

The Right Lead

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

JULY 12/13, 2025 ANN JUDGE DRESSAGE CLINIC



Pictured here with Thunder, the Denver Bronco's mascot, is Ann Judge our next AHBAO clinician. She has been an USEF 'R' Judge for 23 years for Arabians, Morgans, Paints and most recently Western Dressage. She is a PtHA Hall of Fame Judge, was AHA Horseman of the year, has judged over 20 National Championship and World Championship shows and rode Thunder around the field every time The NFL Denver Bronco's made a touchdown at home field for the last 20 years! We are thrilled to have scheduled her just in time to coach us before our Region 4 Sport Horse Championship show in early August next year.

AHBAO LATE JULY CLINIC/CRAZY RIBBON SHOW WITH MJ BROWN & SAVANAH MCGUIRE

was successful beyond our wildest dreams! The first day we held the showmanship portion of the clinic with Savannah McGuire in the morning and the ranch portion with MJ Brown in the afternoon. The next day we held our Crazy Ribbon Open Schooling show. We ended up with over 40 horses competing with class sizes averaging 10 to 12 horses. The clinic and show was held at Clip Clop Farms. Everyone had a great time and it was often heard "why don't we have more shows like this!"



MEMBER SPOTLIGHT: Natalie Brannon



- *Name of your horse (barn name or registered):*
Shocktop SA
- *Horse's age and discipline:* 12 – Western, some Hunter (And I am 12 also).
- *Tell us a fun fact about your horse (favorite treat? funny quirk?):* He smacks his lips a lot, and he loves apples.
- *How long have you had your horse or been involved in horse related activities?* 1 month owned. Riding since November 2019.
- *Can you share the story of how your love for horses began and what drew you to become a part of the Arabian Horse Breeders Association of Oregon club?* I started collecting horse figure toys and watched some horse shows and fell in love with horses. My current horse trainer has Arabians and that's why I have an Arabian/Quarter horse now.

- *What is your favorite horse activity?* I love cantering my horse and being with him and loving him. Grooming him is also fun.
- *What are your goals for this year with your horse (showing, training, personal growth or otherwise)?* My main goal is to be able to show my horse for the first time.
- *Can you share a memorable experience, special achievement or great memory that you've had with an Arabian horse that has left a lasting impression on you?* I loved when I was able to canter bareback on a horse named Rocky. And going to the regional show in Nampa, ID was a great experience. I earned several ribbons and learned a lot.
- *Do you have any hobbies?* I like making arts and crafts.
- *Favorite place that you have traveled to for a horse event (show, trail ride, clinic, performance)?* Nampa, ID for regionals in 2023.
- *What are you reading or listening to?* Country music, Harry Potter series books.
- *What about your horse excites you the most right now?* He's a love bug and likes cuddles and he has past experience in shows.
- *Tell us a fun fact that people probably don't know about you!* I have a best friend who also loves horses. I introduced her to my trainer, Sarah Robertson, and now Lucy takes lessons too.

**2024 REGION 4 SPORT HORSE CHAMPIONSHIP
SHOW PHOTO BOARD**



The show was held at DevonWood in Sherwood OR on the first weekend in August. Beautiful venue. Beautiful horses.



If you can't show there are many opportunities to volunteer and to learn. Scribing for one of the judges is highly recommended.

IMPORTANT DATES

Monday, October 14, 2024 - 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

November 19-23, 2024 - AHA Convention in Reno, NV
THIS IS A BIG MEETING. DELEGATES WILL BE VOTING ON
[the-restructuring-resolution](#)

(Click on the very large link above to find out more!)

GET EXCITED!

April 18 -20, 2025 AHACO & AHBAO are joining forces
to present an All Arabian Horse show at Oregon Horse Center

**Region 4 Championship show is moving dates and
location:**

May 25-June 2, 2025
3800 SW Airport Way
Redmond, OR 97756

**CONSIDER BECOMING AN AHBAO BOARD MEMBER! REACH
OUT TO ANY OF THE BOARD MEMBERS LISTED ABOVE.**



Meet the new affiliate to the Western Dressage Association (WDAA). Their mission expands Western Dressage in the Pacific Northwest region through education and models of correct and kind horsemanship. They wish to provide quality show opportunities based on a fair, transparent and ethical structure. They are looking for board members and members in general. You can find out more at pacificnorthwestdressage.org.

WISHING YOU ALL A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

September/October AHBAO member birthdays:

Jenna Bollens, Millie Chapman, Cassie Richards, Julie Hedden, Jeff Wallace, Moana Kramer, Claudia Mitchell, Lisa Ethell, Carol Helton & Karla Moffitt!