

DIABLO ARABIAN HORSE ASSOCIATION

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Letter from the President

By Pat Hendershot

Hello,

Many members have been "on the road" to horse shows this summer: Region 3 in Reno in July; Youth Nationals and this month Canadian Nationals. As usual, several of our members have shown very successfully. Congratulations to all!!

We found that we were able to follow, via the website, our friends and members as they rode the Tevis Cup Endurance Ride, an event that showcases Arabian horses.

Many of our members are currently "gearing up" for our Fall Horse Show. We are hoping for a big turnout and also expecting to have lots of fun. If you would like to volunteer to help at the show....contact Show Manager, Coke Swift. We're looking for patron sponsors - \$150. We also need class sponsorships - regular classes \$15 each, 2 for \$25, championship classes are \$25 each. Contact Coke Swift if you're interested. You can view our show premium on our website www.diabloaha.org or you can request a show premium from show manager Coke Swift at 209-464-1932 or show secretary Nancy Goetzen at 559-625-2631. Participating in this show is a great way to earn double points in our High Point Program.

Jill Mitchell, Jill Cohn and I are the 2010 DAHA Delegates and we will be attending the AHA Convention in November held in Orlando, Florida.

DAHA has submitted a fantastic presentation for the Club Excellence Award. I would like to thank Meghan Johnson and Sidney Simpson for all the time and effort they have done on this project. The best part is that no matter the outcome, we will still have a wonderful documentation of the history and purpose of DAHA.

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As the show season winds down, remember to turn in your points to Sherry Pedder for High Point Award Program! You can email her at: sherry.pedder@gmail.com All points are due to Sherry Pedder by November 15.

Sincerely,

Pat Hendershot
President



Amigos De Anza Equestrian Drill Team at Cal Horse Expo, see article on page 3

DAHA Calendar of Events

DAHA Fall Fling Show

Brookside Equestrian Center –We need volunteers!
Friday–Sunday October 1–3, 2010
Contact: Nancy Goertzen (559) 625–2631
e–mail: goertzenarab@gmail.com

Castle Rock Arabians – Clinic, Party & Sale

Castle Rock Arabians – Walnut Creek
Saturday, October 9, 2010, 10a.m. –4p.m.
RSVP: Nancy Dupont at (925) 937–7661
Information at www.castlerockarabian.com

DAHA Board Elections

Fax or mail ballots to Debbie Compilli by
October 31, 2010

AHA Convention

Disney World, Orlando FL
November 17 – 21, 2010
Buena Vista Palace Hotel

DAHA Membership and High Point Banquet

Lafayette Veteran Memorial Hall
Sunday, January 23, 2011, 4p.m. – 10p.m

DAHA Board Nominations

The following members will be running for the board in the upcoming DAHA Board elections in October:

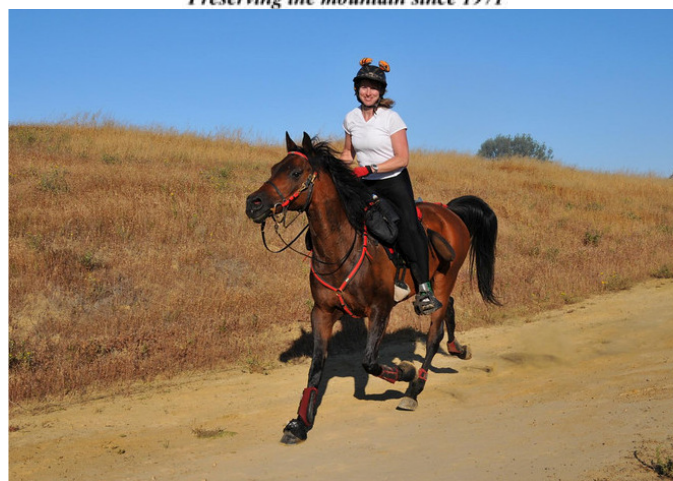
Amy Edwards
Myrlan Magness
Leigha Perry
Cindy Silvani–Lacey
Cindy Volz
Anne Wheeler

Additional nominations may be made in writing provided that five (5) Voting Members join in such nominations. The Secretary must receive such nominations by September 30, 2010. Secret numbered ballot shall then be sent to all Voting Members and must be returned to the Secretary by October 31, 2010. The ballots shall then be counted by the Board of Directors at an open Board of Directors or general meeting and results announced to the membership.

3rd Annual Diablo Trail Endurance Ride 30/50!

AERC Sanctioned and Region 3 Championship Ride

On June 26, 2010, Save Mount Diablo hosted the third annual Mt Diablo Trail 30/50 mile Endurance ride. This was a huge success this year with the help of lots of volunteers and cooler weather from last year. Start/finish was at the Gateway Mt Diablo State Park North Gate Road, Walnut Creek. 61 horses started the ride with about 54 horses finishing! Results are posted on www.aerc.org and photos are posted on www.bertophotography.com. Many DAHA members came out to either participate or volunteer including Lizzie Rodgers, Mike Tracy, Jill Mitchell, Kirsten McKillop, Jill Cohn, Dr Cory Soltau, Bob Marx, Amara Morrison, Amy and Allison Edwards, Theresa Cross, Meghan Johnson, Carrie and Amanda Kelley and others. A big thank you to the volunteers who made this event a success! Volunteering is a great way to give back to the horse community. DAHA was happy to help sponsor such a worthwhile event along with AHA Region III, Western Saddlery, The Abaris Group, the Morrison Family and Marx & Assoc and other sponsors. We look forward to a repeat performance next year.



Horse and rider participating in the endurance ride
Photo by Berto Alves, www.bertophotography.com

See ad on page 9

Youth Nationals

DAHA youth were once again very successful at Youth Nationals in Albuquerque, New Mexico, July 24 – 31, 2010. Kana Sumiyoshi riding Afire Doll won top 10 in the Arabian Mounted Native Costume JO 17 & under Championship. Madison “Maddy” Engelhart riding Lucille Ball PL won top 10 in the Arabian Western PL 13 & Under Championship and riding Buckaroo MA won the Arabian Trail Horse JOTR 13 & under Championship. Kirsten McKillop riding Star Maker J won 2nd place in the Arabian Trail Horse JOTR 14–17 Championship and riding Classy Peppy Teza won 1st place in the HA/AA Trail Horse JOTR 14–17 Championship and top 10 in the HA/AA Trail Horse 14–17 Championship and 2nd on HA/AA Reining JT 14–17 Championship. Victoria Oto riding Themusicofthenite won 2nd place in the Arabian Hunter PI JO 13 & under and top ten in the Arabian Hunter PL JT 13 & under. Camille Waechter riding Alloura LR won Half-Arabian Mounted Native Costume JOTR 17 & under Championship. Caroline Edwards riding OK Formally Attired won top 10 in the Arabian Western PL Walk/Trot 10 & under championship and she won 1st place on Copi Rite in the HA/AA Western Pleasure Walk/Trot 10 & under Championship and Seat Eq and she won top ten on Megha Exclusive in the Arabian Hunter PI Walk/Trot 10 & under Championship. Allison Edwards riding Copi Rite and Kirsten McKillop riding Classy Peppy Teza won top 10 in the HA/AA Western Horsemanship JTR 14–17 Championship. Congratulations to all!!



DAHA Dazzles at the Cal Horse Expo

By Sidney Simpson

On a sizzling weekend in early June, an energetic, dedicated group of our fellow DAHA members braved the heat and worked the Western States Regional Horse Expo in Sacramento. The atmosphere was festive. Our booth was colorfully decorated—one of the most interesting of the breed booths throughout the Expo—and staffed by volunteers who all donned colorful Arabian shirts. We looked like a cohesive team—and that is what we were. We had a prime location in the breed walk and received many visitors throughout the day stopping by to see the Arabians. One of the big highlights was the participation of the Amigos de Anza Arabian Drill Team in the Breed Demo—stunning white Arabians being ridden with precision by three talented beautiful young DAHA members—Kristen Wheeler, Aly Montagner, and Kana Sumiyoshi. On Sunday, Kristen swapped out her Spanish costume for an Arabian one and did a second solo performance in the huge Sundowner Arena. To the sound of pulsating drums, she galloped over the hot sand, with her costume billowing and the horse’s tassles flying in the wind. The audience was spellbound. The performance raised goose bumps in that hot Sacramento weather. One Search and Rescue rider was overheard saying, “I’ve never seen anything like that before!” We definitely wowed them with the wonder of the Arabian horse. Big thank you’s go to all of our wonderful volunteers, many of which were DAHA members, who worked the booth and the breed walk, who participated in the well-known and very popular Arabian Paint a Horse Booth, who drove up to help set up equipment, who loaned us tables and chairs, who reached out to other people and told their own stories about why Arabian horses are so special. These volunteers brought with them the deep love and passion that they have for their own horses in particular and for the breed in general. They infused the weekend with their spirit. We did ourselves proud, indeed.



What is High Point?

DAHA established the High Point Program for members who compete in horse shows and other events. In recent years, the program has expanded from an emphasis on Arabian events, to include open shows and competitions at all levels including racing, endurance, trail trials and others! DAHA offers Class A Arabian shows, as well as all-breed, CSHA-sanctioned shows annually. Championship awards are presented at an annual dinner in January. High Point class sponsorships and entry fees help to defray the cost of the awards presented. Please consider sponsoring one or more classes to help support the High Point Program. Forms and information can be found on at www.diabloaha.org under High Points and Awards. Remember that the upcoming DAHA Fall Show is worth double points and if you submit your points within 10 days of a show you get 10 bonus points! **Deadline to get points submitted is November 15, 2010.** Please contact Sherry Pedder for more information (925) 254-2493 or sherry.pedder@gmail.com

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 has decided to submit nominations for each area to recognize all the diverse and special things the club does throughout the year. The submissions are due August 16 and the winners will be announced at the November annual convention in Florida. 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. Wish us luck!!

Region III Youth Directors

The new Region III Youth Director and Vice Director are DAHA's own Kirsten McKillop and Alexa Engelhart! Replacing DAHA's Amanda Kelley, DAHA's youth continues to be leaders for Region III and on the national stage for AHA. DAHA's own Jill Mitchell is the Youth Coordinator for Region III. They recently attended the March Board of Youth Directors in Denver, CO and meetings at Youth Nationals in Albuquerque in July. Congratulations to both Kirsten and Alexa!

Castle Rock Arabians

Clinic! Party! & Sale!

Castle Rock Arabians is hosting Clinic, Party and Sale of Arabians and half-Arabian horses on Saturday, October 9th from 10a.m. to 4p.m. This is a free event. The clinic is about learning the key secrets of communicating with your horse and developing that unique harmony between human and horse. Please contact Nancy Dupont at (925) 937-7661 to make a reservation or if you have any questions. Information and directions can be found on the www.castlerockarabian.com website.



DAHA Fall Fling Show

Our Fall Fling Show will be at Brookside Equestrian Park, October 1 - 3, 2010. Entries close September 11, 2010. We will be hosting 200 classes including some "fun classes" on Saturday afternoon. There will be a pizza party Friday night and an ice-cream social Saturday afternoon. We are looking for volunteers to give out ribbons, help run the office and administrative duties, be ring stewards and scribes. Class sponsorships are available, \$15 per class, \$25 for two classes. Please contact show manager, Coke Swift 209 464-1932 or willowjewelfarm@yahoo.com if you are interested in volunteering or class sponsorship. Your support will make this show a success!

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 as 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.

2010 High Point Standings

By Sherry Pedder
September 1, 2010

PB WESTERN PLEASURE:

Buckaroo MA
Lucille Ball PL 53

PB HUNTER PLEASURE:

Citrine
RGA Kouladdin 126
Echeption 55
LP My Blue Heaven 122

PB VERSATILITY:

Buckaroo MA 90
Lucille Ball PL 8

HA WESTERN PLEASURE:

Citrine 74

HA HUNTER PLEASURE:

Dream in Color 58
Citrine 81
Candice Bergramm 334

HA VERSATILITY:

Citrine 63

ENDURANCE:

Makaylaa
Stelle Fire II+// 50
Aron Moon+// 172.5

COMPETITIVE TRAIL:

Aron Moon+// 25

SPORT HORSE-IN-HAND:

Echeption 27
MJ Playstation 109

SPORT HORSE UNDER SADDLE:

Echeption 23
Beauleros Dream 95

DRESSAGE:

Vanna Oran 39

JUNIORS: 13 & UNDER

M.Engelhart/Buckaroo 45
M.Engelhart/Lucille Ball PL 371
P.Winter/ LP My Blue Heaven 32
S. Heuer/Beauleros Dream 64

JUNIORS: 14 - 17

K. McKillop/ Lucille Ball PL
K. McKillop/Citrine
A.Engelhart/Lucille Ball PL 124
A.Engelhart/Buckaroo MA 404
A.Engelhart/Citrine 90

PB HALTER GELDINGS:

Echeption 28

AMATEUR EXCELLENCE PERF:

Amanda Kelley 144
Carrie Kelley

AMATEUR EXCELLENCE HALTER:

Amanda Kelley

IBN SKOVDUE-ADULT

Amanda Kelley 41
Carrie Kelley 112

IBN SKOVDUE-JUNIORS

Alexa Engelhart - Buckaroo MA 404

EMERALD VIXEYN SENIOR (PB & HA):

Buckaroo 539
Vanna Oran 39
Candice Bergramm 384

TRAINER INCENTIVE:

Jill Mitchell 8
Cindy Volz 1

Thanks for joining the DAHA 2010 High Point Program. Don't forget to send in those results within 10 days and get a 10 point bonus!! **All points must be submitted by November 15, 2010 to count...** You may enter before November 15 but must have all points to

Sherry Pedder by that date to count.

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Horses, Horsemanship & History

By Evelyn Call

It can be very interesting to read about the methods of “horse whisperers” and other proponents of “natural horsemanship”. They are often presented as having come up with something new, though most don’t, themselves, claim to be originators. Indeed, one only has to look at a few references in history to realize that, as long as man and horse have lived together, good horsemen have sought better ways to train and partner their horses. One such good horseman was Xenophon (c. 430–c.354 B.C.), a soldier, celebrated author, and historian. Xenophon’s *Art of Horsemanship* contains a lot of good sense and practical information. While he was thinking in terms of how to develop a war horse, much of Xenophon’s advice is still pertinent to horsemen, even after 2300 years. Selecting a Horse – Xenophon tells us to first look at the horse’s feet as “a war-horse, even if all other points were fine, would yet be good for nothing if he had bad feet: for he could not use a single one of his fine points”. He then describes the preferred qualities from hoof to tail, that present day horsemen would do well to consider in most breeds of riding horses. Training a Colt – Xenophon comments on the training of a young horse, recommending kind treatment, so that the colt “enjoys” and wants the attention of men: that when he is frightened he should be “soothed” and taught that he has nothing to fear. On Dealing with a “High Mettled” horse – “move him forward by the most gentle signs possible”. “Abruptness always confuses a horse”. Get in the habit of sitting quiet. Don’t get a very high mettled horse to use in war. For “more magnificent and striking” action – Refrain from pulling on the mouth or spurring and whipping, which scares them into “disorder and danger”. Teaching the horse to go with a light hand on the bit lets him move in a natural way that he enjoys and which lets him look his best, as when he is free running towards other horses and showing off, with his head high, neck arched, high leg action and tail raised. (Gee! I wonder what Xenophon would think of some of our show horses–stiff necked star-gazers or nose-dragging shufflers?).

Information and quotes from Xenophon– *The Art of Horsemanship*, Translated by M. H. Morgan, Ph.D. Published by J. A. Allen & Company, Ltd. 1962, London (first printing 1894 by J. M. Dent & Co.)

The Arabian Galleries Grand Opening

By Pat Hendershot

I left Sacramento on Thursday, June 10th with my great traveling partner, Bruce Clark of Bru Mar Ba Arabians. We arrived in Lexington, KY in the late afternoon to overwhelming humidity. I love the countryside in KY, and many other places on the East Coast but I do not deal well with the humidity. On Friday we went to the Kentucky Horse Park and watched some of the Egyptian Arabian Event classes. Our Registration Commission (RC) hosted a Breeders Seminar in the early afternoon. Friday evening we attended the private opening of the Arabian Horse Galleries. Two of our RC members are also members of the Arabian Horse Trust (Bruce Johnson and Willis Foley) and they did their “duty” as tour guides. The placing of the Arabian Galleries is fantastic, right with the Museum of the Horse. Most people touring the museum will go straight to the Arabian Horse section of the gallery but I am an art and history buff so I would have loved a lot more art exhibits and history. The beauty of the museum is that it is tailored to suit all ages. There are great interactive displays that kids will love. You can slide in a card, use a horse from a display, name the horse, learn how to feed it and all kinds of things that kids will love to learn. I hope you get a chance to see the Arabian Galleries.



2010 Family Arabian Horse

Don't forget to recognize the special Arabian in your life by nominating him or her for the Family Arabian Award. You can find more information and forms on our website www.diabloaha.org under Family Arabian Award. The nominated horses will be recognized at the DAHA Membership and High Point Dinner in January with a wonderful presentation including the stories and photos of the horses. This is always a memorable and unique event at the dinner. **Deadline to nominate your Arabian is December 13, 2010.** Questions? Email Sidney Simpson at sidneysimpson@comcast.net

Getting to Tevis ≠ Finishing Tevis

By Jenni Smith

It's very frustrating to start the Western States Trail Ride and not finish it. More so than I imagined, in those glory days when I always managed to ride the entire distance. Not only have you failed to realize your own goal, but you have dragged a significant amount of infrastructure and several dedicated, loving supporters to the high Sierra, spent a bucket (one of the big ones with rope handles) full of money and what do you have to show for it? Not a buckle, that's for sure. Of course, I had plenty of company in my frustration. Somehow year after year the Tevis Cup manages to dash the hopes and dreams of almost exactly half of the starters. Fortunately my horse was fit as a fiddle within moments of the verdict – unfortunately that's not the outcome for many of those who fail the attempt.

Preparation for riding Tevis is a full-time, year-long equestrian adventure. I've had the excellent fortune to ride for two very generous Arabian horse owners over the last ten years, and in both cases Tevis has been the single most-important focus of our training regimen. Around Christmas, we review the AERC (American Endurance Ride Conference) calendar and map out a ride plan – starting slowly and ramping our way up as the months pass. Often we consider desert rides (near Death Valley where the terrain lacks mud and hills) in December, January and February. Depending on how the rainy season progresses, we will try to start riding more challenging Northern California trails in March, definitely by April. Come May we are in full-swing, doing competitive rides that cover portions of the Tevis trail to let our horses learn it – especially the part they'll be doing in the dark.

Between sanctioned rides, we map out a conditioning regimen for weekly 15 – 20 mile rides of varying difficulty. For example, we'll ride at Point Reyes for sandy footing and long periods of extended trotting. Then we'll power up Mt. Barnabe in Samuel P. Taylor or Mt. Diablo in the East Bay to build up cardiovascular capacity and muscle base. Our horses are taught to 'tail' – let us walk behind and tow on their tails – up steep hills and run down behind us.

We hardly ever use these skills in competitions other than Tevis – the canyon section is incredibly challenging and, unless you are a flea riding an elephant, there is benefit in passing some miles off of your pony. This, as you might surmise, requires us to get fit too. Experience has taught us that one 50-mile competition per month is as much as you want to attempt on your way to Tevis. After a 50 – dependent on factors like the horse's fitness level, how they did at the ride, the ride's relative level of difficulty – we typically rest the horses for 7–10 days, perhaps only taking them out for what we call a 'leg stretcher' (local, short jaunt) in that time.

As Tevis draws near, we back off conditioning slowly with the objective of 'peaking' our horses for the race. Shoeing is carefully scheduled, the farrier is told to come prepared to pad at least the front feet. Legend and Adequan shots are set up, mares' estrus cycles are monitored. Multiple trips are made to REI and orders are placed with online sellers of endurance gear. Electrolyte supplies are laid in, Easy Boots are checked and fit, and the packing begins. Ah, the packing. But like they say – getting there is half the fun! Sometimes pretty much all the fun! Well, there's always next year.



DAHA member Jenni and Lakota at Granite Chief Wilderness

**Classified Ad:
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"Sarge" is a 4 year old Half-Arab gelding. He measures 15.1 hands and is green broke to ride. He is by the Saddlebred stallion Bold and Gold, sire of English Pleasure type Saddlebreds. Sarge's dam is by Khutty Sark and out of a Heritage Emir daughter. This is all Saddle Seat type breeding, but Sarge is mellow enough to be a nice Hunter if that is what you want to do.

Sarge has been ridden in an arena and two or three times down our private road, and he is quite sensible for a baby. I am asking \$2,500 and will consider terms.

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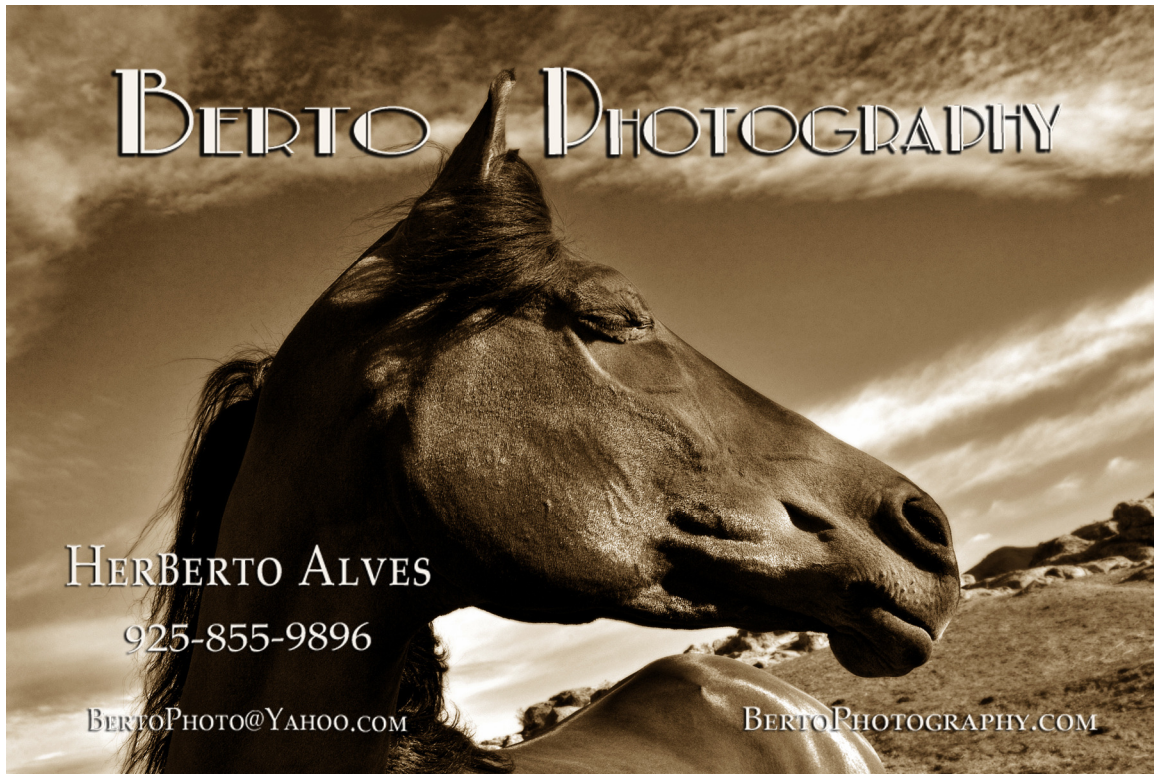
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