

# DIABLO ARABIAN HORSE ASSOCIATION

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Diablo Arabian Horse Association  
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### Letter from the President

By Pat Hendershot

Another successful DAHA Spring Show! With a very big collective sigh from all of the volunteers and show management!

Even in this tough economy our spring show fared very well. 315 horses were entered and 307 horses actually showed. The weather played tricks with us again this year. But, instead of being blazing hot it was cold and very windy. One reason, we feel that this show is so successful is that there are so many social and "fun" things offered. From Progressive Barn Party, free Pizza Night, free Spaghetti Dinner night to stick horse class, barn dog class, and face painting for kids, prizes for best decorated stalls....just many things to entice an exhibitor. One of the judges even commented to me that she thought the show was wonderful, fun and the people running the show were all friendly and helpful. This show could not be the success that is every year with out our show Manager, Coke Swift, and the excellent support staff that she has including Jim Pedder, Evelyn Call and many, many other DAHA volunteers. Job well done!!!

I also would like to thank Jill Mitchell and Todd Hickerson for the great clinic that they held at Summit Ranch. These types of events are so needed for our general membership. A place for people who show and those that don't show to come and learn, enjoy their horses and socialize.

A updated High Point list is available in this newsletter. Remember to submit your points to Sherry Pedder at [sherry.pedder@gmail.com](mailto:sherry.pedder@gmail.com)

I believe that with our Family Outreach e-blasts being sent by Sidney Simpson; we are reaching and communicating so much better with our membership and from the feedback we have received it appears that the members really appreciate the "one on one" approach.

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Lots going on this summer...hopefully, time for another DAHA trail ride. DAHA is again co-sponsoring the Save Mt Diablo Endurance ride. Our Fall Show is on Oct 1st - 3rd. Several of our members will be helping at the Horse Expo in June and we will have reports on that. I will be attending the Egyptian Event and Opening of the Arabian Horse Galleries at the Lexington Horse Park in Lexington, Ky and I will try to take some photos and make a report.

In closing, thanks again to all of the hard working people who do so much for DAHA and make it the great club that it is!

Sincerely,

Pat Hendershot  
President



## DAHA Calendar of Events

### Western States Horse Expo

June 11-13, 2010  
Sacramento, CA

### Mt Diablo Endurance Ride 30/50 Miles

Saturday, June, 26, 2010 - 5:30a.m.  
Gateway Mt Diablo State Park North Gate Road

### DAHA Schooling Show

August TBD  
More information to come

### DAHA Fall Fling Show

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

## DAHA Social and Clinic

The DAHA Social and Clinic was held Saturday April 25 at Summit Ranch in Alamo, CA. We had 18 participants and spectators. Our past President Jill Mitchell and fellow Arabian trainer and judge Todd Hickerson of Hickerson Arabian Show Horses taught the clinic which including a demonstration on English Pleasure riding/tack, trail, western pleasure and hunter as well as showmanship. The participants got an opportunity to ride two of Todd's beautiful and well behaved English pleasure Arabians which was as one participant explained "like riding the Ferrari of the Arabian world." The clinic included a DAHA social at lunch with yummy pizza, Caesar salad, cookies and popsicles in the Summit Lobby. This was a great opportunity to meet some DAHA members and horse people as well as a nice learning opportunity! We hope to hold another clinic later on this summer!



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## 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Diablo Trail Endurance Ride 30/50!

AERC Sanctioned and Region 3 Championship  
Ride

On June 26, 2010, Save Mount Diablo is hosting the second annual Mt Diablo Trail 30/50 mile Endurance ride. DAHA is supporting this ride again this year. This was a huge success last year and we look forward to a repeat performance. Start/finish at the Gateway Mt Diablo State Park North Gate Road, Walnut Creek. Registration is open until June 14th at [www.savemountdiablo.org](http://www.savemountdiablo.org). We need volunteers to make this event a success! It's a great way to give back to the horse community. For more information email Trail Chair Jill Mitchell [mitchelljm22566@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mitchelljm22566@sbcglobal.net) or call 925-250-1371. You can also contact Ride Secretary Amara Morrison at [amara.morrison@comcast.net](mailto:amara.morrison@comcast.net).



## 2010 Family Arabian Horse

### Nominee:

#### RH Kazan "Peanut"

By Caitlin Smith

The first time I saw Peanut he didn't look like a horse that I would ever buy but then one day Megan told me to go grab him from the pasture and ride him for show team. I wasn't what you would call excited but once I got on him I instantly changed my mind. I rode him a few times and then one day at school I decided to write a bunch of letters begging my mom to buy Peanut for me. She kept on saying I don't know someone else is looking to buy him. I didn't know what to say. But then we drove down the hill to the barn and there he was with a saddle, polos, and a big red ribbon. At that moment it hit me he was mine; I had my very own horse.

I had bought Peanut as a pasture horse who could hardly canter, I didn't know whether or not he would be a show horse but right then and there I honestly didn't care one bit I didn't even know that I would start showing. Over this past year he has learned to jog, lope, and bridle. He didn't look like he could live up to much but after 3 months of training we took him to his first Class A Arabian Horse Show. He was able to show and do considerably well for where he came from for a year but that's not the only reason I love him, he is a horse I can also take on trail rides and occasionally play around with.



Peanut and Caitlin

**Do you want to nominate your horse? Send your story, along with a picture, to [sidneysimpson@comcast.net](mailto:sidneysimpson@comcast.net)**

## DAHA Spring Show

By Meghan Johnson, Sidney Simpson and Coke Swift

Our 2010 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Spring Show took place at Brookside Equestrian Park, May 20 – 22, 2010. We had just over 315 horses entered and 307 showed in 351 classes. This was up 27 horses from the 2009 Spring Show! Our theme this year was "Your Favorite TV Show," we had some great costumes in the costume classes and fantastic stall decorations in the TV theme, some barns went all out with their decorations. Saturday was a cool, blustery day that started out with brilliant azure skies and fluffy white clouds and ended with dark skies, wind, and maybe rain. No matter--DAHA always has super fun shows...a combination of whimsical, playful fun and beautiful, professional show horses. There was free food each night and lots of fun classes. Saturday's show featured traditional reining, western pleasure, English, dressage, trail class, halter, and showmanship classes coupled with an ice-cream social and a spaghetti and wine tasting event. They had an adorable stick horse contest, face painting, a dunking booth, a barn dog contest, and a stall decorating contest. Our show is truly an amazingly eclectic mélange of playful fun combined with serious horse disciplines. And our ribbons and prizes are gorgeous. It is clear that so much thought goes into every little detail-- for the little ones, beautiful rainbow ribbons coupled with rainbow colored gift bags filled with stuffed toys, colorful pencils, paper and candy. For the more seasoned groups-- gorgeous ribbons accompanied by shiny buckles and medals, large buckets filled with horse products, envelopes filled with cash prizes--on and on--so much thought and so well executed. Thank you to everyone who volunteered, donated, sponsored, entered the show and worked to make this show so popular and well liked by the exhibitors. We're looking forward to the DAHA Fall Show in September. Hope to see you at the next show!



## Arabian Horse Racing

By Evelyn Call

It's that time of year again! To get more info regarding the type of races scheduled, go to [www.calracing.com](http://www.calracing.com) and click on Condition Book and, if it has been issued (usually just 2 or 3 weeks before the races) get a list of the particular races scheduled, the conditions (age, sex, no. of wins, distance, etc.), post times, etc. Closer to the races (3 or 4 days before), one can check on what horses are entered in those races. Below is the 2010 California Arabian Race Schedule. Go Baby Go!

### 2010 California Arabian Race Schedule

Dates Location

	Dates	Location
Los Alamitos	pending	Los Alamitos
Alameda Co. Fair	06/ 23-07/ 11	Pleasanton
Solano Co. Fair	07/ 22 -26	Vallejo
Sonoma Co. Fair	07/ 28-08/ 15	Santa Rosa
San Mateo	no dates given	San Mateo
Humboldt Co. Fair	08/12-08/22	Ferndale
California Expo	07/ 14-25	Sacramento
San Joaquin Co.	06/ 16-20	Stockton
Golden Gate Fields	08/25 -10/3	Albany
Fresno District Fair	10/6-10/17	Fresno

## DAHA Fall Fling Show

Our Fall Fling Show will be at Brookside Equestrian Park, October 1 - 3, 2010. We will be hosting 200 classes including some "Fun Classes" on Saturday afternoon including a stick horse class (decorate one yourself), barn dog class & of course the dollar bill class. Regular halter classes will move into the main ring on Saturday morning and all Sport Horse classes will be on Sunday as in the previous shows. There will be a pizza party Friday night and spaghetti feed Saturday night. We are looking for volunteers. Patron Sponsorships are available for \$150, \$15 per class, \$25 for two classes. Please call Jill Mitchell at 925-250-1371 if you are interested in volunteering or sponsoring a class. Your support will make this show a success!

## Fall Show Premium

DAHA will **not** be mailing out show premiums this year unless requested from the show secretary, Nancy Goertzen (559) 625-2631 Email: [goertzenarab@gmail.com](mailto:goertzenarab@gmail.com) or Show Manager, Coke Swift 209 464-1932 Email: [willowjewelfarm@yahoo.com](mailto:willowjewelfarm@yahoo.com)

**You can download the Fall Show premium on the DAHA website at [www.diabloaha.org](http://www.diabloaha.org).**  Save Paper!

## DAHA Spring Show Photos

By Sidney Simpson



## 2010 High Point Standings

By Sherry Pedder  
June 4, 2010

### PB WESTERN PLEASURE:

Buckaroo MA  
Lucille Ball PL 45

### PB ENGLISH PLEASURE:

### PB HUNTER PLEASURE:

Citrine  
RGA Kouladdin 126  
Echception 55  
LP My Blue Heaven 122

### PB VERSATILITY:

Buckaroo MA 82  
Lucille Ball PL 8

### PB HALTER MARES:

### PB HALTER GELDINGS:

Echception 28

### PB HALTER STALLIONS:

### HA WESTERN PLEASURE:

Citrine 74

### HA HUNTER PLEASURE:

Dream in Color 58  
Citrine  
Candice Bergramm 280

### HA VERSATILITY:

Citrine 63

### ENDURANCE:

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

### COMPETITIVE TRAIL:

Aron Moon+//

### SPORT HORSE-IN-HAND:

Echception 27  
MJ Playstation 42

### SPORT HORSE UNDER SADDLE:

Echception 23

### DRESSAGE:

Vanna Oran 39

### JUNIORS: 10 & UNDER – WALK/JOG

### JUNIORS: 13 & UNDER

M.Engelhart/Lucille Ball PL 266  
P. Winter/ LP My Blue Heaven 32

### JUNIORS: 14 – 17

K. McKillop/ Lucille Ball PL  
K. McKillop/Citrine  
A.Engelhart/Lucille Ball PL  
A.Engelhart/Buckaroo MA 310  
A.Engelhart/Citrine 90

### AMATEUR EXCELLENCE PERF:

Amanda Kelley 90  
Carrie Kelley

### AMATEUR EXCELLENCE HALTER:

Amanda Kelley

### IBN SKOVDUE-ADULT

Amanda Kelley 112  
Carrie Kelley 41

### IBN SKOVDUE-JUNIORS

Alexa Engelhart 310

### EMERALD VIXEYN SENIOR (PB & HA):

Buckaroo MA 392  
Vanna Oran 39  
Candice Bergramm 330

### TRAINER INCENTIVE:

Jill Mitchell 3  
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!! DAHA Sponsored shows are DOUBLE POINTS!!  
IT'S NEVER TOO LATE TO JOIN  
GOOD LUCK!

## What is High Point?

Ever wonder what our High Point Program is all about? 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. DAHA offers Class A Arabian shows, as well as all-breed, CSHA-sanctioned shows annually. Many other organizations also sponsor competitive events in our area and in regions nearby. We encourage our members to present their purebred and half-Arabian horses to the horse world at large. 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. We look forward to seeing you and your horses in competition this year, whether you aspire to Regional or National levels, or prefer to compete locally. Forms and information can be found on at [www.diabloaha.org](http://www.diabloaha.org) under High Points and Awards. **All Points are due on November 15 to Sherry Pedder.** Remember that DAHA sponsored shows count for DOUBLE POINTS towards our High Point Program. If you submit your show points within 10 DAYS of the show you get 10 POINT BONUS!! Please contact Sherry Pedder for more information (925) 254-2493 or [sherry.pedder@gmail.com](mailto:sherry.pedder@gmail.com)



## DAHA at Horse Expo

By Sidney Simpson

The Western States Horse Expo is just around the corner. Mark your calendars for the weekend of June 11-13 and plan to come to Sacramento for this popular equine event. This year DAHA is taking a very active roll in the Arabian Breed Booth, Arabian Breed Barn, and Arabian Breed Demo's. We have a bright, energetic, passionate group of volunteers who have volunteered to help make this year one of the best. DAHA members Jan and Ken Jones, Jill Cohn, Coke Swift, Meghan Johnson, Evelyn Call and Cindy Reichelderfer have stepped up to the plate to help with the Breed Booth and also at the Breed Barn. Marijanne Nichols is helping at Breed Booth and also bringing white horses for Castle Rock Arabians's paint a horse. Anne Wheeler and her daughter Kristen (whose horse Taylor Made was a Family Arabian nominee this year) are coordinating a quadrille of the celebrated Amigos de Anza Arabian Drill Team who will perform during the Arabian Breed demo's. This flashy, talented, synchronized equestrian team that shone at the Rose Bowl Parade this year and also at the Equestfest will definitely razzle dazzle the Expo crowd. It should be a thrilling performance and definitely a highlight of the demo. So, when you get to the Expo, check your schedule and be sure to catch the demo and tell them how proud they have made DAHA! The girls will also help in between wherever needed at the Breed Booth or at the Breed Barn. Nancy Dupont, of Castle Rock Arabians, will once again be providing a beautiful white Arabian for the always-popular children's horse painting event, and Sidney Simpson will be announcing for the Breed Bemo and working at the Breed Booth and Breed Barn as well. This year DAHA will be an integral part of the Arabian Breed presentation. We look forward to seeing you all there. If you can donate some time, please let either me or Margie Pope know: [sidneysimpon@comcast.net](mailto:sidneysimpon@comcast.net) or [FadMargie@gmail.com](mailto:FadMargie@gmail.com)  
For more info: [www.horseexpo.com](http://www.horseexpo.com)



Do you have news? Email Meghan Johnson at [MZara75030@aol.com](mailto:MZara75030@aol.com)

## QUIZ Answers! – How Well Do You Know Your Arabian Horse History?

Answers are highlighted in Blue

1. What is the oldest breed of horse? **Arabian**
2. When do we first see the imagery of a horse resembling the modern Arabian?  
**b. Around 1520 BC. (From the leader of a migrating community called the “Hyksos” that moved into New Kingdom Egypt and brought the first large numbers of horses into Egypt along with its military technology.)**
3. Nearly 1,000 years later, what recognizable culture instrumental in fostering the Arabian horse breed that descended from the Hyksos community?  
**c. The Bedouins of the Arabian Peninsula. (This culture was instrumental in fostering the Arabian breed because they depended so heavily on the horse for its utilitarian and survival purposes in the desert.)**
4. What color were Bedouin Tents?  
**c. Black to absorb the sun’s heat. (The tents were traditionally woven from goats’ hair. When it rained, the weave contracted and did not let the water in. In the heat of the summer, the outside of the tent felt very hot to touch, but the inside stayed relatively cool.)**
5. Arabians were often kept in tents along with the family, rather than outside with the other animals. What was their primary purpose inside the tent, besides companionship with the family?  
**b. Safety from raids and predators (Although they frequently became a pillow as well!)**
6. Who was responsible for the foals after they were weaned?  
**a. The Children (This role reinforces the Arabian’s innate desire for human interaction & companionship.)**
7. “Asil” was extremely important to the Bedouins. What does “Asil” mean?  
**b. “Purity of Blood” The Bedouins defined themselves by their tribe and family, and their Arabian horses were similarly defined by their equine families, or bloodline strains, i.e “purity of blood” or “asil”.**
8. What was of greatest importance to the Bedouins: mares, geldings or stallions?  
**a. Mares were esteemed above all because they could reproduce. (It has been documented that when a “particular full-blooded mare died, the whole tribe went into mourning.”) (Travels in Arabian Deserts, by Charles Doughty, 1892)**
9. As the religion of Islam began to spread from its Bedouin nucleus of the Near East, they did it mostly from the backs of Arabian horses. What is the Bedouin term that describes the essence of Arab preparation for and conduct of warfare?  
**c. “Furusiyya”, literally translated “horsemanship” (It contains elements of both a religious and military culture that emphasized spiritual quest, brotherhood, generosity, discipline, & the relationship with horses.)**
10. During “the Crusades”, when European military attempted to conquer the Christian Holy Lands, they were profoundly impressed by the Bedouins’ Arabian horses and warfare code, and brought home many of its elements to Medieval Europe. It became the notion of what common code of European conduct?  
**b. “Chivalry,” which derives from the Latin term for “horseman” (And thus began the spread of the Arabian horse into Europe.)**

11. The next major era to succeed the Crusades was the Ottoman Empire, from 1299–1920 (during WW1). It encompassed much of the Arabic-speaking world and extended from the Arabian Peninsula to the borders of Poland, and from the Caspian Sea to the Atlantic coast of Morocco. As the Ottomans spread into Eastern Europe, the Europeans developed a keen appreciation of the swift and sturdy Arabian horses upon which they rode, and often were seized after battle. One of the horses that came to Europe as a war prize was one of the three “Foundation Sires” of the Thoroughbred breed. Who was he?

**c. The Byerly Turk**

12. In a similar fashion, Napoleon the Great acquired his favorite horse at the Battle of Aboukir in Egypt-- a 14.1 hh 6-year-old Arabian stallion. What was his horse's name?

**a. Marengo (Marengo lived to be 28 years old after taking Napoleon thousands of harsh miles across the European and Middle Eastern continents, and hundreds of battles. Marengo was captured by the British at the famous Battle of Waterloo in 1815 and then taken to England where he was put on show. His skeleton is on display at the National Army Museum in Chelsea, England.)**

13. Beginning in the 1600s, Arabians were used in Europe to improve the quality of indigenous horses. In the mid-to-later 1800s, Arabians began being imported specifically to establish pure Arabian lines in Europe, thus beginning European Arabian stud farms as we know it today. The Crabbet Park Stud in England was established by Lady Anne and Sir Wilfred Blunt in 1879, and is considered the first major European stud for Arabian horses. What major sire was one of the foundations of this breeding program?

**b. Skowronek (Direct descendants of Skowronek were sold throughout England and were exported to Argentina, Canada, Chile, Denmark, Egypt, France, Germany, Israel, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Pakistan, Poland, South Africa, Spain and the USA.)**

14. Of the countries breeding purebred Arabian horses, Poland's stud farms surely suffered the most during the periods of World Wars I and II, likely because the Arabian had become such a deep part of their cultural heritage. Its most memorable figure came when the state stud, Janow Podlaski Stud, came under German control in WWII after the Nazi invasion of Poland in 1939. What was the name of the Arabian yearling colt that dramatically escaped the Nazis?

**a. \*Witez II (\*Witez II was then imported to the United States where he had a famous history as a stud siring many champion horses. \*Witez II died in 1965.)**

15. Match the oldest stud farm in Germany

**Weil-Marbach Stud (Founded in 1817)**

How'd you do?

- 13–15 correct: “Museum Curator”
- 10–12 correct: “Pretty Good”
- 6–9 correct: “Better brush up!”
- < 5 correct: “Camp out for a while in the Arabian Horse Galleries!”

How well do you know your Arabian Horse History? Stay tuned for the answer key in an upcoming e-blast or contact Meghan at 925-708-8571 or email MZara75030@aol.com for answer key.

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### Fall Fling Horse Show

*October 1 - 3, 2010*

Class A - Arabian & Half- Arabian

### Region III Qualifying Show

### **Brookside Equestrian Park, Elk Grove, CA**

Western, Hunter, Country English, English, Reining, Trail, Sport Horse In Hand & under Saddle, Halter, Showmanship & lots of FUN classes. All youth classes Saturday & Sunday, Free Pizza Party on Friday, Saturday Spaghetti Feed

**Main Arena Judge: Nancy Harvey**  
**Trail and Sport Horse Judges TBA**

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