially in a sports contest.

Martina Roseberry Sportsmanship Award-Professional

The winner of the Martha Roseberry Sportsmanship Award in the professional division is a workhorse for ASAC. She is always working in the best interests of the organization at every level in which she serves. She is one of the most dependable ASAC board members, always in attendance and offering sound and sage advice. She works behind the scenes to help assure the future viability of ASAC by chairing our Nominating Committee, seeking qualified individuals to serve that have a passion equal to her own. For many years, she has led the charge to bring recognition and sustainability to those who breed and raise American Saddlebreds in the Carolinas. She has been a driving force in making our Carolinas Futurity one of the largest and richest futurities in the country. She always puts the advancement of our breed first and foremost, whether it is showing young horses or turning out a beautiful American Saddlebred finished show horse. It is my pleasure to award the Martina Roseberry Sportsmanship Award to our friend, **Sheila Wingler**.

Martina Roseberry Sportsmanship Award-Amateur

The Martina Roseberry Sportsmanship Award for the Amateur this year is awarded to a person who has been a long-time supporter of all things ASAC. She has been a staunch benefactor at every level with her generosity and financial assistance. She is one of the most gracious competitors, valuing each ride as a personal achievement while supporting and encouraging her Carolinas competitors as well. She also is involved in promoting the breeding and development of American Saddlebred show horses by supporting and participating in the Carolinas Futurity. Thanks to her unfailing financial and personal support of ASAC, we have been able to grow our organization to better serve our membership. She is very active in many other charities such as working with wounded Veterans and St. Jude's Hospital for Children. It is my great pleasure to present the Martina Roseberry Sportsmanship Amateur Award to **Tammy Whitworth**.

Martina Roseberry Sportsmanship Award-Youth

The winner of the Martina Roseberry Sportsmanship Youth Award is the epitome of a sportsman. This young lady has been riding American Saddlebreds since she was a small child with legs too short to reach the stirrups. She has literally grown up with her horses to become one of the most accomplished and supportive riders in the Carolinas—or even the world by representing the US in the World Cup. She is always cheering on her fellow riders and all ASAC members. She is never one to say “NO” when asked to help in any task. Her accomplishments and contributions to ASAC and the Carolinas are truly amazing for one who is a Senior in high school. She serves as an excellent role model for younger riders, teaching them that it is not always about

winning or the spotlight, but more about how to conduct yourself and appreciate the opportunity you have been given. It is my distinct pleasure to present **Allie Poovey** with the Martina Roseberry Sportsmanship Youth Award.

ASAC Eddie Case Memorial Scholarship

The winner of the Eddie Case Memorial Scholarship for 2019 is unequalled in her service of ASAC and her community as a whole. This young lady has a remarkable work ethic and willingness to give every challenge her absolute best effort. No task is too big or too small and every task is completed with perfection. Her maturity, artistic ability, and sense of purpose combine to make her a very unique and passionate young lady. She is very independent and innovative, always looking to give every work she produces her own influence. She has worked tirelessly producing a variety of artworks for ASAC, brochures, programs, and just about any other task we needed her to do—including helping us with our computer skills!!

This young lady is very accomplished in the show ring, is a top-notch student, has attended the North Carolina Governor's School, and has even represented the US on the USEF Saddle Seat World Cup Team. She is always very appreciative of any opportunity she is given and strives to be the best she can be. She is a workaholic, taking each task in stride and giving it her very best effort.

She is not only a leader among her peers in school and ASAC, she is very involved in her community as well. She volunteers with the annual Hispanic League's Cultural Festival and serves as volunteer for summer art camps at Reynolda House Museum of American Art. She also works with Victory Farm Therapeutic Riding and High Caliber Tiny Tots Camps. All of her community service and work with others has helped her to develop an appreciation for her sense of value, service to others, and community involvement.

This young lady is passionate about all things Saddlebred but she is equally passionate about giving back to her community and to those who have helped her to develop into the inspiration and role model she has become. It is my honor to award the 2019 Eddie Case Memorial Scholarship to **Allie Poovey**.

ASAC Courage Award

This year's Courage Award recipient is from San Bartolo, Mexico. He made his way to Statesville, NC, and in 2001, started working at Steve Hanks Stables. He is one of the hardest working, most dedicated people we have ever known. His name is **Luis Angel**. For Luis, there is no task too difficult or challenging, and he never considers failure as an option. If there is something you need, anything, just tell Luis and consider it done.

Over the years, Luis became Steve's right hand man. If Steve needed a rider – Luis would ride it. If he needed a driver, that would be Luis. It didn't matter if it was a young horse, a difficult horse, a fast horse, or a wild pony. Luis got the job done - and did it quite well. No complaints. No demands. No problems.

Over the years, Luis has shown many horses and ponies for Steve and has developed his skills in and out of the ring. He has a tremendous work ethic, and he is always willing to lend a helping hand. If you know Luis, you love him.

Luis married Olivia Cookie Higdon in 2010. They make a great team and a few years ago, navigated the legal system to obtain Luis' Immigration Visa. This was no easy task. He saved the funds he needed for expensive attorney fees, and was required to go back to Mexico to complete the process. He has a great sense of pride for this accomplishment. Failure was not an option - he just got it done.

Steve and Luis developed a relationship that went far beyond working together at the barn. It was a relationship of tremendous love and respect. Like family. Like father and son. They looked out for each other.

The last few years grew challenging for Steve, and Luis took on more responsibilities to ensure the barn and horse shows ran smoothly. Then came the New Year of 2018. Steve was admitted to the hospital that January and after a very turbulent 9 months, returned home October 1st. Not only did Luis keep the barn running, he kept it in top order, and they didn't miss a show! He did all he could for Steve, for Steve's dad, and for the customers at Steve Hanks Stables.

It was a lot. It was hard. And it was often painful - this was his family.

But Luis was always right there. Always positive. Always encouraging. Always strong. Because that's what families do for each other.

We think you exemplify everything the Courage Award stands for and it is our privilege to present this award to you.