

The Right Lead

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Jimmy O's Pizza, Oregon City, OR

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New Faces in a New Year!

As we start a new year, we have some new people on the AHBAO board, along with a couple of us that have been here before! Our President, Julie Hedden, has some new ideas, and is excited to get new people involved. We are going to try to “spotlight” a member with every issue of the newsletter. We also would LOVE to get any horsey news you would like to share. Maybe you have bought or sold a horse, have a new foal, won some awards, or even went on an interesting trail ride that you would like to share with the rest of us. Please do! Send the information to me and I will be happy to share. We also would like to “spotlight” special horses. I'm going to kick it off this month with a story on the horse love of my life. Hopefully it will inspire others☺

We have a new location for our fall open show. We had a very successful show last year, but the facility sold, so we had to move. It will be held September 10, 2016, at Para Heava Stables in Molalla. I will put the class list in this newsletter.

Also, don't forget the AHBAO Spring Classic Arabian Horse Show will be held April 22-24, 2016, at the Oregon Horse Center in Eugene. We hope you can join the fun!

Next Meeting – June 5th, 2016

Our next meeting is scheduled for Sunday, June 5th, 2016, 5:00 p.m., at Jimmy O's Pizza, 1678 R, Beaver Creek Road, Oregon City, OR. The board meeting will be held first (we hope to finish business in an hour), followed by a guest speaker from the Arabian Horse Rescue. We hope you can join us.

Congratulations

Our AHA Club Volunteer Service Award winner for last year was Shelley Jones, our Futurity Secretary. She has done a wonderful job for quite a few years organizing and tracking our futurity entries and winners. Thank you, Shelley!

Welcome New Members

We would like to welcome new members Amaryllis Ahlin from Ashland, and Kelly Waltos from Wilsonville. Happy to have you with us!

Essential Oils Presentation

Come hear about the benefits of using oils on your horses, dogs and cats. Invite your friends and plan to join us for dinner.

Date – Friday, April 29, 2016

Where - J's Restaurant, 2017 Portland Rd, Newberg

Time – 6-8 p.m.

If you have questions, contact Michelle Nash at (503) 894-1666. Sponsored by AHBAO.

President's Letter – Julie Hedden

As I sit here on another gray, rainy Oregon January day, surrounded by the gloom that comes so often with winter, all that comes to mind is a desire to see the sun and feel its warmth once again. Unfortunately, like many of you, there's often that quick realization that we are only in the middle of winter and the re-emergence of the sun could still be a few months away. So, I layer-up in clothing and do what we all love to do – head to the barn.

Once there, in that unique world that we are so passionate about, I add a coat, hat and gloves before stepping out into the cold dark rain. Opening the barn door, it's impossible not to hear that first nicker, and a smile just comes across my face. I'm "home" in a very real and fulfilling sense and the resident of this barn is part of a close-knit family, a family I love being part of. I doubt I'm alone. As I walk to his stall and open the door, he comes over and I feel the warm breath on my skin when he nuzzles my cheek. It is in these moments that I realize that while it may be that big orange ball of energy muscled energy nuzzling my cheek that warms my heart.

For people like you and I, it is these moments that, even in the dark and the gloom, I have found my sun, warmth and smile in that amazing creature, the Arabian horse. So next time you gaze outside at the wet gloom of a winter's day, remember that the warmth you're searching for may be closer than you think!

Member Spotlight - Susan Norman

Even on the coldest of early morning, there's a palpable tingle in the air on the 13-acre farm Susan Norman calls home in Oregon's Coast Range. And on those mornings, Norman can be found doing what she's been doing every similar morning since 1967 – feeding her horses.

It's a task she has found comfort in while fanning the flames of a passion and love for the Arabian breed. "My husband and I bought our first Arabian in 1989," she said. "I was working as a veterinary technician when I met Dr. Arthur Lahm, who was filling in for our normal vet. He had his horse portfolio with him and that was the start of a long friendship and my first Arabian gelding, SX Koda Chrome (KodaBey x Chakina). We bought him from a picture when he was 6 months old." The couple would hold onto the horse until its death at age 26. "My husband and I also purchased his half-sister, Koda Krystal (KodaBey x El Lanna)," she added, noting that it was the sheer beauty of the Arabian that attracted them to the breed at first. And now, "It is personality and versatility."

Owning and being around the Arabian offers a sense of pride in "being involved in a breed that can trace its ancestors back so many generations with such a rich

heritage," Norman said. "And then there is that feeling that comes from riding really gorgeous horses." The passion for the breed has taken root deeply with Norman and her husband. So much so that the couple built a large arena barn five years ago and created Nehalem Valley Arabians. It's just the latest venture in a nearly 50-year love affair with horses. "I've owned horses for 49 years but believe it or not, I have not owned a lot of horses," Norman explained. "I lost my 11-year-old gelding, Nehalem Bay, to Cushings and that was a hard blow. It has been around seven years and I still can't bring myself to look at his tail. He was cremated and is buried under a pear tree overlooking the river." The special horse in her life now is her half-Arabian mare, Ms Vanilla Pie, who has allowed Norman to step into the show world.

It's not an easy or convenient life, this Arabian horse world. Norman's day starts about 6:30 a.m. and ends sometime around 8 p.m. In-between there is plenty to attend to. "I figure I'm in and out of the barn at least eight times a day, ranging from 15 minutes to five or six hours at a stretch," she said. "I feel very lucky I can physically do what I need to do each day. Barn work is a good, honest workout. "Even when I'm not in the barn, I'm thinking about the horses way too much," she added. Given the work involved and the years already under her belt pursuing this passion, Norman still has the fire to get it done every day. "I would say I am as much of a horse nut as I ever was," she said. "It has only gotten worse, if that is possible. "Switching from reality to fantasy, if Norman would pick one horse to have bred or owned, which would she choose? "Oh boy, it would have to be Desperado V based on presence alone," she said.

Share a story about your most memorable moment involving your horse?

"I remember a cold, rainy night at dusk when I was leading Ms Vanilla Pie (Khaté) back to the barn for the

night with a piece of baling twine looped around her neck. I was struggling a bit with my bad knees and mud and she patiently matched her steps to mine. When we arrived at the last gate, the other five horses following loosely behind raced by us to the barn. I felt Khate tense up, and it reminded me that a little piece of baling twine could not control a horse wanting to join her herd, but it did. She continued to walk slowing in the dark and rain with me. I felt pretty special after that.”

Horse Spotlight – Kolors+//

It all started with me looking for a horse for AHA's Bonanza Program. We were going down to Yuma, AZ, to visit my parent's in their winter home over Christmas 1992. I picked up a California Horse Trader, and saw the ad for a yearling Khemosabi++++ son, out of a Bey El Bay granddaughter. Could it possibly be I could actually purchase a son of my favorite Arabian stallion?

We stopped on the way home in Lemoore, California, to look. I told his owner that barring something like our house burning down in the next 24 hours, I would take him. And so it began.

I started taking lessons on him in late 1994 with Karla Moffitt, telling her my lofty goal of showing him at the 1995 US Nationals in the Bonanza classes. I'm sure she was skeptical☺ But it started a working relationship and friendship that continues today!

We did show at the 1995 and 1996 shows in the western, trail and hunter divisions. It was the start of our partnership showing in western, hunter, dressage, cow horse, and trail classes. He was a competitive and won in all of the divisions, but trail was our forte'. Over the next 14 years, we competed at all levels of the Arabian show world. He accumulated over 700 AHA achievement award points in performance. He was the horse love of my life for sure. What more could I have asked for, but a Khemosabi++++ son who loved to go to horse shows and compete!

Sadly, his performance career was cut short by a career ending leg injury in 2008. He was a trooper, and recovered to a life of leisure, which he was not that fond of, but did get used to. Because we were always showing, I didn't do much about promoting him as a breeding stallion. I decided to do that several years after his injury. Unfortunately, fate stepped in to change that plan when he was diagnosed with a very serious heart condition, and my only recourse was to have him put down. As hard as it was to lose him, it is doesn't compare to all the joy having him as my horse show partner for all those years gave me!

Important Reminder

If you change your Email address, don't forget to change it with AHA. We, along with most others, use the Email address that AHA has on file for you.

AHBAO BOARD MEETING January 9, 2016 Phelps Ranch, Salem Oregon

President Norie Phelps called the meeting to order at 2:17 PM. Board members in attendance, Norie Phelps, Julie Hedden, Cheryl Deahn, Carol Helton, Haley Vachter and Renay Butts. Unable to attend, Connie Chapman and Cathy Stauffer. Incoming board members in attendance, Karla Moffitt, Michelle Nash, and Sarah Robertson.

Minutes from the pervious meeting. August 24, 2015 were read and approved.

Treasurer's Report –Joe gave a report that showed we are a positive year for income. We still have not received payment on the non-sufficient funds check from the open show yet. Julie will contact Amanda's trainer and try to secure payment. Carol motioned to accept, Karla seconded.

Correspondence – We received 2 membership checks from AHA that were given to Joe.

Financial/Audit – No questions on the budget. Joe did explain though that the reason the Oregon License Fee is at -0- is because that fee is only paid every two years. Carol motioned to accept, Renay seconded.

Nominating Committee –New board members will be, Karla Moffitt, Michelle Nash, and Sarah Robertson. Barb Garcia will fill the open seat that was vacated by Kay Herbst when she resigned.

Futurity – No report

Delegates – Karla Moffitt and Cathy Stauffer attended convention as delegates. Karla reported that it was a great success. Cathy will write a full report and will have something for the newsletter. The Regional Caucus meeting was held and Chris Bickford will be the Regional Director and Karla Moffitt will be the Vice Director.

Scholarship - Carol Helton has taken over the scholarships. Carol would like to meet with a group that would be interested in helping to update and restructure the program so it can be brought to the board. Karla will help.

Membership –None. We will need to find someone to take over the membership. Julie will contact Kay to get information about what duties this entails and report back.

April Show – No report

Fall Show – We will need to find a facility for next year's show. Several locations were mentioned: Pete's Mountain, Mt. Hood Equestrian Center, Para Heava,

Roddy Ranch, Lonestar, Sunnybrook, Clackamas County Fairgrounds. It was suggested to reach out and contact OFEA to see if they have any suggestions regarding facilities. The show will be Sept. 10, 2016
Sunshine – Haley Vachter has taken over sunshine . Cards were sent to Bev Nadeau and Walt Keiter.
Newsletter – We need to get articles together for the next newsletter that will go out. A member or horse spotlight was brought up as a way to get more members reading it. Also new members should be recognized and the possibility of members birthdays.

Web Site/FB – None

Clinics – Nothing is planned.

By-Laws – Carol will work on updating the bylaws and bring it to the board. Julie will contact Kay to try and get a computer file to Carol so she can work in it easily. Any By law change has to appear in the newsletter, with the old and then the new replacement and the announcement that it will be voted on at the next meeting by the board members.

Old Business – None

New Business – Election of Officers. New officers are: President – Julie Hedden, Vice President – Cathy Stauffer, Secretary – Carol Helton, Treasurer – Joe Gradin. Karla motioned to accept the slate of officers, Cheryl seconded. Approved.

Announcements -

Next Meeting Date & Location – Friday, March 11, 2016, 5:00 pm at Pacific Training Center, Newberg Oregon

The meeting was adjourned at 3:47
Respectively submitted.
Julie Hedden, Secretary.

2016 Calendar of Events

January 9 – AHBAO Winter party 3:30 pm, Board Meeting at 2 pm, Phelps Ranch, Salem, OR.

April 22-24 – AHBAO Spring Classic Arabian Show. Oregon Horse Center, Eugene, OR. Contact: Heather Engstrom (541) 689-9700.

April 29 – AHBAO Sponsored Essential Oils Presentation. J's Restaurant, Newberg, 6-8 pm. Contact Michelle Nash (503) 894-1666

Sept 10 – AHBAO 7th Annual Open Show, Para Heava, Molalla. Contact Barb Garcia, dcarabs@aol.com.

For a complete listing of events visit the Region 4 website at: aharegioniv.com.

Member News



Member Cathy Stauffer welcomed this beautiful Audacious PS filly out of Bey Anastayshah March 2nd.. Congratulations Cathy!!

More Member News

Congratulations to junior member Keith Butts who claimed his fourth straight OHSET district championship in Saddle Seat recently. He and his half-Arabian Koko Shanel, will be going to state this May in Redmond. His purebred Arabian, Read All About It, will also be going, having carried a teammate to co-district champion in the same event. Good luck to Keith and his Arabians!

May is Arabian Horse Month!

The Arabian Horse Association is excited to announce that the second annual "Celebration of the Arabian Horse Month" will be May 2016

AHA has chosen three events to participate in during the month of May. The first is Furry Scurry, the AHA staff and their dogs will walk in a fundraiser to help support homeless equines. The next event, the AHA staff, along with real jockeys, will head to the Aurora – Children's Hospital Colorado to do arts and crafts with the kids. For the third AHA is partnering with a local open show to bring awareness of the Arabian Horse.

Go to arabianhorses.org to get more information!



ARABIAN HORSE BREEDERS ASSOCIATION OF OREGON
Founded 1947
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

E-Mail _____ Youth Birthdate _____

Arabian Horse Association Membership # _____ (If Applicable)

_____ \$60 Affiliate Voting Membership (AHA, AHBAO) _____ \$10 AHA "Modern Arabian" magazine

_____ \$90 Affiliate Voting Membership (AHA, AHBAO, Competition Card, AHA Liability Insurance)

_____ \$20 Youth (Add \$25 for Competition Card, AHA Liability Insurance)

_____ \$20 Adult or Youth AHBAO Associate (Non-voting AHA, AHBAO, No AHA Insurance)

The \$60 Affiliate Voting membership includes all club and many Arabian Horse Association benefits. In the future you may upgrade your membership. You will receive all AHBAO Club, Region 4 and AHA, news events, via your email address.

Membership dues are on a yearly basis. A special rate for a 3- year membership is available by joining on the AHA web site.

We invite you to join our club. Our goal is to be friendly and enjoy our mutual enthusiasm for our horses. We have an informative Newsletter, sent to your email address, Winter Party, All Arabian Horse Show, Fall Open Show, Yearling Halter Futurity, Youth Member Scholarship and trail rides. We promote enjoying your horse for pleasure riding. We have a High Point Award for our Recreational Riders. We encourage our horse show members to participate in the Region 4 High Point program, which our club supports by donating funds to this program.

You may join on line at www.ArabianHorses.org and save \$5. Or mail this application, along with a check made payable to AHBAO: Julie Hedden, Membership Chair, 1011 Johnson St, Oregon City, OR 97045, 503-312-1399, trickpony62@outlook.com.

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