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Region 9 Director's Message

HOOORAY! Thanks to the brave souls of Region 9, we had a very successful Horsefest 2007 despite region-wide rain, sleet, and snow this January. Cindy Savage, Chair of Horsefest, and Robert Barton, Chair of the Youth Foundation Region 9 AHA Inc., and the entire Youth Foundation Board did outstanding work to make this happen. Andy Slocum and Larry Westmoreland did a great job growing the High Point Program this year and have plans to continue that growth. The first ever Kidfest was held, and Karlan Downing and Debbie Black did great work making the Horseman's Awards truly meaningful. More detail on these programs can be found throughout The Hand Gallop. The Lifetime Achievement Awards, given this year to Gwinn Nix and Bill Harwood, continue to give prestige to the event and stir up publicity from publications in the horse industry.

The Executive Show Commission, chaired by Margo Shallcross, is doing a superb job planning the 2007 AHA Region 9 Championship Show. Bill Eash and the Sport Horse Show Committee are also doing a wonderful job planning a bigger and better 2007 AHA Region 9 Sport Horse Championship Show. You will be receiving the Omnibus Premium Book (that covers both regional shows) shortly and I think you will agree the plans for the shows are the best ever and will be a lot of fun. I hope you will plan to participate. Thank you.

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Horsefest 2007 Recap

By Bob Barton, Youth Foundation Region 9 AHA Chair

While the 2007 Region 9 Horsefest event is in the books, it ain't over yet. The Stallion Service auction saw 18 of 22 stallions' services auctioned off for \$20,525, but that leaves 4 stallions services available for purchase. See below for a list of these fine stallions! Our thanks go out to all the stallion owners who so generously donated breedings to support Region 9.

The event began with a very entertaining presentation on Arabian Horse Racing by Hamp Johnston, an AHA Director. His insight to racing and the fun of owning a race horse, whether solely or as part of a group, was well received. Dr. Greg Hupp then challenged us to determine if we are using the proper psychology to win with our horses in the show ring or on the trail. Both speakers were willing to share their backgrounds and knowledge to help us. If you weren't there, you should have been!

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This year a separate room with youth activities - the first ever Kidfest - was sponsored by Dr. Karlan Downing and Jane Ann Godsey and supervised by Mark and Debbie Himmel. Over twenty young people participated to learn about horses and be entertained while older family members attended the seminars, award luncheon and the Stallion Service Auction dinner. High Point Awards and Working Western Awards were given out at lunch and the Region 9 Horseman's Awards recipients were announced at the dinner. Congratulations to all of these winners! All day long the Youth Foundation Silent Auction was in full swing and saw some very competitive (we should avoid the

term "cutthroat") bidding - which brought in almost \$3,700 for the scholarship funds! Thanks to one and all who donated items and to all who bought them and got some real bargains.

2008 Horsefest is in the planning stage at this time. We are considering a move to a new location, or rotating to different sites within our region as requested by our delegates. We welcome any feedback on locations, stallions, speakers, and events. Help us make Horsefest an event you want to attend! Contact Cindy Savage, Horsefest Chair, at csavage.region9@clearwire.net with suggestions.



New Region 9 Web Site!! www.region9aha.ORG

By *Cindy Savage, Region 9 Treasurer*

We are excited to let you know that the new Region 9 web site is now available for viewing. The new address is www.region9aha.org (not ".com"!)

We have worked to develop a site that will be easy to navigate and keep current.

Some of the new features of the web site include:

- Newsletter section: All newsletters will be archived for download or viewing, and contact information for advertising or newsletter content submission will be posted
- Calendar page: Event, date and contact information

for any Arabian-related event in Region 9.

- Region 9 Championship Shows page: Premium lists, entry forms, and other regional show information

The site has been developed to allow each committee chairperson access to their topic to keep it updated with the latest relevant information. These pages are currently under construction while chairpersons are trained on initial page set up and data entry. A great deal of content has already been added, so be sure to review what's currently available and stop back often to see what's new. Enjoy our new look and spread the word!



Region 9 Stallion Service Auction: IT AIN'T OVER YET!

By *Bob Barton, Youth Foundation Region 9 AHA Chair*

Each year, Region 9 holds a Stallion Service Auction at the annual Horsefest event in January. This year's event brought in \$20,525. One half of this amount is donated to the Youth Foundation Region 9 AHA Inc. to support a fantastic need-based scholarship program for Region 9 youth. The other half of the proceeds - over \$10,000 - will be paid to the winning foals (foaled in 2008 from these 2007 breedings) in the 2009 Yearling Futurity classes held at the 2009 AHA Region 9 Championship Show. There are four stallions whose services remain available for purchase until April 1, 2007:

MAGNUM WA Sire/Magnum Psyche Dam/Mieata
Owner-Cheryl Balmer, Crockett, TX
Standing at C's Arabians, Crockett, TX
Breeders Sweepstakes
Breeding Fee \$1500, 75% Fee \$1125

WC BODEGA BEY (Half Arabian Pinto) Sire/Rofann
Tastic Dam/Hearts Afire DH

Owner-Holly Dillin, Ft Worth TX
Standing at Western Cross Ranch, Weatherford, TX
Breeders Sweepstakes
Breeding Fee \$1000, 75% Fee \$750

MAJOR DESTINY Sire/Afire Bey V Dam/Pendia
Owner-Martha McCollough, 5 G&M Ltd. Partnership,
Tyler, TX
Standing at Oak Haven Arabians, Lindale, TX
Breeding Fee \$1000, 75% Fee \$750

MM CYLENT FLYER Sire/Cytosk Dam/Aegian Bellzar
Owner-Susan Holland, Lindale, TX
Standing at Chase Harvill Training Center, Magnolia, TX
Breeders Sweepstakes
Breeding fee \$1500, 75% Fee \$1125

For information on purchasing a breeding for your mare to one of these select stallions, please contact Beth Dearing, Stallion Auction Chair, at bddearing13@yahoo.com.

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2007 AHA Region 9 Championship Shows

By Margo Shallcross and Bill Eash

This year's AHA Region 9 Championship Show will be held June 12-16, 2007 at the Will Rogers Memorial Coliseum in Ft. Worth, TX. The judges are Mike Beethe from Scottsdale, AZ, Debbie Cain from Byron, IL, and Judith Kibler, from Tucson, AZ. The Working Western judge is Jim Hitt from Elizabeth, CO, and the Cutting judge is Frank Craighead from Weatherford, TX. We have added three cutting classes and two Western Pleasure Futurity classes. This year we will offer our exhibitors an internet cafe presented by MyHorse.com, Friday night Team Sorting and Bar-B-Que Party, and a wonderful Shoppers Mall. The Patron's food is always an excellent choice and do not forget to secure your private box seats for the show! Contact Show Manager Margo Shallcross at margoshallcross@hotmail.com.

This year's AHA Region 9 Sport Horse Regional Championship Show will be held July 12-15 at the Heart of

Texas Fairgrounds in Waco, TX. The planning for the show is well underway. Anne Essig has agreed to manage the show for us this year, and Sherri Re is the Show Secretary. The Dressage and Sport Horse in Hand and Under Saddle judge is Bill Solyntjes, USEF "S", Sport Horse "R". Carol Dean-Porter (USEF "R" Hunter/Jumper will judge Hunter Hack and one day of Sport Horse In Hand classes. This is an opportunity for our Region 9 folks to show to a well-recognized hunter/jumper judge. We will also be having our annual silent auction and progressive barn party. We welcome any donated gifts for the auction. For more information, contact Bill Eash at eash@gvtc.com.

This year the Region 9 Championship Shows will have their premium books mailed as one Omnibus Premium Book. The show committees felt this was an affordable way for us to reach a much larger audience. Look for the Omnibus Premium in your mailbox in mid-March 2007.



Region 9 Officer Nominees

By Bill Eash, Region 9 Nominating Committee Chair, and Charles Bass, Region 9 Secretary

The election of a new slate of Region 9 Officers will be held at the AHA Region 9 Championship Show on June 16, 2007. The winners will serve 2 year terms, and take office after the 2007 AHA Convention in November 2007. The following nominees were submitted to the Region 9 Delegates at Horsefest 2007 on Sunday, Jan 21, 2007. These nominations were accepted by the delegates, and there were no additional nominations from the floor:

- Director: Pat Barton, Larry Westmoreland
- Vice Director: Carolyn Mikulec, Margo Shallcross
- Treasurer: Cindy Savage
- Secretary: Jane Ann Godsey, Linda Abston, Charles Bass
- State Rep AR: Cathy Christianson

- State Rep LA: Mark Himmel
- State Rep OK: Debbie Black
- State Rep TX: Kim Potts

The elections will be held in this order: director, vice director, treasurer, secretary, and state reps. If a candidate is not elected to a position, that person may be nominated from the floor to run for a position that is subsequently elected. Region 9 Delegates (as designated by AHA clubs for the 2006 AHA Convention) must be present to vote for this slate of officers. Note that the Region Director represents the interests of Region 9 as a member of the AHA Board of Directors, so ALL REGION 9 DELEGATES are urged to vote in this election.

The Hand Gallop will feature short biographies on each candidate in the June 2007 issue. The current Region 9 Officers can be found on the front page of The Hand Gallop. Please take the time to thank them for their service to you and the region!



2007 Region 9 Distance Riding Championships

By Carla Jo Bass

Mark your calendars to compete in the regional Competitive Trail Riding (CTR) and Endurance Championships:

- 2007 AHA Region 9 CTR Championship
 - Sept 8-9 - Robbers Route, OK
 - Contact Brenda Simpson 918-469-3439
- 2007 AHA Region 9 Endurance 50/100 Championship
 - May 12 - TX Bluebonnet 25/50/100 Decatur, TX
 - Contact Carla Bass 972-617-8233 rebelcjb@yahoo.com

Regional AHA Championship entry requirements are:

- Horse must be a registered Arabian, Half-Arabian or Anglo-Arabian
- Rider and Owner must be current AHA affiliate or direct members
- Horses must qualify by having completed a certain number of miles:

REGIONAL EVENT	#MILES	TIME FRAME	FROM	OTHER CRITERIA
Regional CTR	50	Previous 2 years	Recognized CTR organization rides	25 miles may be from AERC endurance
Regional Endurance	100	Lifetime	AHA, AERC, FEI endurance rides (no limited distance)	50 miles may be from an AHA Regional or National CTR

Qualifying CTR Events in Region 9:

- March 24-25 - Oklahoma Land Run, OK. Contact Don Rubley rubleys@sbcglobal.net or Kate Kearby kate12091952@sbcglobal.net
- April 21-22 - Arkansas Traveler, AR. Contact Debby Keene-Starr 479-890-5567 deborahkeenestarr@yahoo.com
- May 5-6 - Deep In the Heart of Texas, TX. Contact Liz Scott 817-980-1787 tnwalkinga@msn.com
- May 26-27 - Indian Territory, OK. Contact Authur Byrd 918-363-7747 ABYRD5343@aol.com
- June 9-10 - Cass County Trails, TX. Contact Paula Riley 903-665-7767 parrides@aol.com

Qualifying Endurance Events in Region 9:

- March 10 - Heart of the Hills 25/50/75 Boerne, TX. Contact Chris Godsey 830-249-0262 godsey2@gvvc.com
- March 17 - Okmulgee Cougar Prowl 25/50 Okmulgee, OK. Contact Louise Burton 918-756-3757 firedancefarms@prodigy.net
- April 28-29 - Hog Scramble I & II 30/55/75 Huntsville, TX. Contact Dawn Carrie 936-436-1654 RDCARRIE@aol.com



AHA Region 9 Winners in 2006 USDF All-Breeds Award Program

By Bill Eash

United States Dressage Federation (USDF) All-Breeds Awards Program presents annual awards in the Open division for both Arabian and Half-Arabian/Anglo-Arabian horses participating in Training through Grand Prix level competitions. AHA Corporate Partner Paint Rock Designs also presents Turtle Neck Mane and Tail Saver Blankets to first place winners. Medals and certificates from USDF go to the top two places with certificates awarded to third, fourth and fifth place as well.

We want to congratulate these riders and horses from AHA Region 9 for their hard work and success this year:

- Carole Purdy of Lexington, OK and DAF Aristoladd+// were awarded fifth place in Arabian Third Level with a score of 60.222

- Deidre R. Sabo of Manvel, TX and Regulus Starr+ were awarded fourth place in Arabian Prix St George with a score of 58.250

- Deidre R. Sabo of Manvel, TX and Regulus Starr+ were awarded second place in Arabian Intermediate I with a score of 59.750

- Alvin or Betty Wheeler of Crowley, TX and WA Federalea+ +/ were awarded first place in Half-Arabian/Anglo-Arabian Training Level with a score of 68.462

- Anne Hornbeak of Folsom, LA and Battle were awarded first place Half-Arabian/Anglo-Arabian Third Level with a score of 62.834

Please congratulate these folks when you see them! More information can be found at <http://www.arabianhorses.org/activities/dressage/allbreed.asp>.



2007 Region 9 PR Network Representative

Shannon Sullivan-Milam has been appointed by Dale Harvill, Region 9 Director, as the 2007 Region 9 PR Network Representative. The idea of the PR Network is to have regional representatives act as liaisons between AHA and local affiliate clubs or individual organizations to more effectively disseminate education, awareness, support, and resources for maximizing grassroots breed promotion and membership growth.

The primary objectives of the PR Network include:

- Increasing public knowledge and interest in the Arabian horses
- Improving the image of the Arabian horse as a breed
- Creating larger and broader based membership
- Becoming a first-rate breed association
- Adding value to registered Arabians and Half-Arabians/Anglo-Arabians
- Expanding the market share of the Arabian horse

Programs currently available are TAIL (Total Arabian Interaction & Learning), "Leg Up" Youth Lesson Series, Discovery Farms, Mentor Network, Arabian Community Shows, Arabian Horse Celebration Program, Black Stallion Literary Program and much, much more. For more detailed information or to schedule a presentation please feel free to contact Shannon at 281-733-0034 (cell), 281-252-8597 (home), or email slsm@ritw.com.



**STAR Arabian Horse Club
Spring Celebration
Open Horse Show & Futurity
April 14-15, 2007
Bee County Coliseum, Beeville, TX
Judge: Margo Shallcross**

**New Arena
New Stalls
RV-Hookups
Warm-Up Arena**

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Half-Arabian Classes
ALL Breeds Welcome
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Ribeiro**

**Zama Ranch
3814 FM 949
Cat Spring, TX 78933
(979) 865-3536**

2006 Region 9 High Point Awards Program Winners

By Andy Slocum, High Point Awards Chair

The 2006 Region 9 Amateur and Junior High Point Program was definitely a smashing success. With 75 Horse/Exhibitor Combinations and entries in 25 of the 26 categories it was the biggest year yet! If you are still unfamiliar with this program, it is a grass roots creation of Richard Levine that honors achievement of Region 9 exhibitors with points 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. In this program you don't necessarily have to win your class to get loads of points. 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. The enrollment fee was reduced its original \$15 per horse/competitor combination in 2006 and will stay at that rate for 2007. Congratulations once again to the 2006 Champions listed below.

Western

Champion
Reserve
Top 5

BONNIE BURKETT
ADAM SCHWALM
MICHELLE SLAUGHTER
TRAVIS CHRISTIANSEN
CHANDRA BURKHARDT

RR GIORGIO
CF BANDERA
MI VICTOR
KA KOCHISE
RCZARRS PROMISE

Equitation/Showmanship

Champion
Reserve
Top 5

KRISTA GREENICH
TAYLOR KRAFT
BAILEY STRANGE
MADISON FRIZELL
SKYE WILLIAMS

PURE GHAZI
FED EX
H BEYBERRY ADVENTURE++++//
HL LADINS JUSTICE
MM CHEROKEE WARRIOR +

Reining

Champion
Reserve

DAWN COONS
MICHELLE SLAUGHTER

HA LAUREL BEY
MI VICTOR

Working Cow

Champion
Reserve

SUMMER RUPLEY
SUMMER RUPLEY

CLASSIC CAL
AMIIN+//

Trail

Champion
Reserve
Top 5

MARGARET LUCAS
MARGARET LUCAS
MICHELLE SLAUGHTER
MARG WOODRUFF
MARG WOODRUFF

RVR AUTHENTIC KHEMO +//
IMMORTAL TREASURE++
MI VICTOR
ROCK N ROSE
KN RIO TUFF

Barrels

Champion
Reserve

MARG WOODRUFF
JOYCE HAYES

KN RIO TUFF
DYNAMO JO

English Pleasure /Park/EPDriving

Champion

ANNA RAYBOURN

MARYS GIFT

Country English Pleasure/CEP Driving

Champion
Reserve
Top 5

TAYLOR KRAFT
CASEY LANE
HANNAH SARTORI
KRISTEN FISHER
MADISON FRIZELL

FED EX
THEE JOKERS WILD
LANAKILA BEY BERRY
COUNTEERPART
HL LADINS JUSTICE

Hunter Pleasure/Hunter Hack

Champion
Reserve
Top 5

KRISTA GREENICH
KELSI FOUCHEAUX
BONNIE BURKETT
MARG WOODRUFF
MICHELLE SLAUGHTER

PURE GHAZI
CIMMARRON SUNDAE
RR GIORGIO
ROCK N ROSE
MI VICTOR

Training Level Dressage

Champion
Reserve
Top 5

KAREN HIGGINS CAMPBELL
MICHELLE SLAUGHTER
COLLEEN SOBANSKI
CHANDRA BURKHARDT
MADISON FRIZELL

SHEZ JUST THE TICKET
MI VICTOR
SERENITY SHAHR
RCZARRS PROMISE
FOLLOW THAT DREAM

1st Level Dressage

Champion
Reserve

CYNDI CRAIG
MICHELLE SLAUGHTER

SONNYS MONA LISA+/
MI VICTOR

2nd Level+ + Dressage

Champion
Reserve

CAROLE PURDY
CYNDI CRAIG

DAF ARISTOLADD
SONNYS MONA LISA+/
MI VICTOR

Sport Horse In Hand/Under Saddle

Champion
Reserve
Top 5

MARGARET LUCAS
MARGARET LUCAS
EDWARD PURDY
KAREN HIGGINS CAMPBELL
MICHELLE SLAUGHTER

MARSHALL DILLON
IMMORTAL TREASURE+ +
DAF ARISTOLADD
SHEZ JUST THE TICKET
MI VICTOR

Halter/Liberty Stallions/Geldings

Champion
Reserve
Top 5

MICHELLE SLAUGHTER
KRISTA GREENICH
RICHARD LEVINE
MARG WOODRUFF
HANNAH SARTORI

MI VICTOR
PURE GHAZI
BHR TAZNIK
ROCK N ROSE
LANAKILA BEY BERRY

Halter/Liberty Mares

Champion
Reserve
Top 5

PATRICIA PARMLEY
KAREN HIGGINS CAMPBELL
CHELSEA COGDELL
EDWARD PURDY
ALEXANDRA MICHAUD

AZZIZZA
SHEZ JUST THE TICKET
BLONDO
TOUCH OF CLASS PR
KRA ANGELICA

Show Hack/Costume/Side Saddle

Champion
Reserve
Top 5

MICHELLE SLAUGHTER
TAYLOR KRAFT
HANNAH SARTORI
KRISTEN FISHER
CASEY LANE

MI VICTOR
FED EX
LANAKILA BEY BERRY
COUNTEERPART
THEE JOKERS WILD

Competitive Trail

Champion
Reserve
Top 5

GEORGE CAMPBELL
LEE ANN CLARKE
KAREN HIGGINS CAMPBELL

TEXAS LOTTERY
HS NUBARR ON
SHEZ JUST THE TICKET

Endurance

Champion
Reserve
Top 5

EDIE BOOTH
THOMAS BOOTH
THOMAS BOOTH
JORDAN ISRAELSON
KRISTEN FISHER

AAS FADH ALWALIDA
AAS AL SAKB+
AAS HADEED+
PA ARTAXERXES
COUNTEERPART

Recreational Riding

Champion
Reserve
Top 5

EMILY ROBINSON
KRISTA GREENICH
JOYCE HAYES
ALEXANDRA MICHAUD
GEORGE CAMPBELL

VOO DOO MEDICINE MAN
PURE GHAZI
DYNAMO JO
R ELEGANT RITZ
TEXAS LOTTERY

Select Rider

Champion
Reserve
Top 8

KAREN HIGGINS CAMPBELL
KRISTEN FISHER
PATRICIA PARMLEY
JOYCE HAYES
CHANDRA BURKHARDT
ADAM SCHWALM
REBEKAH SCHNEIDER
GEORGE CAMPBELL

SHEZ JUST THE TICKET
COUNTEERPART
AZZIZZA
DYNAMO JO
RCZARRS PROMISE
CF BANDERA
GW SAMIZDAT
TEXAS LOTTERY

10 & Under Walk/Trot

Champion
Reserve
Top 8

MADISON FRIZELL
CHELSEA COGDELL
MADISON FRIZELL
JORDAN ISRAELSON
MADISON FRIZELL
MEGAN TRITCH
SKYE WILLIAMS
MARY COGDELL

HL LADINS JUSTICE
BLONDO
FOLLOW THAT DREAM
PA ARTAXERXES
STRADIVARI
MI TOP CAT
THEE JOKERS WILD
ML HUCKABERRY

13 & Under

Champion
Reserve
Top 8

TAYLOR KRAFT
EMILY ROBINSON
MEGAN FERRIS
CLAIRE HERLIN
BAILEY STRANGE
TRAVIS CHRISTIANSEN
KELSI FOUCHEAUX
ALEXANDRA MICHAUD

FED EX
VOO DOO MEDICINE MAN
MINSTRILS VOYAGER
PENTACON +//
H BEYBERRY ADVENTURE++++//
KA KOCHISE
CIMMARRON SUNDAY
R ELEGANT RITZ

14-17

Champion
Reserve
Top 8

KRISTA GREENICH
BONNIE BURKETT
HANNAH SARTORI
CASEY LANE
HANNAH SARTORI
ADAM SCHWALM
VICTORIA KELLER
COURTNEY MILLS

PURE GHAZI
RR GIORGIO
LANAKILA BEY BERRY
THEE JOKERS WILD
TA RODANSK
CF BANDERA
RCZARRS PROMISE
MM DOLLAR POINT

18-39

Champion
Reserve
Top 8

CHANDRA BURKHARDT
KRISTEN FISHER
REBEKAH SCHNEIDER
CHANDRA BURKHARDT
DAWN COONS
THOMAS BOOTH
THOMAS BOOTH
ELIZABETH SUMMERS

RCZARRS PROMISE
COUNTEERPART
GW SAMIZDAT
SJM MARSHALL DILLIN
HA LAUREL BEY
AAS AL SAKB+
AAS HADEED+
PALACE PRINCE

40 & Up

Champion
Reserve
Top 8

MICHELLE SLAUGHTER
MARG WOODRUFF
KAREN HIGGINS CAMPBELL
MARG WOODRUFF
MARGARET LUCAS
PATRICIA PARMLEY
JOYCE HAYES
CAROLE PURDY

MI VICTOR
ROCK N ROSE
SHEZ JUST THE TICKET
KN RIO TUFF
IMMORTAL TREASURE++
AZZIZZA
DYNAMO JO
DAF ARISTOLADD

Pictures of winners with their awards can be viewed or purchased at www.perfectphotomemories.com. If you have questions or need enrollment or event reporting forms, visit

region9aha.org/High_Point_Amatuer.html or contact Andy Slocum at 501-581-2101 or andyhillis@yahoo.com.



2006 Region 9 Horseman's Awards Winners

By Karlan Downing, Horseman's Awards Chair

We were pleased to announce the winners of the 2006 Region 9 Horseman's Awards at the Horsefest Banquet. This grass roots program honors horsemen in Region 9 who are nominated and voted on by members of Region 9. This year several changes were made in the program. The list of nominees was screened to ensure only nominees that belong to a Region 9 club were considered. Additionally, winners from the past year were not eligible for an award in the same category this year.

Attempts were made to contact all eligible nominees, and a questionnaire was sent to obtain basic information. Information on each nominee was presented to the Board of Directors who, without knowing their identity, chose the top four to be final nominees. There were over 200 nominations made. Bios of the final nominees from each category were presented to the voters and each member of the region was able to vote.

Elections this year were very close, with many more votes than in the previous years. Several categories were decided by only one or two votes—so everyone who voted was important! Congratulations to the following winners for 2006:

- Breeder -- Venture Farms
- Halter Trainer (Male) -- Blake Krohn
- Halter Trainer (Female) -- Chantelle Lewis
- Saddleseat Trainer (Male) -- Ross Tarkington
- Saddleseat Trainer (Female) -- Mandy Harvill
- Western Pleasure Trainer (Male) -- Travis Braden

- Western Pleasure Trainer (Female) -- Sara Stroube
- Hunter Pleasure Trainer (Male) -- Blake Krohn
- Hunter Pleasure Trainer (Female) -- Kathy Braden
- Adult Amateur (Male) -- Jeremy Harper
- Adult Amateur (Female) -- Dawn Coons-Parker
- Adult Amateur (Male 40 and Over) -- Dennis Clark
- Adult Amateur (Female 40 and Over) -- Beth Dearing
- Select (Male-Female) -- Diana Stanger
- Junior Exhibitor 14-17 -- Heather Vickers
- Junior Exhibitor 13 & Under -- Alexa Nichols
- Junior Walk Trot 10 & Under -- Tyler Thompson
- Working Western Trainer -- Gordon Potts
- Working Western Amateur -- Dawn Coons-Parker
- Dressage Competitor -- Liz Petty
- Sport Horse Competitor -- Clare Marrow
- Endurance Competitor -- Cindy Mettes
- Competitive Trail -- Vicky Carnahan

Special thanks go to Debbie Black for compiling the eligible nominees and contact numbers, and for running the election! Also thanks to the Region 9 BoD for their assistance and cooperation in changing the selection process for the final nominees and for the publication of the bios for the voters to review. Pictures of winners with their awards can be viewed or purchased at <http://www.perfectphotomemories.com/>. We look forward to the program in 2007. Nomination forms will be available at shows in the region as soon as the new form is approved, and everyone is encouraged to make nominations and then vote!



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 June 1, 2007, so all information should be submitted to your state reps by May 1, 2007.

LOUISIANA

Louisiana Arabian Horse Association

The 2007 Magnolia Classic is back! Mark March 28-April 1, 2007 on your calendars! Judges for the Region 14 show are Patty Kent (all classes except working western) and Terry Hatfield (working western classes). Bruce Bates will judge the Region 9 show. Show information is available at LAHA's new site, www.laarabians.org.

OKLAHOMA

Oklahoma Arabian Horse Club

Oklahoma Arabian Horse Club's annual Pro-Am Charity Arabian Horse Show will be April 20-22, 2007 in Oklahoma City, OK. Judging this year's show will be 2007 U.S Nationals Judge Joyce Thomas. New this year will be Sport Horse classes featuring In-Hand and Under-Saddle classes. We will have a full complement of classes including Working Cow Horse, English, Western, Hunter, and National Show Horse classes for all age groups. We will be offering a "Senior Citizens" discount in addition to payouts in the Halter Class division. This charity show benefits the Campfire-USA Boys and Girls C-C Riders group. For more information, contact Show Manager Jan M. Lewis at 405-382-1441 or foxfiresfarmsjml@netscape.net or Show Secretary Kelly McFaul at 316-650-2287 or kellymcf@aol.com.

Oklahoma Arabian Horse Club's annual Amateur Arabian Horse Show will be June 2-3, 2007 in Oklahoma City, OK.

Judging this year will be 2007 U.S Nationals Judge Scott Brumfield. We will have Sport Horse classes again this year. As before, we will have a full complement of classes for all age groups in all divisions including National Show Horse. For more information, contact Show Manager Jan M. Lewis at 405-382-1441 or foxfiresfarmsjml@netscape.net or Show Secretary Ruth Charpie at 816-765-5683 or rcharpie@aol.com.

Green Country Arabian Horse Association

Green Country Arabian Horse Association's annual Tulsa State Fair Arabian Show will be held on September 27-28, 2007 in Tulsa, OK, site of AHA's 2008 US Nationals. Returning this year will be Working Cow Horse classes. This is a great time to school your horse before going to US Nationals! We will have a full schedule of classes for all ages and divisions including our GCAHA Weanling Futurity which offers one of the highest payouts in the US. We also offer Junior Horse Performance Buy-in Futurity Classes as well as Buy-in Weanling classes. For more information, contact Show Manager Jan M. Lewis at 405-382-1441 or foxfiresfarmsjml@netscape.net or Show Secretary Sandra Byrd at 918-248-7731.

Green Country Arabian Horse Association's annual Autumn Classic Arabian Horse Show and Classic Stallion Service Auction will return this year on November 2-4, 2007 in Tulsa, OK, site of AHA's 2008 US Nationals. We are offering a full schedule of classes for all ages and divisions including Sport Horse In Hand and Under Saddle classes, Stick Horse for big kids and little kids and the favorite class, Halloween Costume Class for all ages. Come view our showcase of stallions being offered during our Stallion Service Auction and take the opportunity to purchase a breeding to a quality Stallion for 1/2 the normal breeding fee. This breeding will entitle you to show the resulting foal as a Weanling in one of the highest paying Arabian Weanling Futurities in the

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U.S. Enjoy our Exhibitor's Party during the auction. This show offers something for all ranges of exhibitors from the Pros to the backyard family Arabian. For more information, contact Show Manager Jan M. Lewis at 405-382-1441 or foxfiresfarmsjml@netscape.net or Show Secretary Sandra Byrd at 918-248-7731.

TEXAS

Alamo Arabian Horse Association starts 2007 with trail rides and open shows, leading up to the 2007 Fiesta Show

"We started 2007 with a trail ride on Sunday, February 4, at Guadalupe State Park," said Dian Deal, president of AAHA. Another AAHA trail ride is scheduled for March 10 at a site to be determined and AAHA plans to add a few more trail rides throughout the year. For more information, interested riders may contact AAHA "trail boss," Donna Doulton at Ddsstex@aol.com or 830-885-2258.

The AAHA 2007 Open Show series starts Saturday, January 27, with the first show at Diamond F Arena in Seguin, TX. AAHA hosts three open all breed shows each year and is considering a Community Show for 2007. For more information interested exhibitors can contact Kathy Starustka at Railkat1@aol.com or 830-608-8034.

In addition to regular monthly board meetings open to members, AAHA is also planning four general membership meetings with special programming that includes a Board Training seminar for all members interested in running for board director, a sports psychology presentation to help exhibitors enhance their showing skills, a sport horse presentation to help introduce this fast-growing segment of the Arabian horse industry to interested members, and an AAHA Members Reunion party to bring old friends together at the AAHA 2007 Fiesta Show.

"The AAHA 2007 Spring Fiesta Show, held this in 2007 from May 17-20, is our big event every year," said Bill Eash, Show Manager. "It provides the bulk of our funding and enables us to support causes like the Freedom Classic and the Region 9 Championship Shows as well as local membership services like scholarships. It's going to be another great show and we're looking forward to welcoming even more Region 9 exhibitors." US Nationals Western and Stallion Halter Judge Shannon Armstrong will be the Fiesta Show judge and Krysti Wysocki is the Dressage judge. For more information or to request a premium book, contact Bill Eash at eash@gvtc.com or 830-980-3188.

"We are also focusing some attention this year on community outreach efforts," said Deal. "We plan to augment our presence at the San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo horse exhibit with a new AAHA display and more volunteers, and we are working to bring some targeted local audiences to our Fiesta Show so our exhibitors will have an appreciative audience of people new to the Arabian industry. On behalf of AAHA, I invite all Region 9 members to come visit us in San Antonio." For more information on AAHA, contact Dian Deal at dianddeal@sbcglobal.net or 210-481-9662.

Arabian Horse Club of Texas

2006 saw the Arabian Horse Club of Texas (AHCT) put on two successful shows! The long-standing Spring Show in Nacogdoches added Working Cow Horse classes to the schedule, and it was very well received by exhibitors. The State Fair of Texas Show was also successful, and included dressage and carriage driving classes. However, the club lost their long time friend and member, W.C. (Dub) Miller. Mr. Miller was over 100

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Arabian Horse Club of Texas Spring Show

Nacogdoches, Texas
April 27-29, 2007

Our show features one of the largest number of scheduled driving classes in Region 9, working cow classes, and buy-a-classes.

The premium book will be out shortly after March 1, 2007.

For additional information, contact Jane Ann Godsey by e-mail JaneAnnGodsey@hughes.net or phone (936) 564-3601 (home) or by cell (936) 552-6416.

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years old when he passed away and had recently been out to the State Fair to check on how the show was going. Dub had been involved in many horse related activities over the years, and will be sorely missed by the members of AHCT. For information on AHCT, contact Jane Ann Godsey, President, AHCT at janeanngodsey@hughes.net.

Gulf Coast Arabian Horse Club

The GCAHC Youth Challenge Horse Show will be April 21-22, 2007 at the Lone Star Convention and Expo Center in Conroe, TX. Our judge is Terry Hatfield from Port Lavaca, TX. This Class A show is exclusively for youth and it offers a full array of classes as well as fun events. It features the John Nix Memorial Saddleseat Equitation Trophy class, 2 UPHA Challenge Cup Equitation classes, Halter Showmanship 10 & under, the AHA Western Horsemanship Medal class, and a sportsmanship award. Exhibitors are eligible to win High Point Awards of \$300 savings bonds in 8 divisions. All exhibitors receive a t-shirt.

"Meet the Judge" and "Ask the Steward" on Friday evening give our youth exhibitors the chance to better understand the judging process and the rules for our competition. Food and fun are planned for both Friday evening and Saturday afternoon. Other activities include a scavenger hunt, coloring contest, and egg & spoon class. See the winners from last year's coloring contest on the GC website, www.gulfcoastarabians.com. Come on out and join us for a fun show!

Prize lists will be available by the end of February and will be mailed to prior year's exhibitors and posted on the GC website, www.gulfcoastarabians.com. If you would like to be on the list and did not show last year, e-mail patroddy@sbcglobal.net with your name and address to be added. Contact Julie Redding at 281-375-5105 or juliet749@consolidated.net for more information about the show.

North Texas Arabian Horse Club

NTAHC reminds you to attend the MayFest Challenge 2007, held May 4-6, 2007 at Will Rogers Memorial Coliseum in Ft. Worth, TX. There will be increased prize money for halter and dressage classes, and a drawing for \$1,000 for all exhibitors, as well as random drawings throughout the show for cash, gift certificates, and other prizes. We'll have an Ice Cream Social on Friday afternoon, and our famous Kentucky Derby Party and silent auction Saturday evening. In addition, we will award three \$1,000 youth high point scholarships.

The Halter and Performance Judge is Lauri Martin of Scottsdale, AZ (2007 AHA Youth Nationals judge). Dinah Babcock of Austin, TX will judge Intro through Fourth Level Dressage, and Sport Horse In-Hand and Under Saddle classes. For more information on the show, please visit www.ntahc.com or email Show Manager Michel Stebbins at justmichel@sbcglobal.net or Show Secretary Sherry McGraw at smcgraw14@verizon.net.

Star of Texas Arabian Horse Club

The Star of Texas AHC Spring Celebration Open Horse Show & Futurity will be held April 14-15, 2007 at the Bee County Coliseum in Beeville, TX. It welcomes Arabians, Half-Arabians, and other breeds into its Arab/HA and Open Classes. The judge is Margo Shallcross. For more information visit www.stararabian.com or contact Virginia Cherry, Show Manager, at 361-358-2320 or cherrytopstables@yahoo.com.



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Correction to "Region 9 Rocks at the 2006 AHA US National Competitive Trail Ride" from Dec 2006 Issue

The Hand Gallop and Carla Jo Bass would like to extend an apology to Lee Ann Clarke, for omitting her from the AHA National CTR competitor list from AHA Region 9. Congratulations to Lee Ann for representing Region 9 at this national championship!!





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