

The Right Lead

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Next Meeting – Saturday, January 7, 2017, 4:00 p.m.
Arbor Brook Vineyards, Newberg, OR

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Congratulations to US National Winners!

If I miss someone, please let me know and I will include you in the next issue! Or, if we had winners from Sport Horse Nationals, please let me know.

Kristy Kramer was National Top Ten A/HA/AA Western Horsemanship AATR on Alada White PGA, owned by Jill Jourdan and Kristy Kramer.

Mary Jane Brown was National Top Ten in Arabian Trail Horse Open on both Alada White PGA owned by Kristy Kramer, and Megas Macho Man owned by Sue Hauberg.

Melissa Shaver was National Top Ten on her mare, Bee My Bucks, in HA/AA Reining Rookie Non-Pro AAOTR.

Theresa Spencer was National Top Ten in HA/AA Reining Horse Rookie Non-Pro AAOTR with her horse LJ Marshall. She was Reserve National Champion Arabian Reining Rookie Non-Pro AAOTR, and Top Ten in Arabian Reining Horse AAOTR on Pazzazz JT, owned by Irwin Schimmel.

Congratulations to all!! Hopefully, I got everyone!

Holiday Party – January 7, 2017

Please plan to attend our annual party to be held at Arbor Brook Vineyards in Newberg, Oregon. The board of directors meeting will be held at 4:00 pm, with the party to begin at 5:00 pm. We're excited to have Dr. Melissa Shaver as our guest speaker! Everyone is invited. There will also be wine tasting and door prizes. A flyer about the meeting is attached.

Welcome New Members

We would like to welcome new members: Janice and Jeffrey Wallace of Battle Ground, WA. Welcome, and thanks for joining our club!

President's Letter – Julie Hedden

The long, bright days of summer are over and the dark, dreary days of winter are creeping closer and closer. But, even though the cold, wet days that seem to have set in chill me to the bone, the feeling that accompanies this change in the season also warms my heart -- the Holiday Season approaches.

And it's during this time of year that I can't help but reflect on one of my most vivid holiday memories. It was the first Christmas after I'd finally moved out on my own. Living on warm, soggy Top Ramen noodles and tuna fish in my sparsely decorated little house, I didn't have much, but I was on my own, making my own decisions. I was independent.

It was close to Christmas and I wanted a tree, so I went with some friends up into the woods and cut down one down. I brought it home and put it in the little tree stand. Since I could not afford shiny ornaments for my tree, I had to be creative. I went to the store and bought some red and green ribbon, some plastic silverware, and headed home. Once there I turned up the radio and decorated my little tree with that green and red ribbon, and plastic forks, knives and spoons. I stood back and looked at my little tree and I can remember to this day how I felt -- wonderful, truly joyful.

Helen Keller once said "The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched. They must be felt with the heart." It is at that time, looking at my little tree decorated with plastic silverware, that I realized how right she was. The holiday season is not a time for thinking about what you don't have, it is a time for celebrating what you, in fact, do have. The most precious things I have and love cannot be bought at a store or online, acquired with cash or credit card, nor is it found hanging on a tree. It is the love I have for my family and friends, the sense of pride I have when I finally "get it," the awe that I have when I see my daughter with her own son, the joy I feel when helping someone and the gratitude I feel when someone shares a part of themselves, whether it be a story from a friend or a smile from a stranger.

One of the greatest gifts we can give is the gift of ourselves. With our holiday party soon upon us, I would like to personally invite all our members, their family and friends, to come share your smiles, stories, and love of the Arabian horse. Come celebrate the season and our beautiful Arabian Horse!

Member Spotlight – Haley Vachter

Where you live and a bit about yourself (career, marriage, kids, anything we should know about you): I am 24 years old and I'm from Newberg, Oregon. I am an Oregon licensed real estate broker. I am also a member of the Oregon Breeders Arabian Club. I have been riding horses for 21 years and have been riding and showing Arabians for 10 years.

1) How did you get involved with Arabian horses. I first became involved with Arabian horses when I turned 15 years old. I started working for Pacific Training Center, (Karla Moffitt), as a groom on the weekends while in school. Through time, hard work, and passion I started working full time when I turned eighteen.

2) What is it about the breed that you enjoy and made you stay with them?

It is hard to put into words how I express my love and gratitude for the Arabian horse. It is the love and deep connection they possess and share with you that is truly amazing. I love the people that surround the breed, they carry the same love for them as I do. They have the same passion and look at them with care. All the different events that surround the breed are amazing. I have shown many different breeds and the Arabian has been my favorite so far.

3) Give me a feeling for what it's like to own Arabians. Emotions, mindset, etc.?

The feeling of owning an Arabian horse is outstanding. To own an Arabian is a true freedom and to help represent such a beautiful, kind and passionate horse is a feeling you cannot put into words. I love Arabians so much but I cannot say for myself firsthand what it is like to own an Arabian because I have not yet owned one. But it is something I am working hard to do. I do know what it is like to love one and it is the best feeling. It is true happiness.

4) Tell me about a special horse that you have had in your life.

I have been very fortunate to have two special horses in my life. First is Spirit America, he taught me so much and showed me the ropes. He was the first Arabian I had ever shown. I had the amazing privilege to show him at Canadian Nationals and won Reserve National Champion on him. That is one of the best memories I have. The other horse is KM Kenny D ++/. I remember when I first met Kenny, I was cleaning his stall at region 4. From that moment on we had a deep connection and love for each other and still do. We share so many great memories together.

5) How much time do you spend in the barn per week would you say and what does that time do for you mentally and physically?

I used to spend every day in the barn, well that was my job. But now that I am in a different field of work I spend not quite as much time as I would like, but I try to make sure I ride two times per week. Sometimes I get to ride more and sometimes less. But that time I do get to be in the barn is the most precious time. Riding makes everything make sense in life, going to the barn is the best form of meditation you could ever receive. It makes the darkest days seem bright. It makes me so happy to get to spend time in the barn and ride.

- 6) If you could pick one horse to have bred or owned which one would it be or have been and why?
- 7) Share a story about your most memorable moment or greatest achievement involving your horse.

My most memorable moment involving my horse would have to be when I got the chance to show the great Major Blues to a champion at region 4 in Horsemanship. It stands out in my mind because it was my last year as a youth and I struggled all year with horsemanship. I was always just short of winning. I worked so hard everyday on my equitation and pattern work. When it came time to show at regionals in horsemanship, I thought "here goes nothing" and just rode my horse. I had the best pattern I have ever had, and ended up winning. That was such an accomplishment. With all the great horseman I had the privilege of competing against I thank them, because they pushed me to be a better rider and person than I thought I could be. Through this journey I have learned so much. I thank everyone that have helped me along the way, I am very grateful.

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.

2017 Calendar of Events

Jan 7 – AHBAO 7th Annual Party and board meeting. Arbor Brook Vineyards, Newberg, OR. Board Meeting 4 pm, Party 5:00 pm

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

Horse Spotlight – SS Romeo, by Carrie Anderson



Many years ago, nineteen to be exact, I set out to breed my mare, Sausha Sheen. Like all first-time breeders, I felt I would end up with a National Champion because I had a beautiful mare and I was sure to pick the perfect stallion, making this venture a total success.

I scoured the back pages of the Times and the World. I checked out some local farms and visited McReynold's Arabians. I fell in love with their pure polish stallion, Romeo VF, and decided he was the right choice for my mare. On a side note, I also fell in love with another horse on their farm, a fiery, copper colored 2 year old stud colt. But, that's a story for another day.

I delivered my mare to the breeder and the breeding season came and went without the coveted black circle appearing on the screen. I returned with the mare the following year, hoping for the best, but the events weren't going as planned. As the season progressed, my hopes for a foal faded. I was urged to have the mare covered one more time and I agreed, saying I'd be back at the end of the month and the mare was coming home, black circle or not. When I arrived to pick up my mare, I was handed a tiny little photograph. It was the long awaited black circle. SS Romeos Legacy ++/ was on his way!

In May of the following year, the 24th at 10:30 pm to be exact, he came into my world. A scrawny little bay colt with spindly legs and wrinkled ears, he was a wreck. He arrived weak and frail and within days, he had a plasma transfusion. As the days turned into months, he got stronger and began to fill out, becoming rambunctious and rather eye-catching.

Although he had a registered name before he was born, he didn't have an official barn name. He was known as Little Man around the barn for quite some time. The



woman who owned the facility where I boarded, who had a knack for winning big at video poker, told me he was going to be my ace in the hole someday. From then on, Ace became his name.

As he grew, I showed him in main ring halter classes and he did well, even making a judge's card in the yearling Sweepstakes class of over 20 horses. I had hoped he would follow in the steps of his sire and be an English horse. Although he had quite a fancy trot, he wasn't put together for the kind of career.

Around that time, sport horse classes were beginning to take hold. A local club had a sport horse in-hand clinic, so I decided to take Ace and see what it was all about. I had zero knowledge about the triangle, the open stance, and how to present a horse in this venue. I learned a lot that day and the clinician loved Ace. She encouraged me to show in-hand and predicted Ace would excel and excel he did!

I began showing him in-hand and to my delight, he won just about every class I showed him in. I also showed him in the under saddle classes and he did well there, too. The points began adding up, the Sweepstakes checks and Achievement Award plaques arrived in the mail and in 2008, all my hopes and dreams for this horse came true. In an open class of 40 geldings, Ace won a National Championship, with a score of 76. I still get goose bumps and tears in my eyes thinking about this moment. To be the breeder, owner, trainer, and handler of this horse and showing him to an open National Championship still takes my breath away.

When it was all said and done, Ace brought home one National Championship, six National Top Ten's, four Regional Championships, eight Regional Reserve Championships, eight Top 5's, and untold numbers of class A blue ribbons. All this as earned in under saddle and in-hand, open and ATH /ATR.

These days Ace, who is now approaching eighteen years old, is retired. He spends his well-earned retirement rolling in the mud and chasing deer in the rolling hills of Sheridan. He still has plenty of snort and blow and puts on a show for the neighbors, with his proudly flagged tail, neck high and arched, park trotting across the pasture as if it was a victory lap.

Nominating Committee Report

The terms of board members Carol Helton, Cheryl Deahn and Barb Garcia are up. All three are eligible for reelection. Carol and Cheryl have agreed to run for another term, but Barb Garcia has decided not to run for reelection. We want to thank them for their service and present the following nominees:

Nominees are – Carol Helton, Cheryl Deahn and Cassie Richard. Their bios follow.

Cheryl Deahn - My involvement with the Arabian horse began in 2000, when I took our then, 9 year old daughter for one riding lesson to see how it would go. That was all it took.

The involvement with the Arabian horse has been my love and passion ever since. We own four Arabian and Half Arabian horses, two of which my daughter and I have shown, at local, regional, Youth Nationals, and State OHSET competitions.

I have been past advisor for the Oregon City High School Equestrian team. Helping and lending our horse to student athletes for local and state competition.

I love to teach our grandchildren to ride and share our horses with people who just want to ride a horse. When time allows, I love trail riding with friends, and riding at home.

Carol Helton - Carol is a near-native Oregonian, with horse experience since childhood. She has been involved with Arabians since her teens and with the organizations that support the breed since the 70's. Her professional experience as a project manager gives her background and skills that apply to tasks identified by the club's Board of Directors.

Cassie Richard - I grew up in West Linn and Molalla, lived briefly in Spokane, WA (8 years). I have ridden since I was 8, first a Shetland/Welsh pony, then a homely but lovable ½ Arab gelding. I am divorced, mom of 3 grown daughters, a trauma/emergency nurse at OHSU in Portland since 1999.

My first registered horse was a ½ Arab ¼ Shetland ¼ Thoroughbred named Korky. He was wonderful. My first purebred was a Serafix grandson who was chestnut with a flaxen mane and tail, he was beautiful and flashy. I have owned Arabians ever since.

My first purebred Arabian I got when I was 14 and he was coming 3. I broke him to ride myself and owned him until he passed at 32. The next was one I acquired by winning a breeding to a stallion the Brumarba farm in Spokane was standing. I leased a Comar Bay Beau daughter and bred her and kept the baby. I had him until his last day on earth at age 28, he was ornery and smart and I loved him. Currently, I have 2. I bought a gelding from Stewart Performance horses in 2006 who has mostly been a pasture pet and a trail horse, he's a sweetie. While I've loved them all, my true heart horse is the one I currently own and show. He was bred by Kelly Holder at Rosewood Farms, is a Hisani son out of a Khadraj daughter and I truly can't put into words how happy he makes me. He's sweet and not shy about getting cranky if he disagrees.

In almost 50 years of owning Arabians, there are so many special moments. This year, with Sonic (Hsantiago KF), winning the select western pleasure at the region IV preshow then going top 5 in a big class of 15 was pretty special. We followed that up with winning the AATH gelding halter class at region V in a class of 8, really special moments. We followed that up with our first trail ride at McIver park this week and he was a rock star, even navigated some of the training obstacles like a pro. All in all, I can't imagine my life without an Arabian.

If anyone has someone they would like to nominate, please forward the information to Julie Hedden by December 20, 2016.





ARABIAN HORSE BREEDERS ASSOCIATION OF OREGON
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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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