



# Wisconsin Desert Horse News

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## General Meeting Dates

**ATTENTION:** The WDHA General Meetings will be held at various locations throughout the WDHA Membership area. Please see listing below for locations. All meetings will **begin at 12:00 p.m.** unless otherwise noted.

**November 14th  
ANNUAL MEETING  
12 NOON @ Robbins Restaurant  
1810 Omro Rd, Oshkosh**

**Meetings are open to all WDHA members.**

**Ambassador Award** nominations due Oct. 31st. The form is again included in this issue for your convenience.

## FUTURITY/MATURITY

It was decided that there will be no big changes to any of the programs for next year. Therefore, there will be no survey. All classes will be awarded double Futurity show points this year, next year the open classes will only get double open show points. If you have any questions or comments please do not hesitate to contact Connie or any other board member.

The newsletter deadline is the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month. Send your submissions to:

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**Region 10 Ambassador Award  
Wisconsin Desert Horse Association  
Nomination Form**

The Region 10 Ambassador Award is an annual award made by each Region 10 member club according to its own particular criteria. The horse receiving the award must be a registered Purebred, Half, or Anglo Arabian owned by a Region 10 club member.

The criteria for the WDHA Region 10 Ambassador Award is as follows:

1. The owner is a voting member of WDHA in good standing.
2. The nominated horse has been an outstanding Ambassador for the Arabian breed in one or more of the following areas:
  - A. The horse has demonstrated the versatility of the Arabian or Half/Anglo Arabian in an area that is unique.
  - B. The horse has an outstanding history in competition.
  - C. The horse has promoted the breed to the general public in areas outside the usual breed/horse show circuit.
  - D. The horse has been an outstanding family horse and family friend.

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I nominate \_\_\_\_\_

AHA Registration No. \_\_\_\_\_

Color \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Sex \_\_\_\_\_ Owner \_\_\_\_\_

**FOR THE WDHA REGION 10 AMBASSADOR AWARD FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS:**

(Give specific reasons. Use additional sheets as necessary)

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RETURN YOUR NOMINATION TO: Bruce Genz, W 4754 Rienzi Rd., Fond Du Lac, WI 54935

**DEADLINE FOR 2009 NOMINATIONS IS October 31, 2009**

## Annual Meeting Preview

There were no By-Law changes submitted. There will be no changes to the Futurity and Maturity programs, but the wording of the rules will have to be gone through now that the show is no longer in association with a rated show.

Rachel Rhein is the Chairperson of the nominating committee. Offices up for election are: President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary (possibly if the current Secretary is elected to a different office). There are also 3 Director positions up for election. Contact Rachel if you would like to nominate yourself or someone else.

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submitted by Connie Kienast  
**IN MEMORY OF MALIKAH L SAGHIRA**  
1994-2009

Only a very few people will remember my Malikah. She was not a superb show horse, nor an exceptional broodmare, nor a great ambassador for the breed. But, the first year I owned her she won every single halter class at every open show I took her to. Including a class of 24 horses of all breeds at Bounds Showtime Arena.

She represented the Arabian horse on quiet trail rides through the Kettle Moraine State Forest and other lesser known trails. On one not so quiet ride a flight for life helicopter landed and took off not more than 100 yards away from us. A few minutes later she crossed her first stream which was belly deep and very muddy on the opposite bank. This mare would not get her feet wet at the edge of a pond earlier that day. Now she had become priceless.

She was not an easy horse to ride, if she was frustrated or confused the answer was to just go faster. And although she had pretty gaits, her canter was horrid to ride. She made me a better rider for it though. At least I like to think so. She was boss mare at more than one of the homes she had in her lifetime. Probably because she liked to show off and do a capriole almost daily.

When our son was young, he was a holy terror. The barn cats would scatter the second they heard his voice and even the tolerant old lab would avoid him. Our pets at home didn't like him much either. But he could lead Malikah safely through any obstacle. When I nervously sat him on her back for the first time she sighed deeply. I tried to blink back my tears so Neil wouldn't think something was wrong.

I bought Malikah in November of 2001, but I never felt like I owned her. After 3 years I could finally say we were friends. She was never very affectionate, but by that time would tolerate my hugs and kisses without pulling away. I had no doubt that she loved me and would do anything for me.

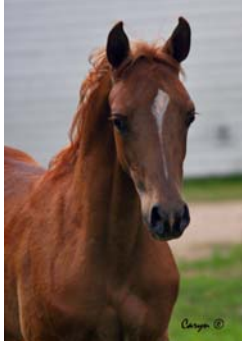
Malikah came up lame in March of 2007 and after a lot of vet bills was diagnosed with severe carpometacarpal osteoarthritis. Prognosis was bad and I started to prepare myself for the inevitable. I thought it would be better to put her down before winter but Malikah had other plans. Although she was noticeably lame, she did not act like she was in pain and still managed a levade now and then. The last time I saw her do it was exactly a week before her last day.

It's hard to explain how it feels to wait for "the right time". Especially when the wait gets much longer than originally expected. My worst fear was that I would be selfish and make her suffer because of my cowardice. Cowardice, because my second worst fear was that the euthanasia would not go well for her. And that gave me fear for myself and how I would handle that. So every few days I would ask her "well girl, what do you think?" and every time she'd give me a dirty look. Even when the other horses started to push her around, and she started to slow down, still the dirty look. I let go of my fear that I wouldn't know when it was time. The last time I asked I knew the answer would be different even before she rubbed her head on me and nickered softly. I do believe I called her a "damn mushy horse" somewhere between the sobs.

I said goodbye to my friend on July 31st at 10:45 am. It was infinitely less traumatic than the scene that had played out in my imagination over and over again for more than a year. It was a beautiful day. A good day to die. I had three wonderful friends there to turn me away at the last minute so I wouldn't see her fall.

In 2006 Malikah gave me a beautiful colt by Wicomico Nazar who is now finally growing out of being a very ugly 3 year old gelding. Maybe someday he will be memorable to more people than his dam. If not, that's ok too. He is so much like her.





2009 Chestnut Arabian Filly by Sohlaris. 2010 Minnesota Fall Fest Auction Filly, 2010 Mid-America Auction filly, WDHA/NIAHAC futurities, Sweepstakes. Very correct with a pretty face. Buy before her price goes up with training in early 2010...a STEAL at \$2,500.



2007 Bay Half-Arabian mare, Kissed By Angels DHA (Sohlaris x Safire's Fame). One of the most beautiful half-Arabian you will see. Proven WINNING show filly professionally trained by Jeff Schall of Shada, Inc. Show her halter and then clean up in the performance ring. Asking \$8,500 (can include a breeding to our Marwan Al Shaqab son, Marviloso). See more on our website.



1999 Bay Arabian Mare, BEA Doll (Bask El Amigo x CH Divinia). PROVEN!!! broodmare of exceptional foals that have won at Regional, Minnesota Fall Fest auction class and the Mid-America Auction class. In foal for 2010 to National Champion Marwan Al Shaqab son, NYN Hisani. Includes a breeding to our Marwan Al Shaqab son, Marviloso. See this mare, her produce and Marviloso on our website.

[www.DeerHavenArabians.com](http://www.DeerHavenArabians.com) 715-823-2165

## Living with O.C.E.A.N. Syndrome

Just recently, after years of research, I have finally been able to give a name to what my wife and I have been living with for years. It's an affliction, for sure, which when undiagnosed and misunderstood can devastate and literally tear a family apart.

Very little is known about O.C.E.A.N. Syndrome. But it is my hope this article will generate interest from researchers

involved in the equine and psychological sciences. You will, no doubt, begin to identify similar symptoms in your own family and hopefully now be able to cope.

Obsessive Compulsive Equine Attachment Neurosis Syndrome (O.C.E.A.N.) is usually found in the female and can manifest itself anytime from birth to the golden years. Symptoms may appear any time and may even go dormant in the late teens, but the syndrome frequently re-emerges in later years.

Symptoms vary widely in both number and degree of severity. Allow me to share some examples which are most prominent in our home.

The afflicted individual:

1. Can smell moldy hay at ten paces, but can't tell whether milk has gone bad until it turns chunky.
2. Finds the occasional "Buck and Fart" session hugely entertaining, but severely chastises her husband for similar antics.
3. Will spend hours cleaning and conditioning her tack, but wants to eat on paper plates so there are no dishes.
4. Considers equine gaseous excretions a fragrance.
5. Enjoys mucking out four stalls twice a day, but insists on having a housekeeper mop the kitchen floor once a week.
6. Will spend an hour combing and trimming an equine mane, but wears a baseball cap so she doesn't waste time brushing her own hair
7. Will dig through manure piles daily looking for worms, but does not fish.
8. Will not hesitate to administer a rectal exam up to her shoulder, but finds cleaning out the Thanksgiving turkey cavity for dressing quite repulsive.
9. By memory can mix eight different supplements in the correct proportions, but can't make macaroni and cheese that isn't soupy.
10. Twice a week will spend an hour scrubbing algae from the water tanks, but has a problem cleaning lasagna out of the casserole dish.
11. Will pick a horse's nose, and calls it cleaning, but becomes verbally violent when her husband picks his.
12. Can sit through a four-hour session of a ground work clinic, but is unable to make it through a half-hour episode of Cops.

The spouse of an afflicted victim:

1. Must come to terms with the fact there is no cure, and only slightly effective treatments. The syndrome may be genetic or caused by the inhaling of manure particles which, I propose, have an adverse effect on female hormones.
2. Must adjust the family budget to include equine items - hay, veterinarian services, Ferrier services, riding boots, and clothes, supplements, tack, equine masseuse and acupuncturist - as well as the (mandatory) equine spiritual guide, etc. Once you have identified a monthly figure, never look at it again. Doing so will cause tightness in your chest, nausea, and occasional diarrhea.
3. Must realize that your spouse has no control over this affliction. More often than not, she will deny a problem even exists as denial is common.
4. Must form a support group. You need to know you're not alone - and there's no shame in admitting your wife has a problem. My support group, for instance, involves men who truly enjoy Harley Davidson's, four-day weekends, and lots of whiskey. Most times she is unaware that I am even gone, until the precise moment she needs help getting a 50 pound bag of grain out of the truck!

# 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. **Renewals** of these memberships must be received by AHA Headquarters in Colorado before January 1 to avoid the AHA \$10 late penalty. 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 card.**

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](http://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.

## 2009 Calendar of Events

<b>Sept</b>	<b>6</b> <b>12-13</b> <b>??</b> <b>19</b> <b>19</b> <b>20</b> <b>22-26</b>	<b>MAHA Arabian Open Shows Championships and WSCA show</b> , Washington County Fairgrounds, Lake Elmo, MN. Contact Laura Mickelson, lauramickelson@aol.com <b>MAHA Fall Classic</b> , Winona, MN <b>WDHA Dressage Schooling Show, Postponed until 2010</b> <b>WAHA Open Show</b> , Deerfield, WI Joanne Jones Joanne.jones@doit.wisc.edu <b>WDHA General Meeting</b> , Noon, Robbins Restaurant, 1810 Omro Rd, Oshkosh, WI <b>WAHA Arabian Community Show</b> , Deerfield, WI Joanne.jones@doit.wisc.edu <b>AHA Sport Horse Nationals</b> , Call AHA for info: 303-696-4500
<b>Oct</b>	<b>1-4</b> <b>11</b>  <b>23-31</b>	<b>Fall Fest</b> , St. Paul, MN For Info: www.medallionstallion.com <b>Brian Hunt Benefit Show and Silent Auction</b> , Bounds Showtime Arena, contact Lois Gilbert at snlgilbert@jvlnet.com <b>AHA US Nationals</b> , Tulsa, OK Call AHA for show info 303-696-4500
<b>Nov</b>	<b>??</b> <b>8</b>  <b>14</b>  <b>18-22</b>	<b>AHA National Competitive Trail Ride</b> <b>Region 10 Board of Directors Meeting</b> , Sweetwaters, Eau Claire, WI See Region 10 website for info <b>WDHA ANNUAL MEETING</b> , Noon, Robbins Restaurant, 1810 Omro Rd, Oshkosh, WI <b>Elections will be held at this meeting.</b> <b>AHA Annual Convention</b> , Reno, NV Call AHA for info at 303-696-4500 or see their website
<b>Dec</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>WDHA Futurity Nominations due</b> Connie Kienast 920-235-0337

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