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## Region 9 Director's Message

I am excited to announce some changes being made to our annual event held in January each year. Mark your calendars for January, 23, 2010, as we will be having a one day "Party Polooza" as Jane Ann Godsey, Event Chair, calls it! Registration will start at 9:30 AM. a presentation by Stan Morey, the new AHA Judges & Stewards Commissioner, will begin at 10:30 AM followed by the High Point Awards Luncheon at 12:00 PM. The afternoon will be filled with a Judges Panel and the Region 9 Meeting. Also going on during the day will be the Region 9 Stallion Service Auction which will be a silent auction this year. The Stallion Service Auction proceeds are split so that 50% is paid to Region 9 Futurity Exhibitors and 50% to the scholarship fund of the Youth Foundation Region 9 – it is important that you consider buying your breedings at the auction this year as it may not be continued in future years if the support continues to decline. If you can donate a stallion service please contact Cathy Christiansen at [cathy.bsllp@yahoo.com](mailto:cathy.bsllp@yahoo.com). The Youth Foundation will also be having their Silent Auction which always has lots of great items. Both these silent auctions will begin at 10:00 AM and continue throughout the day with the winning bidders being announced at the dinner. Speaking of the dinner, Jane Ann is planning a fun evening with cocktails, a sumptuous dinner, Region 9 Horseman Awards and dancing after dinner! We want this to be a fabulous event for all the region members to enjoy, so bring out the dancing shoes and join us! The event will be held at the D/FW Marriott Hotel & Golf Club at Champion Circle located just north of Fort Worth off I-35W. Check out the info sheet elsewhere in the newsletter – you don't want to miss this party!!

The Region 9 Show Committee for 2010 will consist of Kristen Fisher, Bill Eash, Lisa Skalski and myself. Kristen will manage the Region 9 Championships and Bill Eash will again manage the Sport Horse Region 9 Championships.

Congratulations to Stan Morey of Edmond, Oklahoma on his acceptance of the AHA Judges & Stewards Commissioner position. I am sure he will do an outstanding job for AHA.

Thanks to Susan and Roger Johnson of Venture Farms and the North Texas Arabian Horse Club for allowing Region 9 to have our September meeting in conjunction with the NTAHC Blue Jean Ball.

May you have a safe and joyous holiday season and I hope to see you all at the "Party Polooza" on January 23rd!

Thank you,  
Pat Barton, Region 9 AHA Director  
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## Region 9 Championship Show Update

By *Kristen Fisher, Show Manager*

Mark your calendars for the 2010 Region 9 Championship Show, scheduled for June 8-12, 2010 at Will Rogers Memorial Center in Fort Worth, TX. The Executive Show Committee [ESC] this year consists of Kristen Fisher - Show Manager, Pat Barton - Region 9 Director, Lisa Skalski - Class and Schedule Management, and Bill Eash - Region 9 Sport Horse Championship Show Manager.

The ESC strives to provide an enjoyable and rewarding show experience for all exhibitors, as this is your AHA Regional Show. Thus we have developed a process by which our exhibitors can provide feedback to the ESC that will provide us time to evaluate requests and accommodate changes where feasible, in the following areas:

**CLASS SCHEDULE/CLASS LIST:** Currently the ESC is planning to offer all class categories offered for the 2009 show, although some classes with previously low numbers of exhibitors may be combined. If you no longer have the 2009 class list/schedule, you can refer to it here [www.region9aha.org/Regional\\_Show.html](http://www.region9aha.org/Regional_Show.html). Schedule change requests will be evaluated by the overall impact of the change to the existing schedule, and accommodations will be made if possible. Requests for additional classes will be evaluated on their appeal to the general

exhibitor population and by their impact to the overall show schedule.

**OTHER SHOW AREAS:** Feedback on the Commercial Exhibits, Patrons Lounge, Box Seating, Exhibitor's BBQ, or any other aspect of the Region 9 Championship Show is welcome.

**FEEDBACK PROCESS:** All requests must be submitted to the ESC in writing, and must contain the name, email address, and phone number of the requestor [so we can follow up for clarification if needed]. Please be as specific as possible so the ESC can properly evaluate the request. All requests must be submitted by Dec 31, 2009 - no exceptions. Feedback can be emailed to [region9show@earthlink.net](mailto:region9show@earthlink.net), faxed to 940-498-4290, or mailed to 1595 Redwood Drive, Corinth TX, 76210. Thank you in advance for helping us continually improve the Region 9 Show experience!

And finally, we are happy to announce that the Youth Foundation Region 9 Inc. is now the official charity beneficiary of the Region 9 Championship Show. Representatives from the Youth Foundation will be contacting all Region 9 exhibitors to purchase box seats to support our own 501c(3) scholarship program. Stay tuned for more details!



## Region 9 Sport Horse Championship Show Update

By *Bill Eash, Show Manager*

The Region 9 Sport Horse Championship Show is scheduled for July 15-18, 2010 at the Heart of Texas Fairgrounds in Waco, TX. We have hired Jeff Moore USEF "S" and Sport Horse "R" judge from San Juan Bautista, CA to be the primary judge. Janet Henderson USEF "R" Arabian judge, Canadian Hunter/Jumper "I" will judge our Carriage Driving, Hunter Hack and may help judge part of the in-hand classes depending upon the number of in-hand entries. Janet was the Chair of the AHA Sport Horse Committee from about 2002 through 2008. She wrote many of the articles and tips on how to show your horse in the in-hand classes. She is very knowledgeable in the SH and H/J community as well as an avid Arabian owner and trainer.

We plan to introduce jumping back in our show this year by adding Arabian and HA/AA Hunter Hack classes. Currently we have sponsorships for adding three classes but would like another two hundred dollars in sponsorships to add the amateur classes. Please contact Karen Campbell or myself if you wish to sponsor one of those amateur classes.

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## 2009 Region 9 Amateur/Junior High Point Program

By Jane Ann Godsey

The program will accept applications up to December 15th. All points are due in by December 15th so that ribbons and trophies can be ordered, and also we want to notify participants to be ready to receive their awards in advance. The awards will

be presented at Party Palooza. If you don't have the forms, they are located on the Region 9 website. Go to [www.region9aha.org](http://www.region9aha.org) and look for Awards program. If you have any questions, e-mail Jane Ann Godsey at [janeanngodsey@hughes.net](mailto:janeanngodsey@hughes.net) or call 936-564-3601 (home) or (936) 552-6416 (cell).



## 2010 Stallion Service Silent Auction

By Cathy Christiansen

Each year, Region 9 holds a Stallion Service Auction at the annual Regional January event. This year the benefit will be a silent auction during the Region 9 event on January 23, 2010. One half of this amount is given to the Youth Foundation Region 9 AHA Inc. scholarship program to support the youth of our Region. The other half of the proceeds will be paid out in the 2013 Region 9 Futurity classes held at the Region 9 Championship Show.

We are excited to offer a promising lineup of top Stallions to choose from for your breeding program. Add YOUR stallion and when it sells, you automatically

qualify to nominate one of your own foals to the Region 9 Futurities. If you have someone who is looking to breed to your stallion, have them buy it through the program. Then your stallion will be prominently represented in the Region 9 Futurities, while helping the Youth of Region 9. Remember that bidding will start at 1/2 the advertised fee for the 2010 year.

For information on donating a breeding or proxy bidding on a breeding and supporting the Scholarship Fund, please contact Cathy Christiansen at 870-692-1562 cell or [cathy.bsip@yahoo.com](mailto:cathy.bsip@yahoo.com).

***We want horses from All Disciplines! Donate your stallion today!***



## Freedom Classic Gelding Giveaway

By Mary Jo Leahy

DO YOU HAVE A RETIRED SHOW GELDING YOU WOULD LIKE TO RE-HOME? A WELL BROKE TRAIL GELDING WHO NO LONGER HAS A JOB? Please consider donating to the Freedom Classic Gelding Giveaway. This is a non-profit foundation and a wonderful cause to further your love of the Arabian and Half-Arabian horse. Contact Mary Jo Leahy at 361-550-5549. We ask that the gelding be well broke with current negative Coggins and up-to-date immunizations. Also, the horse will need a halter and lead rope to accompany them. They can be dropped off at the Freedom Classic show in Waco, TX in February. I assure you they will go to a loving home who can and will care for them. Please enclose registration papers, copy of show record, etc. as well as your contact and farm information. Please contact Mary Jo Leahy if you would like to donate. Thanks so much.

### **GELDING GIVEAWAY CONTEST RULES**

Topic of this years contest is: HOW OWNING AN ARABIAN HORSE WILL CHANGE MY LIFE. Open to kids aged 8-17. Essay must be type written, double spaced, 2,500 words or less. Must be written by child themselves. Essay must be accompanied by signed affidavit from parent or guardian stating they can and will care for the horse if their child does in fact win. Essay must also be accompanied by statement written by child stating what they will do to defray cost of horse ownership. Horse cannot be sold for two years. If circumstances change, winner is to contact Mary Jo Leahy and horse can be re-donated. Horse must be picked up at Freedom Classic in Waco in Feb 2010. Winners will be notified week before and must be there for presentation of geldings. Essays are due no later than Jan 31, 2010. Mail entries to 222 Thiele Rd., Yoakum, TX 77995 or email to [leahymj@hotmail.com](mailto:leahymj@hotmail.com) prior to that date.



## Unapproved Minutes for Region 9 AHA Delegates Sept. 2009 Meeting

September 19, 2009, Pilot Point, TX

Director/Chairman Pat Barton called the meeting to order at 1:15 PM.

Officers and Club roll call. Twelve (12) Clubs, twenty one (21) Delegates representing at least 1/3 of the member organizations were in attendance.

Officers and Directors in attendance: Pat Barton -

Chairman/Director, Margo Shallcross - Vice-Chair, Charles Bass - Secretary, Cindy Savage - Treasurer, Cathy Christiansen - State Representative: Arkansas, Mark Himmel - State Representative: Louisiana, Kim Morgan - State Representative: Texas, Dale Harvill - Immediate Past Director, A quorum was established.

Linda Abston made the motion to approve the agen-

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da. Herb Meites second; the motion passed. Per the agenda, the Region 9 meeting was recessed at 1:20 pm for the purpose of convening the Youth Foundation Region 9 meeting. The Region 9 delegates meeting was called back to order at 1:22 PM.

Jane Ann Godsey made a motion to approve the minutes of the June meeting which were e-mailed (copies are available), Bob Barton seconded the motion. Minutes stand approved with no corrections.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Treasurer Cindy Savage presented a written (see attached) and verbal report of the financial status of the region. January 1 through August, 2009: \$347,228.22 income with total expenses of \$340,290.01 which equals \$6938.21 to date. Motion by Charles Bass and seconded by Mark Himmel to accept the treasurer's report. Motion passed.

**FINANCIAL PLANNING:** Charles Bass, Chair reported that the budgets are due now and if you have not submitted, please do so at this time. Failure to do so may result in no money being allocated. Final budget will be presented at the delegates meeting in November at the AHA convention.

**REGION 9 SHOW:** Kristen Fisher, Chair gave a wrap up of the regional show. Looks like we will make a profit of \$21,000. Kristen and Pat will be the co-managers for the 2010 show. Lisa Skalski is working on the show schedule and should be finalized by December 1st.

**SPORT HORSE SHOW:** Bill Eash, Chair reported that the 2009 broke even. The 2010 show will be July 15-18 at the same location.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**JANE ANN GODSEY - HORSEFEST 2010** - Explanation was given that the youth foundation is not hosting the event. Region 9 will be responsible for putting on the event. Jane Ann reported that the event will have a new name and will be Jan 23, 2010 at a location in the DFW area. The youth foundation will still have a silent auction and the Stallion Service Auction will be a "silent auction" also. The proceeds from the stallion services silent auction will be split as in the past. There will not be a live stallion service auction. It will be a one day event with a guest speaker, the High Point Awards luncheon, Region 9 meeting in the afternoon, Horseman Awards dinner with band in the evening. Anyone interested in donating a stallion breeding needs to contact Cathy Christiansen, Margo Shallcross or Suzanna Hupp.

**PAT - AWARDS** - Pat reported that the bios for the top four nominees will be coming out in December Hand Gallop.

**JANE ANN GODSEY - HIGH POINT AWARDS** - Reported there is a form to fill out and send the points to her.

**CATHY CHRISTIANSEN - LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT** - Need to submit bios as soon as possible.

**CATHY CHRISTIANSEN -BLACK STALLION LITERACY PROGRAM-** OK & LA have approved the program.

**PAT - NEWSLETTER IS COMING OUT.** Club news is needed.

**TEXAS HORSEMAN'S LEGISLATION:** Did not get put on the calendar for this session of the legislature. Carrie Woolverton reported that another HB 1881 had passed which included only Quarter Horses, Paints and Appaloosas. Carrie contacted the Texas Agricultural Commission to inquire as to why Arabians were not included in the house bill and was told that no one had ever heard of Arabian horses so they were removed from the included breeds. Carrie made a motion and Margo second for Pat to e-blast the Texas Agriculture Commission information about Arabian horses.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- Pat reported for Kathy Hart that the Arabian Horse Galleries is approaching completion and will be open in the spring of 2010. Donations are still welcome.

- Pat reported the winners of the membership drive promotion: Gulf Coast Arabian Horse Club will receive \$250 for the Overall Increase in Members; South Central Arabs of Texas received \$250 for the Largest Percentage Increase in Overall Membership.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Pat reported that the AHA sweepstakes funds that had been used by AHA in the past will be returned at \$20,000 + 5% interest per month over a 36 month period until the \$750,000 is repaid. Dale Harvill reported on actions by the executive committee of AHA as to how to prevent further incidents like this from happening in the future.

- Pat asked for a vote on a proposed regional qualification that will be presented to the AHA board at the November board meeting. Vote was 21-2, motion passed.

- AHA Convention is November 18-21 in Reno, NV at the Silver Legacy Hotel. Charles reported that there are 19 resolutions.

- The next meeting will be November 19, 2009 at convention in Reno. Lisa Skalski motion not to have a full dinner at the meeting, just beverages. Linda Abston second. Motion passed.

- Pat asked for volunteers to help out at the Cowgirl Hall of Fame for an induction ceremony on October 16, 2009 at noon. Jane Ann said she would check into it.

- Bob Barton reminded everyone of the silent auction at the Blue Jean ball tonight benefiting the youth foundation.

The meeting adjourned at 3:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles Bass

Region 9 Corporate Secretary



## Canter Across Region 9: News From Across the Region

We encourage ALL REGION 9 CLUBS to submit items of interest! The next newsletter will be mailed March 1, 2010, so all information should be submitted to [aharegion9@earthlink.net](mailto:aharegion9@earthlink.net) by February 1, 2010.

### ARKANSAS

#### *Arkansas Arabian Horse Club*

The Arkansas Arabian Horse Club is pleased to announce the return of the 41st Annual Arkansas Victory Challenge to the wonderful facility at the Four States Fairground in Texarkana, AR on April 9-11, 2010. This show is an "A" rated, Region 9 qualifying show. Trophy and prize money will be awarded to top-placing Asil and Asil-sired Sport Horse in PB/HA In-hand and Under-saddle divisions (sponsored by Treff-Haven Arabians and Centennial Arabians). Please check our club website [www.arkansasarabianhorseclub.com](http://www.arkansasarabianhorseclub.com) for additional information and updates about this and other upcoming club events. If you have questions/comments about the show, please contact Erika Studer, Show Manager at [got2jump@sbcglobal.net](mailto:got2jump@sbcglobal.net).

### TEXAS

#### *North Texas Arabian Horse Club*

NTAHC would like to thank all the advertisers in its

2010 calendar for their support. Calendars will be available shortly and their first distribution point will be AHA Convention in Reno! Here's a preview of what's in store for 2010:

- January Alliance Farm – Trace and Jan Moffatt
- February Cylent Arabians – Karen Olsen
- March Kim Morgan Arabians - Kim (Potts) Morgan
- April Tezmaral Arabians – Lisa Skalski
- May Wind Dream Arabians – David and Genie Hammel
- June Caruth Arabians, DA Napitov – Tracy Caruth
- July Tamar Arabians – Tamara Hanby
- August Colonial Wood Training Center - Josh Quintas
- September Wolf Creek Arabians – Bill and Laura Bradley
- October Oak Haven Arabian Horse Farm – Blake and Jason Krohn
- November BayWood Equestrian Center – Wayne and Debbie Higgins
- December Caruth Arabians Stallions – Tracy Caruth



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**START YOUR 2010 SEASON OFF IN TEXAS AT SASHA MARCH 5-7 AND STICK AROUND FOR PIN OAK MARCH 17-21!**

Region 9 invites you to a

# PARTY POLOOZA

**January 23, 2010**

Dallas/Ft. Worth Marriott Hotel & Golf Club at Champions Circle  
3300 Championship Parkway, Ft. Worth, TX 76177

9:30am

**Registration**

10:00am-8:00pm

**Region 9 Stallion Service Auction Silent Auction**

(winning bids announced at the Dinner, payment to be made for services after dinner)

10:00am-??

**Youth Foundation Silent Auction**

(winning bids announced at the dinner, payment to be made for items after dinner)

10:30am

**AHA Judges & Steward Commissioner Presentation – Stan Morey**

Noon:

**Region 9 High Point Awards Luncheon** (\$25.00 per person)

2:00pm

**Judges Panel**

(several Region 9 judges will share their wisdom with all interested in attending-ask those questions you really want to know!! Find out how to make you and your horse stand out in the judge's mind!!)

4:00pm

**Regional Meeting**

**6:00pm**

**COCKTAILS**

**7:00pm**

**Dinner, Region 9 Horseman Awards,  
Dancing & Party (\$50.00 per person)**

RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BEFORE JANUARY 12, 2010. Please allow time for mail delivery.

Fee for attending (excluding lunch and dinner): **None**

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<http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/dfwmc?groupCode=R9AR9AA&app=resvlink&fromDate=1/22/10&toDate=1/24/10> If your guests prefer, they may call our reservations line at 1-866-348-3984 and ask for the Region 9 Arabian Horse Association. **Make reservations by January 6, 2010 please!**

# 2009 Region 9 Horseman Awards **BALLOT**

Please circle the candidate of your choice for each category.

Voting Deadline is **DECEMBER 31, 2009**

## **Breeder of the Year**

Holly Dillin  
Tamara Hanby  
Jeremy Harper  
Toskhara Arabians

## **Coach of the Year**

Patty Liarkos  
Edythe Snowden

## **Halter Handler Female**

Skye Williams

## **Saddleseat Trainer**

**Female**  
Patty Liarkos

## **Western Trainer Male**

Travis Braden  
Troy Peterson

## **Western Trainer Female**

Edythe Snowden

## **Hunter Pleasure Trainer**

**Female**  
Kathy Braden  
Jamie Fox  
Wendye Gardiner

## **Adult Amateur 18-39**

**Female**  
Caron Horton-Brooke  
Jessica Buffington  
Amy Peterson

## **Adult Amateur 40 & over**

**Female**  
Holly Dillin  
Lisa Eberhardt  
Mary Jo Leahy  
Sherry Rosser Carroll

## **Adult Amateur 18 & over**

**Male**  
Dave Buck  
Jeremy Harper  
Matt West

## **Select Rider Female**

Jessica Buffington  
Susanna Marie Dussling  
Patricia Gerdes

## **Select Rider Male**

Dave Buck  
Matt West  
James White

## **Jr. Exhibitor 10 & Under**

**Walk/Trot**  
Allison Buffington  
Parker LaRue  
Evelyn Roberts  
Tyler Thompson

## **Jr. Exhibitor 13 & Under**

Sara Altman  
Sydney Dean  
Lance Lewis  
Madelyn Patrick

## **Jr. Exhibitor 14-16**

Jasmine Anwer  
Renee Holmes  
Caitlin Hruzek  
Kristin Moore

## **Jr. Exhibitor 17**

Alexa Nichols  
Paige Peebles  
Kimberly Kay Shutts  
Michelle Nicole Shutts

## **Working Western Trainer**

Travis Braden  
Matt Howell  
Edythe Snowden

## **Working Western**

**Amateur**  
Sherry Rosser Carroll  
Elaine Dean  
Mark Shroyer  
Skye Williams

## **Dressage Competitor**

Cyndi Craig  
Sara Craig  
Wendye Gardiner  
Jeanene Pegg-Hundley

## **Sport Horse Competitor**

Cyndi Craig  
Lisa Eberhardt  
Jeanene Pegg-Hundley  
Sandra Johnson

## **Distance Rider**

Carla Jo Bass

**All ballots must be postmarked/faxed/emailed by DEC 31, 2009**

**Ballots can also be downloaded at [region9aha.org](http://region9aha.org)**

**Mail: Debbie Black, 1120 Silver Oaks Dr, Edmond, OK 73025**

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**Email: [dab624@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dab624@sbcglobal.net)**

**\*\*Submission of multiple ballots by one person will invalidate ALL that person's ballots\*\***

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**\*\*Ballots missing ANY of the above information will be discarded\*\***

# **VOTE for the 2009 Region 9 Horseman Awards!!**

Please find below the bios of the candidates selected by the Region 9 Board of Directors to appear on the ballot. All nominees were contacted for information and a blind vote by the BOD determined the final 4 for each category. All candidates are confirmed members of a Region 9 Club. Awards will be presented at the Awards dinner on January 23, 2010.

**Please review these bios and vote no later than DEC 31, 2009**

## **BREEDER OF THE YEAR:**

**#1 Holly Dillin:** Breeding program started 14 years ago. Proud of the variety of disciplines horses are excelling in: Cutting – Endurance – Dressage - Western Pleasure - Hunter Pleasure – Halter - Working Cow Horse and Country English Pleasure. In 2008 horses were Top Five or better in 11 of 18 regions and won 2 National Championships and 6 Top Tens. She had the privilege of showing WC Ciao Bella, a mare she bred and owns at US Nationals this year and was Reserve Champion ATH. Promoting our breed is important and she happily donates breedings to her stallions every year for fund raisers to raise money for youth scholarships and children's homes.

**#2 Tamara Hanby:** No bio received

**#3 Jeremy Harper:** Helped start and coach youth judging team and hosted 200 first graders for the Black Stallion Literacy Foundation presentation at his farm. He has been president/past president of Arkansas Arabian Horse Club and recipient of "Spirit of Jane Bess" award. Jeremy gave sponsorships and assisted with 40<sup>th</sup> Arkansas Victory Challenge; donates breedings for Youth Scholarships and charitable causes. Has bred horses earning 15 National Top Tens and 1 National Championship. From matching bloodlines, settling problem mares, spending sleepless hours during foaling season, to riding them to National titles, Jeremy Harper is a hands-on Breeder whose horses have excelled in all disciplines of the Arabian Horse Industry.

**#4 Toskhara Arabians:** No bio received

## **COACH OF THE YEAR**

**#1 Patty Liarkos:** No bio received

**#2 Edythe Snowden:** Assisted in multiple youth club activities, barn manager for Alamo Fiesta Show, Regional barn manager in 2008. Developed and implemented Girl Scout Badge program for both Brownies and Junior Girl Scouts in equestrian activities. Encouraged participation of Ride N Style junior exhibitors in after-school P.E. substitution program. Region 9 wins included a Championship, 6 Reserve Championships, and 25 Top Fives. At Youth Nationals, every rider made the finals and we came home with 3 Top Tens in Performance and 3 Top Tens in Hippology.

## **HALTER HANDLER FEMALE**

**#1 Skye Williams:** Consistently places well in Open, ATH, and Showmanship classes for Purebreds and Half-Arabians.

## **SADDLESEAT TRAINER FEMALE**

**#1 Patty Liarkos:** No bio received

## **WESTERN TRAINER MALE**

**#1 Travis Braden:** Has won numerous Class "A" Championships in Open Western Pleasure; 2009 US Nationals Top Ten Half-Arabian Western Pleasure.

**#2 Troy Peterson:** No bio received

## **WESTERN TRAINER FEMALE**

**#1 Edythe Snowden:** Clients won numerous awards at Class "A" level, 3 Champions, 3 Reserve Champions and numerous Top Fives at Region 9 and Top Tens at Youth Nationals.

## **HUNTER PLEASURE TRAINER FEMALE**

**#1 Kathy Braden:** Numerous Class "A" Championships with Open and Amateur riders - Region 9 Hunter Pleasure Open - competed at the 2009 U.S. Nationals in Open Hunter & HA Junior Horse Hunter

**#2 Jamie Fox:** No bio received

**#3 Wendye Gardiner:** No bio received

## **ADULT AMATEUR FEMALE 18-39**

**#1 Caron Horton-Brooke:** Long time member of Arabian club. Caron worked with HLSR trying to keep the Arabian show. She took her old show mare up to a "show and tell" at my old junior high school to show the kids what an Arabian is and tell about the breed. She was sidelined by a



shoulder injury and sold her show gelding, but found a young purebred Country English Pleasure mare and won 4 out of 5 classes at her first show and went Top Five at 2009 Regional Championships - they are looking forward to a bright future together.

**#2 Jessica Buffington:** See bio at Select Rider Female

**#3 Amy Peterson:** Her belief in the Arabian horse is still a favorite topic of conversation before a meeting or when talking to a stranger from another part of the country on an airplane. She believes we all need to do everything we can to share our experiences with non-horse people and promote the Arabian horse as a great family hobby. She participated in the Corporate Cup Walk for the United Way and the Walk for A Cure for breast cancer research. In shows she was Regional Champion in Western Pleasure and Top Ten at Nationals in 2009

## **ADULT AMATEUR FEMALE 40 & OVER**

**#1 Sherry Rosser Carroll:** Donates items to Youth group for their auction at Region 9 Show. She works with youth on Hippology and understanding and plotting equitation and trail patterns. Helped develop and implement Girl Scout Badge program for Brownies and Junior Girl Scouts in equestrian activities. Helped teach a chronically ill child to ride and compete on my horse, winning two Walk/Trot Reserve Championships at Regional Show, and a National Top Ten in Walk/Trot Western Pleasure. As Multiple Sclerosis patient and as a volunteer and fundraiser she has assisted other people with Multiple Sclerosis in learning to cope with this debilitating chronic disease. Recently, I have been additionally diagnosed with Sjogren's disease and have begun to fundraise and become involved in that community, again with the goal of showing people that you can still live a full life and set goals that give you satisfaction. In all cases, I stress that riding and competing with my Arabian and Half-Arabian horses have kept me more fit – both physically and mentally. These wonderful animals have learned to adapt to carrying a physically disabled rider who wears a leg/ankle/foot brace and is unable to mount or dismount normally. Many wins in Class "A" competitions and Region 9 Reserve Champion in Purebred Trail ATR, Top Five in Western Pleasure AATR Select Rider.

**#2 Holly Dillin:** Donates breedings to Region 9 Stallion Auction. Was Reserve Champion ATH with her mare this year at US Nationals and rode her Half Arabian at Nationals. See more bio at Breeder category.

**#3 Lisa Eberhardt:** Lisa helps the youth club with activities and also helps to get the Girl Scouts in her area familiar with the Arabian horse. She is active with Habitat for Humanity and Band Boosters for my daughter's high school. Region 9: 4 Regional Champions in Training and First Level Dressage, 1 Top Five in Sport Horse U/ S, and her stallion received his Supreme Legion of Honor this summer trained and shown as an amateur.

**#4 Mary Jo Leahy:** Member of AHA and the Pinto Horse Association showing H/A at both shows. Also a member of the Alamo Area Youth Horse Association and promote Arabians and Half Arabians at their shows and meetings. Mary Jo is Youth Director of local Arabian Club. She serves as a clothing consultant for many parents of horse crazy kids who are beginning to show on a budget. She is in charge of the Gelding Giveaway contest at the Freedom Classic. Works as a nurse anesthetist at local hospital and donates time as a clinical instructor to a local nursing program. She "thought the world ended" when her daughter went to college, but with the help of her trainer she started showing - winning locally and regionally in Hunter Pleasure and Western Pleasure.

## **ADULT AMATEUR MALE 18 & OVER**

**#1 Dave Buck:** No bio received

**#2 Jeremy Harper:** See bio at Breeder Category

**#3 Matt West:** No bio received

## **SELECT RIDER FEMALE**

**#1 Jessica Buffington:** At school, ballet, gymnastics and girl scouts, she is almost always in barn clothes so she is always afforded an opportunity to talk about riding. So far a mother, daughter and 2 sisters are hooked on Arabians. She also helped coordinate a badge program for a friend's Junior Girl Scout troop, and of course, the back of the suburban has an Arabian sticker, AHA sticker and USEF sticker. She got 42 western pleasure points in her first 3 Class "A" shows - but at Regionals she did not place in either of her Western Pleasure classes, "but I came out smiling (I had no idea that nerves could make you lose your legs)"

**#2 Susanna Marie Dussling:** Susanna is hard of hearing (Profound Hearing Loss) and wears Cochlear Implants. She is active in promoting awareness of Cochlear implants and Hearing loss thru speaking engagements and a blog: Champion Ears and Champion Horses, and various other community activities such as participating in the Walk for Hearing in Houston, Texas. She has shown in Class "A" shows in Region 9 successfully and her goal is to go to US Nationals in 2010 with her horse.

**#3 Patricia Gerdes:** Arabian club secretary, treasurer and membership chairman. She is active in the Eastern Crabbet Horse Society and volunteers her time judging and helping with the yearly "Celebration". She is a High School Science Teacher for 30 years, last 6 years in a Discipline Alternative Campus for At-Risk Students and was named "Denton ISD Teacher of the Year 2009". She takes her niece and nephew to numerous community shows with Arabian and H/A horses and shows her own horses in Hunter Pleasure at Class "A" shows.

## **SELECT RIDER MALE**

**#1 Dave Buck:** No bio received

**#2 Matt West:** No bio received

**#3 James White:** In his first year of showing James won every Select Rider class entered in Region 9. He was unanimous Champion Select Rider in Region 9 and achieved Top Five honors in both Region 9 age groups. To wrap up the year, James rode to Top Ten honors at the 2009 US National Championship Show.

## **JR. EXHIBITOR 10 & UNDER WALK/TROT**

**#1 Allison Buffington:** Allison has taken to "show and share" at her school horseshoes, ribbons, a mini horse figurine that looks just like TFA Bay Edition (her horse Ed), and pictures of Ed. She is a member of Girl Scouts, chess club, and got the 'Most Money Earned in 1st Grade' for Walk-a-Thon. Also does ballet, gymnastics and tennis. Region 9: 3 Top Five awards Youth Nationals: Top Ten

**#2 Parker LaRue:** No bio received

**#3 Evelyn Roberts:** No bio received

**#4 Tyler Thompson:** No bio received

## **JR. EXHIBITOR 13 & UNDER**

**#1 Sara Altman:** Attends Regional Meetings - works with the Black Stallion Literacy Program. She was qualified for Region 9 and Youth Nationals but was unable to attend because mom lost her job. Has a new horse and will be back showing in 2010.

**#2 Sydney Dean:** She plays basketball in school and is active in her church youth program. Sydney is club secretary for her Arabian youth club. She was High Point winner at the Cowtown and Arkansas Victory Challenge shows. Region 9: Reserve Champion Working Cow Horse JTR.

**#3 Lance Lewis:** Worked with club in "Catch the Spirit/Meet the Arabian" project allowing kids to groom and finger paint on Arabian Horses. He plays the euphonium in the School Band - named "Best of Brass". Lance plays Baseball, Football, and Basketball and was on the All-Star Baseball team. He volunteers at the local vet. Lance also is a scholarship winner at the Freedom Classic and the Mayfest Challenge. Region 9: 2 Championships, 2 Reserve Championships, 2 Top Fives. Youth Nationals: National Championship and 2 Top Tens.

**#4 Madelyn Patrick:** Uses her Arabian horse to be a model in her art classes at school and submits show info for her yearbook. She plays volleyball and basketball in school and received "Commended Performance" on TAKS test. Region 9: Reserve Champion Equitation on her horse after working through difficulties together earlier in the year. Madelyn said "It was the time of my life!"

## **JR. EXHIBITOR 14-16 YEARS OLD**

**#1 Jasmine Anwer:** Member of 4H promoting Arabians within that group. Member of youth club. School activities include Volleyball, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, and participation in "Visual Art Scholastic Event". She is showing a mare she raised and has done well at Class "A" shows, but had problems at Regionals and Youth Nationals that kept her from winning – nonetheless after looking at the judges' cards she says, "I had made it to Nationals with the horse I love that I'd raised for the past nine years and made a judges card. That to me is success. That shows that all my hard work has paid off."

**#2 Renee Holmes:** Active in school and church activities including assisting with Meals on Wheels, volunteer at the San Antonio Zoo, member of Underclassman Honor Society, volleyball team and choir, school equestrian club and assists with Kindergarten Sunday School. Her horse was won in the Gelding Give-Away in 2007 and has been conditioned and retrained. They did well in Class "A" shows and plan to compete in regional and national shows next year.

**#3 Caitlin Hruzek:** Brings all her friends to the barn and to shows to learn about Arabian horses. She is active in youth group and volunteers for gate management at Regional Show. Member of school choir and MMOB and MWB – service organizations requiring 30 hours of community service and work at fund raisers for worthy causes such as freeing children soldiers in Uganda. Show wins include 2 Championships and a Top Five at Region 9 and a Championship and 1 Top Ten at Youth Nationals.

**#4 Kristen Moore:** At school has used her horses in written assignments to promote the awareness, beauty and strength of the Arabian horse. Member of school dance group and National Junior Honor Society. Kristin competed in "Ride for the Cure" class in honor of her Aunt. Member of youth group, works on scrap book and attends field trips and fundraisers. Won every Costume class in Class "A" shows and did well in Show Hack and Saddleseat Equitation. She has been Top Five at Region 9 and a semi-finalist at Youth Nationals.

## **JR. EXHIBITOR 17 YEARS OLD**

**#1 Alexa Nichols:** Rode in the King William's Parade & Christmas caroling from horseback; gave lessons to local children. Arabian Youth Association officer, Historian for Region IX Youth Association, Delegate to the Youth Nationals Convention, organized and built golf cart entry for Youth National Parade of Regions and poster for Region IX representatives at Delegate Convention. High School Class President with straight A's, vice-president and section leader of Choir, UIL competitor in prose (first in District), Solo/Ensemble (ranked top five in Texas), and Concert/Sight-reading (received highest achievement award); National Youth Leadership Conference nominee; American Representative for People to People Student Ambassador Program; scholarship recipient at Freedom Classic. Region 9: 2 Reserve Champions and 3 other Top Fives. Youth Nationals: 2 Top Tens

**#2 Paige Peebles:** Rode in Team Penning during the Region 9 Show barbeque to raise money for the Youth. Paige made a video showing all the disciplines of Arabian horses for lectures to elementary school students. She is active in local Arabian club. Paige is on the AB Honor Roll, a member of the UIL Choir Team; active in church and in charge of Santa's Helpers for the community delivering food and Christmas gifts to people having a hard time. Region 9: Champion and Reserve Champion; Youth Nationals: 2 Top Tens.

**#3 Kimberly Kay Shutts:** Participant at Regional meetings and Youth National meetings/show. FFA - officer and tour guide at Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo; volunteers at Abandon Animal Rescue; gate worker HLSS and Rodeo; volunteer at Brazos Valley Equine Hospital; HLSS and Rodeo Art Show 2<sup>nd</sup> Place; County Fair Art Show 1<sup>st</sup> Place; awards in Chemistry Equine Science; Greenhand and Chapter farmer; volunteer for teaching Girl Scout Horsemanship Badge. She has numerous Class "A" Championships. Region 9: Reserve Champion and Top Five.

**#4 Michelle Nicole Shutts:** Participant at Regional meetings and Youth National meetings/show. FFA - officer and tour guide at Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo; volunteer at Abandon Animal Rescue; gate worker HLSS and Rodeo; volunteer at Brazos Valley Equine Hospital; HLSS and Rodeo Art Show Area Finalist; County Fair Art Show two 1<sup>st</sup> Places; Egyptian Event T-shirt design winner; National Honor Society member; UIL Writing team member; Grade Fine Arts Award; Communications Application Award; P.E. Award; Citizenship Award; Ag. Awards - Greenhand and Chapter farmer. Multiple Wins at Class "A" shows.

### **WORKING WESTERN AMATEUR**

**#1 Sherry Rosser Carroll:** See bio under AOTR Female 40 & over. This year she met and exceeded a long time goal of winning a Top Five in PB Trail despite physical limitations from MS and Sjogren's disease. She and her gelding were Reserve Regional Champion in PB Trail AOTR.

**#2 Elaine Dean:** Volunteers for free health clinic and school screening. Elaine shows Working Cow Horse classes at "A" shows, regionals and nationals.

**#3 Mark Shroyer:** Donates breedings to the Cutting Association and to the Youth Scholarship Auction. Attended the American Youth Horse Counsel National Symposium in Lincoln, Nebraska, representing the Arabian Cow and Cutting Horse Associations to help promote the Arabian as a family and working horse. Member of "Feed the Children's Inner Circle". Wins include: Region 9 – Champion, Reserve Champion and Top Five in Working Cow Horse classes and a Reserve Champion in Cutting. Nationals: National Championship in Working Cow Horse and Reserve National Champion in Cutting.

**#4 Skye Williams:** Skye is Historian for youth club and is active in events including Christmas Caroling on horseback. She is a straight A student and does off campus PE with her horse. Skye shows in many disciplines including H/A trail – was Reserve Champion at Region 9 this year.

### **WORKING WESTERN TRAINER**

**#1 Travis Braden:** Regional wins include Champion \$5000 Novice Cutting, Top Fives in \$5000 Novice Cutting, Open Cutting, and H/A Open Cutting. National wins: Travis won the Championship and Reserve Championship in \$5000 Novice Cutting and was Top Ten in the Open and Purebred Western Pleasure Futurity. He started the H/A Reserve Champion Futurity winner and the Purebred National Champion Futurity winners which were shown by his wife Kathy.

**#2 Matt Howell:** No bio received

**#3 Edythe Snowden:** Her Regional riders won 3 Reserve Championships in Trail.

### **DRESSAGE COMPETITOR**

**#1 Cyndi Craig:** Volunteers at local shows and sponsored trophies at Region 9 Sport Horse Championship. Competes with a gelding she purchased as an 8 month old – raised and trained him. He was a part of the winning USDF Adult Team Competition at his first show and was individual Champion with the highest score of all the team members. At Region 9 Championship he won 2 Top Fives and a Reserve Championship in Training Level. He ended the year earning 5th in nation in the Training Level, Amateur division of the Arabian Horse Association's USDF All Breed Awards with a 65% median score.

**#2 Sara Craig:** No bio received

**#3 Wendye Gardiner:** No bio received

**#4 Jeanene Pegg-Hundley:** No bio received

### **SPORT HORSE COMPETITOR**

**#1 Cyndi Craig:** Sponsored trophies for the Regional Sport Horse show, volunteers at local and regional shows. Won 2 Top Fives in H/A Sport horse in Hand as well as multiple wins in Dressage this year.

**#2 Lisa Eberhardt:** See bio under Adult Amateur Female 40 and over

**#3 Jeanene Pegg-Hundley:** Active in her Arabian club for years - currently is involved in supplying horses for the production of a movie by Michael J Lewis, "You Make My Day," about a magical land of Arabian horses watched over by wonderful birds and monkeys (see a preview at Youmakemydaythemovie.com). Jeanene takes Arabian and H/A horses to the San Antonio Livestock Show equine classroom. Her horses won numerous awards in Class "A" shows in Sport Horse and Dressage, but she was unable to show at Regionals because of multiple broken ribs and a fractured collar bone.

**#4 Sandra Johnson:** Exhibited 2 Top Five Sport Horses in Hand at Regionals and trained the USEF Region 9 H/A Sport Horse of the Year 2008. Trained and/or exhibited a Regional Champion, a Regional Reserve Champion, and a Top Five Sport Horse in Hand and a Top Five H/A Sport Horse Show Hack at Region 9 in 2009. Trained 2 US Top Ten Sport Horses in Hand at Sport Horse Nationals.

### **DISTANCE RIDER**

**#1 Carla Jo Bass:** On the regional level she is the CTR Representative and was the Ride Manager for the Regional Endurance Ride Championship. On the club level she managed a very large (over 100 horses) Endurance Ride. Carla Jo has been a delegate for her club for the past 23 years. She is in the church choir and went on a mission trip this year with her church. She has ridden in several NATRC (AHA qualifying) Competitive Trail rides and NCTHA Competitive Trail rides. She also was manager for the Region 9 Endurance Championship Ride.



Dear Friends of the Freedom Classic.



We are announcing at this time the show to be held in Waco, Texas, on February 5-7, 2010, will be the final Freedom Classic. We have had the privilege of your participation, comradery, and support. We have witnessed the overwhelming joy of watching our exhibitors grow into impressive adult riders. We have been blessed with the most loyal staff ever assembled. And it has been our honor to

bestow the Freedom Classic jackets on reserve champions and the memorable Lois Cochran Finch Trophy upon the Overall Champions.

Watching the gelding recipients brought us pride and a sense of doing something right. Our judges have served us honorably and done their fair share of teaching. Being independent of national funds while receiving loyal support from Region IX and its various clubs has proven to us we have special folks around us. Being able to feast and bid and party while accentuating our most important product: fun for our riders and handlers, has indeed been a special feeling.

Special thanks go to Judy, our internationally recognized face painter; Frank Reichardt our massage master; our loyal commercial venders; M.J. and Larry Leahy as well as Kathie Williams, Jill and Kim Zupancic, Ann Lang, Larry, Margo and Nicole Shallcross; Doug Sullens and Grant Galloway as ringmasters; Naomi Reilly and her superlative crew from Central Texas; Frances Ruby; Jack and Becky Zeigler; Dr. Karlan Downing who gave so willingly of her professional time; Dr. Jackie Rich, a vet like you could only pray for; Chris Hansen for years of gorgeous garlands; Jayne McNally and Mobile Music Express; Jake and Pat Reed as well as Bailey Bradshaw for always being there for everyone; and to dear Lois Finch for believing in us and assisting with judges selections for many years. It is so correct that she started us all thinking of the kids and then she walked the walk with us.

I also want to thank Lois' parents, Bruce and Carolyn, who were there many years to personally present the memorial trophy. Sundowner Trailers helped us in the early years to obtain a trailer for the champion. Pam and Rob Hess, then Jerry Sparagowski and Mike Ferrara filled in until big Donnie Stine did his magic.

J.D. Ewing and the H.O.T. Staff have done their best to accommodate us and make the show a success. We succeeded early on because of folks like Nancy Switzer, Shary B. Akers, AHOF and Howard Schenk, Summer Frost, Waco Visitors and Convention Bureau, with Elizabeth Taylor and staff; Jonathan Moeller, the sculptist of the Finch Trophy; Jarvis Insurance Agency; Professional's Choice; Steve Montgomery, Don Miller, Tom McNutt, Terri Deering the Hat Lady, Erika VanDewark, and of course, Bob Whitlatch. Show Season has been with us a long time; Zia Graphics and Schneider's Saddlery have stood up to the plate for us; Cheryl Naylor of USA Masterfoods in Waco has provided hundreds of pounds of Mars products; and the Coffee Station in Crawford (where President Bush has breakfast) served our party.





Our generous scholarship donors have allowed us to take the show to the next level. As we hover around \$250,000 in total awards and having never missed a payoff, we are humbled by folks like Dennis and Linda Clark, 6D Ranch (thank you Dells and Nancy Hill), Toni Ann Rogers, MFI Foundation (thank you Lynn), Holly Dillin, Dr. Karlan Downing, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Roberts, Ted Blanch, Nancy and Bill Blankenship and the Rees - Jones Foundation. And Region IX has always pitched in to help as have volunteers from clubs around the region. People who stuck out a helping hand when they didn't have to. We thank you and will miss your partnerships.

Through these two decades, we have enjoyed folks from afar like Alan Balch, IAHA officers, the legendary Peter Cameron and Harry Cooper; Bob Peeples, Cecile Dunn, Patrick Swayze, as well as local Waco people like the Sirbaskus, Shawn Crews, the mayor, county commissioners and Tom and Martha Salome. And last year, our director, Pat Barton presented the championship and high point awards.

We have been blessed. And that rises above when you mention our inner show staff. After Larry Shallcross took on a load in San Antonio, we called in fancy Nancy Braesicke to manage us and help celebrate her birthday during Freedom week. Our big four - Jean and Steve Buddin and Dan and Cindy Savage should probably tell you how utterly helpless we'd be without them.

We were going to mention the best Arabian horse show announcer in America, but Craig is so overmatched by Cathy and figures to be asking for guidance from Travis and Ryan for years to come that it hardly seemed appropriate. CC: you are the best. Period.

We miss you, Diane Neely Byrum, Lois Finch, Anita Martin, Buford Neely, Tom McNair, Bailey Bradshaw, Chappy, Jack Christiansen, Don Miller and so many others who laid the foundation for our youth to thrive on but never sought the limelight. Thank you for leaving us Gwen Nix, Lori Ragland, Erika Hughes, Ross Tarkington, Lynn Almond, Sandy and Jim Bentley, the Nichols, and Bob Barton to genuinely care what happens from here.

We will definitely be selling most of our show items such as our funny signs, teaching wall, pictures, easels, bushel buckets, needle disposal sets and such. If there are shows, charities or homeless places to put leftover clothes, that can happen. Our auctions will be final. The Ogden/Nordquist bronzes will either sell above reserves or be held for future uses. Our judge will be Patti Felker-Breiner.

Thanks to all of you for allowing us to love what we've been doing for 20 years. It has been our passion and we wish all of you great happiness with your horses and lots of success.

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The next meeting of the Region 9 Delegates will be held at AHA Convention in Reno, NV on Thursday November 19, 2009 from 6:00 PM – 11:00 PM. Please check local information to determine the exact room location.

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