

Peppermint Brick

First NFAQHA Champion



Pictured behind check are owners Bob & Linda Banks, and daughter Mardi, presenting the check are from left to right, NFAQHA Director Brent Jensen, NFAQHA Advisor Ron Yelick, NFAQHA President Gail Zscheile, and NFAQHA Advisor S.A. Walls.

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It is not unusual for Peppermint Brick, owned by Bob and Linda Banks of Roseburg, Oregon, to take his owners to the pay window. What was unusual was that this time it was in NFAQHA and it was to receive a \$1000.00 check for becoming the first ever NFAQHA Champion by acquiring his 50th NFAQHA Versatility point. He also will receive a trophy and the commemorative registration #7000. The first NFAQHA Champion Mare and Gelding will receive the same awards plus commemorative numbers 8000, and 9000.

Peppermint Brick, a family owned, raised, and trained horse first burst on the NFAQHA scene in 1996 when he walked away with the first NFAQHA Versatility Championship at the first point-earning show in Boring, Oregon, and he has been striking fear into the hearts of competitors ever since. When he walks onto the show grounds everyone knows there will be an interesting and exciting show with stiff competition.

The 1984 roan gelding is the epitome of NFQHA Versatility, placing in classes in every category. He also excels in two disciplines not offered by NFQHA, driving and jumping. The entire Banks family, Bob, Linda, and daughter Mardi all compete on him, and say he loves to work, and while he is not particularly affectionate he likes the business end of things, and is distraught if he is left behind or if he is not ridden regularly.

Peppermint Brick has accumulated 51 NFQHA Versatility points; 44 Working Western Pleasure; 43 Working Ranch Horse; 12 Ranch Reining; 7 Western Riding; 27 Barrel; 24 Pole Bending; 25 Keyhole; 6 Cow Work; 6 Ranch cutting; 15 Steer Daubing; 8 Breakaway; 2 Heading; 5 Heeling; and 45.5 Versatility conformation.

Our most sincere congratulations to Peppermint Brick and the Banks Family. Watch for a feature article on Peppermint Brick and the Banks Family in the next issue of the Journal.