

# DIABLO ARABIAN HORSE ASSOCIATION

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Diablo Arabian Horse Association  
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### Letter from the President

By Jill Mitchell

Hello,

Summer is almost over and fall is upon us.

DAHA is holding our Class "A" Fall Fling show at Brookside Equestrian Facility, in Elk Grove, September 25-27th. DAHA will again produce a showcase for the Arabian horse commingled with fun classes, which are enjoyed by everyone, including the barn dogs. 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](http://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.

Don't forget to send your competition points, for either trail rides or the show ring, to Sherry Pedder. She is the DAHA's High Point chairman. You can email her at: [sherry.pedder@gmail.com](mailto:sherry.pedder@gmail.com). All points are due to Sherry Pedder by November 15.

Also due on December 13 are the Family Arabian Horse nominees. Now is the time to write up a tribute to your special Arabian and send with some photos to Sidney Simpson, the Family Outreach Chair at [sidneysimpson@comcast.net](mailto:sidneysimpson@comcast.net).

Region III is hosting the AHA Convention in Reno, NV this year at the Silver Legacy, November 19 - 22, 2009. There are lots of opportunities and if you have never attended an AHA Convention, this is the time to go. I know I'm looking forward to going along with delegates Pat Hendershot and Cindy Silvani-Lacey!

Mark your calendars! Our DAHA Annual Membership and High Point Banquet is Sunday, January 24, 2010.

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We had a great trail ride in Point Reyes on August 8, 2009. We had about 9 members and friends join us for a beautiful ride through the misty redwoods to the beach where we enjoyed lunch. Everyone had a great time. This ride has become a wonderful annual event!

DAHA also hosted a Membership Social and Trail Clinic at Summit Ranch on August 29, 2009. We had almost 20 participants in the trail clinic and 8 members and friends joined us for lunch, socializing and observing. It was a fabulous success! This was a great event to learn and get to know other horse people. We look forward to another clinic later this fall or next year!

I hope you had a fantastic summer and I hope to see everyone at the Fall Show!

Sincerely,

Jill Mitchell  
President



## DAHA Calendar of Events

### Castle Rock Arabians – All Breed Schooling Show

Castle Rock Arabians – Walnut Creek

Sunday, September 13, 2009

Register at 7am, starts at 8a.m.

Contact Nancy Dupont at (925) 937-7661

Information at [www.diabloaha.org](http://www.diabloaha.org)

### DAHA Fall Fling Show

Brookside Equestrian Center –We need volunteers!

Friday–Sunday September 25–27, 2009

Contact: Nancy Goertzen (559) 625-2631

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

### AHA Convention

Silver Legacy, Reno NV

November 18 – 21, 2009

Contact: Deb Johnson at (775) 853-1385

### DAHA Membership and High Point Banquet

Lafayette Veteran Memorial Hall

Sunday, January 24, 2010

## DAHA Point Reyes Trail Ride

A DAHA sponsored a trail ride at Point Reyes on Saturday, August 8th at 10 a.m. We enjoyed a spectacular six mile trail ride with perfect weather through the redwoods to the beach where we socialized and had lunch with the horses. Nine members and friends joined us for the event. This has become a wonderful annual event and we look forward to sponsoring another ride like this next year!



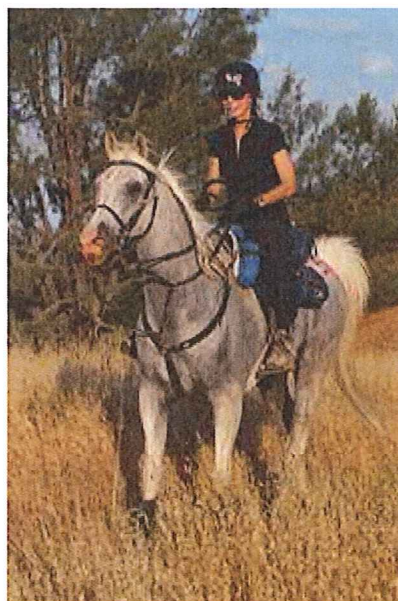
Members Jessica Mattson, Meghan Johnson and Lynne Chavelle riding down to the beach

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Diablo Trail

### Endurance Ride 30/50!

#### AERC Sanctioned and Region 3 Championship Ride

On June 27, 2009, Save Mount Diablo had the second annual Mt Diablo Trail 30/50 mile Endurance ride. This was a huge success this year with the help of lots of volunteers and slightly cooler weather from last year. Start/finish was at the Gateway Mt Diablo State Park North Gate Road, Walnut Creek. We had 29 horses started in the 30 mile ride and 27 finished. 43 horses started the 50 mile ride and 36 finished! Some DAHA members came out to either participate or volunteer including Lizzie Rodgers, Mike Tracy, Jill Mitchell, Sheri Pedder, Debbie Compilli, Dr Cory Soltau, Bob Marx, Amara Morrison, Carrie 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, Concord Feed, The Abaris Group, and Marx & Assoc. We look forward to a repeat performance next year.



Horse and rider participating in the race



## 2009 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](http://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, 2009.** Questions? Email Sidney Simpson at [sidneysimpson@comcast.net](mailto:sidneysimpson@comcast.net).



Ofrank winning his race!

### Racing Arabians

By Evelyn Call

The busy fair racing season is about 3/4ths done as I write. It has been exciting and a fun time. The competition has been good and all we need in California is to have more Arabians' participation so we can command higher purses and run more races. Right now the horses are running on the Fair circuit and are at the California State Fair at Sacramento. There will be a short lay-off until the Fresno Fair (Oct. 07 thru Oct. 18). Diablo member, Dorothy Burt has her horse, Skeezitz, running, and the horse I have a one-quarter interest in, Ofrank, is also at Sacramento. Another DAHA member, Dr. Cory Soltan, has an interest in a racing partnership that has horses racing back East. Over the last three years I have had a small share in the leases of horses for the racing season. That has been fun. But this year we had the opportunity to buy Ofrank. He's the six year old son of noted French-bred racing sire, Chndaka, who is at stud in Texas. Frankie is a cute bay with a laid-back disposition who doesn't get excited at much of anything. I can see him, when his racing days are over, being a great trail horse, or even a kid's show horse. Not what you might expect from one of those "wild and crazy Arabs or racehorses", and a stallion to boot!

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We first ran him at Pleasanton and were thrilled when he won. He ran 6th at Vallejo and 3rd at Santa Rosa. Then it was up to the Humboldt Co. Fair, at Ferndale on August 19th where Frankie took the lead early in the 5-furlong race, his winning time was 1:02 seconds faster than his winning time at Pleasanton. If you would like to get involved in a horse competition where your placement is not as subjective as in a horse show, think about racing. Yes, there are risks, as there are in any type of horse activity. Common sense, and having a good trainer who has the well-being of the horse at heart, can reduce the risks. There are plenty of horses available if you would like to get involved. Some trainers and/or owners have a number of horses and often have racing age and even race-ready horses available for sale or lease. Get together with a group of friends to share the cost (and hopefully winnings) and the fun. Contact AHA for racing information or contact an Arabian race trainer or owner for information. You will be in for a great time.

### DAHA Social and Trail Clinic

By Sidney Simpson

It was an oppressively hot, muggy day (108 degrees, I am told) and there was not a breeze to be had inside Summit Ranch's large indoor arena. In spite of that, DAHA's Trail Clinic / Social was a huge success in every way. There were close to twenty horses participating as well as about 10 auditors. The arena was packed from end to end with sweaty riders and horses and a plethora of trail obstacles which had all been set up by the talented trail class designer, Anne Dennis, who designs the trail courses for DAHA's shows as well as for AQHA. Anne not only set up bridges, gates, boxes, etc., she also helped Jill Mitchell, our DAHA president and very talented trainer, lead the clinic. The riders were split into two groups, half of whom worked with Jill and the other half with Anne. We side passed, trotted poles, fumbled with rope gates, loped in and out of boxes, spun 360s, and did patterns that included three or four obstacles in sequence. It was a veritable three ring circus of very well-behaved horseys and humans. The instruction was superb and our trainers (Anne and Jill) were kind. We all learned so much and came away energized and inspired.

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Volunteers in the center of the arena kept us supplied with ice water and even popsicles. We dined on a yummy lunch catered by El Balazo in Summit's delightfully air conditioned lounge, and then we ventured back out into the arena that was now a veritable sauna and rode another 2 hours. I had a ball and heard nothing but accolades from the other participants. Soooooo we're going to do it again—probably in the winter. I know I'll be there. I hope if you missed this clinic, you'll be at the next one.



Sidney Simpson and Cheyenne at the trail clinic

## 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. 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](http://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, 2009.** Please contact Sherry Pedder for more information (925) 254-2493 or [sherry.pedder@gmail.com](mailto:sherry.pedder@gmail.com)

## Castle Rock Arabians All Breed Schooling Show

Castle Rock Arabians is hosting an All Breed Schooling Show on Sunday, September 13th. Registration will begin at 7:00 a.m. and the Show will start promptly at 8:00 a.m. DAHA president, Jill Mitchell will be judging the show. We look forward to seeing you in September. Let's support these local shows! Please contact Nancy Dupont at (925) 937-7661 if you have any questions. Information and the registration form are on the [www.diabloaha.org](http://www.diabloaha.org) website.

## DAHA Fall Fling Show

Our Fall Fling Show will be at Brookside Equestrian Park, September 25 - 27, 2009. Entries close September 4, 2009. 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](mailto:willowjewelfarm@yahoo.com) if you are interested in volunteering or class sponsorship. Your support will make this show a success!

## AHA Convention

Region III is hosting the AHA Convention this year at the Silver Legacy in Reno, NV on November 18 - 21, 2009. Come visit "the biggest little city in the world" and join fellow Arabian horse enthusiasts, friends, and industry professionals for fun events, industry education opportunities and AHA business. Whether traveling as a delegate or guest, all members are welcome. If you have never attended an AHA Convention, this is the time to go. DAHA will be sending its delegates: President Jill Mitchell, Secretary Cindy Silvani-Lacey and board member Pat Hendershot, with membership chair Evelyn Call and Treasurer Amy Edwards as alternates.



## 2009 High Point Standings

By Sherry Pedder

September 3, 2009

### PB WESTERN PLEASURE:

OK. Formally Attired	
JS Baskskozel	21
KJR Phancee	6
Buckaroo MA	
Lucille Ball PL	29

### PB ENGLISH PLEASURE:

### PB HUNTER PLEASURE:

Megha Exclusive

### PB VERSATILITY:

Way Cool Zee +/	479
JS Baskskozel	10
OK. Formally Attired	9
KJR Phancee	25
Buckaroo MA	61
Lucille Ball PL	69

Princess Husseri

### HA WESTERN PLEASURE:

SF Legacy's Lad	33
Show Me the Gold GM	125
Citrine	87

### HA HUNTER PLEASURE:

Show Me the Gold GM	40
Citrine	
Dream in Color	167

### HA VERSATILITY:

SF Legacy's Lad	9
Citrine	30
Dream in Color	112

### ENDURANCE:

Makaylaa	
Stelle Fire II+//	50
Aron Moon+//	377

### COMPETITIVE TRAIL:

Aron Moon+//

### SPORT HORSE-IN-HAND:

### SPORT HORSE UNDER SADDLE:

Way Cool Zee+//	60
Show Me the Gold GM	77
Dream in Color	14
Princess Husseri	42
Vanna Oran	58

### DRESSAGE:

Princess Husseri	45
Shameless Bey	7

### JUNIORS: 10 & UNDER - WALK/JOG

I. Farly/Beaundayshus	98
C. Edwards/OK. Formally Attired	19
C. Edwards/Megha Exclusive	27

### JUNIORS: 13 & UNDER

A. Farly/Show Me the Gold	341
A. Edwards/ JS Baskskozel	76
M. Engelhart/Lucille Ball PL	164

### JUNIORS: 14 - 17

K. McKillop/ Megha Exclusive	27
K. McKillop/ Lucille Ball PL	51
K. McKillop/Citrine	68
K. McKillop/ Buckaroo MA	9
A. Engelhart/Lucille Ball PL	
A. Engelhart/Buckaroo MA	332
A. Engelhart/Citrine	75

### PB HALTER STALLIONS:

TW GA-Marwan	191
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### AMATEUR EXCELLENCE PERF:

Debbie Bartman	479
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### AMATEUR EXCELLENCE HALTER:

### IBN SKOVDUE-ADULT

Amy Edwards	21
Debbie Bartman	479

### IBN SKOVDUE-JUNIORS

Allison Edwards - JS Baskskozel	76
Caroline Edwards - OK Formally Attired	19
Alexa Engelhart - Buckaroo MA	332

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

Beaundayshus	85
SF Legacy's Lad	32
Vanna Oran	58

### TRAINER INCENTIVE:

Jill Mitchell	8
Cindy Volz	2
Debbie Compilli	1

Thanks for joining the DAHA 2009 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, 2009 to count...** You may enter before November 15 but must have all points to Sherry Pedder by that date to count.

IT'S NEVER TOO LATE TO JOIN

GOOD LUCK!



## Family Arabian Nomination:

### Kristen and Taylor Made

By Nancy Dupont, Owner of Castle Rock Arabians

Champions often come from inauspicious beginnings. Seabiscuit was not much to look at, and the undersized racehorse was overlooked until trainer Tom Smith had faith in him. Such was also the case with Kristen Wheeler and Taylor Made, a spunky little Arabian mare who turned out to be long in talent even if short in the looks department. Bred by Carol Kenning out of KJ Enjoli, the foal that grew up to become a winner looked like anything but on the day she was born. She had a blaze as wide as one on the face of Hereford cow that ended in a big pink nose, giving her the look of a permanently etched grin.

When Taylor Made turned four and Kristen was about to turn 12, Carol approached Nancy Dupont, owner of Castle Rock Arabians, about finding a buyer for Taylor Made. Nancy believed the horse would be a good match for Kristen, and Kristen's parents, Anne and Bill, were ready to take the big step into horse ownership for their daughter, who had been riding for two years. Taylor Made was purchased and hidden at Castle Rock Arabians until Kristen could be surprised at her birthday party on July 1, 2003.

The next day, Kristen saddled Taylor and headed up Mount Diablo on Castle Rock Arabian's first Annual Explorers Ride. She and four other riders camped overnight and then rode down the mountain to don Spanish uniforms and ride in Clayton's Fourth of July parade. The 40-mile roundtrip ride and participation in a noisy parade in front of a rambunctious crowd was a remarkable start for the young horse and young rider. A few weeks later, Kristen and Taylor joined a Yosemite ride led by George Cardinet and rode successfully from the top of Glacier Point down the treacherous, 18-inch-wide four mile trail whose winds down the face of the cliff to the Valley Floor.

Soon thereafter, Kristen tackled a novice North American Trail Ride Conference ride on Mount Diablo, and Taylor left the starting line galloping sideways. Kristen managed to hang on and finish the 25-mile course, with Kristen taking third place youth rider and Taylor first place for youth horse. But Taylor's less-than-impressive start left others believing the horse was too spooky for competitions.

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(Kristen and Taylor....Cont.)

Kristen was undeterred. She worked on improving her riding skills, and then joined the Amigos de Anza Drill Team led by George Cardinet. Although Taylor spun like a top the first time Kristen held a flag while mounted, eventually the duo would be in the lead. On one occasion, as the team performed at the Grand National Rodeo at the Cow Palace outside of San Francisco, Kristen and Taylor carried the American flag. Suddenly, the flagpole began to collapse, and Kristen struggled to keep the American flag above all others. Then her stirrup came undone. But the teamwork that Kristen and Taylor had developed carried them through to a balanced and beautiful finish.

Sadly, Kristen began to outgrow Taylor. The girl who was under five feet when she got Taylor was now closing in on 6 feet, and had ambitions to jump higher than the Arab could take her. Her parents purchased Chief, a big warmblood, and they enjoyed a successful two years on the jumper circuit. But her heart still belonged to Taylor, and, after Chief had to be sold, she begged her parents to let her take Taylor into the Arabian show ring. Her parents were skeptical that Taylor could do well against other Arabs with better conformation, but eventually relented.

Kristen took Taylor to the DAHA show in Elk Grove, CA, in May 2008. Initially, Taylor wasn't doing well. The judges would not even look at her. On the last day, she entered a class that had an individual equitation test. She finished second out of 17 riders, which qualified her for the Youth Nationals. Kristen asked her mom if they could take Taylor to the Nationals. Anne told her she didn't believe they had a chance.

So they focused on the regional competition in Scottsdale in February 2009 as Anne believed that Taylor and Kristen might have a chance in an Arabian native costume class because the flowing costume would camouflage the fact that Kristen looked too big on her small mount. On the first afternoon of the Scottsdale show, a conflict developed and Kristen had to choose between entering the costume class, where she was guaranteed a ribbon because there were only three entries, or of in competing in two large equitation classes. She chose the greater challenges. "In the first class, there was no individual test. So Kristen and Taylor were not noticed and did not make the top 12.

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We wondered what she was trying to prove," her mother Anne recalls. "In the later class, they all had to do an individual test. We were surprised when Kristen and Taylor got second place."

The next day came an even bigger surprise. Against a tough field of top horses in the 2009 Hunter Seat Equitation Championship 14 to 17 at the Scottsdale Arabian Horse Show, Kristen and Taylor emerged as the champions. When their victory was announced, Kristen hugged and hugged Taylor Made. The victory was even sweeter because Kristen knew she had persevered despite many skeptics. She remembered the words of trainer Matt Archer, who would advise envious young riders when he heard them complaining about the success of, lusting over and wishing they owned the prizewinning horses, "Ride the horse you're on."

Kristen did.



Kristen and Taylor Made with family and friends

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

## Cheyenne's Kentucky Horse Park Adventure

By Sidney Simpson

What a very lucky lady I am. Sometimes I feel that I need to pinch myself to be sure life is really as sweet as I think it is (except I don't want to be black and blue). In June something remarkable happened to me. Many months before, I had submitted a copy of my story about Cheyenne's first cow sorting experience to the AHA. So much time had passed that frankly I had forgotten all about it. Then within two days, two incredible things happened. First AHA printed my article complete with pictures in the Modern Arabian Horse magazine, and second, I was now being contacted by Monadnock Media, inc., a company that puts together museum exhibits. They were asking me to become part of the new permanent Arabian breed exhibit at Kentucky Horse Park. Good grief! I couldn't contain myself. I must admit that I continually felt unworthy—I still do. After all, who was I? I am not a buckle-winning, national-champion horsewoman, and Cheyenne isn't that kind of horse either. I guess I would describe myself best as a woman who knows how to tell a story, who likes to write, and who is passionate about her horse.

It was quickly arranged for me to record an interview at a studio in Emeryville across from Pixar. They told me that KHP had chosen the Arabian for the first breed-specific exhibit for the park as it is the foundation for so many breeds—cool. . Others would follow later. I did two recordings that day. One was a reading of my narrative, and the second was an improvisational interview. The recording along with many pictures of Cheyenne are now in their hands.

I felt as though I would burst with excitement and happiness. What I am left with now is a warm glow, knowing that long after both Cheyenne and I are gone, we will live on as a part of Kentucky Horse Park. I guess we represent so many women who have acquired horses later in life and love them with all of their hearts—not because they are national champions but rather because they have become a part of our souls. What a lucky lady I am indeed. As for Cheyenne, he is happy as long as he there are no plastic bags floating around and he gets his alfalfa and daily ration of carrots and apples.



## *Diablo Arabian Horse Association*

*Is proud to present our annual*

### Fall Fling Horse Show

*September 25 - September 27*

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

**Western, Trail, Reining and Showmanship Judge: Sheri Odom**  
**Hunter, Country English and Halter Judge: Lisa Corbin**  
**Sport Horse Judge: Richard Keller**

**Patron Sponsorships are \$150 and include prime  
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and ½ page ads are \$50. Class sponsorships are \$15 a class and  
\$25 for 2 classes and \$25 for all championship classes.**

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