



WDHA News

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Club News

Curtis Daye resigned his position as President of WDHA on May 9th. As per our By-Laws: If the vacancy occurs during the calendar year because of a resignation, death, etc., then that vacancy shall be filled at the Board's discretion by a majority vote of the quorum of the Board of Directors at the next Board Meeting after a vacancy occurs. Polly Bonfigt agreed to step in as Acting President in the meantime.

Volunteers are needed to help out at the Dressage Schooling Show on June 11 & 12 at Sunnyview Expo Center in Oshkosh. Even if you can only help for an hour or two it would be greatly appreciated!

The June 18th Open Show has been cancelled.

Don't forget the WDHA Dressage and Sport Horse Show at the Waukesha Expo Center on June 24th and 25th in association with the Region 10 Sport Horse and

Dressage Championships on the 25th and 26th.

The prize list for the Open Show and Futurity Festival is up on the website. Once again, volunteers are always welcome at any of these shows.

Badger Classic

The combined show three day format seemed to work very well. Exhibitors and show staff alike appreciated being able to spend Memorial Day with their families. WAHA hosted the TAIL program which was very well attended. Our announcer received many compliments for explaining the gaits and what the judges were looking for. Fox 6 news did a live broadcast on Friday. The videos are available here: <http://www.realmilwaukee.com/home/tony/>

The Newsletter Deadline is the 20th of the month. Send your submissions to:

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Meetings are open to all WDHA members.

Saturday July 9th

GENERAL MEETING
12 NOON

Robbins Restaurant
1810 Omro Rd, Oshkosh

Obituaries

Pamela E. O'Connell, (nee Flannery), age 67, of Hartford passed away peacefully on Friday, April 15, 2011, surrounded by her family. Pam was born on October 19, 1943, in Milwaukee, WI, to John and Harriet (nee Schultz) Flannery.

Pam was the beloved wife of Terry Schmechel. Pam and Terry were united in marriage on May 29, 2008. She was the loving mother of John (Carolyn) O'Connell, Heather (Charles) Hammack, Patrick (Tracy) O'Connell, Megan (Nat) O'Connell Tharpe, Liam (Tamie) O'Connell and Ryan O'Connell. Pam was the proud grandma of 12 and one baby-to-be. She was the cherished great-grandmother of 5. She is further survived by other relatives and friends. Pam was preceded in death by her parents and husband, John O'Connell, of 38 years. Pam and John were married on June 2, 1962, and they raised their family in Hartford, WI.

Pam grew up in Wausau, WI, and graduated from Wausau High School. She attended Marquette University and Patricia Stevens College. Pam had worked as a realtor as well as being a highly regarded equine and wedding photographer. Her hobbies included gardening, knitting, and cooking. She was an avid nature lover who enjoyed the simple things in life. Her warm smile and contagious laughter will be missed by all who knew her.

A visitation and Memorial Talk were held on Monday, April 18, 2011, at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, Hartford.

Her daughter Megan O'Connell Tharpe was gracious enough to share the following example of Pam's generosity, friendship, and love of gardening.

Mom had been given some canna bulbs from her grandmother and faithfully planted them every year. In fall, the bulbs have to be dug up as they can't withstand our WI winter. Mom always loved how dramatic and beautiful these looked, they grow to about 6ft tall with a large flower spike growing through a lot of leafy foliage. The bulbs multiply. Before you know it, she had too many to care for but couldn't bear the thought of throwing them away. She gave them away first to family members, including me and I continue the tradition of planting them annually. Then she started giving them to friends. She would even mail them to people. She was very proud of how many people were introduced to the wonderful world of cannas, even though it's hard work to dig them up in fall, and the fact that the bulbs got new homes all around WI and in other states, too. In turn, people who have received them have

given their extras to others. Last fall when we went out to see her beloved Kokopelli for the last time as a group, I smiled as we pulled into the driveway of the farm and there was a large group of cannas, their foliage waving at us. Mom was looking forward to gardening this spring, seeing her spring bulbs come up and planting the cannas, her tomatoes, and other annuals. I told her the day before she passed that the spring bulbs were coming up for her.

Gale (Trapp) Dressler, the only daughter of Bill and Pat Trapp passed away Saturday May 28th after a long battle with cancer. She was able to remain at home surrounded by her cats, dogs and her family's love and was at total peace and comfort at the end. Gale was a veterinarian, married to Bob Dressler (also a veterinarian). She was preceded in death by her mother, and brother Bill Jr. Many may remember the Trapp family as breeders and showmen of fine Egyptian Arabian horses.

Correction

The \$485.64 profit from the raffle will be divided among the Futurity AND Maturity classes. A big thank you to everyone who purchased tickets!

Press Release

Sharing the Thrill of the Ride at Youth Nationals

The Arabian Cutting Horse Association is hosting a unique opportunity for interested persons to "test-drive" a finished cutting horse at the 2011 Youth Nationals in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Utilizing a clinic format, riders will be expertly coached by National winning trainer John Garland on some of the top horses in our industry. Youth riders will be offered the opportunity to compete for a Vinton Saddlery cutting saddle and other prizes for the nominal fee of \$50 per person. Because of time constraints at Youth Nationals, it would benefit prospective participants to attend cutting lessons or clinics prior to this event. Anyone interested in the clinic or opportunities to learn more about Arabian and Half-Arabian cutting, please contact Toni Trego at VangoArabs@aol.com or 815-441-0725.

Director's Report (Condensed)
AHA Board Meeting April 8-9, 2011

Highlights

- Tentative schedules for all National shows are on the AHA website under each competition.
- Canadian Nationals will be held in Brandon Manitoba Canada—hotels and restaurant information is on the Canadian Nationals home page.
- US Nationals 3 & Under and 4 & Over Championships will include champion and reserve from each of the qualifying classes plus next 4 highest scoring horses from the qualifying classes so that the grand championship will have 10 horses. These horses will be judged comparatively AS A NEW CLASS. Any horse from the Top Ten can be champion or reserve. All five judges will judge with all scores counting. The high and low will NOT be thrown out.
- Maturity Classes. Starting in 2012, the English and Country English Pleasure Maturity classes will be for horses 5 and 6 years of age. For 2011, they continue to be for 4 and 5 year old horses. A horse can only compete in the maturity classes two times so if a 4 year old showed in the Maturity in 2010 it can either show as a 5 year old in 2011 or a 6 year old in 2013 BUT NOT BOTH. A 4 year old competing in the Maturity in 2011 can either show as a 5 year old in 2012 or a 6 year old in 2013 BUT NOT BOTH or skip the 2011 Maturity and show in 2012 (as a 5 year old) and 2013 (as a 6 year old).
- AEPA futurity is being added to the US Nationals as a National Championship class.
- Motion to add Breeding/In Hand Committee as Tier B committee passed but the motions to add Pleasure committees did not pass.
- Motion to change AHA's position concerning humane slaughter did not pass. AHA will continue to take the position that people should have a choice of humane slaughter.
- There was no vote on the Regional Boundaries resolutions but the Committee will continue to gather information and present recommendations.
- Kentucky is putting together legislation to develop a breeder's incentive and purse development fund for Arabians, Quarter Horses and Appaloosas. Most exciting is the fact that there will a \$50,000 Arabian race at Churchill Downs and Pimlico wants to have an Arabian stakes race on the same day at Preakness

Also, it is suggested that for liability purposes, that each show post a notice in the show office, barns and by arenas, that safety helmets are allowed without penalty in ANY class. If your show has dressage along with other classes, be sure to designate a dressage warm up area. Otherwise, everyone is required to wear a helmet.

Committee and Commission Activity Reports (Not all committee/commission activity is included)

Agenda and Resolutions: The select rider rules set to take effect 12/1/11 are in place. The rules for 2011 and 2012 can be found in the Newsletter section of the Region 10 website: www.region10arabians.com

Competition Advisory: The plan is to go to a single list of classes for the Handbook. As of February 10, there were 13 One Day shows scheduled. Stan is working on an alert for judges concerning insurance coverage—judges do not have insurance coverage for these shows.

Distance Riding: The committee is in favor of:

- holding separate National Championship Endurance Ride and National Championship Competitive Trail Rides
- holding the National Championship Endurance Ride in conjunction with the National championship AERC ride
- rotating the National Championship CTR ride be rotated around the US and Canada (if held separately)

The National CTR ride is still to be held together with the Endurance ride despite the committee's overwhelming recommendation and the willingness of a sanctioned group to host the ride.

Equine Stress, Research & Education: Several potential abuse situations have been to the committee and Carol Darnell, Chair of the Sub-Committee for Rescue and Re-Homing is working hard on a case by case basis. In the next MAH magazine an upcoming column is mentioning our new project tentatively titled 'Welcome Home'. The committee is

developing an all-volunteer effort, similar to the AQHA Green Pastures program to enable people to record their willingness to help should the need arise, and then facilitate linking people whose horses need that help with the people who have offered it. The chair, Lori Conway, is setting up the database. The committee is encouraging our members to take every opportunity, at their local club meetings, to speak about this project and encourage participation. They are also working on a process whereby the subcommittee can facilitate the preparation of abuse/neglect complaints, providing liaison, guidance, review, etc and then, where appropriate, submit the complaints to Probable Cause /EPRB as a committee action. This function would primarily serve the general equine rescue community, where the people involved in the effort are unfamiliar with our AHA processes and requirements. There is a test case, where there is documentation of the conviction for multiple abuse charges, in process at this time.

Several pictures have surfaced on Facebook and other venues regarding horses with PVC pipes in their mouths for extended periods of time in their stalls which were turned over to USEF for further investigation.

The shoeing/pad committee is in a fact gathering mode and any future recommendations for changes will be addressed by resolution at the 2011 convention.

Judges and Stewards Committee: One judging change: Judy Kibler swapped with Laurie Martin. For the current list, go to http://www.arabianhorses.org/competitions/j-s/docs/11_judges_stewards.pdf .

A new educational effort called 'Competitive Rider' is being developed at no cost to AHA. It will be free to view online but will have a minimal cost (tentatively \$29.95 for all or \$9.95 for portion) to download. .

Sport Horse Committee: The Committee Members are working on having a DVD about Sport Horse for Judges as well as exhibitors, considering whether to add the double bridle for the Dressage horses in the SHUS classes, encouraging the East/West rotation for the SHN's (West at Idaho) and creating material that will educate exhibitors on how to show SHIH.

Working Western: A small group has taken on the task of clarifying the verbiage for the Reined Cow Horse Open Limited and Reined Cow Horse Non Pro and Youth Limited classes in the 2010 Resolution.

The Reining Junior Horse Sweepstakes class will be run concurrently with the Reining Performance Futurity class. The exhibitor will need to sign up and pay the appropriate fees and meet the appropriate requirements for each class. They can compete in one or the other or both. They will follow the procedure outlined in COMP 812 REINING HORSE SCORING JUDGING PROCEDURE.

USEF Arabian Committee: Concerning a steel shoe with full rim, it was determined that this shoe would not meet requirements of dimensions, but if made of aluminum it would be considered legal as per AR 103.2

Commissions

US Nationals: Changes to halter grand championships discussed in highlights. Halter patron tables will be moved to Ford Arena when halter classes move there. All performance classes will be in Ford Arena which will have a nice center ring and improved entrance to enhance the experience. New stabling is ongoing with sides being added to some of the barns. Tulsa is considering building another barn. AEPA futurity is being added to the US Nationals as a National Championship class.

Distance Rides: The National Distance Ride Championship will be August 23-27th, 2011 in Ft. Stanton, New Mexico in conjunction with the AERC National Championship Ride.

Treasurer's Report

We should end fiscal 2010-2011 (FY11 hereafter) with a profit even though the budget took a big hit from unexpected expenses relating to the Canadian Nationals. This is being investigated as many of these were not in the contract. If anyone wants to review the financials, contact Laura Mickelson and she will send you the complete February report.

Department Updates (Only significant updates are included)

Sweepstakes prize money checks have been issued for all USA and Canadian prize winners who have provide AHA with the proper tax identification information. We are working with the remaining prize money winners to obtain their tax ID.

Competitions: Omnibus is delayed due to Canadian site resolution and will not be out in hard copy until mid-May. It should be available on the AHA website by the end of April. The Omnibus is in draft form at present using most probable assumptions so hopefully only minor changes would be required once a final decision is reached on Canada.

Sweepstakes: Point enrollments as of March 21, 2011 total 881. For 2010: 1,701 Point enrollments. The dollar amount per point for 2010 was \$11.75. All 2010 Sweepstakes checks that have tax payer ID's on file have been mailed. Currently making payout corrections as needed based on results that were reported incorrectly.

Allocated prize money amounts for 2010 Champions were:

- Regional Arabian \$274.33
- Regional HA/AA \$164.13
- SHN Arabian \$380.32
- SHN HA/AA \$511.97
- CN Arabian \$632.87
- CN HA/AA \$383.38
- USN Arabian \$1,899.50
- USN HA/AA \$1,242.98

For additional information, go to www.region10arabians.com, select the Newsletters section and then select Major Sweepstakes Changes.

Customer Service:

Registrations

As of February 28, 2011:

- 750 Arabian and 128 Half-Arabian and Anglo-Arabian registrations were completed. Purebred and Half-Arabian/Anglo-Arabian registrations completed were down 36% and 9% respectively from 2010.

Memberships

As of February 28, 2011 we had:

- 28,603 members compared to 31,073 at that time last year. We are experiencing 8% decline over 2010. A 9% decline was forecast for FY11. (FY12 is budgeted for a 9.8 % decline.)
- 3,012 youth members. This is a decline of 9% from this time February 2010. (FY12 is budgeted for a 7.4 % decline.)

National Shows:

- Youth Nationals dates are July 23-30, 2011. Entry Close Date: June 13, 2011. Budgeted for 940 horses.
- Canadian Nationals dates are August 15-20, 2011. Entry Close Date: July 6, 2011. Budgeted for 730 horses.
- Sport Horse Nationals dates are September 28-October 2, 2011. Entry Close Date: August 19, 2011. Budgeted for 500 horses.
- U.S. Nationals dates are October 21-29, 2011. Entry Close Date: September 8, 2011. Budgeted for 1,725 horses.

Other events:

AHA Recognized Shows, as of March 21, 2011

- 12 AHA One Day Shows
- 199 AHA/USEF Recognized Shows
- 29 AHA/EC Recognized Shows
- 96 AHA Recognized Rides

Rescue News

Thanks to the combined efforts of Days End Farm Horse Rescue, the Humane Society of the United States, the American Humane Society, and the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, more than 100 maltreated Polish Arabian horses are receiving rehabilitative care after being removed from a Canterbury Farms in Centreville, Maryland.

Queen Anne's County Maryland Animal Services Department authorities began monitoring conditions at Canterbury Farms in 2010 after receiving complaints about the horses' condition. County welfare authorities and a veterinarian instructed the farm's owner to improve the horses' care, but the animal's condition did not improve.

On April 15, the farm owner surrendered seven of the animals. At that time, a veterinarian euthanized six of the seven animals, including five elderly broodmares. On April 29 animal welfare personnel from Queen Anne's County, the Days End Farm Horse Rescue, and the Humane Society of the United States removed 110 animals from the farm. Personnel from Paradise Farm, Gentile Giants Draft Horse Rescue and Summer Winds Stables also participated in the removal. Another 23 animals were removed the following day.

The 13 horses in the most critical condition with body scores of 1 on the Henneke scale were placed at Days End Farm for care. The remaining horses are receiving care at other locations.

No one from Canterbury Farm was available for comment. No charges have been filed, but on May 25th the owner of Canterbury Farms Marcia Parkinson

tried to argue in court that her horses were unfairly taken from her and that she should get them back. Thankfully, the judge denied her motion.

For more information and links to photographs and videos of the rescue visit the Days End Farm website at <http://www.defhr.org/press/ImpoundPress.htm>

Contributions to the care of these horses case can be made to the following:

The Humane Society of the United States:

Attn: Stacy Segal

Note: Queen Ann Arabians

700 Professional Drive

Gaithersburg, MD 20879

The Humane Society of the United States raised the necessary funds to make this rescue happen. Your donations will directly effect the ongoing care and support for these horses.



Wojslaw, Polish National Champion Stallion

Wisconsin Desert Horse Association

An Affiliate Club of the Arabian Horse Association

(Please note that your application cannot be processed without complete information)

For Office Use:

Name (A) _____ Date: _____

Name (B) _____ PH: H: () _____

Farm Name _____ Ph: W: () _____

Address: _____

City/Town: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Membership Type: New _____ Renewal _____ Email _____

Adult, family, and youth memberships include AHA memberships. Contact the Membership Chair for information about AHA Life memberships. Please allow **two weeks** for memberships to be processed by WDHA and sent on to AHA.

Types of Memberships:

_____ ***YOUTH - \$20.00 (17 years and under)**
Nonvoting membership WITHOUT competition card. Current AHA Number: _____
Date of Birth _____ Social Security Number: _____

_____ ***/**YOUTH - \$45.00 (17 years and under)**
Nonvoting membership WITH competition card. Current AHA Number: _____
Date of Birth _____ Social Security Number: _____

_____ ***ADULT - \$35.00 (18 years and older)**
Voting membership WITHOUT competition card. Current AHA Number: _____
Date of Birth _____ Social Security Number: _____

_____ ***/**ADULT - \$70.00 (18 years and older)**
Voting membership WITH competition card. Current AHA Number: _____
Date of Birth _____ Social Security Number: _____

_____ **FAMILY - \$130.00 (18 years and older) Voting membership for 2 people WITH competition cards.**
Family memberships are available with competition cards only. Includes WDHA privileges.
Current AHA Number (A) _____ Current AHA Number (B) _____
Date of Birth (A) _____ Date of Birth (B) _____
Social Security No. (A) _____ Social Security No. (B) _____

_____ **ADULT ASSOCIATE - \$25.00 (18 years and older)**
Non-voting. Expires at end of calendar year. Club privileges only. (High point, Futurities, and Newsletter)

_____ **YOUTH ASSOCIATE - \$10.00 (17 years and under)**
Non-voting. Expires at end of calendar year. Club privileges only. (High Point, Futurities, Newsletter)

Dues of \$25 or \$60 per adult voting member and \$20 or \$45 per youth member will be forwarded to the Arabian Horse Association (AHA). AHA entitlements are described on the AHA website at www.arabianhorses.org

Please note that your membership will not be processed without complete information.

Make checks payable to **Connie Kienast**
WDHA and mail to: **2131 Lin Way Ct.**
Oshkosh, WI 54904
920-235-0337

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*Includes AHA membership and WDHA privileges. Club privileges include: High Point, Futurities, and Newsletter.

** Required to compete at AHA recognized shows and participate in AHA Achievement Awards programs.

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Half page \$75.00

Quarter page \$50.00

Business card \$25.00

Classified ads are **FREE** for members!

2011 Calendar of Events

June	8	Region 10 Pre-show St. Paul, MN Contact Mary Tronson 763-755-1698 comtron5@aol.com
	11-12	WDHA Dressage Schooling Show Sunnyview Expo Center, Oshkosh, WI. Contact Kristin Urban, 920-863-8253 urbankristin@msn.com
	9-12	Region 10 Championship St. Paul, MN Contact: Mary Tronson 763-755-1698 comtron5@aol.com
	17	Region 10 Endurance Ride Preston, MN Diane Schmidt, 507-545-9936 dianne@mayo.edu
	17	Southeast Minnesota 30 Mile Endurance Ride Preston, MN Diane Schmidt, 507-545-9936 dianne@mayo.edu
	18	Southeast Minnesota 50 Mile Endurance Ride Preston, MN Diane Schmidt, 507-545-9936 dianne@mayo.edu
	18	Region 10 Competitive Ride Preston, MN Diane Schmidt, 507-545-9936 dianne@mayo.edu
	24-25	WDHA Dressage & Sport Horse Show Waukesha Expo Center, Waukesha, WI. Contact Kristin Urban, 920-863-8253 or Show Secretary Candy Ziebell 262-363-3640 tazeq@aol.com
25-26	Region 10 Sport Horse & Dressage Championship Classes Waukesha Expo Center, Waukesha, WI. Contact Nancy Miller nmfr7@isp.com or Show Secretary Jan Lerud jangary@grantsburgtel.com 715-488-2834	
July	8-10	MHAHA Great Arabian Get Together Sauk Centre, MN Jan Lerud 715-488-2265 jangary4ever@hotmail.com
	9	WDHA General Meeting Noon, Robbins Restaurant, 1810 Omro Rd, Oshkosh, WI
	23-30	AHA Youth Nationals Albuquerque, NM. Contact AHA for show information 303-696-4500
	30-31	GLAHA Class A Norway, MI. Contact Mary Lindow 715-589-2236 Visit www.greatlakesaha.com for information
Aug	5-7	WAHA August Jefferson, WI Jan Lerud jangary4ever@hotmail.com 715-488-2265 www.wisconsinarabian.com
	13-14	MHAHA Dog Days Dressage MN Chuck Rickart, 612-360-1283, crickart@wsbenq.com or www.mhaha.org
	20-21	WDHA Open Show & Futurity Festival Sunnyview Expo Center. Oshkosh, WI Contact: Lori Adams tessme@new.rr.com 920-303-0204 or Heather DeVooght heatherhall@tds.net 920-775-4309
	15-20	AHA Canadian Nationals Contact AHA for info: 303-696-4500