

DIABLO ARABIAN HORSE ASSOCIATION

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Letter from the President

By Jill Mitchell

Dear Members:

Happy Holidays!

Here's hoping you all had a great Thanksgiving Holiday with you family and friends, both human and equine.

Thanks to Coke Swift and her show committee, DAHA put on another successful fall show at Brookside Equestrian Center in September. It was HOT, HOT, and HOT, just like the spring show. But all of the exhibitors put on a good show for three full days. Thanks to all of our volunteers—you know we couldn't do this without you.

DAHA was well represented at the AHA National show that was held in Tulsa, OK. Congratulations to all of our members who brought home the coveted national awards.

I just returned from the 2009 Arabian Horse Association Convention along with DAHA's two other delegates, Pat Hendershot, Cindy Silvani and two alternate delegates, Evelyn Call and Amy Edwards. Region III hosted the AHA Convention in Reno, NV this year at the Silver Legacy, November 19 - 22, 2009. I hope some of you were able to attend. It was an event packed with information, discussions and seminars and as always there was a lot to learn. The best news is the next AHA Convention will be at Walt Disney World in Orlando, FL! I can't wait!!

Our DAHA Annual Membership and High Point Banquet is Sunday, January 24, 2010 at 5pm. Invitations will be mailed out shortly. It will be another great evening of camaraderie and good

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food, all together by Sherry Pedder. We are looking for silent/raffle auction items so if you have something you'd like to donate, please contact Sherry Pedder at 925-708-8848. Classic Catering will be providing the food and it should be as wonderful and delicious as last year. Please plan to come mingle with your friends and fellow club members.

Once again thank you for all your support this past year. We are here to enjoy our horses, each other and to work together! Wishing you and your family Happy Holidays!

Sincerely

Jill Mitchell,
President



DAHA Calendar of Events

Board of Directors Meeting

Frankie, Johnny and Luigi's Pizza
Dublin, CA
January 6 – 7:00 p.m.

Budget Meeting

TBA
January 12 – 7:00 p.m.

DAHA Annual Membership Banquet

Sunday, January 24, 2010 at 5:00 p.m.
Lafayette Veteran's Memorial Hall
3780 Mt. Diablo Blvd. Lafayette, CA 94549

WANTED!! Silent/Raffle Auction Raffle Items!
Contact Sherry Pedder at 925-708-8848

New DAHA Board Members!

After counting the ballots from the October 31, 2009 election deadline, DAHA's new board members include Coke Swift, Pat Hendershot, Meghan Johnson, Dorothy Burt and Jill Cohn for two year terms. Pat Hendershot will serve as 2010 President, Meghan Johnson will be Vice President, Amy Edwards, Treasurer and Debbie Compilli will be Secretary. The new board is very excited about this opportunity to bring forth new activities to DAHA including a schooling show, a Mt Diablo endurance ride, more organized trail rides, trail/riding clinics and social events.

Hold the Date

Good food, a no host bar, awards, a silent auction, a live silent auction, special presentations, a speaker, time to mingle to renew old acquaintances and to meet new friends, a slide show and much more—it's time for DAHA's annual banquet. This year we honor not only our high-point winners but also for DAHA's Family Arabian of the Year. It's a fun, festive evening—a time to get to know one another—so mark the date. An invitation will be following soon.

Sunday, January 24, 2010, 5:00 p.m.
Veteran's Memorial Building
3780 Mt. Diablo Blvd, Lafayette

All About Pets

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AHA Annual Convention 2009

This year's AHA annual convention was held at the Silver Legacy in Reno, NV from November 19 - 22, 2009 and hosted by Region III. Vice-President Jill Mitchell, secretary Cindy Silvani, treasurer Amy Edwards and committee members Pat Hendershot and Evelyn Call attended as delegates representing Diablo Arabian Horse Association. This was a fantastic opportunity to gather with Arabian horse enthusiasts, friends and professionals for industry education, and AHA business. 19 Resolutions were brought to be voted on by the delegates, 15 were presented and 13 were approved. One of the highlights was keynote speaker Scott Benjamin speech on authentic types in regards to the Arabian breed. It was announced that the next AHA Convention will be in Orlando, Florida at Walt Disney World!

Ten Feet Tall, Still

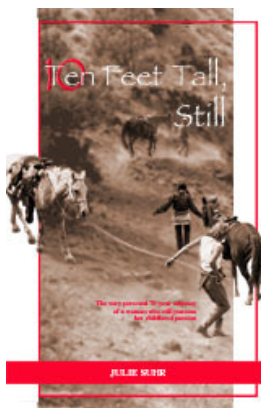
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DAHA Fall Show Observations

By Sidney Simpson

Hot, hotter, hottest--so typical of horse show weather--it literally sizzled in Elk Grove the weekend of our autumn show on September 25-27th, 2009 at Brookside Equestrian Park. In spite of that, as always, our event was a ton of fun.

We really do know how to do it in style. We were surrounded by adorable pooches, vendors selling everything from tack to horse-motif tee shirts, and beautiful horses--Arabians and half Arabians--along with their talented riders and trainers. I am always amazed at the way a 1,000 creature listens to the tiny legs of a young rider. The horses were elegant and well behaved. Our riders--both young and old--were decked out in beautiful riding attire, creating the illusion that the heat didn't bother them. Several times the announcer said that the young English riders could dispense with their jackets if they wanted (but as far as I know, no one asked the horsies if they wanted to dispense with their pads and saddles.

Mid-day on Saturday, when the sun was its most brutal, the crowd was treated to a complimentary ice-cream social and later a spaghetti dinner. The youngsters delighted us all in the lead-line class, where they were all awarded prizes for their young efforts. Little ones made stick horses and competed at the walk, trot, canter--too cute, and there were special games and contests involving Halloween duckies and doggie treats. All of this was staged in the middle of a show where riders were seriously demonstrating their riding skills and the beauty of their horses. We are clearly a club who knows how to combine a top level show with playful fun. Here's to us...we're pretty darn cool (even on the hottest days)!

The Fall Fling Show had 190 entries with 200 classes which included western pleasure, English pleasure, country, native costume, show hack, reining, sport horse and others. It was sheer delight to see lots of beautiful Arabians all in one place. Everything seemed to go very smoothly thanks to all the volunteers.

We are looking for photos from the show for the annual slideshow at the Winter High Point Awards Banquet. Please email your photos to Amy Edwards at agunnewards@mac.com.

DAHA at the Rose Parade 2010

By Anne Wheeler

Amigos de Anza Equestrian Drill Team has been accepted to participate in the 121st Tournament of Roses Parade themed, "A Cut Above the Rest". The parade takes place on January 1, 2010. The Rose Parade is one of the most viewed parades in the world. In addition to the huge crowds that attend along the route in Pasadena, an estimated audience of 5 million will be watching on TV worldwide.

This will be the first Rose Parade appearance for the Amigos Drill Team. George Cardinet, "Father of the California Trails," formed the team in 2002. George decided that young riders hanging around Castle Rock Arabians in Walnut Creek, CA, needed to use their riding skills with a civic minded focus. With his key role in the designation of the Juan Bautista de Anza National Historic Trail, and his passion for promoting equestrian use on California trails; he had an idea. An Arabian horse drill team would symbolically promote the Anza Trail through drill demonstrations, competitions, color guard ceremonies, Anza Trail dedications and parades. Instead of the typical drill horse, the quarter horse; George insisted the team use Arabian horses for their endurance, versatility and elegance. At the age of 93, with hearing aids and a megaphone, George was the coach. Two months later, he had them riding color guard and performing a drill at the 2002 Grand National Rodeo at the Cow Palace in San Francisco.

Three of the original eight riders will be riding with the team in the 2010 Rose Parade. The rest of the unit is from the more than 40 who have ridden with the Amigos over its 7 ½ years. The riders are current 2009 team members, and invited former team leaders who are accomplished equestrians. Those riders are Alicia Benson, Tessa Benson, Rachel Hannigan, Lauren Kardel, Rebecca McCullough, Victoria Oto, Alex Shveyda, Arianne Smith, Caitlin Smith, Kana Sumiyoshi, Sunny Townsend, Kristen Wheeler and Jessica Zec.

What makes the appearance in the Rose Parade remarkable is that there was still a drill team to apply this year. With youth sports being so tightly orchestrated by coaches, organizations and parents; these girls kept the drill team going on their own.

Every year with riders growing up, changing interests, heading off to college, etc.; junior drill teams have turnover. Starting in January, half of the 2009 team was new to drill. After only two practices in Feb., the coach abruptly quit. These girls, ages 11-17, had busy schedules with school, Arabian horse shows, and teaching riding camps or apprenticing at Castle Rock Arabians. They didn't need another horse activity. Their parents would happily forego the cold, pre dawn practices.

But, these girls love all kinds of riding. Riding drills is different from competing at horse shows-----it is group dancing on horseback-----riding intricate (sometimes a bit dangerous) patterns to music. They also felt it was an honor to represent the Juan Bautista de Anza National Historic Trail for the National Park Service.

A search was on for a new coach, but in the meantime, the girls decided to keep practicing on their own. Though good riders, half the new team had little or no drill skills. They went back to the basics, perfecting maneuvers before creating drills. At first an occasional parent stayed to watch the early practices, but soon the girls practiced for hours on their own, week after week, month after month.

May 15 was the deadline to apply for the 2010 Rose Parade. The last photos and details on the riders, horses and support personal applications to participate in the Rose Parade; was completed late nights at Brookside Equestrian Center, during the Spring DAHA show, and sent by Fed Ex to be in Pasadena. Amigos application was 62 pages. The wait had begun. The Rose Parade Equestrian Committee would notify applicants by August 1.

Days before hauling to Arabian Last Chance & Regionals in Reno, NV, Amigos were the color guard on June 27th at the Presidio of San Francisco for the 233rd celebration of the founding of San Francisco, followed by performing a complicated drill at the U.S. Park Police arena to the music of "Spirit".

After the Presidio, they were invited to be the mounted color guard at the Petaluma Arts & Equestrian Festival on July 19th. They requested an opportunity to perform a drill exhibition during the afternoon of scheduled equestrian performances. After the National Anthem, the color guard changed from their traditional Spanish uniforms into beach attire and sunglasses.

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They put leis on themselves and their Arabians and rode a high speed drill, energizing the crowd to a medley of Beach Boys music. The organizers said they were the hit of the festival. Two days later, many of the team headed off to Youth Nationals in New Mexico.

The invitation to ride arrived on August 1. What a thrill to learn that they were accepted! The girls that practiced alone in a dusty hillside arena on Mt. Diablo, would be riding in the 2010 Rose Parade for an estimated 5 million TV audience.

In the parade, the team will carry the flags that tell the story of the route of the Anza Trail. They have been given a special exception by the US Marine Corp Mounted Unit to be permitted to carry flags in addition to the USMC. The team will carry the US Flag (which was flown over the US Capital and was a gift of former US Representative, Ellen Tauscher), the Betsy Ross (since and colorful display.

In addition to the Rose Parade, the Amigos de Anza will perform a drill in the Equestfest at the Los Angeles Equestrian center on Dec. 29, 2009. The attendance at the Equestfest averages 5,000 each year.

The Amigos de Anza Equestrian Drill Team rides in honor of the late George Cardinet. George was the "Father of California Trails", promoter of the Arabian horse, but also an inspiration and an extra grandpa to many of these riders.

[Tax-deductible donations can be sent to Amigos de Anza Equestrian Drill Team, P.O. Box 30087, Walnut Creek, CA, 94598. Provide a return address to receive a receipt.](#)



DAHA Tributes:

Robert Raymond and Edie Lehman

By Shelley Raymond and Pat Hendershot

Robert T. Raymond, 79 died September 8, 2009 at Manor Care Skilled Nursing in Walnut Creek after a long illness. He grew up on the family dairy farm in Rapid City South Dakota, graduating with a degree in Agricultural Engineering from South Dakota State University. He served in the U.S. Infantry for two years. In 1959, he moved to Southern California where he worked as an industrial engineer and eventually a human resource manager for Crown Zellerbach Corporation for 30 years, retiring in 1989. After being transferred to Northern California in 1964, Bob and his family raised, exhibited and sold Arabian horses from 1972-1996. During that time he was politically active in the International Arabian Horse Association and a past president of DAHA and Region 3 Director, receiving many awards and recognition for chairing state regional horse shows and managing concessions and special events for the Scottsdale Arabian Horse Show and the annual Arabian National Horse Show. He was also active in promoting trail riding and preserving trails and open space in Northern California. He is survived by Mrs. Joanne Raymond and his stepdaughter Shelley, his two sisters in Rapid City and many nieces and nephews.

On August 26th, 2009, we lost Edie Lehman, longtime trainer, mentor and AHA Judge. Edie was a true horsewoman. She was very active in local Arabian events and Region 3. We first met Edie many years ago (when we were all young!) and she was living in Santa Rosa. Always saw each other at horse shows. Edie was actively competing in Arabian Cutting at the time. Carl got the "Cutting" bug from our dear friends, Lee & Bette Vinson. Lee found Carl an older National Champion Arabian Cutting horse to compete with. So it was off to the Arabian Cutting classes with Marbet Kerad+. At Carl's very first show, Edie came up to him and gave him a big pep talk and a silver dollar...this was to be his LUCKY silver dollar and he was to keep it in his pocket every time he worked cattle. And he did just that. Edie was always there to cheer him on and give support. We will never forget that. I will so miss seeing Edie at the shows and at Region 3 meetings.

Applecreek Halloween Party and Fundraiser

By Sidney Simpson

Both Apple Creek Farms Equestrian Center and Summit Ranch recently worked to raise donations for Horses' Honor, a horse sanctuary located in Auburn that rescues abused and abandoned horses. Both of these ranches are rooted in DAHA, and Horses' Honor has Arabian connections as well. The donations were picked up at both ranches on October 24. Apple Creek combined the pick up with a festive Halloween party that began with quadrille and pas de deux performances and continued with a costume parade, games, and (of course) lots of yummy food. DAHA Family Outreach Chair, Sidney Simpson, organized the effort at Apple Creek, and Meghan Johnson, DAHA Vice President, organized the outreach at Summit Ranch.

Below are pictures from the Apple Creek Halloween party. The first is of Sidney and her Arabian, Cheyenne, who participated in the morning quadrille. Next are Carol Mingst and her Arabian, Shawn, who participated in the costume contest and horse games. The last picture is of the Board members from Horses' Honor receiving their donations.



Horses Honor Donations

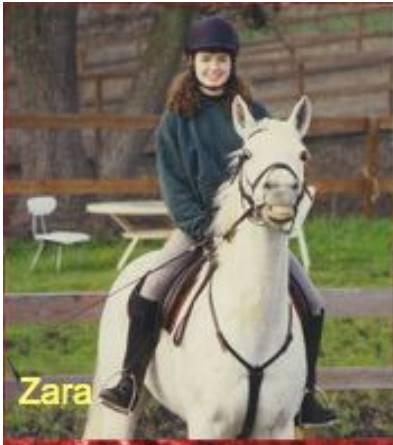
Jr. Rider Fall Show Observations

By Claire Thompson

Hi, I'm Claire Thompson, age 12 and I am one of Nancy Dupont's show team riders at Castle Rock Arabians and I rode KHS Scarlet Sails at the DAHA Fall Fling. The magic happened in a huge class of about 13 riders and this was my second DAHA Show riding a horse I was unfamiliar with. Early Sunday morning, it was an English Pleasure 13 & under class and I was ready to show. The class went beautifully, it was absolutely amazing when I heard the announcer say, "And third to number 794, KHS Scarlet Sails and Claire Thompson." I really don't think that I can thank my trainer, Leigha Perry, more for giving me a great horse and for instructing me up to the level where I showed everyone who Castle Rock Arabians is.



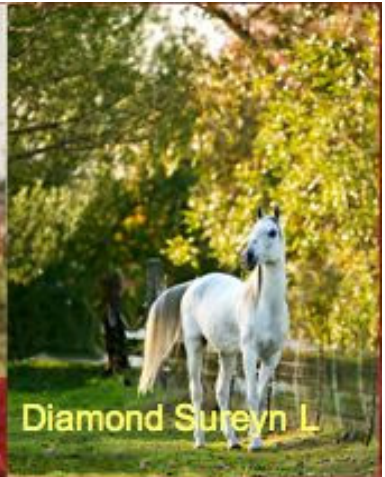
Claire Thompson and KHS Scarlet Sails



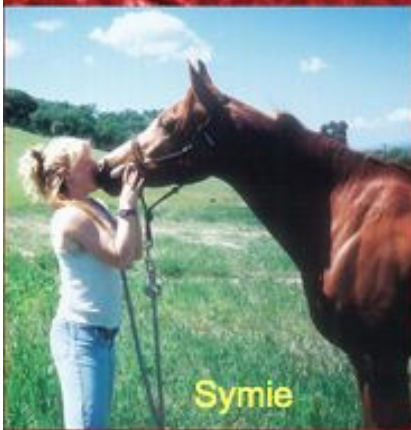
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