## DIABLO ARABIAN HORSE ASSOCIATION

## DECEMBER 2010 NEWSLETTER

**Diablo Arabian Horse Association** www.diabloaha.org

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A special thanks to Sidney Simpson and Meghan Johnson for the time and effort they put into this project and along with that thought....also a huge thanks to all DAHA Board members and club members who work hard all year helping DAHA to a cut above the rest. Please plan to attend our Annual Membership and High Point Banquet to be held on January 23rd, starting at 5 pm. Enjoy a wonderful evening with friends, great food and celebration!

Family Arabian Nominees & DAHA Tributes

HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL!

World Equestrian Games

Sincerely

Pat Hendershot President

## Letter from the President

By Pat Hendershot

Dear Members:

I hope that all of our members had a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday with family and friends! I look forward to another wonderful year of shows, clinics, trail rides, and perhaps some picnics and educational speakers for DAHA. If you have any ideas about anything that you think you would really enjoy, be sure to let us know.

DAHA's Fall Horse show has proven to be another successful one with the amount of horses entered exceeding the number that we had budgeted for. Our horse shows seem to "set the standard" for California. Top management, great volunteers, and lots of fun events make for a job well done!

In November, Jill Mitchell, Jill Cohn and I attended the AHA Convention held in "Mickeys Town", Orlando, Florida. The weather was excellent and the delegates were there to take care of business. Committee meetings, seminars, election of officers, voting on resolutions, etc. The highlight of the Convention was of a more personal nature. Every year, AHA honors clubs who have demonstrated excellence in four separate categories. They also honor one club as the year's overall top Arabian club in the country. DAHA received an Excellence Award for Breed Promotion and another for Communication——something that we were all so proud of. Next came the biggest thrill of all. We were awarded the top Arabian club of the year for the entire country! What an honor. I wish you all could have been there to share in the excitement. When you consider the number of Arabian clubs in the U.S.; this is quite an accomplishment.



DAHA Member Sherry Pedder and Cody

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## **DAHA Calendar of Events**

#### **Board of Directors Meeting**

Dougherty Station, San Ramon January 5 - 7:00 p.m.

#### **K9 Police Dog Exhibition**

January 8 - 11:30am - 4pm Summit Ranch, Alamo RSVP Meghan Johnson 925-708-8571

#### Golden Gate Fields Dollar Day

Golden Gate Fields, Albany January 9 - 10am - 4pm

#### **Budget Meeting**

Dougherty Station, San Ramon January 18 - 7:00p.m.

DAHA Membership and High Point Banquet Lafayette Veteran Memorial Hall

Sunday, January 23, 2011, 5p.m. - 10p.m

WANTED!! Silent/Raffle Auction Raffle Items! Contact Debbie and Nancy Bartman

#### **New DAHA Board Members!**

After counting the ballots from the October 31, 2010 election deadline, DAHA's new board members include Amy Edwards, Anne Wheeler, Cindy Silvani, Cindy Voltz for two year terms. Pat Hendershot will serve as 2011 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, speaker series and social events.

# Hold the Date

Good food, a no host bar, awards, a silent auction, a raffle, special presentations, 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. You should have received your invitation in the mail by now.

Sunday, January 23, 2011, 5p.m. - 10p.m Veteran's Memorial Building 3780 Mt. Diablo Blvd, Lafayette

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## **DAHA Events**

DAHA will be hosting a K9 Police Dog Exhibition at Summit Ranch Equine Center in Alamo on Saturday, January 8th from 11:30am until 4pm. A BBQ lunch will be served before the demonstration in the Summit Ranch Lobby and then K9 handlers and their police dogs from all over Northern California will perform demonstrations in area search, obedience and a protection phase. This is a fantastic opportunity to see these amazing dogs up close and personal. Please bring \$20 for lunch and proceeds benefit the Western States Police Canine Association. RSVP to Meghan Johnson by January 6th, 925–708–8571 or MZara75030@aol.com.

DAHA will also be volunteering at another Golden Gate Fields Dollar Days at the Golden Gate Fields Race Track on January 9 from 10am – 4pm. Come volunteer or hang out at the race track and see the horses! Contact Sidney Simpson if you are interested: Sidneysimpson@comcast.net or 510/351–9333.

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### **AHA Annual Convention 2010**

This year's AHA annual convention was held at Disney World in Orlando, Florida from November 17 - 21, 2010. President Pat Hendershot, Jill Mitchell and Jill Cohn 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. 43 Resolutions were brought to be voted on by the delegates, 36 were presented and 33 were approved. One of the highlights was that DAHA won Club of the Year, best communication and breed promotion! It was announced that the next AHA Convention will be in Vancouver, Canada.



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### **DAHA Fall Show Observations**

By Sidney Simpson

As always, in typical DAHA form, we razzle dazzled them once again with our fall show on October 1 - 3, 2010 at Brookside Equestrian Park. This year I worked the Sunday championship day; so I missed many of the playful events—our spaghetti feed, the ice-cream social, stick horses, barn decorating contest, etc. We are definitely a club that knows how to mix top-notch show horses with warmth and family fun. It was a treat on Sunday to watch the championship classes and to enjoy several participants in native costume with tassels and fringes sparkling in the afternoon sun as riders whirled around the arenaspectacular. We also had a mother-daughter side saddle competition—real eye candy combined with tight, polished equitation and the delight of seeing the unmitigated joy from the mother when her daughter beat her. Talk about a win/win situation. Reiners thrilled the Sunday afternoon audience with spectacular slide stops while wee ones rode their steeds around either on a loose western pleasure rein with the glitzy, sparkly western show shirts and chaps or in the more formal English attire. As the day came to an end, people snapped up last minute bargains from our vendors and exhibitors packed up their tack, ribbons, prizes, and horses for their trips home until next time. The Fall Fling Show had 213 entries with 227 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 agunnedwards@mac.com.

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#### **AHA Club Excellence Award**

By Meghan Johnson

One of the AHA member awards is the Club Excellence Award. Annual awards are presented in four areas: breed promotion/community involvement, membership recruitment/retention, communication and club projects. DAHA submitted nominations for each area to recognize all the diverse and special things the club does throughout the year. DAHA was informed in October that we were a finalist in breed promotion, communication and club projects. The winners were announced at the November annual convention in Florida and DAHA won Club of the Year, Best Communication and Breed Promotion! The winning club in each category receives \$500 and the Club of the Year is chosen from the category winners and an additional \$500 is presented for that honor. We are already planning our Club Excellence nominations for this coming year!

#### DAHA Website Classifieds Ads

A FREE SERVICE FOR OUR MEMBERS—DAHA members can post ads free on our DAHA website for businesses, horses for sale, training, stallion services, lessons, boarding services, etc. That service is complimentary only to our members. We have a webpage for classified ads and an area at the bottom of our home page with member businesses. All we need to post an ad is a jpeg file of the ad or a jpeg formatted photo and any text you want to include. If you have a website, include that a well. This is a way for us to network and support each other. Just contact Meghan Johnson with your information at MZara75030@aol.com or 925–708–8571. See our ads on page 8.



Holiday Photo of DAHA member Sidney Simpson and Cheyanne

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DAHA Member Kirsten, Fifty Cents and Dobie

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### **World Equestrian Games**

By Dr. Jill Cohn, Chiropractor

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On Wednesday, September 22, I flew into Lexington, KY, airport for the WEG (World Equestrian Games). I was a volunteer Trail Steward for the WEC (World Equestrian Championship) Endurance race of 160km or 100 miles. My new friend from Antelope Valley, near LA, Tamara, arrived within a half hour and our adventure began. Tamara had befriended a local young man when we volunteered in 2009 for the Kentucky Cup, the practice run for the WEG Endurance competition. Chad had that fabulous Kentucky sense of hospitality and introduced Tamara to his parents who quickly invited us both to stay at their home in nearby Georgetown. What we came to learn later was: the Needhams had bred the 2009 winner of the Kentucky Derby, so we were absolutely staying with "horse people!" They made sure we got to Keeneland Race Track and were with them as one of their fillies went at the Annual Keeneland Yearling Auction: what a thrill! Ariat was a major sponsor of the WEG and outfitted all volunteers appropriately for mild weather—so one of our first actions upon arrival was to get fitted for our uniforms. We each received two gray/blue polo shirts and a windbreaker as well as a bag and ID. The KHP grounds had been transformed in the past 12 months. It's a huge facility on a very grandiose scale. I think I walked 3 miles daily just getting from the parking lot to the check-in and to vendors and back. The excitement I'd experienced last year of monitoring the quarantine area and directing traffic as horses were unloaded and marking trail across the incredible bluegrass farms, including Secretariat Farm, was not to be this time around. The staff had completed all by our arrival on the 23rd. Race day we were at the KHP at 5:30 AM and taken by Gator to our solitary posts out in fields. Our purpose was to indicate the correct direction and to make certain riders staved on course. These races (FEI Endurance) differ from AERC (American Endurance Ride in that the horses are conditioned to canter the ride almost completely. The hills were soft and rolling and the footing good. The reigning European Champion, Maria Mercedes Alvarez Ponton, made a great exit at the last hold and ran the approximately 20 mile loop ahead of the pack to race in to victory. It was a very moving moment and we and hundreds lined the route the last 100 yards for her run in. She had birthed her first child 7 weeks before and told the press she'd been kept up nursing all night before the race...ah, youth.

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My personal WEG highlight was the Arabian Exhibit sponsored by the UAE: "A Gift from the Desert." This museum-quality, world class tracing of the history of the Arabian Peninsula and surrounding lands and its history of life with the horse, was unequaled. One piece—the Standard of Ur—dates back 2,600 BC. It all went too quickly but I was able to bring home some fantastic memories of people and place!



Maria Mercedes Alvarez Ponton, Spanish Endurance Rider receiving medal at WEG.



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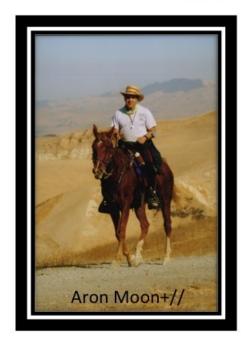


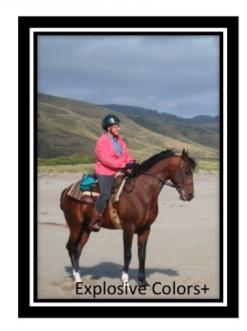
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# Family Arabian Nominees 2010







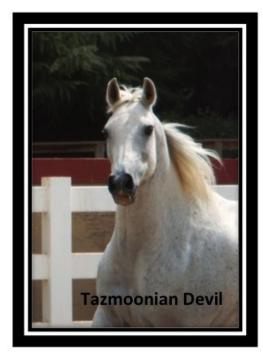


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# Family Arabian Nominees 2010









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#### **DAHA Tributes:**

# Claude Pacheco DVM, Bill Coleal and Marge Tone

By Pat Hendershot

It has been a rough year with the passing of some of my special friends. It was a shock to lose Claude Pacheco and still hard to believe. I so miss his emails, the teasing and an Arabian horse show is just not the same without Claude. Bill Coleal of Coleal Arabian Farms. While the "ladies" at Coleal Arabians are the ones that most people associate with the horses; Bill had a special bond with the stallion, SX Saladin and it was so great to watch him with Saladin. I will always remember him as a kind, thoughtful man who loved his family and embraced their love of the Arabian horses. Most recently, we lost Marge Tone. Who in the Arabian breed has not heard of the Jack Tone Ranch or the "Fabulous Fadjur." Marge's story has been told in many magazines so I thought I would just look back at some of my memories. As a child, I did not have a horse but wanted one so bad. I was fortunate to have neighbors who had horses and would let me ride, groom and enjoy their horses with them. In 1957 they took me to the Jack Tone Ranch and while there we were treated as "royal guests". Their kindness and willingness to share reached out to me. I knew from that day that I would someday own an Arabian horse. I still have some photos that they gave me that day. They were my treasures all through my childhood. As a young married couple, Carl and I were lucky to live on the Bell H Arabian ranch owned by Elizabeth Hess. They did quite a bit of business with the Tone Ranch and during those years we became even better acquainted with the Tone family. When we hauled horses up to Stockton to the Tones, Marge would always give us a tour of the horses on the ranch and answer all of our questions. We wanted to learn all that we could. Our first purebred Arabians were a gelding sired by Fadjur and two yearling Fadjur grand-daughters...one being Tapiola the dam of TW Forteyna. Marge was a lady in every sense and so gracious and kind. She loved her horses and cared about her clients. I remember taking a young lady up to the Tone Ranch to look at a stallion to breed to. She had picked out the one that she liked. When we arrived, we got the grand tour as usual. Judy told Marge that she wanted to breed to a particular Fadjur son that Marge owned and asked the fee. It was more than Judy could afford and it showed on her face.

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So she asked Marge if she had any Fadjur sons standing at a cheaper rate. Marge told her that they had two up the road at the "old ranch". So we went up there and Judy decided on one of those. When we got back, it was obvious that Marge felt bad that Judy could not afford the stallion that she wanted so explained to Judy how the spring months were crazy at the breeding ranch with so many outside mares coming in. She told Judy if she could wait and breed in June she could have the stallion she really wanted for the same price as the others. Judy was thrilled that you now would be able to afford the stallion of her dreams. I had always been a fan of the "Fabulous Fadjur" but could never afford his stud fee. One day in the spring, I brought a group of friends to the Tone Ranch. These were friends who had asked me to set up a day to visit the ranch as they knew that I knew the Tone family. So on a beautiful Saturday, I brought the gang to the Tone Ranch. Again we were treated as special friends and given the grand tour. At the end of the day, one of my friends purchased a mare from the Tones and two others bought breedings. A few days later, I received a call from the Tones daughter, Jackie. She told me that Marge thought it was so sweet that I brought these people to their ranch to look at horses when we had horses of our own for sale and at stud. I explained that these friends had WANTED to visit the Tones to see their horses. In the end, Jackie told me that Marge knew how much I loved Fadjur and that she wanted me to have a breeding to him. To some, this might not be much to me it was a dream come true.

My son, Mike, and I hauled a mare up to the Tone Ranch one summer day. Mike was 9 years old. He was also a fan of Fadjur. It so happens on that day, some visitors were there and they had Fadjur out presenting him to these people. Mike asked if we could stay and watch. After the visitors left, Mike asked if it would be alright if he were to pet Fadjur. I think they knew what an impression Fadjur had made with Mike and they then asked if he would like to lead Fadjur. Luckily, I had a camera with me that day and I was able to save some unforgettable memories for Mike. He used to tell me that those photos of him with Fadjur were his treasures.

Over the years the Tone family has touched our lives and we will be forever grateful. <a href="www.fadjur.com">www.fadjur.com</a>

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~Carl and Pat Hendershot

Trade Winds Arabians

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## DAHA Tributes: Murrell Lacey

By Nancy Dupont

There was no ambivalence in your feelings about Murrel. You had strong feelings -- either hot or cold -Not lukewarm. When his name came up you just had to look at a person's face; it would either become volcanic, or reflect deep admiration for the man's innate talent with horses. He said, without a bit of arrogance: "No one knows as much about horses as I do. I live with them." He seemed to talk to horses. His style of training appeared to some as cruel. I would call it exceptional timing. His handling of horses he trained was light handed. His timing was such that the horse usually walked into the discipline. He never used anger to teach. He used to say: "If you lose your temper - go train jackrabbits!" He also said many times, "If you want to know what is wrong with your horse, --Go look in the mirror!" His teachings always gave a horse a way out. He allowed the horse to find its' comfort level. A place where the horse was not threatened and where it could relax its jaw and feel safe. If you had a horse you couldn't manage and you felt was untrainable, people would say: "Before you send him to the slaughterhouse, --"take him to Murrel Lacey." Murrel didn't much like that saying. Murrel didn't offer you the right answers, just the right questions. One day he came over to look at a Varian bred mare (by Bay Abi++) that I wanted to sell. When I asked him if he would sell my horse for me, he asked me: "Who bought the horse?" I said: "I did." Then he asked: "Who do you think is going to sell it?" I replied "Me." End of statement. I learned that if I wanted to sell horses, I needed to focus on selling horses. I took his advice, but when I had a buyer on my favorite horse, Bel Bar, and didn't want to sell him. He said: "You can't be in business unless you are willing to sell your best horse!" Of course, we know that he didn't mean the immortal stallions \*Serafix or \*Karadjorje!+++ Two names synonymous to the Lacey legacy. I was privileged to see Serafix in 1971. He was, as Murrel described him, "Dynamite on a short stick." Serafix--A burnished copper explosion trotting high on Murrel's lead line into the arena. Serafix was the reason I entered into the magic world of Arabian horses. Yet it was the imposing white stallion, Karadjorje in Murrel's respectful hands who captured the imagination of us all. Yes, there was a technique to the training of that beautiful dancing stallion and that technique was in part that Murrel required a horse to always face you as he interacted with a human.

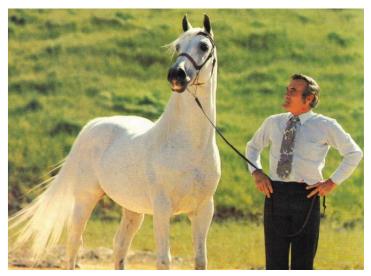
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But you could see the joy and fun that played between man and beast as Murrel allowed \*Karadjorje+++ to come dangerously close to him and stood under this rearing stallion. Their dance created a palpable tension in a powerful ballet.

When I picture Murrell and \*Karajorje+++ in my scrapbook of memories – it will always be the moment that I watched that dance.

Editor's note: From the Republic Monitor News, 11/10/2010

Mr. Murrel Van Lacey, 76 passed always on October 31, 2010, in St. John's Hospital, Springfield, MO, of natural causes. He was born July 17, 1934, in Jerico Springs, the son of Herbert and Anna Mae (Stroer) Lacey. Murrel served his country in the United States Army. He was owner of Lacey's Arabian Center in Alamo, CA and was an honored and revered lifetime horseman and breeder of Arabian horses. Murrel loved to share his love of horses, and would give the shirt off his back to those in need. He attended the Sac River Cowboy Church. His parents and brothers, Don Mast, Lonnie Mast, Jessie Mast, Frances Mast, Alvin Mast, Bob Lacey and his wife Sheri, Garden Valley, CA.; a daughter, LeAnn Lacey-Ramirez and her husband Cipriano, Republic, MO,; three grandchildren, Jessie Lacey, LaDonna Hatfield; sisters, Bonnie Krenning, Wichita, KA., and Carol Lacey, of the state of FL.; and many other relatives and close friends.



Murrell and \*Karajorje+++

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# DAHA Tributes: Diane "Bunny" Reyes

By Greg Hawkins

Dear DAHA members and friends. It is with a sad heart that I must inform you that on November 3, 2010, a former longtime DAHA member and true friend; Bunny Reyes entered the Big Horse Show in the sky. I am sure that many of you have fond memories of Bunny over the past years. She did not even start riding until her late fifties. The first time she went into a jog trot she almost panicked! I taught her to canter on one of our favorite horses, KA Minerva (Minnie). After putting it off for several lessons (because of much pleading form Bunny) I told her that day had arrived for her to canter. She wanted to stop and think about it for a while. I just told her put you heels down sit down deep in the saddle and I made a kiss sound. Minnie instantly went into a nice slow, sit on the couch and watch TV, lope. After several strides Bunny said OK if we have to let's try it... I then told her she already was...and I will always remember that smile on her face. Yet over time and with a lot of hard work she overcame her fears and lack of experience and became an accomplished Horse Woman. She won many DAHA High Point Awards along with many ribbons and Championships in Western, Halter, and Driving. She was in her own words a "feisty stubborn old broad." Her devotion to her horses, her friends, and family was unparalleled. Her energy will be missed. A few weeks before she left us Bunny took the time to write a few notes to some of her friends. I received this just the other day. I think this says it all.

#### Greg,

Hi it's me. Please remember me with fond thoughts. As happy, grumpy, loving and fun. I've had a great family, friends and animals. You taught me so much and I loved it. Enjoy life and think of me occasionally.

Love, Bunny

Editor's Note: If you would like to send a note to Bunny's family please email Greg at <a href="mailto:HawkinsHT@aol.com"><u>HawkinsHT@aol.com</u></a>

### **DAHA Holiday Photos**

By Sidney Simpson

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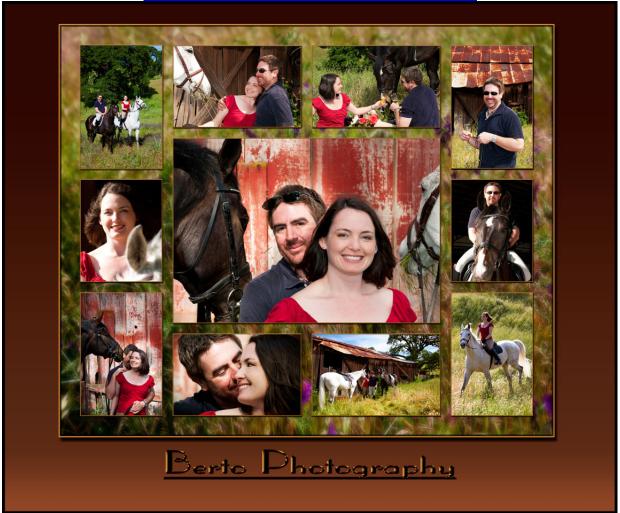
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