

# The Right Lead

Arabian Horse Breeders Association of Oregon [www.AHBAOregon.com](http://www.AHBAOregon.com)

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**New Board Members** AHBAO is pleased to welcome two new board members, Valorie Baker and Vicki Holechek. Valorie Baker has volunteered to be Secretary.

**AHBAO Spring Round Up 2024** was a huge success on many levels. Our primary goal was to generate energy for our club and the Arabian community overall and we did have a nice turnout. AHBAO took the opportunity to fundraise for organizations supporting our breed and our community. Our silent auction raised \$657 of which 75% was donated to Arabian Horse Rescue and Education, Inc ([arabianhorserescueedu.org](http://arabianhorserescueedu.org)) with the remaining 25% going to the Arabian Horsemen's Distress Fund. Our 50-50 raffle brought in 18% of the scholarship funds we are offering. Thanks goes out to all of those who came.

## **AHBAO heard back from you about our Spring Round Up....**

"If you didn't go you missed a really well planned club event. Good food and lots of baskets filled with lots of quality items (for silent auction). Door prizes. 50-50 Raffle with one lucky winner going home with near \$100. Thank you AHBAO"-Kay Herbst

"Thank-you so much for a fun evening!"-Kim Daly

"Thank you so very much, AHBAO! What a lovely evening to meet new people and to connect with those we used to show with nearly 20 years ago! Thanks so much for your hospitality!"-Cathie Roberts

## **Upcoming AHBAO clinic and open show opportunity ....with clinicians Mary Jane Brown and Savannah McGuire**

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

**August 17 & 18, 2024**

The Arabian Horse Breeders Association of Oregon presents a dual clinician and open show event featuring Mary Jane Brown and Savannah McGuire! All horse breeds and rider skill levels are welcome to participate! More details will be available soon!

Mary Jane Brown owns and operates Diamond B Training Stables, MJB Clinics and is currently serving as the Arabian Horse Association Judges & Stewards Commissioner. She is an esteemed and nationally acclaimed expert on Working Western sports and Horsemanship. She is an accomplished Champion rider, clinician, trainer and judge. With a lifetime of knowledge to draw from Mary Jane has a passion for helping horse owners be the best that they can be and teaching quality horsemanship to help people enjoy their animals to the fullest. Her straightforward teaching style has helped riders of all levels.

Savannah McGuire owns and operates Ambition Performance Horses, LLC. Started in 2004, she has been coaching youth and amateur all around riders as well as preparing and showing futurity horses for the APHA and AQHA shows to success at regional and national level events. Savannah specializes in helping each client set and reach goals that encompass growth as a horseman in addition to show ring success.

## AHBAO is excited about foaling season

This is a 2024 a Hubert half Arab filly owned and bred by Silvio Domingues. Who is Hurbert you ask? The winningest Royal Dutch Sport Horse ever imported to the USA. For more details about Hubert: [KWPN Harness stallion Hubert VDM sold to America](#). AHBAO member, Norie Phelps, also has a Hubert foal.



## CALLING ALL ARABIAN HORSE BREEDERS!

**You're invited** to participate in the Arabian Horse Breeders Association of Oregon's 2024 Spring Cute Baby Contest. AHBAO is excited to celebrate the babies of our local breeders. We want to share the love and give everyone a chance to see your foals. Please submit a photo of your new colt or filly to Valorie Baker ([2024ahbaosecretary@gmail.com](mailto:2024ahbaosecretary@gmail.com)) by August 15th to be entered in our photo contest. Pictures will be posted to our Facebook page with a chance for members to vote for their personal favorite-although we know they are all beautiful! The winning baby photo will receive:

- Their photo displayed on the AHBAO website with a spotlight interview about the owner's breeding program and/or goal for that foal
- A beautiful horse themed gift basket
- A \$25 gift certificate to Tractor Supply

## AHBAO Membership FYI

Current AHBAO Membership numbers:

ADULT 1 year - 25

Adult 3 year - 24

Lifetime - 6

Youth 1 year - 5

With 36-70 adult members each club gets 2 delegates to AHA convention. 71-105 members gets 3. Our club has decreased in size and we have gone from 3 delegates to 2 this year. In the past 5 years we had averaged around 73 adult members. We have until June 30 to enroll new members to try and gain our 3rd delegate. Delegates have voting rights at convention. Anyone interested in becoming an AHBAO member contact Kelly Waltos. Anyone interested in being a delegate please contact Carol Helton.

## WISHING YOU ALL A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

April & May AHBAO member birthdays:

**Paula Gibson, Norie Phelps, Michelle Rasmussen, Mary Alexander, Lukas Bardue, Celesha Gorski, Sarah Robertson, Jim Garvinson, Natalie Brannon, Patricia Pollock**

## 2024 Horse Shows

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

AHBAO Clinic & Open show - August 17 & 18

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](#)

As always, one of our best local shows!



**AHACO**  
68th Annual  
All Arabian  
Horse Shows  
MAY 17 - 19, 2024

Booking link thru 4/14/24:  
[AHACO: May 2024 Show - HIEX Booking Link](#)

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- Executive Boardroom
- Convenient 15 Access

Reservation Method: Guests can make reservations by calling the hotel directly at 541-284-0707 and requesting the AHACO Arabian Half Arabian Show 2024 group block.

## Important Dates to Remember

**Monday, May 6** AHBAO Board meeting - Join in while we plan, see your friends and/or meet new ones. All Are Welcome! 6:30pm @Santa Fe Mexican Restaurant & Cantina, 8309 SW Main St., Wilsonville

**June 1** - All Scholarships' Deadline

**August 17 & 18** - AHBAO Clinic & Open Show

**November 19-23** - AHA Convention in Reno, NV

**News request** If you have any news you would like to submit for the AHBAO newsletter please email Kelly at [clubahbao@gmail.com](mailto:clubahbao@gmail.com).

## Online links for AHBAO sponsored programs

Futurity - [futurity nomination form](#) (Futurity 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!**

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