

# DIABLO ARABIAN HORSE ASSOCIATION

## JUNE 2012 NEWSLETTER



Diablo Arabian Horse Association  
[www.diabloaha.org](http://www.diabloaha.org)

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### Letter from the President

By Dr. Cory Soltau, DVM

At the end of every day, I always reflect on the highlight of my day. Sometimes it's the wonder of attending the delivery of a foal at 2 A.M. (not my favorite time of the night). It might be the colic I treated which resolved itself, or the children I watched playing games on horseback at the stable where I was vaccinating horses.

What was the highlight of spring for DAHA? For me, it was Diablo's presence at the Horse Faire at Heather Farms in Walnut Creek. DAHA's booth, staffed by our volunteers enthusiastically sharing their knowledge of and information about Arabian horses, made a tremendous impression on the Faire-going public. The demonstrations of Arabian versatility in various equestrian disciplines, including Native Costume and Drill Team, featured a beautiful exhibition of show horses by DAHA's own Jill Mitchell. The Arabian horse made a lasting impression on the imaginations of everyone present, young and old alike. Who knows where that introduction to Arabians may lead in the not so distant future—think about your own first experience with the Arabian horse! I'd like to thank Leigha Perry who chaired the Horse Faire Committee as well as all the volunteers who worked so hard to enhance DAHA's image and to fulfill its mission—to promote the Arabian breed to the public. Well done!

Our next big event is the Spring Fling Horse Show. Some of you may not know that this show is rated one of the best and most successful horse shows in the country. We have a great facility and an outstanding staff that combine to create a wonderful atmosphere which promises to ensure that our show will continue to enjoy its stellar reputation. I hope that all of you make the trip to Brookside Equestrian Center this week to see some of the best Arabian horses in California and beyond. On to June and the busy show season—best of luck to all of our competitors, and to all like me who aren't showing, enjoy being spectators! If you are showing....make sure to enter the DAHA High Point and also send in your points.

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Contact Tracey Seals at [traceyseals@hotmail.com](mailto:traceyseals@hotmail.com)

Please join me in welcoming our new Treasurer, Donna Bolla, who has been a longtime member, Director, Treasurer, and DAHA President. At the same time, we should all give special thanks to outgoing Treasurer Amy Edwards for her hard work and dedication over the past several years. Being Treasurer is a tremendous responsibility, and Amy always delivered. We wish her the best as she is now free to devote her time and energy to her daughters, two of the toughest, most successful junior competitors in the show ring today.

Last but not least, don't forget the Sheik's Race June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2:15 P.M. at the race track at the Alameda County Fairgrounds. This race, which we are honored to have in DAHA territory, thanks in no small measure to the efforts of members Dorothy Burt and Evelyn Call, is a tremendous opportunity to showcase the Arabian horse. Considered one of the premier Arabian races in the United States, it is sponsored by Sheik Mansoor Bin Zayed Al Nahyan who is offering a purse of \$20,000. For more information, contact our Arabian Racing enthusiasts Dorothy Burt or Evelyn Call or check the flyer on the DAHA web site. I hope to see all of you at the track in June for this spectacular race.

Sincerely,

Dr. Cory Soltau, DVM  
President

## DAHA Calendar of Events

### H.H. Sheikh Mansoor Bin Zayed Al Nahyan Global Arabian Flat Racing Festival

June 23, 2012

Pleasanton Fairgrounds

#### DAHA Board Meeting

17011 Bollinger Canyon Road

San Ramon, CA

July 6, 2012 at 7pm

#### DAHA Board Meeting

17011 Bollinger Canyon Road

San Ramon, CA

August 7, 2012 at 7pm

#### DAHA Fall Fling Show

Brookside Equestrian Center -We need volunteers!

Friday-Sunday September 29 -30, 2012

Show Contact: Nancy Goertzen 559-625-2631

e-mail: [goertzenarab@gmail.com](mailto:goertzenarab@gmail.com)

### Classified Ad: Beaularos Dream

GORGEOUS, HALF-ARAB, SPORT HORSE SHOW GELDING offered for sale. Registered. Bay, with a star and left hind sock, age: 8, 16.1H, 1150 lbs., foaled in 2003. Looks like Warmblood and Thoroughbred cross, although his dam is a Paint. BEAU is a kind, curious, pocket pony. Always sound, he is a barn favorite, smiles for treats, stands for the farrier, trailers, bathes, clips, gets along with other horses, has no stable vices and loves to just hang out with his person at home or at the show. Beau was the 2010 Reg. Champion SHUS (Amateur) and Reg. Reserve Champion SHUS (Junior), as well as 2010 DAHA High Point SHUS. He was initially shown in SHIH and training level dressage and did very well. Last year, he was started over fences and looked beautiful. He could stay in SHUS, go dressage, or even go western. Qualified for 2010 Arabian Sport Horse and Youth Nationals. Beau is for sale due to downsizing and owners' health problems. Currently stabled in Brentwood at Diamond K Ranch. Additional photos and videos available upon request. Beau would be perfect for a youth/amateur rider. Must sell ASAP -- to good home only. Price Reduced! Asking \$8,300 OBO Please contact Mary Ann or Jose at 925.200-8628 or 925.682-6252.

## All About Pets

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"Beau" Photos by Kevalyn Marie Photography



## DAHA Spring Show

By Coke Swift

The 2012 Spring Show was two years in the making so everyone was really ready to have a great show. Since we canceled the 2011 Spring Show because of the EHV-1 outbreak scare, it was decided that 2012 would be a "do over" show, with most of the same judges and the same theme, "Your Favorite Fairy Tale". We did however add more, a Wednesday evening free Mexican taco dinner outside the Café (big hit) and concierge service when you arrived at the show (an even bigger hit). Bill Madden, owner of Brookside Equestrian Park surprised the exhibitors with this new service. Men to help you unload, bed the stalls and whatever else needed to be done to welcome you to the show. Several exhibitors were so pleased and excited to have help when it was most needed and all said the guys were friendly and very helpful. Just another reason our show is so well regarded and attendance is good. Most of the classes were full, with a great turn-out of adult amateurs and youth. Dressage and Sport Horse classes were also large. The weather was excellent until Sunday when it got a little warmer, but no rain which I guess was a first for any of the Region 3 shows before ours.

I want to thank all of the volunteers who offered their time to help make this a fun and friendly show. Pat Hendershot, Evelyn Call, Debbie Compilli, Anne Wheeler, Earl Kelly, Cynthia Darrimon and her mom, Dan Stevenson (who stepped in Friday & Saturday morning to be our ring steward, this was also his first time at our show), and all of the many DAHA members and friends who sponsored classes as well. There were 286 horses entered making it the largest show in Region 3 other than the regional show. It was also a financial success.

If you haven't attended one of our shows please add it to your calendar. The Fall Show is September 28-30, same quality show just on a smaller scale. Less stress and more fun!



## DAHA Spring Show Photos



Photos from <http://www.brooksideshowpark.com/photos.html>



Photos from Nina Craig of Arabian Star

## 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](mailto: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](http://www.diabloaha.org/familyarabianaward)

## DAHA Fall Fling Show

Our Fall Fling Show will be at Brookside Equestrian Park, September 28 -30, 2012. 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!

## Lil'P-town on the World Stage

By Evelyn Call

The 2012 California Arabian racing season begins at the Alameda County Fair in June, with plans for Arabian races on most racing days. Check your newspaper racing section or on-line at [www.calracing.com](http://www.calracing.com) for each day's racing program.

The BIG news is the race scheduled for June 23. Last year Pleasanton hosted the local edition of the Wathba Stud Farm Cup, a division of the H.H. Sheikh Mansoor Bin Zayed Al Nahyan Global Flat Racing Festival. Diablo AHA arranged for native costume riders to appear on the track before the race and, in cooperation with the Arabian Racing Assoc. of California (ARAC), put on a super show to bring the attention of several thousand spectators to our Arabian race horses.

The representatives of the Abu Dhabi Sheikh were so impressed by the event and the hospitality of our organizations and the people of Pleasanton that they immediately decided to add \$20,000.00 to the purse for 2012 and upgrade the Pleasanton race to one of the Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahyan Cup races. There are only 10 races in this series in the world, with Pleasanton's race falling between those at Hoppegarten, Berlin, Ger., and Taby, Sweden. So come out on June 23rd to see the Original Race Horse.

Also, probably about a week after the Sheikh Zayed race, Diablo will have its own Day at the Races, sponsoring an Arabian race, with our representatives appearing in the Winners Circle with the winning horse. The exact date is not set, hopefully on a Saturday, as the Fair race schedule is not out as of this writing. We will send out an e-blast to the membership as soon as the day is set. See you at the races.

### 2012 Fair Racing Schedule

Pleasanton (Alameda Co.)	6/21 - 7/8/12
Sacramento (CalExpo)	7/11 - 7/22/12
Santa Rosa (Sonoma Co.)	7/25 - 8/12/12
Ferndale (Humboldt Co.)	8/15 - 8/26/12
Stockton (S. Joaquin Co.)	9/19 - 9/30/12
Fresno (Fresno Co.)	10/3 - 10/15/12
Fairplex Park (Pomona)	9/6 - 9/25/12



## 2012 Horse Faire Dedicates a Day to Horses and Wild West Culture

Reprinted from the Castro Valley Patch, 4/11/2012  
By Sidney Simpson

On a sunny, dry, blue-sky day--people from the greater East Bay gathered at Walnut Creek's Equestrian Center at Heather Farms to celebrate the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Horse Faire. This playful, informative event--sponsored by the Walnut Creek Equestrian Center-- introduced about 3,000 people to the wonderful world of horses--both full sized and minis. Booths and vendors were abundant. You could buy everything from cowboy hats, pony blankets to horse hair jewelry and riding attire for both English and western riding. Food was plentiful, and the air was filled with live music throughout the day. Children could partake in a petting zoo where they pet everything from miniature goats to rabbits and even chickens. There was an obstacle course set up where little ones could lead adorable miniature ponies decked out with colorful western bandanas through a variety of obstacles. There was face painting, horse painting, and ample opportunity to groom and pet full size Arabian horses and mustangs plus a booth to disseminate information about the world of horse rescue (Horses' Honor Rescue & Sanctuary).

In the large center ring, audiences were entertained throughout the day with an eclectic group of horses and riders. Audiences enjoyed the speed and excitement of drill teams, vaulting on horseback, and even a dog and pony act. Castro Valley's Charles Wilhelm demonstrated riding a horse bridleless and Justin Mott, who is competing in the Mustang Challenge, impressed the crowd with his skill at riding a wild mustang whom he had "gentled" instead of broken.

There was even a wild-west gunfight, which included watching Walnut Creek's mayor, Bob Simmons, get caught and hanged for various misdeeds by old-west costumed entertainers.

It was an engaging, entertaining, unique way to spend the day--family fun for everyone, and it was free! Even the weather cooperated with sunny skies and not a hint of mud! Now that's pretty hard to beat.

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 Loire Valley, France in August to ride Anglo-Arabians or French horses 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 and Andalusians in Catalan, Spain 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](http://www.equitours.com) and Hidden Trails at [www.hiddentrails.com](http://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.



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## 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 Tracey Seals.** 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 Tracey Seals for more information (415) 793-1837 or [traceyseals@hotmail.com](mailto:traceyseals@hotmail.com).



Arabian Native costume demonstration at the 2012 Horse Faire

## DAHA at Horse Expo

By Meghan Johnson

The Western States Horse Expo was June 8-10 in Sacramento. The Arabian breed demos were on Friday at 6:15pm, Sat at 4:30m and Sunday at 9:45am in the Spirit Arena. 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. There was also interesting presentations throughout the weekend on horse camping, leads, biomechanics of riding, dressage, vaulting, headset and collection, trail and behavior and much much more! Margie Pope organized the event for Region III in regards to the breed booth and demos. This was a great opportunity to show off our amazing breed (as well as take advantage of great shopping!). For more info:

[www.horseexpo.com](http://www.horseexpo.com)



## 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),XXL(24-26) (Men's sizes would be a slightly different blue, but could be ordered as well)

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Same shirt front with embroidery on the back

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E-mail or call Anne Wheeler at [wabmk@aol.com](mailto:wabmk@aol.com)





## 2012 High Point Standings

By Tracey Seals  
May 26, 2012

<b>PB WESTERN PLEASURE:</b>	
M. Magness/Echos Legacy	69
<b>PB ENGLISH PLEASURE:</b>	
<b>PB HUNTER PLEASURE:</b>	
<b>PB VERSATILITY:</b>	
J. Holman/Pakhita	69
D. Bartman/Way Cool Zee+ /	253
<b>PB HALTER MARES:</b>	
<b>PB HALTER GELDINGS:</b>	
E. Kelly/Mojito Rum	72
<b>PB HALTER STALLIONS:</b>	
<b>HA WESTERN PLEASURE:</b>	
<b>HA HUNTER PLEASURE:</b>	
O. Quizno/Ravvens Azeem	33
<b>HA VERSATILITY:</b>	
<b>ENDURANCE:</b>	
<b>COMPETITIVE TRAIL:</b>	
<b>SPORT HORSE-IN-HAND:</b>	
<b>SPORT HORSE UNDER SADDLE:</b>	
<b>DRESSAGE:</b>	



### JUNIORS: 10 & UNDER – WALK/JOG

Jamie Seals/JS Rejoice	173
Kelly Perymon/Aberdars Valor	21

### JUNIORS: 13 & UNDER

### JUNIORS: 14 – 17

J. Mitchell/Ravvens Azeem	79
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### AMATEUR EXCELLENCE PERF:

### AMATEUR EXCELLENCE HALTER:

### IBN SKOVDUE-ADULT

### IBN SKOVDUE-JUNIORS

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

### TRAINER INCENTIVE:

Leigha Perry	2
Debbie Compilli	1

Thanks for joining the DAHA 2012 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!





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# ***Diablo Arabian Horse Association***

Presents the

## **Fall Fling Arabian Horse Show**

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