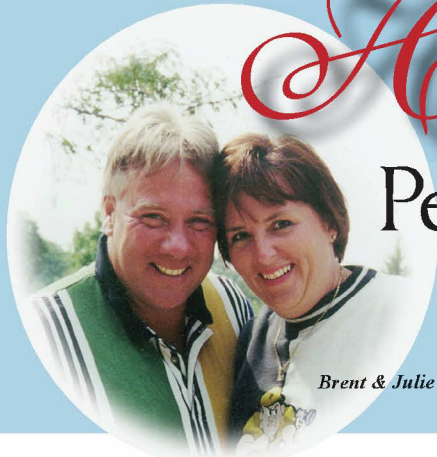


# Harnish

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Brent & Julie Harnish

## Performance Horses



Brent & Julie Harnish and Katie Campbell riding Boston By George  
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Harnish Performance Horses of South Bend, Indiana has become a recognized name in the performance horse industry. Based on the belief that riders should learn the skills necessary to be competitive in all around events, HPH is dedicated to training, showing and raising all around paint horses and coaching all around riders. Owned by Brent and Julie Harnish, and home to multiple APHA and PtHA World, Honor Roll and Congress Champions, the program at HPH has become an ever growing part of the Paint Horse industry. While Brent and Julie have taken different paths to get to where they are today, they both agree that their passion for horses goes back to two common links, family and 4-H.

Growing up near her grandfather's farm and boarding stable in South Bend, Indiana, Julie had the opportunity to ride various horses throughout her youth. That same farm is where she and Brent now reside and operate HPH. As a youth, Julie's showing resume was predominantly limited to the 4-H Fair, however in 1977 Julie's family purchased a paint horse for her sister and started down a road that would include the purchase of more paint horses and showing at APHA shows throughout Indiana, Michigan and Ohio. After college, Julie returned to South Bend and began showing horses with her two sisters and began training riders for regional APHA and 4H shows.

career of show horses for the Harnish family and while 4-H was a big part of Brent's youth, the Harnish boys also showed at many large open circuit shows and nationally at Palomino Horse Association. Brent's experiences showing as a youth rider led him to become a trainer for Joe Geeslin Quarter Horses, and later owning his own horse business. Brent now holds an APHA Judges Card and has also been a Palomino Judge for almost thirty years.

The pair met in September of 1991, when Julie hired Brent to be the judge of an annual 4H show. In August of 1992 they were married and Harnish Performance Horses was born. The Paint horses came with Julie and today the Harnish's own broodmares that are great and great, great granddaughters of the first paint mare owned by Julie's family.



*Gentlemen Send Roses*

1999 APHA/PtHA Homozygous stallion  
Sire of World and Reserve World Champions

Brent comes from a slightly different background than Julie. As a young boy, Brent's family moved to a farm and shortly afterwards, his father traded a piece of land for a pony that Brent and his brother would share. That pony was the start of a long

HPH takes pride in carefully matching each horse and rider based on skills, goals and ability of both the horse and the rider. Combinations are often brought together by choosing a young horse for the rider and then nurturing the skills of the individual horse to reach the goals of the rider. HPH has been fortunate to have some of the same clients for over 15 years and have successfully trained World Champions, APHA Top 20 riders, and APHA Honor Roll winners. Recently, HPH broadened their horizons to meet the growing needs of their clients by adding Edwin Leon to their program as a talented assistant trainer. Edwin brings another dimension to the services offered by HPH by focusing on preparing young horses for futurities in western pleasure and longe line. The aspirations of HPH are quite simple really, meet the goals of their clients.



