



Wisconsin Arabian Horse Association October 1, 2011 Newsletter

www.wisconsinarabian.com

In this issue

President's Message
Thanksgiving Day Parade
TAIL at Jessica Cole
Training Stables
AHC Slaughter Bill
TAIL at WAHA May Show
Regional/National Winners
Information Needed
WAHA Board Nominations
2011 AHA Convention
2012 Annual Meeting
2011 August Show Report
August Show Supreme
Champion Sponsors

Forms & Information on

Website: Visit the WAHA website (www.wisconsinarabian.com) for the Calendar; forms (membership, point system, etc.); a complete list of WAHA officers, board, delegates, alternates, and liaisons to WAHA programs; archived newsletters; newsletter advertising rates; show information; youth programs; and lots more.

Newsletter Editor

Bev Cole
E14058 Hein Rd
Baraboo, WI 53913
bpcole@centurytel.net
608-356-5340



WAHA PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Now that Summer has officially passed and Fall is here, most of us are no longer thinking about showing our horses, although for the trail riders there are still many opportunities to enjoy our horses. Best of luck for all who are showing at the U.S. Nationals this month.

As noted in a brief article in this newsletter, six WAHA delegates are planning to represent WAHA at the AHA Annual Convention in Vancouver, B.C. in November.

Please check the Resolutions to be discussed and voted on at the Convention when they are on the AHA web site and let one of the delegates know your reaction.

If you are interested in running for the WAHA Board or would like to suggest someone see the article in this newsletter

Be sure to mark your calendars for the annual WAHA Holiday and Awards Party, December 11 and the WAHA Annual meeting, in January 2012.

Nancy Miller
WAHA President

THANKSGIVING DAY PARADE

by Juli Larson

WAHA will once again participate in the Chicago Thanksgiving Day parade. We get up early, but we are usually done and back by noon, so people can still have their family meal. All horses wear native costumes, so even if you don't have one, we may have one for you to borrow. The horses need to be used to this type of commotion, as there is a lot of stimuli at a parade, especially the marching bands!

We would also like Youth members to carry the WAHA banner.

Those who have suitable horses, and are interested in participating, please contact Juli Larson at foxhlw@aol.com for more information.

TAIL PROGRAM HOSTED AT WAHA MEMBER FARM

by Jessica Cole

WAHA has hosted several TAIL (Total Arabian Interactive Learning) programs at various shows over the past 5 years. Most of these efforts have drawn good attendance and interest from newcomers to horses and horsemanship, and to the Arabian breed.

But did you know that an individual farm can also host a TAIL program, and that this can be a great way to stimulate local interest in your community?



Everyone loves meeting the horses up close & personal, and the horses love it too! For sure, Sohpreme Design DHA (a.k.a. "Sobe") does!

WAHA Board members Jessica Cole and Deb Alt put on a TAIL program late in July at Jessica Cole Training Stables in Baraboo, Wisconsin. Despite the extreme heat that week and the fact that our date was back-to-back with the Dane County Fair and two other county fairs, we drew in approximately 30 very enthused people!

Our TAIL program featured three groups of guests who signed up in advance and came at scheduled times. Refreshments were served and free face painting was offered for kids (adults too!) by Robbin and Carol Smith, and educational materials were handed out.



Carol Smith at work!



And the results!

We were able to gear the program for each group to their experience level. The first two groups were virtual newcomers to horses and horsemanship, so we spent a lot of time going over basic safety considerations, basic care, and Arabian breed characteristics.



Deb Alt fields questions at the handout table, assisted by Klinger, our "lucky black barn cat."



Jessica explains the basics and breed characteristics, assisted by Haley Gawronski & Jazzmyne Breeze (a.k.a. "Jazz").

All the attendees were invited to learn to groom a horse hands on and enjoyed presentations on feed, tack and equipment, and basic horse gaits and movement, as well as general handling.

Western & English saddles side by side provided interesting points of comparison.



Deb Alt gives an overview.



A visitor points out differences between the Western & English.



Getting a feel for the English cutback saddle.

Our last group was composed of more experienced horse people, so a more detailed training demonstration was put on for them, and Jessica fielded questions on training and schooling for specific disciplines. A few grooming questions were also asked, so Jessica shared a few of her secrets and did a demonstration on caring for show horse tails.



Jessica and It's A Dun Deal (a.k.a. "Siren") pause to field a question from the audience.



The crowd is intent on watching Jessica and Siren demonstrate training & schooling techniques for Western Pleasure horses.

WAHA membership information was available and the kids were referred to the WAHA Youth program. Lesson program information was also distributed and everyone was given a coupon for a discounted introductory horsemanship lesson at Jessica Cole Training Stables.

I'd like to encourage more farms to consider doing something like this on free weekends or over the quiet part of the year! We promoted our TAIL program through Craig's List, Big Brothers and Big Sisters, Girl Scouts, and local papers and radio stations, to name a few, and we drew in people who would never have otherwise had the opportunity to learn about the Arabian horse!

Thank you, Deb Alt and Bev Cole, for your help with this effort! Thanks also to Laura Simonds, Haley Gawronski and Carol Beckius for assisting with our groups.



September 21, 2011

AHC WASHINGTON UPDATE

Copyright © 2011 American Horse Council

American Horse Slaughter Prevention Act Introduced in House

On September 19, 2011, Congressman Dan Burton (R-IN) introduced the American Horse Slaughter Prevention Act (H.R.2966). The bill would prohibit the slaughter of horses for human consumption. A Senate version of this bill S.1176 was introduced in June by Senator Mary Landrieu (D-LA). The House and Senate bills are identical.

This bill would amend the Horse Protection Act (HPA), which was enacted in 1970 to prohibit the showing, transport or sale of horses that have been subjected to any painful process to accentuate their gait. The Animal & Plant Inspection Service (APHIS) of the U.S. Department of Agriculture enforces the HPA.

The bill would prohibit the shipping, transporting, or sale of horses for slaughter for human consumption. Such activities would be a violation of the HPA and subject any person who knowingly violates the Act to penalties of up to \$3,000 and/or one year in jail for the first offense and up to \$5,000 and/or two years in jail for a second offense. An offender may also be subject to civil penalties of \$2,000 for each violation.

The bill authorizes \$5 million for enforcement.

The bill has been referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce and has 56 co-sponsors.

If you have any questions contact the AHC.

AHC's Washington Update is
Sponsored by



and



The American Horse Council keeps its members up to date with electronic AHC Washington Updates that report on Congressional actions and other important federal issues affecting the horse industry. Permission to pass this Washington Update on to your members is granted on the condition that it is forwarded in its original form. Anyone interested in more information on federal legislation and regulatory issues affecting equine health, taxes, animal welfare, racing, recreation, and showing can visit the AHC website at www.horsecouncil.org

WAHA HOSTS TAIL PROGRAM AT MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND SHOW

by Stacey Dunn

Wisconsin AHA had a very successful and MEMORABLE T.A.I.L. (Total Arabian Interaction & Learning) program this year! Initially we had planned to offer twice-daily tours of the show during the WAHA May Show and had lined up several horses for the participants to meet and greet – and even cheer for those horses in the show ring. I contacted Milwaukee area home school groups, scouts, boys and girls clubs, and day care programs. The RSVPs were coming in and I was happy to have roughly 45 appointments for the weekend. In the mean time, Board Member Mike Bell also contacted the local FOX station to let them know we had a free, family-friendly event going on at the State Fair Park over the holiday weekend. About 10 days prior to the show, Mike was notified that we had been selected for the “Real Milwaukee” LIVE broadcast on the first morning of the horse show!



The black stallion Tuxedo Thyme ABA enjoys meeting a group of fans.



Deb Alt introduces her palomino Half Arabian filly, Hi Noon Serenade (Sera) to an eager group of children.

We took this opportunity to schedule unique demonstrations for the broadcast. Mike and I coordinated a mini breed demonstration, a meet and greet with a halter “baby,” got the reporter on a horse, and a liberty presentation by the “black stallion!” Not only did the broadcast promote our show, but also the TAIL program. We ended up with over 200 guests during the 6 tours, but we also had the added benefit of a healthy crowd in the stands throughout the whole weekend! Mike and I would like to thank everyone that helped make the broadcast and the tour a HUGE success! Hoyt & Pam Rose, Mike Neal & Katie Beck, Kevin & Ken Price, Juli Goder-Larson, Richard Wright, Dave Bilgrien, Dhea Lamb, Jessie Cole, Dan Barker, Barb Suvaka, Teal Dowling, Madeline Simms, Shelly Osborne, Debbie Alt, Mary Jo Meier, Becky Kalsow, and everyone else who made our guests feel welcome at the show!

The club was recognized by AHA and was awarded \$250 to continue our educational and promotional activities. AHA also recognized our efforts on their website! Please check it out at: http://www.arabianhorses.org/membership/Membership_MDP_tail.asp

In case you missed the FOX “Real Milwaukee” Broadcast, you can see it at:

<http://www.fox6now.com/videobeta/?watchId=e03c839d-ca85-4449-a282-9f77c7087fb1>

REGIONAL / NATIONAL WINNERS TO BE FEATURED IN DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

The Regional and National wins of members will be published in the December WAHA Newsletter. Please send Top 5 or Top 10 placing and wins for Regionals, Youth, Canada, Sport Horse and U.S. Nationals to Bev Cole by November 10. Send either by e-mail bpcole@centurytel.net or to E14058 Hein Rd, Baraboo, WI 53913

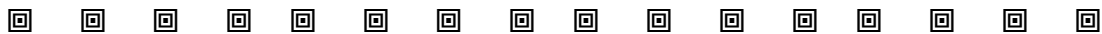


WAHA BOARD NOMINATIONS

At the January 2012 Annual Meeting four Board of Directors will be elected. To be eligible for nomination to the WAHA Board of Directors, the WAHA By Laws require that one must have been adult member at least one full year before being nominated.

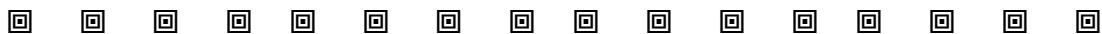
The nominating committee is composed of four current WAHA Board members (Mike Bell, Dave Bilgrien, Gay Jean Bower, Juli Goder Larson,) and three non Board members appointed by the president (Sunde Nelson, Marilyn Schwister, Terri Sherman). Juli Goder Larson is chairing the committee.

The Committee must nominate one and only one person for each position. Other qualified individuals may run from the floor at the Annual Meeting. If anyone is interested in running for a position on the board or would like to suggest someone or has questions please contact any of the Board members on the committee.



2011 AHA ANNUAL CONVENTION

The 2011 AHA Annual Convention is being held in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada November 16-19. WAHA will be represented by the six delegates elected at the 2011 WAHA Annual Meeting. The delegates are: Nancy Miller, Stacey Dunn, Juli Goder Larson, Gay Jeanne Bower, Joan Rose and Mike Bell. The resolutions to be brought before the Convention have not yet be sent to the delegates or available on line to the membership but should be on the AHA web site after October 1st. If any one has any comments or questions about Convention, the resolutions or any other AHA activity please let one of the delegates know.



2012 WAHA ANNUAL MEETING

SAVE THE DATE: WAHA's Annual Meeting: January 21st at the Summit Town Hall (date & location to be confirmed) in Oconomowoc. Social hour at 6:00pm and FREE dinner at 7:00pm. There will be more details in the next newsletter, or you can call Ashley Viney at 608-516-8464.

WAHA AUGUST SHOW REPORT

by Mike Bell

Congratulations to the Supreme Champion Winners:

Halter - Dan & Lisa Buol & Cathy Mauer
English - Rachel Rhein & Heidi Ness (Tie)
Hunter - Brooke Larson
Western - Lerin Hendrickson & Kim Schultz (Tie)
Sport Horse - Jan Wiggert
Dressage - Marilyn Kurz

Each division paid out \$500 with the tied divisions being awarded \$250 each person.

The August show was again a very popular show with a decent turnout. We look forward to planning another great show in 2012. If anyone has suggestions or ideas please feel free to let us know. Contact Michael Bell @ 262-470-5355.

* * * * *

THANKS SO MUCH TO THE SUPREME CHAMPION SPONSORS

by Dave Bilgrien & Mike Bell

Western: Bill and Tracy Buglass from Windy Gap Arabians in Deerfield, WI: \$500
Halter: Wisconsin Equine Clinic from Oconomowoc, WI: \$500
English, Hunter, Sport Horse & Dressage:
Wisconsin Arabian Horse Association August Show Income: \$2,000