

DIABLO ARABIAN HORSE ASSOCIATION

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Letter from the Vice President

By Sidney Simpson

As Jill Mitchell recovers from the Tevis, Youth Nationals in Albuquerque, a sick horse, and much travel—I find myself sitting down to write my first message to you.

Summer is almost over and DAHA has been very busy. Our Spring Show with its “California Dreaming” theme was hugely successful. A big thanks goes out to everyone who graciously volunteered to help make it such a memorable event. Congratulations too to all who participated in the Region 3 show in Reno and in the Youth Nationals in Albuquerque. Our kids are bright stars who always make us look good! Kudos to Jill Mitchell, Cory Soltau, Shannon Mahoney, and Jackie Hill for doing the Tevis. As always, you all make DAHA shine.

Our DAHA Spring Social provided an opportunity for members to munch, gab, and get to know each other in an informal setting. Another membership gathering is tentatively planned in the fall to discuss the issue of horse evacuation—more information to follow. In June we participated in the Breed Booth at the Horse Expo in Sacramento, where DAHA’s Family Arabian DVD was used to promote the Arabian as a family horse. In July we were off to the Alameda County Fair for Arabian Day at the Races, where we had a behind-the-scenes, guided tour of the facility and had our pictures taken in the winner’s circle with the winner.

Thanks to Meghan Johnson, Jill Mitchell, and Amara Morrison for putting trail rides together—one ride which will be at Point Reyes, on September 22nd. We are fortunate to have a group of high-energy go-getters that know how to make things happen. DAHA is truly an Arabian chapter that stands out. We should all be very proud of ourselves and our

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horses for what we manage to accomplish every year. Now is the time to start thinking about our Fall Show and our Winter High Points Award Banquet. As always, we will need volunteers to help make both events the success that they always are. Volunteering is also a great way to get involved and get to know your fellow members.

This year, for the first time, we will be honoring the Family Arabian as well with a special award at our January High Points Award banquet. So start putting together your story about your special horse. It’s an opportunity to pay tribute to the family horses who have touched all of our hearts. You will be receiving a Family Arabian form soon to help you get started. Applications for this special award need to be completed and returned to DAHA no later than November 15. Also, we are sending out a DAHA membership survey to assess your needs and to see how DAHA can meet them. For your convenience I have attached the survey to the back of this newsletter. Please take a moment to fill out this survey when you receive it and return it to DAHA no later than October 15, 2007. DAHA is your organization. We encourage you to become active, join in, and get to know your fellow Arabian horse owners. Enjoy the rest of your summer

Sincerely,

Sidney Simpson
Vice President

DAHA Calendar of Events

DAHA Point Reyes Trail Ride

Canceled due to rain

Saturday, September, 22 - 10a.m.

Five Brooks Staging Area, Olema, CA

RSVP 925-250-1371 or mitchelljm22566@sbcglobal.net

DAHA Fall Show

September 28-30, 2007

Brookside Equestrian Center

Contact: Nancy Goertzen (559) 625-2631

e-mail: goertzenarab@surfside.net

Board of Directors Meeting

Summit Ranch Lobby

October 2 - 7:00 p.m.

DAHA Board Election

Please mail or fax send in your completed ballot to Amy Edwards by October 31, 2007

DAHA Winter High Point Awards Banquet

January 26, 2007 at TBA

Lafayette Veteran's Memorial Hall

3780 Mt. Diablo Blvd. Lafayette, CA 94549

DAHA Fall Fling Show

Our Fall Fling Show will be at Brookside Equestrian Park, September 28 - 30, 2007. Entries closed September 7, 2007 and we received entries for 163 horses, an increase from last year which was entries for 150 horses. 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. This year, we will be holding a free Sales Horse Parade Saturday afternoon which is limited to the first 20 horses entered into the show that are signed up. We are still looking for volunteers to give out ribbons, help run the office and administrative duties, be Ring Stewards and Scribes for the judges. Class Sponsorships are still available, \$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!

DAHA Point Reyes Trail Ride

Canceled due to rain

A DAHA sponsored trail ride at Point Reyes is set for Saturday, September 22 at 10 a.m. We will be meeting at Five Brooks Trailhead for a spectacular six mile trail ride through the redwoods to the beach where we will enjoy lunch with the horses.

RSVP to Jill Mitchell by September 20th 925-250-1371

or mitchelljm22566@sbcglobal.net

For directions, contact Jill.



New Family Arabian Award!

DAHA will offer a new award for the first time at the 2008 Winter High-Points Awards Banquet. It will be to honor the "Family Arabian."

There is no need to be showing or earning high points to be eligible for this new award. All you need to do is tell us your story about your special family horse.

Everyone is eligible—children, adults, new riders, old pro's, colts and fillies as well as old horses that have been put out to pasture.

Send your story, along with a picture, to sidneysimpson@comcast.net

We will publish them throughout the year and then choose one special horse for the Family Arabian of the Year.

New Editors to the DAHA Newsletter!

Vice President Sidney Simpson and Board member Meghan Johnson will now be joint editors of the DAHA newsletter. We look forward to your response to the newsletter under our management. Please email us your photos, stories and articles to share with the DAHA members. Sidney and Meghan would like to thank Jessica Mattson on behalf of the club for creating the beautiful format for our newsletter and being its editor over the past couple of years. Jessica will continue to maintain our gorgeous DAHA website at www.diabloaha.org. You can contact us at sidneysimpson@comcast.net or MZara75030@aol.com



DAHA at Youth Nationals

By Amanda Kelley

DAHA youth did so well at the 2007 Youth Nationals in Albuquerque which was July 28 - August 4th, 2007 and it was a lot of fun to watch us all compete at such a high level and succeed. Through wins and losses we all had such a great experience. Not only did I love the competition part, but hanging around the show grounds was the best part. Some of us came home with champion ribbons, and some of us with no ribbons, but no matter what the outcome was we supported and cheered each other on. Congratulations to all!

DAHA Spring Show

By Amy Edwards

The 2007 DAHA Spring Horse Show took place May 17th to 20th and was a great success. With 351 horses competing in all manner of disciplines, from Western Pleasure to Dressage, and everything in between. There were Junior and Amateur classes across the board, with some fun classes held on Saturday night. The theme for the show was California Dreamin' and there was a stall decorating contest as well. We enjoyed beautiful weather, and a tremendous presentation of horses throughout the week. Exhibitors seemed to enjoy themselves and if you didn't make it over to watch some of the show this spring, hopefully next spring you will take a day to come and see what may be considered to be DAHA's most important event. Volunteers are always needed to make the show a success and if you are interested in getting involved and participating next year, just contact the Show Manager, Coke Swift. Hope to see you at the next show.



In Memory of Cypress Samurai+

Some of you might remember Cypress Samurai+, owned by Jill Mitchell, from the horse shows. She was known as "Si" to us. We lost her Saturday, July 7, 2007, after a few weeks of severe laminitis. One of her last shows was the 2007 DAHA Spring Show. She was just 6 points shy of being in the Legion of Supreme Honor. Si gave children confidence and kept them safe in their first lessons. She made the littlest riders sparkle in the show ring, always knew her job, corrected their mistakes, and gave her best performance every time. A more patient horse you may never meet. We lost her well before her time, at the youthful age of 22. She will be remembered as a gentle, patient and forgiving teacher, show partner, and companion. May she enjoy the happy pastures in the sky. We miss you Si!



Family Arabian Horse Award Nomination: SF Legacy Lad

By Lynne Chavelle

I purchased Lad when he was 9 ½. He was very trail broke, but, not so much in the arena. I had never owned a horse before, and was just learning to ride at age 45. The long and short of it is that Lad challenged me in the arena. He got my number so to speak, he would buck and kick the wall on the lope, I had many days of tears. I remember one time in particular when I got so scared I was frozen with tears in my eyes and said to Jill "I can't do this." She came up patted my leg and said "oh yes you can." Those words gave me confidence and off we went. Every ride after that was not perfect, but good. Lad has won many 1st places and a Championship in Western Pleasure. As far as riding trail he is a champ. He had a horse gone wild come from behind and hit my stirrup and while he got excited, never bucked, which he likes to do, and together we found our ground. One time a bull charged him, to the point of stomping right under his chest, and he head bunted the bull down the hill. I was sitting as calmly as possible as I could, he never had a tense bone in his body; he just took care of business. He is a wonderful guy. We have done 36 miles of 50 mile endurance ride, and a couple of 15 mile fun rides. He loves it. We have done many endurance training rides with Jill Mitchell and he loved all. One in particular was a 22 mile ride which was part of the Tevis. We had previously done a 16 mile pre-Tevis. Well, on a 22 mile ride, Lad got a little tired at about mile 10.

I told Jill to go ahead we would follow behind. It was the greatest day of riding for both of us. There were rocky, small single paths, hot weather, big drop offs, oh boy we had fun. He willingly did it all, just the two of us, novices on a truly beautiful ride. When we caught up at the end, we found out that the other horse tired about 10 minutes after us, so we were not far behind.

Probably the greatest gift Lad gave me was when I was diagnosed with breast cancer. My doctor and I agreed that riding was fine. I would have chemo on a Friday, ride Lad Saturday and Sunday, and then crash through Friday, and be on him on my regular before chemo schedule. During this time, I decided I wanted to learn to ride hunt. We also did 12 mile endurance training rides with Jill. My oncologist would say are "you're doing too much" and I would reply "look at my blood tests," I don't think so.

Well, we got through it, moved on and showed at the Spring DAHA 2007 show in both Hunter and Western Pleasure. Lad got a 1st and 2nd in Western and a 6th, 2nd, and Reserve in Hunter, (which was our first attempt hunter) I was excited and had great plans for us for the summer of 2007 but Lad got injured. He has an inferior check ligament tear, which has sidelined us all summer to hand walks. As I am writing this, I am looking forward to taking him back to Pioneer the end of Sept for another ultra-sound and his last shock wave treatment. He will be fine. It is my turn to take care of him as he has ALWAYS taken care of me.

I so love you Lad.

Lynne

Do you want to nominate your horse? Send your story, along with a picture, to sidneysimpson@comcast.net

2007 High Point Standings

By Sherry Pedder

September 11, 2007

2007 High Point Standings (Cont. on page 5)

PB WESTERN PLEASURE:

Way Cool Zee	
Lucille Ball	
OK.Formally Attired	17
Kharbenberry Bey +/	75

PB ENGLISH PLEASURE:**PB HUNTER PLEASURE:****PB VERSATILITY:**

Way Cool Zee	27
Lucille Ball	68
Buckaroo	103
OK.Formally Attired	19
Beaundayshus	5
Princess Husseri	78
Kharbenberry Bey +/	52

PB HALTER MARES:

SF Serafina Rex	0
Kharbenberry Bey +/	8

PB HALTER STALLIONS:**PB HALTER GELDINGS:**

Way Cool Zee

HA ENGLISH PLEASURE:**HA HALTER GELDINGS:****HA HALTER MARES:**

Pati Cake	60
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JUNIORS: 10 & UNDER - WALK/JOG

M.Engelhart/Lucille Ball	180
C.Edwards/OK. Formally Attired	75
C.Edwards/Cypress Samurai	48
A.Farly/Show Me The Gold	308
I.Farly/Beaundayshus	
M. Doran/ Kharbenberry Bey +/	135
M. Engelhart/RH D'Artagnan	129
M. Englehart/StarMaker J	

JUNIORS: 13 & UNDER

A.Engelhart/Fox Fire Bey	69
A.Engelhart/Lucille Ball	193
A.Engelhart/Buckaroo	174
A.Edwards/OK. Formally Attired	110
A. Edwards/Cypress Samurai	54
A. Edwards/Pati Cake	81

JUNIORS: 14 - 17

N. Colello/RSpringtime Luv +++/	198
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IBN SKOVDUE-ADULT

Debbie Bartman	27
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IBN SKOVDUE-JUNIORS

A. Engelhart/Buckaroo	174
A. Edwards/ OK.Formally Attired	110

HA WESTERN PLEASURE:

DREAM IN COLOR	108
SF. LEGACY'S LAD	58
SHOW ME THE GOLD	107
E C DAY DREAMER	19
PATI CAKE	

HA VERSATILITY:

DREAM IN COLOR	76
SHINE TIME	48
PATI CAKE	50

HA HUNTER PLEASURE:

DREAM IN COLOR	37
SF. LEGACY'S LAD	28
SHOW ME THE GOLD	72

SPORT HORSE UNDER SADDLE:

DREAM IN COLOR	10
SHOW ME THE GOLD	35
VANNA ORAN	17

SPORT HORSE-IN-HAND (PB&HA) ISHICP:

ENDURANCE: (Sponsored by Cory Soltau)
PRETTY BOY FLOYD KF
BEY TRIBUTE

COMPETITIVE TRAIL:**DRESSAGE:**

VANNA ORAN	69
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AMATEUR EXCELLENCE PERF:

LYNNE CHAVELLE	86
PAMELA FARLY	64
LAURA DORAN	142
JESSICA MATTSON	78

AMATEUR EXCELLENCE HALTER:

JESSICA MATTSON	0
KENNY DORAN	8

EMERALD VIXEYN SENIOR (PB & HA):

SF. LEGACY'S LAD	86
BEAUDAYSHUS	103
VANNA ORAN	86

TRAINER INCENTIVE:

JILL MITCHELL	7
DEBBIE COMPILLI	1
RICH DORAN	4

Thanks for joining the DAHA 2007 High Point Program. Remember that DAHA-Sponsored shows count for double points!

IT'S NEVER TOO LATE TO JOIN
GOOD LUCK!

DAHA Day at the Races

By Sidney Simpson

On Saturday, July 7, a group of DAHA members enjoyed a fun day at the races at the Alameda County Fair. We were met by Jay Corcoran, a representative from the Arabian Racing Association of California, who gave us background information on the world of Arabian racing as well as a behind-the-scenes look at the stables, training facilities, and the track itself. We asked questions, admired all of the beautiful Arabian race horses and then placed our bets. Later we were included in the winners circle to have our pictures taken with the winner. It was an exciting look at the world of Arabian racing.



DAHA's Amanda Kelley is the New Region III Youth Director!

Hi Everyone! My name is Amanda Kelley, and I'm your new Region III youth director! I represent our region's youth in the Arabian Horse Youth Association. I've been riding for around six years with Jill Mitchell. I own two horses: one purebred named Faja (Fudgie), and one half Arab, Candice. Fudgie I used to show in western pleasure, and Candice who I have just started showing in H/A hunter pleasure. I am so excited about being the youth director for our region, and am already enjoying the position. Please contact me if you have any questions, comments, concerns, or just want to say "hi!" My E-mail address is mandapanda1191@yahoo.com. I'd love to hear from you!



DAHA Mt Diablo Trail Ride

By Meghan Johnson

On Saturday, August 18th at 10a.m, 20 or so DAHA members and friends set out from Summit Ranch for Barbeque Terrace for a day of trail riding, spectacular panoramic views and a wonderful catered lunch from El Balazo. President Jill Mitchell led the ride to Barbeque Terrace through Pine Canyon on fire roads. This was a great opportunity to meet other DAHA members and enjoy the beautiful summer day. Barbeque Terrace was the perfect place for lunch and conversation. We hope to make this an annual ride!

Comments? Suggestions? Ideas? Pictures?

Please send to: Meghan Johnson (925) 708-8571

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Diablo Arabian Horse Association Membership Survey

We want to take moment to touch bases with you to see how well we are meeting your needs. You are important to us. Please take a moment to complete the questions below so that we can reassess our goals and activities and how they meet the needs of our many diverse members. Then return the information to Sidney Simpson, Family Outreach Chair by October 15, 2007 sidneysimpson@comcast.net or Sidney Simpson

15345 Inverness St
San Leandro, CA 94579

1. Name_____
2. Age_____
3. How many horses do you own? ____ Are they all Arabians? _____
4. How long have you been a member of DAHA?
5. Why did you originally join DAHA (i.e. what did you expect from the organization)?
6. What kinds of activities do you do with your horses?
7. Are you in training and, if so, what kind?
8. List any other equestrian organizations that you belong to.
9. Do you read the newsletter on line?
10. How often have you visited the DAHA website?
11. Did you participate in any DAHA activities last year?
 - A. Fall Show?
 - B. Spring Show?
 - C . Winter High Points Award Banquet?
 - D. Trail Rides?
 - E. Spring Social?
12. Does DAHA currently meet your needs?
13. What kinds of additional activities would you like DAHA to provide?
14. Would you be willing to volunteer some time at one of our shows or help set up at our annual banquet?

Diablo Arabian Horse Association

Is proud to present our annual

Fall Fling Horse Show

September 28 - September 30

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

**Judges: Mary Jane Schroeder-Brown, Cindi Carlson, and Jain
Shaffer**

NEW!! Sale Horse Parade: Limited to the First 20 horses signed up!

For information or a premium list contact:
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Nancy Goertzen, Show Secretary 559 625-2631
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