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Region 9 Director's Message

Hope this message finds all of you having had a successful spring, whether it is new foals on the ground, new show ribbons on your walls, or new trails to ride and endure! In this newsletter you will find a copy of the e-blast I sent out after the March AHA Board of Directors' meeting. If you have any questions about this report, please contact me. The May 15-17 AHA Board meeting will be reported by e-blast within a week of my return from Denver. (It will also be published in the September newsletter.) I am doing my best to keep you informed of what is going on at AHA, but should you need more information or have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

The Region 9 Championship Show will be starting up the evening of June 10 and will run through the evening of June 14, 2008. I hope you have plans to attend the show as an exhibitor, spectator or volunteer. This show can always use volunteers, so if you can help please contact Margo Shallcross at margoshallcross@hotmail.com.

Please note that the Region 9 Delegate meeting will be held Saturday, June 14th at 11:00 AM in the John Justin Sale Arena - anyone can attend this meeting, so come on by and check it out. Speaking of the delegates - remember your club delegate count is based on your membership as of June 30th. (Each club gets 1 delegate per every 50 members.) Region 9 needs your delegate support, not only at our Regional meetings but also at the AHA Annual Convention to be held November 20-22 in Denver, Colorado. If you do not currently have a delegate(s) for your club there are several people within Region 9 that would be willing to join your club and serve as your club's delegate. Please contact me as soon as possible if your club needs a delegate.

Don't forget the Region 9 Sport Horse Championship Show being held July 10-13th in Waco. The premium book was included with the Region 9 Championship Show premium, and a tentative class schedule can be found at the Region 9 website. This is a great show - you really should make plans to attend!

This is our ninth newsletter and I'd like to thank Kristen Fisher for all her hard work and efforts in getting this publication out in a timely manner. Remember, if you have any news articles, photos, club activities, or information that promotes our beautiful breed that you'd like the membership to know about, be sure to send such to Kristen. The newsletter comes out the first of March, June, September and December. The deadline for copy is usually 30 days prior to the publication date. Thanks Kristen for a job well done!

Now, go out and have fun with your horses!

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2008 AHA Region 9 Championship Show Update

By Margo Shallcross, Show Manager

Less than a month from show time and everything is well under way. The show staff has been working hard and we are looking forward to another wonderful year. We have most of the staff returning from last year with a few new changes: On the outgate we will have Carrie Woolverton replacing Larry Nace, Larry Shallcross will be replacing Mike Tulburt at the Paddock and Edythe Snowden is doing the Barn Management in place of Randy Reid. These three will be

missed but know the new staff will do a great job.

Look for Jean Buddin, Judie Mitten and Patty Liarakos in the show office and Barbara Blanch in the Patron's Lounge. Eat light on Friday and save room for the wonderful Bar-B-Que and support our youth at the Team Sorting that evening.

Virginia Sawin will be running the Commercial Vendor Area and will be glad to direct you to any shops in the Hall. Good luck to all for the 2008 show season.



2008 AHA Region 9 Sport Horse Championship Show Update

By Bill Eash, Show Manager

The show will be held at the Heart of Texas Fairgrounds in Waco, TX, July 10-13, 2008. The Sport Horse Judge will be Charlotte Trentleman (USEF "S" Dressage, FL); the Carriage Driving Judge will be Lore Homer (USEF "R" Pleasure Carriage Driving, Combined Driving, PA. Sarah Jane Martin of Montgomery, TX will be our TD and C2 Steward. Charlene Lynch of Leonard, TX will be our show manager.

We have changed the class order for the Carriage Driving classes. Please check the Sport Horse Web site for the latest details www.region9aha.org/Sporthorse_Reg.html.

The Sport Horse and Dressage numbers have been huge this year at the qualifying shows so we are anticipating a large show this year. Get your entries in early with stall requests. A stall chart is available on Region web site. Ride and handle times will be available on the website as soon as they are avail-

able. We want the exhibitors to check them early so that if there is an error in the class entered it can be fixed prior to the show.

We are planning a wine and cheese party on Thursday evening during the new carriage driving classes and will have the progressive barn party on Saturday night. We want to encourage you all to come visit the show. If you have not been to a SH Championship show you will enjoy watching these highly trained Arabians work. The in-hand classes will be very large again this year since most dressage and sport horse exhibitors like to enter their horses to display their conformation, manners and beautiful gaits.

We still have show program advertising and sponsorship opportunities. Please contact me at eash@gvtc.com or 830-980-3188.



2007 Region 9 Amateur/Junior High Point Results and 2008 Program

By Jane Ann Godsey

All awards not picked up at Horsefest will be mailed by May 15, 2008. If you have not gotten yours shortly after that date, please contact Jane Ann Godsey at janeanngodsey@hughes.net. This year, the final cut off dates will be earlier, and winners in the program will be notified so they may pick up their awards at Horsefest. Thanks for your patience with the transition. Additionally, sponsors for these awards will be sought out this year. If you are interested in sponsoring one of these great awards, please contact Jane Ann Godsey.

Congratulations to the 2007 Winners:

WESTERN PLEASURE:

Champion - Bonnie Burkett and RR Georgio++
Reserve Champion - Danielle Grueber and Koweta Tsaarina
Top 5 - Joy Buck and Yosemite Sam GNTC
Top 5 - Casey Goslin and formula One Ferrari
Top 5 - Cindy Davis and Gallant Move

EQUITATION/HORSEMANSHIP/SHOWMANSHIP:

Champion - Bailey Strange and H Beyberry Adventure
Reserve Champion - Cassidy Raymond and Mr. Chask
Top 5 - Danielle Gurber and Koweta Tsaarina
Top 5 - Krista Greenwich and SP Easter Sunrise
Top 5 - Taylor Kraft and Fed Ex

CUTTING/REINING/WORKING COW:

Champion - Dianna Stanger and Trick R Treat
Reserve Champion - Michelle Slaughter and Mi Victor

TRAIL:

Champion - Marg Woodruff and KN Rio Tuff
Reserve Champion - Michelle Slaughter and Mi Victor
Top 5 - Marg Woodruff and Rock N Rose
Top 5 - Renee Anderson and GR Formal Attire
Top 5 - Sherry Rosser Carroll and TA Rodansk

BARRELS/POLES/KEYHOLE/TEAM PENNING:

Champion - Marg Woodruff and Rock N Rose
Reserve Champion - Joyce Hayes and Dynamo Jo
Top 5 - Krista Greenwich and SP Easter Sunrise

ENGLISH PLEASURE/PARK/ENGLISH PLEASURE DRIVING:

Champion - Anna Raybourn and Marys Gift
Reserve Champion - Jane Ann Godsey and DC The Rocketman+
Top 5 - Dianna Stanger and Invictus JB

COUNTRY ENGLISH PLEASURE/CEP DRIVING:

Champion - Cassidy Raymond and Mr. Chask
Reserve Champion - Madison Frizzell and Hi Lanids Justice
Top 5 - Bailey Strange and Loves to Dance

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Top 5 - Taylor Kraft and LCM Grand Berry Bey+/
Top 5 - Bailey Strange and H Beyberry Adventure+++//

HUNTER PLEASURE/WORKING HUNTER:

Champion - Shelly Sutter and C.A. Napostar
Reserve Champion - Claire Herlin and ROL Flame Dancer
Top 5 - Claire Herlin and Pentacon+//
Top 5 - Kelsi Foucheaux and Cimmarron Sundae
Top 5 - Karen Higgins Campbell and Shez Just The Ticket

TRAINING LEVEL DRESSAGE:

Champion - Karen Higgins Cambell and Shez Just The Ticket
Reserve Champion - Michelle Slaughter and Mi Victor
Top 5 - Brooke Lisowski and The Ali Shamin
Top 5 - Colleen Sobanski and Serenity Shahr
Top 5 - Krista Greenwich and Pure Ghazi

1ST LEVEL DRESSAGE:

Champion - Brooke Lisowski and The Ali Shamin
Reserve Champion - Michelle Slaughter and Mi Victor
Top 5 - Krista Greenwich and Pure Ghazi

2ND LEVEL AND HIGHER DRESSAGE:

Champion - Carole Purdy and DAF Aristoladd

SPORT HORSE:

Champion - Karen Higgins Campbell and Shez Just The Ticket
Reserve Champion - Brooke Lisowski and The Ali Shamin
Top 5 - Cyndi Craid and Faxxsimile
Top 5 - Renee Anderson and GR Formal Attire
Top 5 - Michelle Slaughter and Mi Victor

HALTER OR LIBERTY/STALLIONS OR GELDING:

Champion - Bailey Strange and H Beyberry Adventure
Reserve Champion - Marg Woodruff and Rock N Rose
Top 5 - Michelle Slaughter and Mi Victor
Top 5 - Renee Anderson and GR Formal Attire
Top 5 - Cindy Davis and Gallant Move

HALTER/LIBERTY MARES:

Champion - Karen Higgins Campbell and Shez Just The Ticket
Reserve Champion - Patrician Parmley and Azzizza
Top 5 - Skye Williams and DD Tejas Skye
Top 5 - Madeline Colley and Serafina Ezperanza
Top 5 - Lisa Jensen and Tiarra De Oro

SHOW HACK/COSTUME/SIDE SADDLE:

Champion - Casey Lane and Thee Jokers Wild
Reserve Champion - Taylor Kraft and Fed Ex
Top 5 - Cassidy Raymond and Mr. Chask
Top 5 - Michelle Slaughter and Mi Victor
Top 5 - Jane Ann Godsey and DC The Rocketman+

RECREATIONAL RIDING:

Champion - Emily Robinson and Voo Doo Medicine Man
Reserve Champion - Megan Ferris and Mistrils Voyager
Top 5 - Krista Greenwich and SP Easter Sunrise
Top 5 - Krista Greenwich and Pure Ghazi
Top 5 - Jasmine Anwer and KRA Elvira

SELECT RIDER:

Champion - Marg Woodruff
Reserve Champion - Karen Higgins Campbell
Top 8: Shelly Sutter, Cindy Davis, Joy Buck, David Buck, Michelle Shutts, Koy Moody

10 AND UNDER:

Champion - Madison Frizzell
Reserve Champion - Skye Williams
Top 8: Jessee Baldwin, Crista Goslin, Skye Williams, Brooklyn Jensen, Mary Cogdell

13 & UNDER:

Champion - Claire Herlin
Reserve Champion - Cassidy Raymond
Top 8: Danielle Gruber, Taylor Kraft, Casey Goslin, Kelsi Foucheaux, Megan Farris, Taylor Kraft

14-17:

Champion - Krista Greenwich
Reserve Champion - Bailey Strange
Top 8: Bonnie Burkett, Casey Lane, Hilary Vinson, Michelle Shutts, Bailey Strange, Kimberly Shutts

18-39:

Champion - Brooke Lisowski
Reserve Champion - Morgan Miller
Top 8 - Jennifer Parrish, Meredith Endris, Madeline Endris

40 & OVER:

Champion - Marg Woodruff
Reserve Champion - Karen Higgins Cambell
Top 8 - Michelle Slaughter, Shelly Sutter, Jane Ann Godsey, Renee Anderson, Dianna Stanger, Cindy Davis/Joy Buck

These results were from 83 horse/rider combinations. Please congratulate your fellow exhibitors next time you see them. They worked hard for these awards. Thanks again to all who participated. Award notifications will be sent 14 days in advance for the 2008 presentation so that more winners will be able to attend. To join this program for 2008 – entry forms can be found in this newsletter or at www.region9aha.org/High_Point_Amateur.html.



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To My Extended Family of the Arabian Horse World

I have sold my farm! After 31 + years of cheers, tears, and almost every other emotion known to mankind, it was a difficult decision. As many of you know, our Arabian Training Center was our life. How lucky to be able to work a lifetime at what we loved doing, with the BEST breed of horse. Just wanted to share this news as a reminder of how lucky we all are to have Arabian horses in our lives. The farm and business, Crockett Training Center, closed as of April 15, 2008. As difficult as it is to see, most of the buildings are torn down or disassembled. Progress? In the meantime, my 5

horses, 2 dogs, and various cats will remain together somewhere? Hope to see all of my Arabian Horse Family at the shows. I still want to ride a Reiner!! My greatest hope is that Crockett Training Center will remain more than a memory for all with whom we worked, played, competed with and shared stories. Let's share a few more! Best wishes for a successful season.

Joanne Crockett,
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Van Alstyne, Texas



Recap of March AHA Board of Directors Meeting

By Pat Barton, Region 9 AHA Director

The AHA Board of Directors meeting was held in Denver on March 7-8, 2008. If anyone has any questions or concerns about this meeting, please contact me at patbarton1@msn.com or call me at 405-340-7606.

The Treasurer's Report indicated that AHA will not reach the \$500+K profit for our fiscal year as presented to the delegates at the 2007 Convention. While AHA will not end its fiscal year on budget, it is still operating in the black. The FY 2009 Budget was presented by the Budget and Finance Committee and with some changes made was approved by the BOD. Region 9 Member, Walter Bogan, who chairs the Budget and Finance Committee, is doing a great job of working to get us back on track with the budget.

Registrations of Purebreds were down 6.9% and Half/Anglo Arabians were down 10.9% from 2006 to 2007. This trend is not just happening in our breed, but all breeds – Quarter Horses were down 17.76%; Paints down 10.99%; Pinto down 19.22% – the only one showing a slight increase of 0.61% was the Morgan breed. (Glimmer of light in 2008 – the Arabian registration increased 8% over February 2007 and the Half/Anglo-Arabian increased 5% over February 2007.)

Memberships were down 5.1% from 2006 to 2007, but good news here is that as of YTD, AHA has 36,676 members and is tracking .08% ahead of last year. The Lifetime Membership special campaign has gotten 244 new life members since it started April 1, 2007. The discounted fee was \$650 and this promotion ended March 31, 2008.

With regards to the USDA/National Animal Identification System (NAIS), Debbie Fuentes said that AHA has no intention of sharing any ownership and/or horse data with USDA, nor has USDA requested it. She has received less than 100 calls and emails regarding this topic.

Arabian Horse Youth Association: Youth is not growing

– cause of decline could be the youth are showing less due to the expense; the 14-17 age group is shrinking; decline in perceived value. Youth budget is \$30,000 in red. Currently have no Youth Sponsor – Sundowner will no longer be providing a trailer, so they have no auction item for 2008. They do have approximately \$12K in donated promotional dollars available, but need more. Their scholarship money is also running low. Statistics regarding the youth membership was shared with BoD. Going forward it was suggested that the region scholarships be promoted at the corporate level; that there be more ACS shows for kids to do more with their horses on weekends, and that clubs to keep the costs of these ACS shows down.

Judges & Stewards Report: The 2008 Judges Seminar was held March 14-16, 2008 in Denver, CO. The EEC taught the new Arabian Halter Scoring System at this seminar. 2008 Spring Exhibitor/Judges School was held April 11-13, 2008 at Michigan State University in East Lansing, MI. The hiring of the judges for the 2008 National shows is complete.

The Legal Defense Funds were discussed and it was determined that these funds should not be used for anything other than what they were designated to be used for.

Motion was made to hold the 2008 AHA National Endurance Rides in conjunction with the 2008 National AERC Championship at Henryville, IN, October 16 and 18, 2008 and approved. A vote was taken to elect members to the AHA National Distance Commission. The new commission will be Claude Clark (Region 6) and Cory Soltau (Region 3) with terms expiring in 2009; Janice Stevens (Region 6) with term expiring in 2010; Eric Rueter (Region 12) and Arthur King (Region 18) with terms expiring in 2011.

New Clubs approved are: The Mesilla Valley Arabian Horse Association Region 8; the American Foundation Arabian Horse Association Region 9; Ablackhorse

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Arabian Horse Association Region 14; the Kentucky Arabian and Half-Arabian Breeders Alliance Region 14; the Eastern Idaho Arabian Horse Association Region 4; and the North Star Arabian Alliance Region 18.

Larry Kinner gave report on the Arabian Horse Foundation. This foundation will fund previously unsupported areas such as general education, equine research and disaster relief. Donors will have the option to designate their contributions to a particular category. The Foundation's Youth Scholarships application deadline was April 1, 2008. More information can be found at the Foundation's website: www.arabianhorsefoundation.org.

Bob Fauls gave WAHO update. Payment for dues to WAHO were advanced by the Purebred Arabian Trust since they were due December 21, 2007. The BOD voted to reimburse PAT for these dues in the amount of \$11,332.46.

Report given on the Kentucky Horse Park Museum

project. The building is paid for, but fund raising will begin shortly to help pay for the exhibits, etc.

Jan Decker presented an "Organizational Efficiency Concept" power point which would organize the committee structure to be more productive and ensure due diligence is performed by using an internet-based system for communication and meetings. Motion was made to have proposal referred to the Organizational Task Force to further refine and define and bring back proposal to May 2008 BOD meeting.

With regard to the name of the AHA magazine, a motion was made to remove the word "Modern" and insert the word "The", thereby making the name of the magazine "The Arabian Horse". This motion failed with 4 Board members voting "Yes" and 18 voting "No".

Overall this was a very productive meeting. The search for a new EVP is ongoing and for the time being, AHA President Myron Krause is serving as the EVP.



Youth Foundation 2008 Scholarship Winners

By Sandy Bentley, Region 9 AHA Youth Foundation Chair

We are proud to announce our 2008 Youth Foundation Region 9, Inc. scholarship recipients. This year \$14,400 will be awarded to two very deserving Region 9 youth. Youth Foundation AHA Region 9, Inc. strives to provide monetary assistance for graduate education of select youth within Region 9. We do this to preserve and pass on the heritage of the Arabian horse through our fund raising activities. We seek to be the educational foundation for future generations of Arabian horse ambassadors.



*Carly Gillingham, 2008
Scholarship Winner*

Carly Gillingham is a graduating senior at Grapevine High School, in Texas, with an impressive 4.881 GPA and will be receiving \$7200.00. She is an accomplished horsewoman winning numerous Youth National and Regional Championships in Native Costume, Show Hack, Country Pleasure, English Pleasure and Sidesaddle. She is a member of the National Honor Society, Hanseatic League, Student Council and the Mustang Fish Camp Mentor program. Carly has worked with handicapped children on horseback and volunteered at Baylor Regional Medical Center. This fall she will

be attending the University of Texas Austin and plans to major in English/Journalism.

Casey Lane is a very ambitious young lady that will be graduating from Winston Churchill High School, in San Antonio, and also be receiving \$7200 for her college education. She has commanded a distinguished youth showing career with over 25 Regional and National wins and also accomplished Region 9 Achievement trophies, AHA Legion of Honor and Excellence and AHA Rider of Merit Awards. Casey led 4 Humane Society Summer camps as Event Director and is an animal foster care provider for the San Antonio Humane Society and the Lincoln Heights Animal Shelter. She has served as President, Vice President and Historian for the Alamo Arabian Horse Club Youth Club. After attending a San Antonio college for a year or two, she will transfer to William Woods University in Missouri to major in Equine Science.



*Casey Lane, 2008
Scholarship Winner*

These two girls will be officially presented at the Region 9 AHA Championship Show in Ft. Worth on June 14, 2008 during the evening performance. We invite you join us in celebrating their accomplishments! For more information, visit www.youthfoundationregion9.org.



www.region9aha.ORG

AHA Trail Ride Vacation, Fort Robinson, NE

September 10-14, 2008

Come join AHA and your friends, four legged and not, on a vacation you'll not soon forget!! AHA is hosting their 3rd annual Fort Robinson Trail Ride Vacation in scenic



Fort Robinson AHA Trail Ride 2007.

Fort Robinson, NE!! This ride is shaping up to be better than the last. There will be 5 fun filled days of riding through beautiful countryside with both relaxing and challenging terrain. You will also experience things outside of the norm, like team pen-

ning and roping!! It's you, good friends, and your favorite companion, your Arabian horse!! Or Quarter Horse or Paint or Mule! The ride includes five days of housing, stabling for your horses, three home cooked meals each day, great entertainment, and interesting clinics to advance your horse knowledge. Also enjoy the Fort Robinson Museum and the Historical Tours.

Renew old friendships and make new ones on this fantastic riding vacation!! A 50% payment can be made by June 30th!! So sign up today before it sells out, and don't be left out of the fun!! Please visit ArabianHorses.org/activities/trailrides for pricing, registration, and a tentative schedule.

Or you can contact LeighAnn Corey at 303-696-4531 or leighann.corey@arabianhorses.org.



Canter Across Region 9: News From Across the Region

We encourage ALL REGION 9 CLUBS to submit items of interest to your State Representatives to be included in the newsletter – so be sure to respond when your state reps solicit information! The next newsletter will be mailed September 1, 2008, so all information should be submitted to your State Rep or to aharegion9@earthlink.net by August 1, 2008.

Arkansas

Arabian Horse Community Association

AHCA Arabian Community Shows Produce National Winner: Cindy Davis of Tull, AR, and her 8-year-old gelding Gallant Move placed first in the US in AHA's 2007 Arabian Community Show (ACS) Walk-Jog/Trot competition. Cindy and "Gally" earned their points at the ACSs sponsored in 2007 by the Arabian Horse Community Association (AHCA). In addition to their ACS wins, the "dynamic duo" is also qualified for Regionals in side saddle and western pleasure, as well as for nationals in AATR western pleasure. Cindy is president of the AHCA this year, and Gallant Move was bred by AHCA membership chairperson, Nancye McCowan of Ridgeland, MS.

The AHCA sponsored 3 ACS in 2007 and shared the profits with:

- Give Me A Chance Equine Rescue in Amity, AR
- Hearts & Hooves Therapeutic Riding Center, Sherwood, AR
- Oncology Unit at Arkansas Children's Hospital, Little Rock
- Susan G. Komen Foundation for the Cure.

The AHCA has 2 ACS scheduled for 2008—May 31 in Benton, AR, and October 4 in Vilonia, AR. Class lists, entry blanks, directions, and other information for exhibitors and sponsors can be found at the club's website www.arabianhorsecommunity.org. Other plans for the year include a jumping clinic, barn party, and trail ride.

Texas

Arabian Horse Club of Texas

The Arabian Horse Club of Texas spring show has come and gone, and two new divisions were added this year. Those divi-

sions added were Cutting and Sporthorse. Both divisions were well attended for their first year. Lynda Pool was presented a club service award at the show this year for her years of service to the club. AHCT is now looking forward to the State Fair of Texas show September 4-7, 2008. Classes will be similar to last year, and we will continue with the reining and the dressage/sport horses too.

If you are interested in any special classes, contact Jane Ann Godsey at janeanngodsey@hughes.net prior to June 1st.

North Texas Arabian Horse Club [NTAHC]

NTAHC thanks all exhibitors at this year's Mayfest Challenge. In order to better serve our exhibitors, we moved all youth classes to Saturday and Sunday to avoid conflict with the state-wide TAKS testing, and also moved performance classes to the Coliseum to give everyone an opportunity to use this arena prior to the Region 9 Championships. Congratulations to the 30 winners of the \$100 bills, and to the winners of our many special award programs:

Dressage High Score Winners:

- Training Level – Cassidy Herbst of Aubrey, TX
- First Level – Andrea Daniel of Keller, TX
- Second Level – Leslie Chesnut of Aubrey, TX
- Third Level – Kelly Steck of Plano, TX

Raffle Winners:

- \$500 – Clare Morrow of Oak Point, TX
- \$500 – Holly Dillin of Fort Worth, TX

Other Awards:

Custom Vest donated by Theresa Burdett: Koy Moody of San Antonio, TX

Mayfest Challenge Horse Cooler – Cassady West of Aledo, TX

Mayfest Challenge Horse Cooler – Jennifer Quintus of Pilot Point, TX

\$500 High Point Scholarships:


No youth exhibitors entered the \$500 high point scholarship program – so be sure to enter at next year's Mayfest Challenge scheduled for May 2-4, 2009.

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NTAHC is proud to announce the re-launch of the NTAHC Futurity Program. We have made the program easier to understand, and also enabled owners to "buy back" prior years in which their re-nominations may have lapsed. Any member of Region 9 is eligible to participate in this program. All the new program details are posted at www.ntahc.com/futurity.html.

The NTAHC Blue Jean Ball will again take place at Venture Farms in Pilot Point, TX on Sep 20, 2008. This year's BJB will feature a very selective private treaty offering of some of the finest bloodstock and prospects in Region 9 so mark your calendar to attend. NTAHC is also proud to host the Fall 2008 Region 9 Delegate Meeting at the farm the afternoon before the Blue Jean Ball! Questions about this event can be directed to Kim Potts at kim@venturefarms.com.

NTAHC Shootout 2008 is scheduled for November 13-16, 2008 to enable more exhibitors to attend by having an extra week between US Nationals and Shootout – and since Nationals is in Tulsa, OK – we expect to see y'all at Shootout this year!



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The Black Stallion Literacy Project Update

By Cathy Christiansen

The Black Stallion Literacy Project has grown by leaps and bounds throughout Region 9! In Arkansas, it has grown from 39 students just 4 years ago, to over 10,000 students statewide! Governor Mike Beebe proclaimed April as Black Stallion Literacy Month across the state of Arkansas. Black Stallion has been supported from the very beginning by the Arkansas Arabian Horse Club and the volunteer partnership has enabled the program to grow and prosper into other areas of the state. Drs. Mike and Karen Pallone hosted literally hundreds of 1st grade students at their beautiful Rose Hill Arabians in Rose Bud, AR.

The BSLP in Texas has hit the ground running for 2008. The Star of Texas Arabian Horse Club doubled their sponsorship of the 1st grade project in Beeville, TX and are pursuing sponsorships to bring the 4th grade project to the greater San Antonio area. The Lone Star Arabian Horse Club in Terrell, TX has also embraced the BSLP with opened arms! Lynda McCarthy jumped in and raised enough money for the Terrell School District to sponsor not only 374 1st grade students but a portion of their 4th grade as well. A wonderful group of volunteers, led by Linda Anderson, recently hosted over 400 fourth graders at Mystic Acres Arabians.

The Crown of Texas Arabian Horse Club in Amarillo just started their partnership with BSLP in February 2008, and



Tracy Caruth presenting a check to the staff of Bethune Elementary School

hosted 175 students in both the second touch and first touches for the 1st grade project. This energetic group plans to sponsor 5,000 4th graders in 2009, bringing the Arabian Nights to the students of the Greater Amarillo Area.

Sponsorships are also very active in the Dallas/Fort Worth area. In Denton, over 125 1st grade students were sponsored by White Rock Farms and Business Interiors, and will visit White Rock Farms in late May. After reading one of Region 9's e-blasts, Eleanor Hamilton of Eleanor's Arabians

stepped up to sponsor a Fort Worth school's 4th grade program, a great surprise for the school.

In Dallas, Tracy Caruth of Caruth Arabians helped secure a grant from the Hillcrest Foundation for over 2,500 low performing/low income Dallas ISD [DISD] school children to participate in the 4th grade project. DISD is very excited to offer this rewarding project to their neediest children, and because of this funding, BSLP will host over 3,000 4th grade students in Fort Worth in 2008.

These are just a small portion of Region 9's BSLP events, showing that no matter how big or small, local efforts can effectively change the lives of students in your area schools. Start now making plans for 2009 by thinking of how you or your club can change the course of a child's life. Contact: Cathy Christiansen at 870-692-1562 or cathy.bsulp@yahoo.com or visit bslp.org.



Mark Your Calendars for the

2009 Freedom Classic February 6,7,8, 2009

Heart of Texas (HOT) Complex in Waco, TX
Judge: Steve LeBlang, Princeton, TX
Steward: Pat Webb



Remember, HOT is a weather proof facility, so if you can get out of your barn, you can make it to the show without fear of cancellation.



AWARD: \$2000 Age Specific Scholarships for ages 9 - 17.
In addition, there will be special awards for Sportsmanship, Youngest Exhibitor, and Farthest Traveled Exhibitor. In 2008 Youngest Exhibitor turned 3 the day of his class.

NO horse stall fees, class fees or entry fees.
Gift for every rider in every class.

(Check out the edible 1st Place Trophies given at the 2008 show!)

COMING SOON: www.freedomclassichorseshow.org!
Check for improved schedules, officials and other important information.

For more information on the 2009 Freedom Classic,
contact Mickey Aboussie at DRMABOUSSIE@aol.com.



Region 9 Horseman Awards 2008
Nominations Due August 18, 2008

Nominees MUST belong to a Region 9 Club and may not have won the award in 2006 or 2007. You should include a phone number, fax number, or e-mail address for your Nominee. All Nominees will be contacted for information and a blind vote by the Region 9 Board of Directors on those responding will be used to determine the final 4 for each category. More details on this program can be found on the Region 9 Web site at http://www.region9aha.org/Horsemans_Awards.html Please use one form for each nominee.

Nominee Name _____

Nominee's Contact Information _____

Comments about your nominee (optional) _____

Please circle the category - one category per form please.

Breeder	Adult Amateur 40 and over (male)
Coach of the Year	Adult Amateur 40 and over (female)
Halter Handler (male)	Select Rider (male or female)
Halter Handler (female)	Jr. Exhibitor Walk-Trot 10 and Under
Saddle Seat Trainer (male)	Jr. Exhibitor 10 and Under (Canter class exhibitors)
Saddle Seat Trainer (female)	Jr. Exhibitor 11-13
Western Trainer (male)	Jr. Exhibitor 14-17
Western Trainer (female)	Working Western Trainer
Hunter Pleasure Trainer (male)	Working Western Amateur
Hunter Pleasure Trainer (female)	Dressage Competitor
Adult Amateur 18-39 (male)	Sport Horse Competitor
Adult Amateur 18-39 (female)	Distance Rider (Endurance and/or Competitive Trail)

Please send nominations to:

Debbie Black, 1120 Silver Oaks Drive, Edmond, OK 73025
dab624@sbcglobal.net

Nomination forms must be emailed or postmarked by August 18, 2008



Amateur/Junior High Point Award Program

26 Categories for Most Divisions and All Age Groups

Points may be earned from activity in OPEN SHOWS, RATED SHOWS, DRESSAGE, CUTTING, REINING, ENDURANCE, COMPETITIVE TRAIL etc, as well as RECREATIONAL RIDING (as defined by AHA).

Regional and National Championship shows are specifically excluded from this program.

Points are accumulated for Participation, with additional points added for placing.

The program is open to ALL - Owners as well as Non Owners who Lease or Borrow their horses.

Participants must hold a current 2008 AHA membership card and reside and compete within the geographical area designated by AHA as Region 9.

Cost – Only \$15 per horse/competitor combination

Qualifying events for 2008 Awards are those starting with December 1st, 2007 through November 30th, 2008

Questions??? Or to request Forms. Contact: JANE ANN GODSEY, HP Chairman, 8905 FM 1275, Nacogdoches TX 75961, Tel. (936) 564-3601 or email: janeanngodsey@hughes.net

CATEGORIES:

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|--|---|---|--|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Western Pleasure | <input type="checkbox"/> Working Cow | <input type="checkbox"/> Country English Pleasure, Country Pleasure Driving | <input type="checkbox"/> 2nd Level & Above Dressage | <input type="checkbox"/> Show Hack, Side Saddle, Costume | <input type="checkbox"/> Limit Rider |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Equitation, Horsemanship, Showmanship | <input type="checkbox"/> Trail | <input type="checkbox"/> Hunter Pleasure, Working Hunter, Jumper, Hunter Hack | <input type="checkbox"/> Sport Horse Undersaddle/In-Hand | <input type="checkbox"/> Competitive Trail | <input type="checkbox"/> 40+ Amateur |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Reining | <input type="checkbox"/> Barrels, Poles, Keyhole, Team Penning | <input type="checkbox"/> Training Level Dressage | <input type="checkbox"/> Halter/Liberty Stallions & Geldings | <input type="checkbox"/> Endurance | <input type="checkbox"/> 18-39 Amateur |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cutting | <input type="checkbox"/> English Pleasure, Park, Pleasure Driving | <input type="checkbox"/> 1st Level Dressage | <input type="checkbox"/> Halter/Liberty Mares | <input type="checkbox"/> Recreational Riding | <input type="checkbox"/> 14-17 Junior |
| | | | | | <input type="checkbox"/> 13 & Under Junior |
| | | | | | <input type="checkbox"/> 10 & Under Walk/Trot |

2008 Entry Form



Amateur/Junior High Point Award Program

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: The AHA/Region 9 Amateur/Junior High Point Program will reward 26 categories with ribbons, trophies, and kudos at an annual awards banquet. The program is open to Arabian and Half-Arabian horses and riders/handlers (competitors). Owners as well as Non Owners who Lease or Borrow their horses. Competitors must reside and compete within the geographical area designated by AHA as Region 9. Points may be earned from activity in OPEN & RATED SHOWS, DRESSAGE, CUTTING, REINING, ENDURANCE, COMPETITIVE TRAIL etc, as well as RECREATIONAL RIDING (as defined by AHA). Regional and National championship shows are specifically excluded from this program. Participants must hold a current AHA membership card throughout the competitive year.

APPLICATION: Each year, amateur and junior competitors who wish to participate in the program are required to complete an official Entry Form and mail it to the R9/AJHPsecretary, along with an annual fee of \$15 per horse/rider combination and copies of their current AHA card and horse registration papers. This is a "One Horse/One Competitor" program. Please use separate entry form for each horse-and-competitor combination.

ACTIVITY: A completed official Activity Report form, signed by the Show Secretary or Ride Manager, must be mailed to the R9/AJHPsecretary (it is strongly encouraged, though not required, for this be done within 30 days of each show or ride). For Recreational Riding, a monthly report of activity must be submitted within 30 days (a copy of the AHA Recreational Riding Report Hours Form is acceptable). Points will be calculated using the current R9/AJHP Tables as published by AHA/Region 9. We reserve the right to verify activity reports and placements for accuracy. R9/AJHP Activity Report forms will be available through R9 communications, or by request from the Program Secretary.

Qualifying events for 2008 Awards are those starting with December 1st, 2007 through November 30th, 2008. All winners will be notified of their year-end status and encouraged to attend the R9/AJHP Award Banquet. AHA Region 9 reserves the right to modify or cancel this program or any components at any time. Check the R9 Website for a downloadable .pdf rules file, which may be updated from time to time. MAIL THIS COMPLETED FORM, and (1) check for \$15 made payable to Region 9 AHA., (2) copy of current AHA card, (3) copy of horse's AHR/IAHA registration papers, to R9 / AJHP: JANE ANN GODSEY, 8905 FM 1275, Nacogdoches TX 75961. All activity reports go to the same address. **Questions???** Contact: JANE ANN GODSEY, HP Chairman, Tel. (936) 564-3601, Cell (936) 552-6416 or email: janeanngodsey@hughes.net

Horse Name: _____ Horse AHR/IAHA Registration # _____

Exhibitor Name: _____ Exhibitor Age (as of 12/1/07) _____ Club _____ AHA# _____

Address: _____ City/State/Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Day/Alternate Phone _____

Fax _____ Email _____

CATEGORY (mark all that may apply to the above horse & rider combination):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Western Pleasure | <input type="checkbox"/> Working Cow | <input type="checkbox"/> Country English Pleasure, Country Pleasure Driving | <input type="checkbox"/> 2nd Level & Above Dressage | <input type="checkbox"/> Show Hack, Side Saddle, Costume | <input type="checkbox"/> Select Rider (No Regional Ribbons Won) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Equitation, Horsemanship, Showmanship | <input type="checkbox"/> Trail | <input type="checkbox"/> Hunter Pleasure, Working Hunter, Jumper, Hunter Hack | <input type="checkbox"/> Sport Horse Undersaddle/In-Hand | <input type="checkbox"/> Competitive Trail | <input type="checkbox"/> 40+ Amateur |
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SPECIAL NOTICES

Region 9 Delegates Meeting June 14, 2008

The next meeting of the Region 9 Delegates will be held June 14, 2008 at 11:00 AM in the John Justin Sale Arena in Fort Worth, Texas during the Region 9 Championship Show. All club delegates are requested to be in attendance and anyone else that would like to be there is certainly welcome.

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