



News from the Wisconsin Arabian Horse Association

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President's Message April/May

After writing several President's Messages with a similar theme of soliciting volunteers for various events and encouraging people to come to our upcoming WAHA meetings, clinics, and shows, I'm working on a new angle this month.

Late this winter and early this spring, there has been a lot of talk about various issues in the Arabian industry, ranging from high priced sales at Scottsdale to cancelled shows in Illinois, to financial surprises at AHA. There has been an element of truth to the stories, but sometimes also some "embellishment." If one has not heard the talk, one need only get on the internet to explore various sites to see all manner of "information" posted by people supposedly in the know about these subjects and many others.

It is human nature to hear stories, assume they are true, and then repeat them as such. I would urge you to instead seek out the true facts for yourself, or call your club president or Regional director instead. Misinformation is out there in abundance and can have no constructive purpose.

A great source of reliable information is online at www.region10arabians.com under the Director's Report tab, and I encourage you to read them in regards to any concerns or stories circulating about AHA.

With that being said, I hope to see you all at many WAHA events through the spring and summer! Check our newsletter calendar or the website for all our upcoming events, and remember that volunteers and sponsorships are what make our programs succeed year after year!

As always, feel free to contact me with any ideas, questions, or concerns you may have concerning WAHA. I can be reached via e-mail at jcts@jvlnet.com or by phone at 262-672-9742.

Enjoy a very well-deserved Spring as well!

Jessie Cole, WAHA President

WAHA Halter Clinic a Huge Success Submitted by Debbie Alt

On March 15th the Wisconsin Arabian Horse Association put on another free clinic. This clinic was on preparing the Arabian halter horse and was held at Bilgrien Arabian Ventures.

Dave Bilgrien, a very successful and nationally known Arabian Halter trainer, was the presenter and did an excellent job of showing the audience how he gets a Halter horse ready and showing in a non-traumatic way.

Barb Bischoff did an outstanding job of showing how to groom a halter horse, clip and explained what products worked for her.

Record numbers of folks showed up with way over 120 attendees. People from all over the state and as far as Wausau and Illinois made up the group. There was a good turnout of 4-H members and many people asking questions as the session was presented.

A big thank you to barn owners Doug and Val for their gracious hospitality and providing food, coffee and for using their beautiful facility. WAHA Clinic members also brought food for this event and the food and refreshments were a big hit.

After the clinic, a sign up sheet was available for people to sign up and purchase a DVD of what they just saw for only \$4.00. Again thank you to Dave for showing how a halter horse can be trained so he loves his job while having a positive experience.

Interested in joining our club or learning more about us? Check us out on the web for more information and membership forms at www.wisconsinarabian.com. For more information contact WAHA President, Jessica Cole, at 262-672-9742

Clinic Ideas Welcome

The new clinic program sponsored by WAHA has been a huge success so far! We hosted a November 3rd clinic about how to get started in showing, and a March 15th clinic on Preparing the Arabian Halter Horse.

These clinics have been free of charge to the general public and have been very well attended.

The clinic committee would like input on topics and possible locations for future clinics. Please contact committee chair Jessica Cole at jcts@jvl.net or by phone at 262-672-9742 with your ideas!

NEW ADDITIONS

Jessica Cole reports a WONDERFUL new addition; a chestnut filly by Afire Bey V x Grace Notes foaled March 19th!

Jackie Johnson is proud to announce the adoption of Aussie Rescue "Rhett" a three year old male tri colored Australian Shepherd from Missouri. This is the fourth Aussie Rescue in the family - all great dogs. Rhett was bred to be a show dog, but was too laid back for the ring and has become a wonderful (and fantastically trained) family pet.

Congratulations to all!

Please share your new additions to the Editor at: scentedgardens@msn.com

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Chicago Thanksgiving Day Parade Volunteers Needed

It's not too early to start planning for the 2008 Chicago Thanksgiving Day Parade. WAHA is always in need of trustworthy, reliable Arabian and/or Half Arabian costume horses for the parade. We have become a parade favorite and have been invited back for the past five years. Check out the most recent edition of Modern Arabian Horse Magazine as WAHA's parade participation is featured in this issue.

The parade starts early on Thanksgiving Day, so participants can be home on time to celebrate the holiday with their families. It is a wonderful opportunity to showcase our beautiful Arabians, as 400,000 people view it live on the streets, and it is broadcast into 72 million households. Please contact WAHA Vice President Juli Goder-Larson if you are interested in joining in the fun and excitement. 608-6767-5224 foxhlw@aol.com

The 17th Annual Region 10 Youth Round-Up May 10 - 11

The Wisconsin Arabian Horse Youth Association would like to promote the Region 10 Youth Round-Up Show. This show, managed by Joan Rose, is specifically for the youth and is loads of fun. It will be held again at the Minnesota Equestrian Center in Winona, MN. The show facility has 300 stalls and the whole facility is under one roof, including an 80' X 130' warm up ring leading into a 100' X 210' show ring. This year Joan has added 6 select rider classes, 3 open costume classes and 3 overall High Point Awards! All this along with her regular class list totaling 97 classes just for youth handlers and riders.

But those are just the classes! Ken Price of Cedar Ridge has graciously agreed to hold a hunter pleasure judging clinic on Friday at 7PM. Everyone is welcome to come and participate to learn the techniques of judging and giving reasons on a hunter pleasure class.

Saturday, 30 minutes after the last class, is a Best Dressed Dog class. Any and all are encouraged to have creative fun with their canine buds. This will be closely followed by a FREE PIZZA PARTY! Yes, all are invited along with their families. Plus door prizes!

You really can't afford to miss this show! It is an AHA Recognized USEF Rated A show that qualifies for 2008 Youth National Championships, Canadian National Championships, and 2008 Region 10 championships.

The Center is conveniently located just 2.5 miles from I-90 and has restaurants and hotels within 5 miles.

Class lists will be available through Joan Rose(manager) 608-435-6405, at the booth and barn at the Midwest Horse Fair, or on line at: www.region10arabians.com. Hope to see all of you there!

November and March Clinic DVDs Available

There are still several DVDs of the clinic held in November available for purchase. The clinic covered information on paperwork necessary for showing, proper attire for various disciplines, and grooming. If you are interested, please contact Janet Ekenberg at 608-437-6597, or email her at (officialcertifiedgimp@hotmail.com.) The cost is only \$4.00, and the DVD covers very important information for those who want to get involved in showing Arabian horses.

There are also a limited number of DVDs available from the March 15th clinic "Preparing the Arabian Halter Horse" with Dave Bilgrien. Also included are grooming tips with Barb Bischoff. If you are interested in purchasing a DVD, please send a check for \$4.00 made payable to Janet Ekenberg to: Janet Ekenberg 1117 Perry Center Road, Mount Horeb, WI 53572

AHA Special News Flash

Effective April 1, AHA increased the cost of all Competition Cards by \$15. This means Adults are now \$5, and Youth are \$25. See WAHA Website for an updated membership form.

Welcome New Members

Trever Atteln - Wilton WI (Youth)
Marian Beiharz - Edgerton WI
Bridget Cleven - Kendall WI (Youth)
Zoe DeWitt - Norwalk WI (Youth)
Stacey Ebert - Norwalk WI (Youth)
Kathy Findley - Franksville WI
Laura Johnson Waukesha (Youth)

Heather McManamy Fitchburg WI
Mary Niebler - Brookfield WI
Tim Soderlund - Racine WI
Dillian Wathke - Norwalk WI (Youth)
Sandy Weber - Sparta WI
Patricia Westmore - Butternut WI

New WAHA Wear Styles Available

WAHA wear has gotten a new look with 2 new styles of T-shirts and also a hoodie sweatshirt. We still have the original styles of WAHA wear but have now also added a women's v neck, and also a men's T-shirt as well as the new zipper front hoodie. We are taking orders now. The items will be available for pick up at the Horse Fair or from a board member, or at the May show. We can also ship them to you for the cost of the postage. All the items come in Navy Blue with the WAHA logo in gray. See the pictures here for an idea of how the new styles look. To order please contact Sarah Uhing 920-210-9041 or email surplussales@nconnect.net

Sizes available S-XXL

\$ 16.00



Sizes available S-XXXL

\$35.00



Sizes available S-XXXL

\$16.00



WAHA Youth Achievement Awards Program From Joanne Jones

Youth who register to be part of the Youth Achievement Program earn points for showing at Open and 4-H horse shows. Points are accumulated by a horse and rider team. Annually, a top ten is determined based on the points accumulated in that year. Youth in the program can also receive merit awards based on their cumulative points. And the year end results for 2007 are as follows.

Annual High Point Awards:

Champion: Amber Wyman and T F Supremacy
Reserve Champion: Krysten Ekenberg and L W Banquel

Top Ten:

Katie Pfeil and Ali Oop
Kayla Snortum and Flaming Fury
Jessica Arnold and A Key to My Mercedes
Hannah Halterman and Captive Fire

Krysten Ekenberg and Gafla
Mosczarvich
Brandon Buckner and Flaming Fury
Sydney Arnold and B A Mirage
Hayley Simmons and Desert Omega

Merit Awards Earned:

Showmanship/Halter Merit Award: Amber Wyman
Youth Combination Merit Award: Amber Wyman

Congratulations to all the youth in the program. Rules and the application form as well as the reporting form for the Youth Achievement program can be found on the WAHA website at:

<http://www.wisconsinarabian.com/youth.html>

Or you can call me, Joanne Jones, at 608-764-5337 and I will mail you the information.

Share Your Pride For Arabian Horses! MIDWEST HORSE FAIR

Each year WAHA staffs a promotional booth at the Horse Fair. Breed promotion is the single most important task that WAHA faces and we need your help manning the booth!

You don't need to be an expert, just a friendly face to welcome passers-by to the "Proud Breed" and our fantastic club! Our booth is right next to the AHA booth, so the AHA Staffer can handle those tough questions regarding registry, sweepstakes, etc...

We look for volunteers in 2 hour increments each day of the fair. Look at it as a great opportunity to talk horses, meet new people, or just a nice place to rest your feet and put down your shopping bags for 2 hours! Of

course, if you can offer more than 2 hours of your time, that would be great ~ And don't forget you earn Volunteer Rewards Points for each shift you cover!

Due to the change in "theme/entertainment" this year, the breed demonstrations and coliseum schedule have been modified. The Arabian demonstrations are FRIDAY at 5:00 P.M. and SUNDAY at 10:20 A.M. We can always use extra volunteers to hand out brochures during the demo times, too!

To volunteer, please contact Stacey Dunn at staceydunn3313@aol.com or 847-818-5275 Monday - Friday 8:30-5 or 608-774-1864 evenings and weekends.

Attention Youth Members!!

We need your help!

The Midwest Horse Fair is April 18th, 19th, and 20th in Madison WI. We need volunteers for the booth and the barn to answer questions and hand out information on our breed.

This year the Arabian demonstration is on Friday night and Sunday morning. Remember that we now offer credit for volunteer hours and this opportunity adds a lot of hours as well as fun with your horsy friends. Also, the youth will be having their annual meeting at the fair on Sunday at 1:00pm.

Meet at the barn by the Arabian stalls and help with our biggest fund raiser by begging your favorite stores for donations for our silent auction. Again, meet at the barn on Sunday at 1:00pm and we'll have everything you need to ply your wiles and smiles on the vendors. To sign up for the booth volunteering e-mail Stacy Dunn through www.wisconsinarabian.com.

Annual Judging Clinic April 27

The Wisconsin Arabian Horse Youth Association would like to invite everyone to join us at our annual judging clinic held at Juli Goder-Larson and Sid Larson's Fox Hollow Farm.

This is a free learning opportunity for all ages, organizations, and breeds. The Larsons have graciously held this clinic for the past 5 years and will guide us through halter, hunt, and western specifications for judging. Discussion and helpful tips on oral reasons will enable any youth interested in formal judging competitions to feel confident.

The clinic starts at 1:00pm on April 27th at Fox Hollow Farm located at 7926 Hwy 67, Clinton, WI. For directions or any questions contact Cathy Arnold at 608-882-6512. No registration is required

REGION 11 UPDATE

Region 11 is set to go on its originally scheduled date at the Springfield, IL Fairgrounds

VOLUNTEER REWARDS PROGRAM

There are some great opportunities coming up to start earning points for the Volunteer Rewards Program. Both the Midwest Horse Fair and the May Show are looking for volunteers to help out. Support your club and volunteer! New members - this is a great way to meet other members - tell them you're new and this is your first time helping - and you'll be led thru until you're comfortable.

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.

2008 WAHA/REGION 10 CALENDAR

- April**
1 MAHA Schooling Show, Oasis, Lindstrom, MN
9 **WAHA Board Meeting**
18-20 Midwest Horse Fair, Madison, WI
- May**
2-4 Sahara Sands Spring Classic, St. Paul, MN, Jan LeRud, 715-488-2834
2 Region 10 Scholarship application deadline. Gay Jeanne Bower, 920-699-3690, gayjbower@yahoo.com
May 5 Mark Larscheidt Scholarship application deadline. Gay Jeanne Bower, 920-699-3690, gayjbower@yahoo.com
10-11 Region 10 Youth Roundup, Winona, MN Mary Tronson COMTRON5@aol.com
14 **WAHA Board Meeting**
17-18 NMAHA Double the Fun Show, Sauk Centre, MN, Jean Fredrichs 701-725-4420
23-24 WDHA Badger Show, Milwaukee, WI, Kristen Urban, 920-863-8253
25-26 **WAHA May Show, Milwaukee, WI** Sally Epps twocrabbyladies@hotmail.com
- June**
5/31-6/1 Indianhead (IAHS) Show, Rice Lake, WI Jan LeRud 715-488-2834
11 Region 10 Preshow, St. Paul, MN Mary Tronson COMTRON5@aol.com
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27-28 WDHA Dressage and Sport Horse Show, Waukesha, WI Kristin Urban, 920-863-8253
28-29 Region 10 Championship Hunter/Jumper, Sport Horse and Dressage Show, Waukesha, WI Nancy Miller 608-825-9986
- July**
11-13 MHAHA Great Arabian Get Together, Sauk Centre, MN, Jan LeRud 715-488-2834
26-27 GLAHA Class A Show, Norway, MI
26-8/2 AHA Youth Nationals, Albuquerque, NM
- August**
1 **WAHA Newsletter deadline for Sept. issue**
8-10 **WAHA August Show, Jefferson, WI**
9-10 MHAHA Dog Days Dressage Show, MN,
16 WDHA Open Show
18-23 AHA Canadian Nationals, Regina, SK., Canada
20-24 MN State Fair Class A Show, St. Paul, MN Steven Pooch 651-642-2314
- 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**
13-14 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
- December**
1 **WAHA Newsletter deadline for Jan. issue**
7 **WAHA Christmas/Awards (tentative)**
10 **WAHA Board Meeting**
- WAHA Website: www.wisconsinarabian.com
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- Please refer to WAHA Website for the following forms:
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