

The Right Lead

Arabian Horse Breeders Association of Oregon

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New Board Members AHBAO is happy to welcome 2 new board members, Theresa Spencer and Alissia Agte. Here's a little bit about Alissia...

Hello! My name is Alissia and I've had the privilege of owning horses since 2011. Taking up horse riding as an adult is a great adventure and the pursuit of a passion I've had since childhood! I currently have Arabians, Morgans and a Mini Pinto Horse. I enjoy all aspects of riding and have had the opportunity to learn different disciplines like Driving, Hunter/Jumper, Reining, Ranch, Drill Team and Western Pleasure over the years. We just completed a covered arena at our home and are so happy to be able to ride year-round again! I am always looking for opportunities to learn and improve, there are so many great horse people out there with knowledge, experience and different perspectives. My hope for the coming year is to get the chance to show my Arabian. My WP Arabian's name is Entourage (pictured). In my eyes he is the most patient, kind, athletic and talented horse I could ever hope to own. He's a truly great horse that gives me lofty daydreams! Outside of horses I am wife to my wonderful husband Dan and mother to my rambunctious son Rory. We have a hobby farm in Molalla that is home to our horses, dogs, cats and chickens. I love gardening, food and wine, art, movies, books, baking, swimming, hiking and going to the gym. I have a degree in Mathematics from the University of Idaho and before my son was born I worked in the insurance industry.

I am truly looking forward to serving on the board for the upcoming year. Cheers!

Pictured below: Alissia & Entourage



New AHBAO Officers: Carol Helton is replacing Cassie Richards as President and Alissia Agte is taking over as Treasurer from Cheri Wilson.

Region 4 Endurance

By Carlene Benson (bensonwc@mac.com), Region 4 endurance Rep

The '23 AHA Region 4 50 Mile Endurance Championship at Pacific Crest outside of Ashland was a huge success. When I left home I had 12 entered; at the ride another 7 signed up. This was the biggest field ever. 18 horses started with 9 purebreds and 4 half Arabs completing the course. There were 3 from Region 5, 2 from NV, 2 from CA, 12 from Region 4. Results:

Half Arabs: Best Condition - Sparta

- 1 HCC Tetherow Joe - Kristen Grace 5:54
- 2 Sparta - [Stevie Delahunt](#) 6:16
- 3 Hillcreek Pyra+// - [Jeff Loe](#) 7:01
- 4 West Wind Dragon - [Sheri Weast](#) 7:72

Purebreds: Best Condition - RA Ares Bey

- 1 LLC Pyros Choice - [Gabriela Blakeley](#) 4:45
- 2 RA Ares Bey - Wasch Blakely 4:45:1
- 3 PV Pamina - [Andrew Christopher Marlen](#) 5:17
- 4 Haboob - Carla Eigenauer 5:18
- 5 Griffins Flight - [Leilani Nichols](#) 5:53
- 6 My Quasar - [Bianca Chevalier](#) 8:08
- 7 VA Beychalle - Stella Stillwell 8:10
- 8 Phyre Storm Z - [Nicole Kinsey](#) 8:13
- 9 FV Aur Asad - Daniela Mielke 9:11

Kudos to Sarah Asby who helped me immensely and stood by her phone the Friday before signing up 7 new or renewing AHA members and/or getting them competition cards so they could enter.

Our new 2024 season will get underway in April. The Northwest ride schedule can be found at PNER.net. If you're interested in learning about endurance, the best way is to come out and volunteer at a ride. Each ride needs folks who can talk a pulse, scribe for the vet, hold horses, help people get their rigs parked, etc. and we'll teach you what you don't know! Bring your horse and do the 10 mile intro ride, then volunteer! Hope to see you out there.

AHBAO wants to know....

Our board has made an effort to reach out to our members and ascertain what the members would like AHBAO to bring to them. We have heard that many of you are concerned with the lack of local shows and that you enjoy clinics. We have not been able to reach all of you and we encourage each of you to let us know what YOU would like your club to provide. We are interested in what type of clinics you would enjoy, what classes you would like to see at horse shows, what other events you would enjoy that would bring us together. Nothing is off the table! Please email us! clubahbao@gmail.com.

2023 DEB WITTY RANCH/TRAIL CLINIC



Last July AHBAO put on a 2 day clinic at Diamond B. Deb Witty was fantastic. Horses and riders showed much improvement. There was a delicious catered dinner by Sarah Roberson's dad, Eric Nash, on Saturday night which included a Q & A with Deb. At Sunday lunch Deb, Kelly Holder and Mary Jane Brown regaled us with stories from years past (and MJ showed off her extensive bit collection while we talked about bit choices).

We are talking to Ann Judge about a Western Dressage clinic this fall or next year. Stay tuned.

2024 Horse Shows

- Rally in the Valley - March 28-31
- Cascade Arabian Youth Benefit show - March 15-17
- Daffodil Arab Spring Value Show - April 26-28
- IEAHC Memorial Day Classic - May 9-12
- AHACO All Arabian Horse show - May 17-19
- WA Mid Summer Classic Value Show - June 6-9
- Region 4 Last Chance/Championship - June 16-22
- Region 5 Championship - July 10-13
- Youth/Mid Summer Nat'l Championship - July 18-27
- Region 4 Sport Horse Pre Show/Championship - August 2-4
- Region 3 Last Chance/Championship - August 25-31
- Arabian Fall Classic - September 20-22
- US Nationals - October 17-26

CLICK HERE FOR WSSH SHOWS: [events](#)

AHA SHOWS & RIDES BY REGION: [regional](#)

Important Dates to Remember

January 21, 2024 AHBAO Board meeting - See your friends or meet new ones. All Are Welcome! 11:30am @

📍 McMenamins Wilsonville Old Church & Pub

November 2024 - AHA Convention is in Reno this year!

News request: If you have any news you would like to submit for the AHBAO newsletter please email the news to the newsletter editor at clubahbao@gmail.com. Also, anyone having information they would like to submit to the Region 4 newsletter please submit this to Cassie at cassondrarn@yahoo.com

Online links for AHBAO sponsored programs

Futurity - [futurity nomination form](#) (Futurity on hold)

Scholarship - [Scholarship form](#) (Scholarship on hold)

High Point - [High Point form](#)

Recreational Rider - [Recreational Rider](#)

CONSIDER BECOMING AN AHBAO BOARD MEMBER! WE WOULD LOVE TO HAVE YOU JOIN US!