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Letter from the President

By Pat Hendershot

Usually at this time of year, we are reporting about another successful Spring horse show. As most of you are aware, our Spring Show was cancelled due to the outbreak of the EHV-1 virus. All was going well for our show; when suddenly the outbreak occurred and our Show Manager and Show Secretary started getting calls from concerned exhibitors as to whether the show would be held or not. Many people spent many hours on the internet looking for information, calling local vets and also talking to exhibitors. Ultimately, the decision was made by the Show Committee and the Board of Directors to cancel the show. Our primary concern was the safety of our horses. We made the decision knowing that this would be a huge financial disaster for DAHA. Many of our group put in long hours helping in this situation. We owe them a big THANK YOU! Once the exhibitors and vendors were notified then came the big job of refunds. Our Treasurer, Amy Edwards, had a monumental job of going through the entries and trying to make sure that all refunds were correct. We had agreed to pay 100% refunds. We felt that our show has been known as the "exhibitor friendly" show and we want to keep it that way! Many of our awards and ribbons can be used at the Fall show.

AHA has passed a motion that all horses that were entered in a cancelled show will be qualified for the Regional show this year only.

Speaking of Region 3.....there have been no current new outbreaks of EHV-1 within the last 10 days and at this time, Region 3 is still planning on their show.

If you are showing....make sure to enter the DAHA High Point and also send in your points. Contact Sherry Pedder at sherry.pedder@gmail.com

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Plans are still going ahead for our Fall Horse Show at Brookside. Should you wish to volunteer to work at the show contact Colleen Swift at willowjewelfarm@yahoo.com

Sincerely,

Pat Hendershot
President



Amigos de Anza at the CA Trails & Greenways Convention, see page 4 for article.

DAHA Calendar of Events

Western States Horse Expo

June 10-12, 2010

Cal Expo Fairgrounds, Sacramento, CA

DAHA Board Meeting

17011 Bollinger Canyon Road

San Ramon, CA

July 6, 2011 at 7pm

DAHA Day at the Races

July 9, 2011

Pleasanton Fairgrounds

DAHA Fall Fling Show

Brookside Equestrian Center –We need volunteers!

Friday-Sunday September 30 - October 2, 2011

Show Contact: Nancy Goertzen 559-625-2631

e-mail: goertzenarab@gmail.com

Horse Camping in Northern CA

By Meghan Johnson

Now that it is summer, many equestrians think about horse camping. We are lucky to be here on the west coast and have many fantastic horse camping sites. If you are interested in horse camping, check out this website: www.marintrailguide.com to see all of the horse camp sites between San Luis Obispo to the south, Oregon border on the north and over to Reno - Washoe Valley Area to the east. All you need to do is download the FREE PDF. It also includes locations, contact names, addresses, phone numbers, websites, links etc. Vacation with your horse....priceless!



Point Reyes, CA has some wonderful horse camp sites and trails

All About Pets

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DAHA Spring Show

To our exhibitors, trainers, owners and friends of the DAHA Spring Show,

The Show Committee and Board of Directors for DAHA had to make a very tough decision Tuesday May 17. For the first time ever we canceled our Spring show just days before it was to start. This decision was not made lightly or in reaction to all of the "social media" and frenzy building up around the EHV-1 outbreak.

Numerous veterinarians were consulted including our show vet, Dr. Sara Bartholomew, Dr. McCarthy and vets from Pioneer Hospital. Once the emails were sent out to the show committee and directors early Tuesday morning, everyone started reading and calling other sources to get a more definitive view of the possible dangers to our horses and also the liability issues for the club if we chose to go on with the show. With the information we had at that time, with horses already standing in trailers at Brookside to be unloaded and numerous other trailers heading to Brookside we had to make a decision quickly. At approximately 11:00 the decision was agreed upon by the majority of the committee and board. It was all about the health and safety of our horses, that was our first and foremost priority. The financial implications would be dealt with later. Then it was the task of informing everyone as quickly as possible. Thanks to many of the trainers already at Brookside who called other trainers on the road most were able to turn around and head home. Our sincere apologies for the time, work and money lost by everyone, this is a situation we hope never to face again. The show committee and board of directors later decided it was only right and proper to give full refunds to all exhibitors that had entered our show prior to Tuesday May 17. 295 horses had been entered. It promised to be another great show. All checks are now going out in the mail. Thank you again for your support of our shows. The 2012 Spring Show will be back better than ever. Fairy Tales do come true!



EHV-1 Outbreak

By Sidney Simpson

A highly contagious, untreatable equine herpes virus seems to have turned the horse world in the western states on its proverbial head. But do not panic. Good advice for horse owners is to keep your horses at home for the time being. Do not allow them to go nose to nose or have direct contact with other horses. Do not share brushes, grooming supplies or bits. Also, refrain from petting and feeding other people's horses with your hands, and wash your own hands before and after handling other horses. Ride and enjoy your horse, but do use common sense. To read the entire story on Castro Valley Patch, please click here: <http://castrovalley.patch.com/articles/local-stables-voluntarily-lock-down-to-help-protect-their-horses-against-an-equine-virus>

DAHA Shirts

For those who may be interested in ordering a DAHA embroidered polo shirt:

Ladies royal blue polo shirt-

Ladies sizes S(4-6), M(8-10), L(12-14), XL(16-18), XXL(20-22),XXXL(24-26) (Men's sizes would be a slightly different blue, but could be ordered as well)

On Left Chest- Diablo Arabian Horse Association
AHA Club of the Year 2010

Price: \$24.98 + tax=\$27.42

Same shirt front with embroidery on the back

Price: \$37.97 (back embroidery discounted from \$18.99 to \$12.99) + tax=\$41.67.

Delivery time would be less than 2 weeks-----plenty of time for the Region III show, youth, and some of the summer races.

E-mail or call Anne Wheeler at wabmk@aol.com



Family Arabian

What is the Family Arabian Award? Everyone knows at least one amazing horse and has a story to tell. This is your chance to do it! Once again DAHA will be paying tribute to one of our special horses as the Family Arabian of the year. Everyone is eligible--fillies, colts, retired horses, lesson horses, your own horse or that of a friend, horse angels who are no longer with us. Perhaps it will be yours. We all know what sweet, intelligent amazingly beautiful creatures they are. This is your opportunity to put a horse that you know and love in the spotlight. All you need to do is send your horse story, along with a picture to Debbie Compilli at

Debbie@debbiecompilli.com or call her at 925-519-1082. The winner will be announced at our annual Membership Banquet in January. If you have any questions, please contact Debbie. For more information, please check out the DAHA website at www.diabloaha.org/familyarabianaward

DAHA Fall Fling Show

Our Fall Fling Show will be at Brookside Equestrian Park, September 30 - October 2, 2011. 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 or Show Manager, Coke Swift 209 464-1932 Email: willowjewelfarm@yahoo.com

You can download the Fall Show premium on the DAHA website at www.diabloaha.org.  Save Paper!

CA Trails & Greenways Conference

By Anne Wheeler

The Bay Area played host to the 26th annual California Trails & Greenways Conference April 11-13, 2011. The theme of the 2011 conference was, "Engaging Youth & Diversity". There were 36 sessions involving 400 attendees representing trail managers, planners and advocates from local, state and federal agencies, as well as conservation and nonprofit organizations. It was held at the San Ramon Marriott.

As a prelude to the conference, over 60 hikers, bikers and equestrians shared the trail at Sunol Wilderness Preserve on Sunday, April 10th followed by a BBQ. On Monday attendees chose from six mobile workshops. Amigos de Anza Historical Riders and the Arabian Drill Team Color Guard were invited by the National Park Service to visually demonstrate how equestrian representation makes history come alive. The Arabian horse was the star of the workshop at Wildcat Canyon Regional Park. Amigos de Anza is a partner organization of the Juan Bautista de Anza National Historic Trail. The group attends reenactment rides, ceremonies, parades, color guards, trail rides, and drill performances & competitions. The Amigos group met the conference theme of "Engaging Youth & Diversity". The riders were of Hispanic, Japanese, Native American and White heritage. The ages ranged from 16-71.

DAHA was well represented in both the horses and riders in the Amigos group. Color guard riders were Rachel Hannigan on Shadow (Castle Rock Arabians & Jill Mitchell Training) and Kana Sumiyoshi on Golden Veil (Castle Rock Arabians & Todd Hickerson Training). Jack "the mule man" Wilding (Alameda Sheriff's Posse and "Zorro" at the Los Angeles Equestrian Center) rode as Juan Bautista de Anza. Pantaleon Vasquez on Skandalous rode as a 1700's soldado (soldier), and Diana Brucha on Eichon rode in authentic Spanish attire representing a settler. Finding riders on a work & school Monday was a difficult task. Nancy Dupont (Castle Rock Arabians) came forward to ride with the unit. She wowed the crowd, circling on her restless horse, as she answering questions after they were informed that she had ridden the entire reenactment of the Anza Expedition route from Mexico to San Francisco. Organization of the Amigos appearance and the oral presentation were by Anne Wheeler (Amigos de Anza & DAHA Boardmember).

California's Racing Arabians

By Evelyn Call

The 2011 racing season for Arabians is about to begin, opening with the San Joaquin County Fair in Stockton. Come out and enjoy the excitement and fun. Trainers have been getting the horses ready for the last couple of months. This year some sheiks have contributed to the purses for a number of Arabian races on the Fair circuit in California. The first Wathba Stud Farm Cup series race is June 25th at the Alameda County Fair, Pleasanton. A delegation will be present to watch the race and present the trophy to the winner. DAHA's Dorothy Burt, in conjunction with ARAC (the Arabian Racing Assoc. of California), has been working on having some Arabian costume horses on the track, leading the post parade of racers. It should be a great show and great publicity for our athletic Arabians. We are also planning a DAHA Day at the Races, probably July 9th, at Pleasanton with a visit to the barns and to the Winner's Circle for a presentation to the winner of the Arabian race. More info. later. Watch for e-blasts. Come out and enjoy the races. You can check on-line at www.calracing.com for the racing programs at the different tracks to find out the days the Arabians will be running and the post times of the races. Usually the Arabian races will be the first or second races of the program. See you at the races!!!!

2011 Fair Racing Schedule

Stockton (S. Joaquin Co.)	6/15 – 6/19/11
Pleasanton (Alameda Co.)	6/22 – 7/10/11
Sacramento (CalExpo)	7/13 – 7/24/11
Santa Rosa (Sonoma Co.)	7/27 – 8/14/11
Ferndale (Humboldt Co.)	8/12 – 8/21/11
Fairplex Park (Pomona)	9/8 – 9/26/11
Fresno (Fresno Co.)	10/5 – 10/16/11



A future winner? Ofrank's first son

Mothers' Day at Golden Gate Fields

By Sidney Simpson

Ah Mothers' Day—what comes to mind for most folks is a fancy brunch, breakfast out, maybe breakfast in bed, or perhaps a lovely dinner with family gathered around with cards and gifts. But wait! There are other ways to celebrate this holiday.

On Mothers' Day, a small contingent of DAHA folk headed to Golden Gate Fields on a chilly May morning and spent the day serving the crowds, smiling, gabbing with people, and telling anyone who would listen about the wonder of the Arabian horse. Many thanks go to those who helped—especially those who are not really horse people (Anne Wheeler's husband Bill and daughter Beth and my husband Loren and daughter Karina). For them it was just an unusual way to celebrate Mothers' Day A big thank you also goes to Sue Dirlam—who is not a DAHA member but does own her own Arabian mare, has a giving spirit, and came to help. DAHA members Tracey Seal and good friend Cindy Reichelderfer topped off the group and worked hard all day.

At the end of the day, we went to Skates on the Bay and sat in the bar, enjoying wine, some hors d'oeuvres, and a spectacular view of the bay. We all felt good about how we had spent the day raising funds to help horses and promoting the Arabian breed. We were a cohesive team, and we knew we had done our good deed for the day. Our Mothers' Day celebration may have been a bit unusual—but it was a good one.



Anne Wheeler, Sue Dirlam, Bill Wheeler, Karina and Sidney Simpson

Arabians Wow The Audience at Heather Farms' First Horse Faire

By Sidney Simpson

Saturday, April 23, was the very first Horse Faire at Heather Farms Equestrian center, and what a spectacular kick off it was!

It was a stellar day for our Arabians. Many kudos of thanks go out to Nancy Dupont for making this possible. Without her and the talented riders of the Amigos de Anza, there would have been no Arabian presence. Nancy not only provided horses for the team to ride but also trailered them. Alicia Benson was on Skandalous, Rachel Hannigan on Golden Veil, Katy Rodgers on Dark Shadow, Lizzie Rodgers on Aya. McKayla Hudson rode Eichon in the color guard and then showed him in the horse demo.

A quadrille of the Amigos de Anza wowed the audience twice--once with the color guard and once with an impressive, intricate quadrille routine. The horses were gorgeous and the riders were excellent, top-notch equestrians. The audience oohed and aahed as they whizzed by in tight precision. Throughout the day, demonstrations were done in every horse discipline that you could think of--everything from adorable ponies pulling carts, to huge warmbloods being used in vaulting and quarter horses demonstrating the art of reining, but I will say that the beautiful Arabians stole the show.

Visitors enjoyed the eclectic booths that explained various horse breeds, organizations, and disciplines. Mixed in with 4-H groups and local barns were various therapeutic riding groups that match patient, kind horses with disabled youngsters. Horses' Honor Rescue & Sanctuary was also there, selling donated tack to raise money to care for the horses at their sanctuary.

All in all it was a perfectly wonderful day of the horse. Hopefully the Horse Faire will become a new Bay Area equine tradition—I sure hope so.

To the lower right, photo of the Amigos de Anza at the Horse Faire, photo taken by Sidney Simpson.

Equestrian Vacations

By Meghan Johnson

Have you ever considered horse riding on your next vacation? What better way to see the world than from the back of a horse. I just booked my equestrian vacation to Barcelona in September to ride Andalusians through Medieval villages and see castles and I can't wait! I have also been able to ride Irish Hunters in Sligo, Ireland, Lusitanos in Milfontes, Portugal and Selle Francais / Arab crosses for a week in Bordeaux, France on riding vacations. It's a wonderful way to enjoy parts of the world that are not easily accessible to most tourists and it's a great way to enjoy the local culture, food, people and horses with fellow equestrians from around the world. These vacations are also all inclusive except for the air flight so they are usually great deals. Just about any place in the world that you have ever wanted to visit is available for horse riding. Check out Equitours at www.equitours.com and Hidden Trails at www.hiddentrails.com for your next riding vacation! I can't wait for my next vacation on horseback, seeing the world between the ears of a horse.



Riding in Portugal on a Lusitano/Arabian



2011 High Point Standings

By Sherry Pedder
June 5, 2011

PB WESTERN PLEASURE:

Buckaroo MA
Lucille Ball PL 29

PB ENGLISH PLEASURE:

PB HUNTER PLEASURE:

PB VERSATILITY:

Buckaroo MA 50
Lucille Ball PL 13
Way Cool Zee+ / 50

PB HALTER MARES:

PB HALTER GELDINGS:

PB HALTER STALLIONS:

HA WESTERN PLEASURE:

Citrine 54

HA HUNTER PLEASURE:

Dream in Color 116

HA VERSATILITY:

Citrine

ENDURANCE:

COMPETITIVE TRAIL:

SPORT HORSE-IN-HAND:

SPORT HORSE UNDER SADDLE:

DRESSAGE:

JUNIORS: 10 & UNDER – WALK/JOG

JUNIORS: 13 & UNDER

JUNIORS: 14 – 17

K. McKillop/ Lucille Ball PL 12
M.Engelhart/Lucille Ball PL 59
A.Engelhart/Buckaroo MA 146
A.Engelhart/Citrine 90

AMATEUR EXCELLENCE PERF:

Sherry Pedder 116
Debbie Bartman 50

AMATEUR EXCELLENCE HALTER:

IBN SKOVDUE-ADULT

Debbie Bartman 30

IBN SKOVDUE-JUNIORS

Alexa Engelhart 126

EMERALD VIXEYN SENIOR (PB & HA):

Buckaroo MA 176

TRAINER INCENTIVE:

Jill Mitchell 3
Debbie Compilli 1

Thanks for joining the DAHA 2011 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 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



DAHA at Horse Expo

By Jill Cohn

The Western States Horse Expo is just around the corner. Mark your calendars for the weekend of June 10-12 and plan to come to Sacramento for this popular equine event. We in AHA Region 3 (and DAHA, specifically) are trying to make our presence at the Expo as useful and user-friendly as possible. With that goal in mind, we have decided to offer a TAIL program for the first time this year. TAIL stands for Total Arabian Interaction Learning. What we propose to present is a unique, hour long sort of "guided tour" for interested groups of 5--20 people. We aim to show our guests everything that's pertinent to the Arabian horse at the Expo in that hour. The Arabian breed demos are on Friday at 6:30pm, Sat at 9:45am and Sunday at 12:30pm in the Equine Insurance Arena (near barn & building C, if that works with the schedule of our guests, we would love to escort them to our demo. While we have their attention we'll introduce them to the Castle Rock Arabians being painted on, the demo horses stalled, our informative double booth and also share information all about our breed's history, in addition to the benefits and structure of the 18 clubs comprising Region 3. The fabulous museum-quality show, "A Gift of The Desert," featured at Kentucky Horse Park at the 2010 WEG, will be shown in our booth on a large TV screen throughout the day, as well. If you know of any groups which might be good candidates for our TAIL tour, please let DAHA member, Jill Cohn, know jillcohndc@aol.com Also, we will be forming groups organically at the Expo, putting interested parties together as they appear ready for our fun, informative TAIL event.

The best way for you to get involved is to volunteer to help out. Margie Pope fadmargin@gmail.com is scheduling volunteers for the Region 3 Booth and could use a hand from Wednesday & Thursday, June 8 & 9, setting up our booth(should you happen to be located near Sacramento), daily during the Expo's hours (Friday & Saturday, 9 am--7pm; Sunday 9 am--5 pm) as well as Monday for break down. Proud Arabian (as well as Half Arabian) owners are our best breed ambassadors! The more volunteers the more fun for all. See you there!

For more info: www.horseexpo.com





Diablo Arabian Horse Association

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Fall Fling Horse Show *Sept. 30 - Oct. 2, 2011*

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