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The Alamo Arabian Horse Association Newsletter

Letter from the President

Dear Members and Friends,

The Alamo Arabian Horse Association is the Club of the year!

At midnight Saturday, November 22, I heard from our delegates at the AHA convention in Reno that we had just won the national award for our efforts to promote the Arabian breed and our active, involved members.



Congratulations to all members - we are so proud of you all! (PS: AHA will be giving us a check for a \$1,000!)

As we approach the end of the calendar year and wind up the show year with US Nationals and the Arabian Horse Association national convention, it's time to look forward to 2010!

Ginny's Horse Happenings will tell you who did what at Nationals and at our first Octoberfest Open Show, too. Check out one of our lead line stars below and in Ginny's column!



Looking forward, our national convention delegates, Bill Eash, Margo Shallcross and Elizabeth Williams are on their way to Reno, Nevada, to hopefully pick up Club Excellence Awards in Projects and Communications!

Coming up in Region 9, January 16th, is Horsefest in Fort Worth.

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We hope you all have extra time to enjoy your horses over the upcoming holidays...

Rose Marie Eash

Membership Meetings

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Happy Thanksgiving!

Horse Happenings by Editor Ginny Nokes



Seems like we have been on a Merry Go Round. One horse show after another. The Region 9 shows plus the Arabian Youth National show took us well into the summer of 2009. Youth Nationals, Canadian Nationals, Sport Horse Nationals and the US Arabian National Show in Tulsa.

At home, club open shows, the Alamo Arabian OctoberFest and the Star show in Sinton. Most of us are ready to set back and enjoy our own horses at home. A trip to the National competitions where we see such fabulous horses, inspires one to return home and pay special attention to our own. I think most of us feel so blessed that we have Arabian horses and the joy they bring us.

SPORT HORSE NATIONALS, LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY

Watching the horses at The Kentucky Horse Park and Tulsa and the strenuous life they live as show horses, I marvel at their attitude. Most of them know their jobs and go about doing it. While they receive the best of care, they are subjected to the stress of training, hauling and the pressure of competing. The horses give their all in the classes. They are incredible to watch. You are watching some of the best of the breed with top trainers ... What A Show!!

The Sport Horse Championship in Kentucky was not one of the most "fun" shows we have ever attended. The fact that it rained every day and the place was a quagmire didn't help. The dressage warm up ring was under water which complicated showing in the other rings. While it was nice to be at the Kentucky Horse Park, it was agreed this is not the ideal facility for our type show. There were problems that the show committee is aware of and are rethinking show plans for the future. It was a good show in spite of it all.



Jessica Springer on Good Golly Ms Damali

Club members Gary and Val Hackney and Anne Marie and Mark Hensen brought horses for the competition. Mark Hensen was the handler for In Hand horses. Jessica Springer was in the saddle. Mark showed the Hackney's purebred gelding Rabiya's Real to a Top Ten win. They placed 8th out of 56 horses. Tough competition. Good Golly Mis Damali was a Top Ten winner also placing 8th.

All of the In Hand classes were huge. People are breeding for Sport Horse conformation with athletic ability and producing some awesome horses. Mark Hensen just started showing In Hand this past year. This was his first year to compete at a National Level. Two top tens first time out - not bad Mark. "Damali" came up lame in her second In Hand Class. Jessica was due to ride her in her TL Dressage Class but had to cancel.

The resident vet said that he was treating a number of horses for foot abscess problems due to all the mud and wet ground. Jessica rode her in Sport Horse under saddle and they made the cut but were still sore for the finals. Congratulations to Mark, Anne Marie, Jessica, Val and Gary. Good job. Good Show.

Bill Eash drove all the way to Kentucky to cheer everyone on. He was there for us and we appreciated the home town support. Liz Petty who was still feeling the effects of a horse injury and wasn't sure she could attend. Debbie Cinotto and Rachael came to her rescue and not only drove her trailer to the show but were there to help. Liz was Res. Champion with her Half Arab Gelding and was Top Ten in her dressage test. Liz still had moments of dizziness but had a

great show.

OCTOBERFEST OPEN SHOW, SAN ANTONIO ROSE PALACE

Just back from Kentucky, we had five days to change hats and get ready for the AAHA OctoberFest at the Rose Palace. The big shows may be exciting but the shows back home are more fun. It is great to watch riders who are just beginning to show get that first ribbon. We see the "green" horses in the ring for the first time, we see seasoned show horses carrying inexperienced riders and we are just as thrilled to see these people win and show as the pros. They work hard and deserve that ribbon. It rained but not to worry. Everyone was inside and the show continued on. The Club supplied coffee and rolls that hit the spot on a rainy cool morning.

Considering the doubtful weather situation, there was a good turnout and the club fared well on this their first venture at the Rose Palace. The classes were well filled with many classes showing 7 Or 8 horses. Everyone got all pumped up watching the Saddlebred horses and their riders. The gaited class brought everyone to their feet. Michael Beasom won the class, Judy Jordon (his Mom) was second and Bill Been was third. The three put on quite a show.

The show was an all breed show but primarily Arabian and Saddlebred plus outstanding Stock type and Color horses were at the show. The halter Championship was won by Air Force One shown by Helena Osequesa. Reserve Champion was Salute the Gold shown by Mariann Jones. Jennifer Jackson brought horses for clients. Mary Jo Leahy rode a western horse that won it's classes. Claire Larson has a new western horse that is going to be an outstanding western horse.



The Lead Line Class had some fine young riders up. They all won blue ribbons! Ole Sir Prize shown by Shawn Brown, Tango in Texas shown by Leo Stark, TFA Bay Edition shown by Audrey Buffington and DD Dance A Lot by Brook Jackson.

Jennifer Jackson came with horses for clients, Mary Jo Leahy and Claire Larson. Other Arabian exhibitors were From Ride N Style at Double Diamond. To name a few Skye Williams, Steven Paris, Renee Holmes, Kendall Paris, Koy Moody, Kristi Fryhoves. Rachel Youngblood and her good mare DD Dance A Lot won the English Eq Class and also the 17 and under Hunter Pleasure.

Zabrina, owned and shown by Nicole Roberts, made her show ring debut. Nicole had only ridden the mare once before the show. They won the Adult showmanship class and third in her halter class and won ribbons in western pleasure. Janet Hornblower of Corpus Christi sent her mare Lily LaBeaute to be ridden by Virginia Morgon of Kingsville. They won their halter class and

were second in Showmanship. They placed second in Hunter Pleasure and 3rd in the championship.

Christie Brehm won the Arabian Hunter Pleasure on That Cowboy Look Mary Jo Leahy on Tamar Mata Hari won her western pleasure classes and won the championship. Catie Lohmeyer riding Misterae won ribbons in western, Katie Gembarowski on Ebby won 2nd and 3rd in big western classes. Emilee Smith from over East Texas way rode Zorro Ole and entered her first western pleasure class ever at a horse show. They placed in four out of five classes.

Tana Fowler brought the smallest and cutest entry. Fowlers Irish Ladds Miss Blondie, a lovely Miniature entered the halter class and placed third amongst the big horses. Sherri Barclay was in the ribbons with her halter horse, as was Bea Simmons, just to name a few! Buck Grass did an excellent job judging Arabian, Saddlebred, Quarter Horses, Paints, Pintos and Miniatures - the wind variety of breeds that came to show.

Club members turned out to cheer on their favorites and support the event. Our thanks to all the volunteers Bill Eash, Margo Shallcross, Grant Gallaway, Chris Williams, Mark Williams, and everyone that helped make the show a success.

Root "Beer" was served to all to celebrate OctoberFest. The Youth Club had cookies and baked goods on sale as a fun raiser for their club. Thanks to Marilyn Short for the show results.

THE 2009 ARABIAN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW, TULSA, OKLAHOMA

Linda Cornelius, Juani Moraes and I left home around 7:00 AM on Thursday and arrived in Tulsa in time for the evening performance classes. It was an easy drive. Silvio Moraes was waiting to greet us upon arrival.

Russ Taylor and Chris Smith were still on cloud nine after their mare TS Hermoso Girl was named Res. Champion in the Hunter PI. Futurity class ridden by Wendy Potts. It was a huge class filled with awesome young horses.

As always, the horses shown at the National Show are fantastic. They are groomed to perfection. The Arabian horses are such magnificent animals. It seems they get better every year. The English horses raise the noise level as these horses turn it on. The louder the crowd cheers, the higher they trot. The Hunter classes are huge and the judges have their work cut out for them in Hunter and Western classes.

Karlan Downing rode in Trail Classes and placed Top Ten. She has done this for years and years and always been Top Ten or better. They were pretty excited when their H/A Junior Western Pleasure horse CA Sky High made the Top Ten ridden by Travis Braden.

Texans at the show were Margo Shallcross and Nicole, Julie Velasco, Claire Larson, Mario Zerlotti, Russ Taylor, Chris Smith, Linda Toledo, Liz Trodlier, Karlan Downing Lemaster and Ray, Travis and Kathy Braden, Gordon and Wendy Potts and their group to name a few..



Russ Taylor, friends and family!!!!

We had a moment to visit with Tim Moerbe who is remembered as an active club member several years ago. My daughter, Georgia Alexander and grand daughter Barbara drove down from Wichita, Kansas to spend time with us. Not only did we see a great show but saw so many friends from all over the country. That's what makes Arabian shows special.

USDF REGION 9/SWDC DRESSAGE CHAMPIONSHIPS, KATY

We had heard from Becky Snell expressing her high hopes for her new horse Napitovs Fame: "Hope we do well at the USDF Region 9 and SWDC Dressage Championships in Katy Oct 30th. My little pony sized Arabian, Napitovs Fame, has won every class he has entered so

far (8) beating the big guys! Renee Delisse has the ride as an amateur. She and "Jack" make a great pair."

Bill Eash was in Katy working the show and reported that Becky's Arabian, Napitovs Fame, and Renee had a great show and were in the ribbons. Vicki Krebsbach riding Cylent Premier also placed well among the "Big Horses" and was in the ribbons. Congratulations to Vicki, Becky and Renee and thanks for proving Arabians are "can do" horses,

Send us your placings and photos! We would love to share and celebrate with you!

RideNStyle News

After having such a busy, hectic, and fun summer, it's been a relatively quiet couple of months here at Ride N Style. When we returned from Youth Nationals, many of our horses (and people) got a well deserved rest, while others began working towards their 2009 showing debuts.

The September CTAHC Open Show in Austin was the very first show for Shelly Pascale and her Half Arabian gelding JS A Major Commander. Even though Major has been in the show ring before with Denise and Alexa Nichols, it was our first opportunity to see him in action, and he and Shelly both performed very well. The pair won the Adult Amateur Walk/Trot Novice Rider class and placed very highly in both the English Walk/Trot and the Championship class. This show also marked the return of Blondo to the show ring, since coming back from her two year vacation in California. Capper Thompson owns Blondo and we are all very happy to see the mare back in Texas, where she belongs.

We weren't about to let a torrential downpour dampen our spirits at the Alamo Arabian Octoberfest show. Congratulations go to Helena Oseguera, who received two High Point awards by showing Air Force One to a Championship win in Half Arabian Halter, 1st in Halter Showmanship, and receiving many ribbons in her performance classes as well. Our ribbon wall was filled to capacity with too many awards to name each one, but we would like to thank and congratulate Allison and Audrey Buffington, Steven and Kendall Paris, Renee Holmes, Shelly Pascale, and Skye Williams for their great rides and hard work. When everyone works together as a team, great things can and do happen.

Our most recent outing was the November CTAHC Open Show, and we can't tell you how happy we were to see BF Fyre Cracker (Mickey) and Carol De Leon back in the show ring. Mickey has had a very tough time recently - late last year, he received an injury that required much time off, and then after he was back in show shape, he got bitten by a spider that laid him off again. Carol let everyone know that they were back and ready to win by being named High Point Hunter at this show. We would also like to congratulate Ella Bishop for doing such a great job in her first horse show, riding Air Force One to a first place in Hunter Pleasure Novice Rider, and Capper Thompson, who was named Champion in the Country Pleasure class on her gelding, Colors By Ghaz.

Looking back, guess it wasn't such a quiet time after all!

Patty Liarakos
Edythe Snowden

Happy Belated October Birthdays and Happy November/December Birthdays to Members:

Happy Birthday to you!

We get the birthday information from membership records, but many members have not included their birthdate. If we're missing yours, [To add or update your membership information click here](#)

October

VIRGINIA LYNN LITTRELL
NANCY E BUELL



CINDY MORIARTY
SUSAN M BREHM
ASAEL RODRIGUEZ
ELIZABETH SCOTT
CLARE ADAMS
ALEXA NICHOLS

November

LORETTA EHRLUND
CHRIS WILLIAMS
TANYA PRIFITERA
NICOLE SHALLCROSS
CHELSEA LOGSDON
KATE CASEY

December

JEANENE PEGG
DARLENE N STOCKTON
JOHN NICHOLS
MARIO ZERLOTTI
MELISA M MOUNTAIN
MICHELE EHRLUND
KATIE SPRINGER
MADELINE ELISE COLLEY
KARYSSA ROBERTS

**Welcome to New Members and a Reminder to Renew Your Membership
by Mark Williams**



AAHA currently has the following:

Adult Voting Members	102
Adult 3 year Members	19
Lifetime Members	3
Youth Members	24

Fiesta Show by Bill Eash



The board has approved making the dressage show this year an open show with breed restricted classes. Last year we had only 43 rides and really would like to have 65 rides to make a full day. We have hired Carolyn VandenBerg of Canyon Lake as the Technical Delegate and Jayne Ayers USEF "S", Sport Horse "R" as the judge. We can now have all breeds and also have FEI level rides.

The US Nationals judges for 2010 will be named at convention on November 20th. We will pick a judge from that list to judge our main ring horses.

Region 9 members have sponsored nearly \$1,500 to add four Hunter Hack classes at our Regional Championship show in July '10, so we will also add Hunter Hack classes at our Fiesta Show. This will give our folks a place to qualify for the Regional Show.

We had a great time at Octoberfest this year as you have read in Ginny's article and plan to repeat the show in October of '10.

Youth Club

The Alamo Arabian Youth Club had another successful fundraiser at the Oktoberfest Open Horse Show at the Rose Palace October 3rd. The youth would like to thank everyone for their wonderful support of their fundraiser activities.

The next youth meeting will be Sunday, November 29th at the Buffington's house. Any youth members not receiving youth group e-mail updates please contact Sherri Youngblood at sherriyoungblood@gmail.com.

CALLING ALL YOUTH MEMBERS!

The Youth Club will be hosting a Christmas caroling trail ride/parade in the town of Hollywood Park on December 19, 2009 from 2-4 p.m. We will have a flatbed trailer for the carolers and a Santa! At the end of the parade there will be a snack party at 4 p.m. co-hosted by the Hollywood Park Homeowner's Association at the Park's newly renovated community park. For more information, contact Sherri at 21-744-2132.

Sherri Youngblood, DVM
Youth Director



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\$15-80 Western belts- assorted small \$5, * BB Simon belt, small \$100-125. Lots of Western tack, including a silver Lester small port show bit \$150 (almost \$400 new) Contact me, Anne Scott, txpaintponygirl@yahoo.com
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