



News from the Wisconsin Arabian Horse Association

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Summer 2008

President's Message Summer 2008 Jessica Cole

2008 seems to be a year that has brought many challenges to horse owners. I hope all of you are having an enjoyable summer despite unprecedented flooding, high fuel prices, and high feed and hay prices!

With the frustrations that many have experienced as a challenging summer follows a terrible winter, I think it is all the more important that we take time to enjoy our amazing Arabian horses. The combination of weather challenges and the economic squeeze has made all of us work harder for our horse passion, and it is all the more important to take time to enjoy the focus of that effort.

As always, the WAHA shows need your help, and more so than ever this year. We need class sponsors and volunteers for the ACS/Open Show in September. Please contact Bev Cole for sponsorships at 608-356-5340. For the ACS/Open Show, please contact show manager Joanne Jones at 608-764-5337.

Additionally, WAHA will host a TAIL program at the ACS/Community Show to introduce the general public to Arabian horses and the horse show world. This project has been spearheaded by Board Member Janet Eckenberg, and she would love to find some volunteers to assist with this very important project as well. If you are interested in helping with TAIL, contact Janet at 608-437-6597.

I would also like to encourage all of you to attend our free Fall Clinic November 15th at Domino Stables in Baraboo. Susie Weiss will demonstrate the Niagara Equissage system at 12:30 pm, followed by a Western Pleasure and Reining Clinic with Pam and Hoyt Rose to start at 1:30 pm. Light refreshments will be provided by WAHA, and the clinic is open to the general public. See other details in this newsletter!

Please also begin to think about the upcoming AHA Convention in November. Resolutions will be posted on the AHA website, and your WAHA Delegates welcome your input on the resolutions. Make your voice heard!

NEW ADDITIONS Announcements

Kim Dolan welcomes a Half-Arabian colt by OFW Krusade and out of her Quarter horse mare.

Kay Saemann's beautiful mare Journeys Dream had an extremely tall filly by Magnetude EA.

Deb Duick had two Half-Arabian colts. One is a buckskin and the other is a palomino.

Sara Huizinga is eagerly waiting for my mare to have her Zefyr foal due any day now.

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New Tails Program Janet Eckenberg

WAHA's first TAIL Program (Total Arabian Interaction & Learning Program) to be held at the Arabian Community Show on September 21st

WAHA will host its first TAIL Program at the Showtime Arena on Sunday, Sept. 21st, from 10:00 to 3:00. Families and youth groups are invited to attend the show and will be introduced to the Arabian horse by TAIL Guides. Guides will talk about the Arabian breed and also explain a little bit about the show and how the classes work. Visitors will

receive a TAIL Bag filled with literature about the Arabian horse, as well as fun coloring sheets, crayons, stickers, and other goodies. We also plan on having a few drawings for free lessons on Arabians. Visitors will be able to pet and give treats to designated TAIL horses. We look forward to sharing our beautiful horses with folks who may be meeting an Arabian for the very first time!

See ad later in newsletter.

DEADLINE FOR NEXT WAHA NEWS IS September 20th.

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Evolution of a Show Mom

By Mary Mishefske

From the first few lessons where your little girl is perched on that massive beast and you're praying she doesn't fall off, to the eventual graduation to adulthood is a journey that the show mom must endure. Watching that first fall off a horse has you frozen with fear and you rush her to the doctor even though she's insisting she's Okay. Then there's the moment when she doesn't get up and you rush to her side and the arena gives that collective gasp as they wait to hear the news. There's also the comical times, when she forgets to tighten the saddle and ends up riding sideways and miraculously doesn't come off because she weighs less than the saddle and is part monkey! The instructor was frantically trying to catch the horse while I tried not to scream and giggle at the same time.

You go from one amateur instructor to the next progressing a bit with each one until you get your first official Trainer, a real professional who knows all the in and outs of horses and showing. Suddenly that older barn horse or leased horse is no longer good enough and you go for that special horse. The trainer goes with you and rides the prospect and discusses the pros and cons of that fancy and expensive horse. You struggle to see what she's seeing but do agree that he's a nice shade of chestnut. You just trust that that trainer will pick out that exceptional horse for your daughter into which she will grow. Of course you are now a 2 horse family because you find your daughter wracked with sobs at the mere thought of selling her first horse and best friend.

Next there's years of frustration and lessons as she tries to master the sensitive yet awesome animal. One moment you are calming the sobbing little girl and the next you're demanding she pay attention to her teacher. Eventually you look at their progress and finally see what your trainer saw and understand the potential and the process that got your daughter where she is today. For there can not be growth and learning without struggle and work. You can't understand the horse without understanding the training.

You push and encourage, but worry if you push too far. You see doodles of horses on her notebook but

hear sullen silences after a wrong lead or forgotten pattern. Does she really like showing? Am I doing too much? Is she acquiescing because she wants to please me or does she really love this? Her life is full of school and sports and friends and horses. Homework was sometimes (many times) done in the car on the way to the barn. Many meals were eaten on the fly. I maintain that never-ending supply of carrots and peppermints. I put in endless miles on the highway and even more hours putting up tails.

One day I was standing in the barn cleaning up and her horse comes galloping up to me from the field but there's no rider. Your heart just sinks. You run to the field and realize the grass is tall and you're never going to find her on the ground. You run and search and scan the horizon. Just as the panic peaks, you see her head poke out above the tall grass and she's all right. Bruises will heal, Egos will mend, and the fear subsides yet again.

Some shows my daughter comes home with a rainbow of ribbons, and some shows nothing at all. Then finally we go to a show and the blues are all over. I don't mean sadness, but happiness at the blue ribbons posted all over her horse's door, falling off the table, hanging on her clothes. She gleefully rearranges them making a ribbon skirt as they dangle from her belt. One ribbon has slobber on it from her horse as she tried to get him to join in her merriment. You know she's having fun when she turns to you and says, "Can I add another class?"

As time goes on, my daughter has gotten more independent, her riding has improved, but her attitude stiffens and the teenager strikes, "Yes, mom, I know" "Mom, keep quiet, I'm concentrating" "I can do it myself!" "Mom, you're doing it wrong" "Go away, I don't need any help!"

Well, the day came and I was ready to let her fly. I told her I was going to the gate to volunteer and hand out ribbons and she would have to get ready by herself. She would have to watch the clock, listen for her class number, get the horse ready, plan the warm-up, and get into the ring. I left to man my post and cheerfully gave out ribbons to

other people's children. I kept one eye on the warm-up ring and sure enough she made it there with plenty of time to spare. The mane was braided and looked better than my braids. The legs were wrapped and the tail was up.

Next thing I knew they were calling her class and she goes in first before I could even turn my head. She's trotting around the ring like she's been doing this all her life. The leg wraps and draw

reins were in a pile by my feet. She had a fantastic class. Only later did I find out she forgot to put the tail down and the ring steward had put it down. She got first place. I was devastated. My little girl was grown up, so independent she didn't need me. But then I turned to the other show moms also volunteering at the gate and finally understood my place. I had done my job and now it was her turn to shine.

VOLUNTEER REWARDS PROGRAM

Remember - to send in your hours, signed by the event chair, on the form in the last newsletter. This form will also be on the Website. The form must be sent to Jackie within 15 days after the last day of the event: Jackie Johnson, N6935 Hwy 55, Seymour WI 54165.

Wisconsin Appellate Court Lowers Threshold for Lawsuits Against Sellers of Diseased

On June 25, 2008, the Wisconsin Court of Appeals published a decision in *Michael and Marcia Wilson v. Robert Tuxen* which sets forth new standards for filing a lawsuit against individuals who sell or transport diseased livestock in Wisconsin. Farmers that unknowingly purchase livestock with one of nineteen diseases do not need to prove that the seller knowingly deceived the buyer, a significant advantage in a Wisconsin court of law. Simply proving that the livestock had the disease on the date of sale is enough to hold the seller liable, and to ask for all damages from the purchase, including loss of an operation. The *Wilson v. Tuxen* decision is a new and important interpretation of Wisconsin statutes and regulations.

The Court of Appeals' decision allows buyers to file lawsuits that do not have the typical burdens associated with contract law, including having to give the seller notice and an opportunity to "cure" the sale, and significant limitations on the amount of damages that can be awarded by a jury. The Court of Appeals decision is very favorable to farmers that unknowingly purchase diseased livestock and sustained significant damages. For more information, contact Don Mark, Jr. or Ed Beckmann, Fafinski Mark & Johnson, P.A., at don.mark@fmjlaw.com, ed.beckmann@fmjlaw.com or (952) 995-9500. Fafinski Mark & Johnson, P.A., 775 Prairie Center Drive, Minneapolis, MN 55344. www.fmjlaw.com

FOR SALE

For Sale: Jerald 2-Wheel cart (natural finish) and LaSalle harness (w/ side & over-checks) \$400 harness, \$1000 cart or \$1300 for both. StaceyDunn3313@aol.com 608-774-1864 for info.

Two beautiful Khemo bred Reining Stallions currently in training with Hoyt Rose for sale - Special consideration to show home or performance breeder - contact Jeana [414-305-7911](tel:414-305-7911)/wiclasonln@aol.com

2008 WAHA/REGION 10 CALENDAR

September

- 6-7 Arabian Futurity Festival, Madison, WI Sally Epps twocrabbyladies@hotmail.com
- 7 MAHA Arabian Open Shows Championship and WSCA Show, Lake Elmo, MN. Laura Mickelson, 651-269-6454
- 10 **WAHA Board Meeting**
- 6-7 MAHA Fall Classic, Winona, MN, -Mary Tronson, 763-755-1698
- 14 WDHA Dressage Schooling Show, Custer, WI
- 20-21 **WAHA Open Show/ACS, Deerfield, WI**
- 23-27 AHA Sport Horse Nationals
- 25-28 Minnesota Arabian Breeders Fall Fest, St. Paul

October

- 8 **WAHA Board Meeting**
- 15. **WAHA Newsletter deadline for Nov./Dec. issue**
- 16-25 AHA US Nationals, Tulsa, OK

November

- 2 Region 10 Board Meeting, 12:00 Eau Claire
- 12 **WAHA Board Meeting**
- 19-23 AHA Convention, Denver, CO
- 15 **WAHA Reining Clinic, Domino Stables, Baraboo, WI with Pam & Hoyt Rose**

December

- 1 **WAHA Newsletter deadline for Jan. issue**
- 7 **WAHA Christmas/Awards (tentative)**
- 10 **WAHA Board Meeting**

WAHA Website: www.wisconsinarabian.com

Region 10 Website: www.region10arabians.com

Arabian Horse Association Website: www.arabianhorses.org

Please refer to WAHA Website for the following forms:

Membership Application Volunteer rewards form Point System reporting forms

2008 WAHA August Show Michael Bell

We would like to thank everyone who attended the August show this year in Jefferson, WI. This year the main focus on the show was to provide a new and exciting atmosphere to the exhibitors. Fun is definitely an under statement, according to some exhibitors. The show has brought new life and new experiences to the exhibitors by providing a fun packed Saturday evening that will be remembered for a while.

Some of the highlights are definitely unique. We introduced a new fun class to the show, the Dog Race. This allowed the show dogs the ability to cut loose in the arena, where Joan Rose's dog won the class. After the dog race we moved on to seeing Don Borth riding Paula Robert's horse GS Classic Event. Now, as many of you know, how often do you see Don walking, let alone riding a horse at a show? In this class it was the Parent/Groom Leadline class where Don was dressed up as the groom. His attire consisted of a

well-used pitchfork, a hose, and several grooming items. One of Don's competitors in this class was Randy Shaw being led by his wife, Danielle Shaw. Okay, that is where you have to say, what are these people drinking? Don Borth and Randy Shaw both on horses in a class? Yep, that's right. Well, Randy entered the ring in a hunt saddle wearing a hunt helmet and carrying a bottle of beer. Also worth mentioning would have to be our Costume Class. There were two entrants, Katie Pfeil and Haley Simmons. Both contestants had remarkable costumes. Pfeil was dressed in a original pirate costume while Haley Simmons showed as a milk chocolate M & M. The last class of the day was the Bribe-A-Horse which was introduced to the August show 5 years ago when exhibitor Rachel (Hoeft) Bell requested the class. Since it's introduction to the show, this class has become one of the most desired. This year we boasted a whopping 18 horses in the class. This class allows spectators the opportunity to see the Arabian breed in its natural frame. This gives the show horse that moment to shine and be free and show off to everyone.

After the end of the Saturday session we kicked off the evening with a cook out. Sponsored by the show and many, many generous exhibitors we were able to provide a decent variety of food. With the hard work of planning and preparing from organizers Cathy Arnold, Joan Rose, Rachel Bell, and myself, we provided a fun filled Saturday that will embark us on a new tradition at the August show. Next year we are already looking forward to increasing participation at the show as well as the Saturday evening party.

A special thanks to the following for their generous donations:

Jan Wiggert & Family
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Gay Jeanne Bower
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Stephanie & Sue Douglas

Different this year was also the addition of the Jackpot classes, which was a success. The largest jackpot class was the Purebred Arabian Western Pleasure ATR class which had 12 entries. There was 100% payback to the top 3 entries. In fact, 1st place paid \$216 dollars which isn't bad considering it only cost \$40 to enter the class.

Also, the WAHA August show was an official host for the USDF Dover Medal. This medal was awarded to Stephanie Eckelcamp who won the class with a Dressage ride (Second Level, Test 3 ATR) with a score of 65.11%

See you all next year!

Great August Show!

I just wanted to let other members know what a great time Lerin, Kristin and I had at the August Show in Jefferson. It's a great show grounds. Everyone we encountered was very pleasant and helpful. The food stand was great as well as the food Rachael grilled for us Saturday evening. I know quite a few people helped pull that together.

There were quite a few volunteers that worked long hours. Rachael, Laota, Dick, Barb, Nancy, Michael, and some I'm sure I forgot and a few I don't know your names. Sorry. Also thought Danielle Sherman did a super job announcing. As always Jan was an efficient, personable show secretary. We also gave the judge very high marks. We thought he was very fair and definitely would like to show under him again. Thanks everyone for making this a great 3 day show for our family. Luane Hendrickson

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WAHA FALL CLINIC

Saturday, November 15, 2008 (note date change)

Featuring

Pam and Hoyt Rose

Well-Known Western and Reining Trainers
Discussing training and preparation techniques for the
Western Pleasure and Reining Divisions

Special opening presentation on
Sports Medicine with Equissage Therapy by
Niagara Equissage representative Susie Weiss

Time: 12:30 pm – Equissage Demonstration
1:30 pm – Western Pleasure and Reining

Light refreshments will be provided by WAHA

Cost: Free to all! Haul-in spots are not available, but auditors and the general public are welcome free of charge.

Location: Susie Weiss' Domino Stables
S4049 Old Hwy 33, Baraboo, WI 53913
West off Hy 12 just 1 1/2 miles north of Hy 33/12 in Baraboo

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The Total Arabian Interaction & Learning Program is a free hands-on experience where youth groups and families can meet and learn about the beautiful Arabian - the world's oldest domestic breed of horse.

The Wisconsin Arabian Horse Association would like to invite your youth group or family to spend some time with us at the Showtime (Bounds) Arena in Deerfield, Wisconsin, during the

**Wisconsin Arabian Horse Association
Arabian Community Show
Sunday, September 21st, 2008,**

10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Showtime Arena (Bounds)

3845 Oak Park Rd, Deerfield, WI 53531

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For more information about the Arabian horse, go to:
Wisconsin Arabian Horse Association: www.wisconsinarabian.com

**Wisconsin Arabian Horse Association Open (All Breed) Shows
Bounds Showtime Arena - 3845 Oak Park Road – Deerfield WI**

Saturday, September 20, 2008 – 8:00 – Open (All Breed) Show Judge: Brian Hunt

Sunday, September 21, 2008 – 8:00 – Arabian Community Show (all breeds welcome)
Judge Angie Sullivan

Stalls - \$20/day or \$35/weekend. Grounds fee - \$3/day or \$5/weekend
Contact Pam Bound – 608-764-5555

Check the website for full showbills.

NOTICE – NOTICE – NOTICE

There's still time to get some Volunteer Reward Hours in at the show – contact Joanne Jones if you can help out for a few hours.

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