

DIABLO ARABIAN HORSE ASSOCIATION

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Letter from the President

By Dr. Cory Soltau DVM

Hello,

In my last letter to our members, we were looking forward to some great events throughout the busy summer ahead. What a summer it has been! The DAHA Spring Show was a great success and proof of DAHA's ability to bounce back after the unfortunate cancellation of last year's Spring Show because of the Herpes Virus epidemic. Clearly, our DAHA show's reputation and appeal make it a "must go" for Arabian exhibitors. Kudos to our show manager, Coke Swift and her expert team for exceeding everyone's expectations!

If you missed the Sheik's Race June 23rd at the Alameda County Fairgrounds track, you missed something beyond the race itself. Several DAHA members charged down the track in full native costume, wowing the crowd of thousands of spectators in the grandstand. What followed, however, was priceless. The three DAHA ambassadors provided invaluable promotion of the Arabian breed—they remained in the saddling paddock allowing kids of all ages to pet the horses and to interact with their riders. Sponsored by Sheik Mansoor Bin Zayed Al Nahyan who offered a purse of \$20,000, The Sheik's Race afforded DAHA a spectacular opportunity to showcase the "original race horse," and progenitor of the modern Thoroughbred—the Arabian. Although few of us have been involved with Arabian racing, the public in the grandstand had a great opportunity to see how versatile the Arabian is. Representatives of the United Arab Emirates, surrounded by stewardesses of Emirates Airlines, and the Arabian Jockey Club were in the Winner's Circle to present the trophy. None of this breed promotion would have happened without the vision of our Arabian Racing enthusiasts, Dorothy Burt and Evelyn Call. Both of them have assured me that next year's event will be even more spectacular. Join me, because I'll be there!

Although it would be impossible for me to list all of our members who competed in our Region 3 Championships (I always inadvertently omit someone), I can say that Diablo was well represented in the "Winner's Circle." I guess it could be

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said that the extreme heat of Reno reminds us of the harsh environment that made the Arabian breed what it is. The air-conditioned Reno Coliseum was designed for the more fragile human counterparts of the world of Arabian horses.

Youth Nationals gave DAHA another occasion to celebrate as our members were well represented among the National Winners, Top Tens, and Finalists. Congratulations to our Youth Stars Gaba Bursteyn, Allison Edwards, Caroline Edwards, Hannah Glotzer, Erica Marks, Jamie Seals, Jamie Lynn Smith, and Rachel Thompson. It's always great to win, but to participate can be an equally important and rewarding experience as exemplified in the recent Summer Olympics in London, England. How cool it is to learn this life lesson on the back of an Arabian horse!

Looking ahead to our Fall Fling Arabian Horse Show the last weekend in September, U.S. National Championships in October, another Day at the Races at Golden Gate Fields, the Arabian Horse Association Annual Convention in Denver, CO, weaning this year's foal crop, and selecting the next generation of equine stars all make us realize that the wheels keep turning.

It's a pretty good life with our Arabian horses...

Sincerely,

Cory Soltau
President
Diablo Arabian Horse Association

DAHA Calendar of Events

DAHA Fall Fling Show

Brookside Equestrian Center –We need volunteers!
Friday–Sunday September 28 – 30, 2012

Show Contact: Nancy Goertzen 559–625–2631
e–mail: goertzenarab@gmail.com

DAHA Board Meeting

17011 Bollinger Canyon Road, San Ramon, CA
October 2, 2012 at 7pm

DAHA Board Elections

Fax or mail ballots to Cindy Silvani–Lacey by
October 31, 2012

DAHA Board Meeting

17011 Bollinger Canyon Road, San Ramon, CA
November 6, 2012 at 7pm

AHA Annual Convention

Denver Tech Center Marriott, Denver, CO
November 14–17, 2012

DAHA Board Meeting

17011 Bollinger Canyon Road, San Ramon, CA
December 4, 2012 at 7pm

DAHA Membership and High Point Banquet

Shadelands Center, Ygnacio Valley Rd, Walnut Creek
Sunday, January 27, 2012, 4p.m. – 10p.m

DAHA Board Nominations

The following members will be running for the board in the upcoming DAHA Board elections in October:

- Evelyn Call
- Debbie Compilli
- Amy Edwards
- Tracey Seals
- Anne Wheeler

Additional nominations may be made in writing provided that five (5) Voting Members join in such nominations. The Secretary must receive such nominations by September 30, 2012. Nominees should send biographical statements to the secretary by October 1, 2012. Secret numbered ballot shall then be sent to all Voting Members and must be returned to the Secretary by October 31, 2012. The ballots shall then be counted by the Board of Directors at an open Board of Directors or general meeting and results announced to the membership.

DAHA at Golden Gate Fields

By Anne Wheeler

On Sunday, Sept.9, DAHA once again recruited volunteers to run beer taps and hand out hot dogs, water & soda for Golden Gate Fields Dollar Day Sunday. The weather was sunny and warm. We had the luxury of 14 volunteers so the work was steady, but not hectic. The folks working were wonderful. There was time to get to know one another, take breaks, and watch & cheer on the horses for all seven races. Early volunteer Evelyn Call was hanging the Arabian and DAHA banners; and another early bird, Ed Oto, was bustling to set up the beer dispensing section of the booth at 10 AM. The other DAHA members and Friends of DAHA that worked the booth were Laurie Baine, Dorothy Burt, Mary Christopherson, John Devries, Meghan Johnson, Jill Mitchell, Amara Morrison, Roberta Reinstein, Stacey Smith, Coke Swift, Anne and Bill Wheeler.

Our beer service ended at the start of the 7th race. The booth was cleaned up, and the last of the volunteers left the race track at 4:45-----having shared a fun day with old and new friends-----and very tired feet. Sunday's tips collected by DAHA will be donated to Horses' Honor, a non profit sanctuary for horses in need. DAHA earned \$1,000 for working the booth for the day. Of the monies earned last year on Sept. 11, 2011, DAHA donated \$500 to UC Davis Equine research facility and \$500 to Horses' Honor. The use of this year's earnings will be determined at the Oct. DAHA board meeting.



DAHA volunteers enjoy a perfect day at Golden Gate Fields
Photo by Anne Wheeler

Youth Nationals

DAHA youth were once again very successful at the 20th Youth Nationals in Albuquerque, New Mexico, July 21 – 28, 2012. This year’s theme was “Through the ERABs” and Region 3’s theme for the Parade of Eras was “The Future.” Here are the results of DAHA’s youth at Youth Nationals:

- Victoria Oto riding A Gospel Song won top ten in Arabian English PI JT 14–17 Championship
- Kana Sumiyoshi riding My Generation won Championship in Arabian Mounted Native Costume JO 17 & Under and Reserve Championship in Arabian Mounted Native Costume JT 14–17
- Erica Mark riding A Time to Dance won championship in Arabian Hunter PI JO 14–17 and won top ten in Arabian Hunter PI JT 14–17
- Camille Waechter riding Alloura LR won top ten in HA/AA Mounted Native Costume JOTR 17 & Under and won top ten in A/HA/AA Showmanship JT 14–17.
- Jamie Lynn Smith riding CBS Two Til Midnight won top ten in HA/AA Western PI JO 14–17 and won championship in HA/AA Western PI JT 14–17.
- Caroline Edwards riding Classy Peppy Teza won top ten in HA/AA Western PI JO 13 & under and HA/AA Western PL JT 13 & under and won reserve champion HA/AA Trail Horse JTR 13 & Under
- Jamie Seals riding JS Rejoice won top ten in HA/AA Hunter Pleasure Walk/Trot 10 & under



Photo by Brad Seals

Diablo Day at the Races

By Evelyn Call

A delegation of DAHA members met on July 8 at the Alameda County Fair at Pleasanton for DAHA’s annual Day at the Races. The 5 furlong maiden race, with a purse of \$4,800, was hotly contested until the stretch run when Sammies Moment drew away from a decisive win over his 6 rivals. A DAHA delegation of Laurie Baine, Evelyn Call, Mary Christopherson, and Dorothy Burt, met the 7 year old gelding in the Winner’s Circle with a presentation halter and lead rope. We all had a great time and enjoyed both the races and one of the top county fairs in the state and perhaps the country.

We are looking forward to next year when we will not only have our own DAHA race day, but, on the other days, the \$30,000 Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan Cup and the \$25,000 Sheikha Fatima Bint Mubarak Ladies Championship (for female jockeys). The increased purse for the Sheikh’s race and the addition of the Sheikha’s race can be expected to bring horses from out of state to compete. Pleasanton is the only location in the USA for these races in the H.H. Sheikh Mansoor Bin Zayed Al Nahyan Global Arabian Flat Racing Festival series.

2012 Fair Racing Schedule

Stockton (S. Joaquin Co.)	9/19 – 9/30/12
Fresno (Fresno Co.)	10/3 – 10/15/12
Fairplex Park (Pomona)	9/6 – 9/25/12



SAMMIES MOMENT

PLEASANTON, CA	7/8/2012	5 FURLONGS 1:07.51	PURSE \$4,800	MORRIS PARKER.....LESSEE
HOT TO WIN.....	SECOND	DIABLO ARABIAN RACING ASSOCIATION	MORRIS F. PARKER.....	TRAINER
KENTUCKY BAY.....	THIRD	RAY THOMAS.....	UP	ASST TR



Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahyan Cup Race

Article reprinted from ARAC

June 23, 2012, Pleasanton, California ~The Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahyan Cup Grade III, run on a card of 10 races at the Saturday Alameda County Fair in Pleasanton, California, turned up a one, two for owner/trainer Hellen Shelley.

First in, the son of Burning Sand, Sand De Wind (TF Desert Jewel), took the largest piece of the \$20,000 prize money, followed by another Shelley trained Burning Sand son, Qquick Sand PW (Doya Juana Dance) 1 1/4 lengths behind. The third under the wire, the Kador De Blaziet colt, Golly Bret (Golly Gal) fell back in the stretch and finished over 3 lengths behind the leader.

The six furlongs on the dirt were contested by 8 horses that had come from around the USA to vie for the prize.

Shelly had the win last year with So Big Is Better at the Wathba Stud Farm Cup race here in Pleasanton and was thrilled to again be in the winner's circle:

"We are going to make other breeds sit up and take notice of the Arabian horse. Sand De Wind just came from Colorado and this was a big surprise. We did set a new track record last year and that horse has gone on to bigger things with Scott Powell of Quarter Moon Ranch."

Jockey Barrington Harvey was already off to the barn to find his mount for the next race, but Shelly gave him the a positive review for the ride. "Barry is a go to guy. If you can give him a horse that can do it, he will. That's why we decided to put him on this horse."

Lara Sawaya, Director of the HH Sheikh Mansoor Bin Zayed Al Nahyan Global Arabian Flat Racing Festival and Head of the International Federation of Arabian Horse Racing Authorities (IFAHR) Ladies Racing made the announcement at the prize giving that the Fair would have the benefit next year in 2013 of the Sheikh Zayed Al Nahyan Cup under the directive of Sheikh Mansoor Bin Zayed Al Nahyan with a raised prize money of \$30,000 and the addition of the \$25,000 prize money, HH Sheikh Fatima Bint Mubarak Ladies World Championship race, presented for the first time in California.

"This is the most expensive Ladies' Championship in the World," said Sawaya. "The Ladies Cup will have 12 girls, one a professional rider. We have given this race to California as the Fair is very well organized and the crowd is nice. Jeanne Wasserman and her boss and her team have done such a good job with our races. We were able to get this ladies race approved by the California State for next year's calendar. California needs a lot of support for Arabian racing and Sheikh Mansoor and the Sheikh Fatima Championship will give support."

"Under the directive of HH Sheikh Mansoor, we are paying for the insurance for the jockeys in the races we support in California. The breeders will be supported. This year, we have a crowd of 30,000 people in the race stands, double the amount of last year. We are enthusiastic to have two big races here next year."

Randy Magee, Chief Financial Office of the Alameda County Fair said, "The Arabians bring another element to our racing. The beautiful horses, the pageantry the costumes; everyone enjoys this. Jeanne has worked very hard to have such a good event. We are trying to grow racing and it is great to have more Arabian racing."

"I love how many people we had here today," said Wasserman. "The many people down at the rail were really interested in the race. Our overall Fair attendance should register about 35,000 today. Im very excited about the Ladies Championship race. I worked hard to get it. I got permission from the Horse Racing Board with support from Jesse Choper, and Kirk Breed for the race."



Arabian Native Costume riders at the Alameda County Fairgrounds for the Sheikh Zayed Cup

What is High Point?

DAHA established the High Point Program for members who compete in horse shows and other events. In recent years, the program has expanded from an emphasis on Arabian events, to include open shows and competitions at all levels including racing, endurance, trail trials and others! DAHA offers Class A Arabian shows, as well as all-breed, CSHA-sanctioned shows annually. Championship awards are presented at an annual dinner in January. High Point class sponsorships and entry fees help to defray the cost of the awards presented. Please consider sponsoring one or more classes to help support the High Point Program. Forms and information can be found on at www.diabloaha.org under High Points and Awards. **All Points are due on November 15 to Tracey Seals.** Remember that DAHA sponsored shows count for DOUBLE POINTS towards our High Point Program. If you submit your show points within 10 DAYS of the show you get 10 POINT BONUS!! Please contact Tracey Seals for more information (415) 793-1837 or traceyseals@hotmail.com.

AHA Club Excellence Award

By Meghan Johnson

One of the AHA member awards is the Club Excellence Award. Annual awards are presented in four areas: breed promotion/community involvement, membership recruitment/retention, communication and club projects. DAHA has decided to defend our AHA Club of the Year status for the second year in a row by submitting nominations for each area to recognize all the diverse and special things the club does throughout the year. The submissions are due August 15 and the winners will be announced at the November annual convention in Denver. The winning club in each category receives \$500 and the Club of the Year is chosen from the category winners and an additional \$500 is presented for that honor. Wish us luck!!



Photo from Brooksideshowpark.com

DAHA Fall Fling Show

Our Fall Fling Show will be at Brookside Equestrian Park, September 28 – 30, 2012. **New!! Entries close September 17, 2012.** We will be hosting 228 classes including some “fun classes” on Saturday afternoon. There will be a pizza party Friday night and an ice-cream social Saturday afternoon. We are looking for volunteers to give out ribbons, help run the office and administrative duties, be ring stewards and scribes. Class sponsorships are available, \$15 per class, \$25 for two classes. Patron Sponsorship is \$150. Please contact show manager, Coke Swift 209 464-1932 or willowjewelfarm@yahoo.com if you are interested in volunteering or class sponsorship. Your support will make this show a success!

Family Arabian

What is the Family Arabian Award? Everyone knows at least one amazing horse and has a story to tell. This is your chance to do it! Once again DAHA will be paying tribute to one of our special horses as the Family Arabian of the year. Everyone is eligible--fillies, colts, retired horses, lesson horses, your own horse or that of a friend, horse angels who are no longer with us. Perhaps it will be yours. We all know what sweet, intelligent amazingly beautiful creatures they are. This is your opportunity to put a horse that you know and love in the spotlight. All you need to do is send your horse story, along with a picture to Debbie Compilli at Debbie@debbiecompilli.com or call her at 925-519-1082. The winner will be announced at our annual Membership Banquet in January. If you have any questions, please contact Debbie. For more information, please check out the DAHA

2012 High Point Standings

By Tracey Seals
August 23, 2012

PB WESTERN PLEASURE:

Echos Legacy 109

PB HUNTER PLEASURE:

PB VERSATILITY:

Pakhita 114

Way Cool Zee+ / 516

PB HALTER

Mojito Rum 182

HA WESTERN PLEASURE:

HA HUNTER PLEASURE:

Raven Azeem 81

HA VERSATILITY:

ENDURANCE:

COMPETITIVE TRAIL:

SPORT HORSE-IN-HAND:

SPORT HORSE UNDER SADDLE:

DRESSAGE:

HA HUNTER PLEASURE 10 & UNDER WALK/TROT:

J. Seals/JS Rejoice++ / 174

K. Perrymon/Aberdars Valor 31

HA SHOWMANSHIP 10 & UNDER:

J. Seals/JS Rejoice++ / 37

JUNIORS: 13 & UNDER

JUNIORS: 14 - 17

R. Thompson/ JS Rejoice++ / 44

R. Thompson/SH Legacy Ofstone+ 35

R. Thompson/SH Legacy Ofstone+ 101

PB HALTER GELDINGS:

PB HALTER MARES:

PB ENGLISH PLEASURE:

HA ENGLISH PLEASURE:

AMATEUR EXCELLENCE PERF:

AMATEUR EXCELLENCE HALTER:

IBN SKOVDUE-ADULT

Debbie Bartman

Myrlan Magness

IBN SKOVDUE-JUNIORS

Rachel Thompson

EMERALD VIXEYN SENIOR (PB & HA):

D. Bartman/ Way Cool Zee+ /

M. Magness/Ravens Azeem

R. Thompson/ SH Legacy Ofstone+

TRAINER INCENTIVE:

Debbie Compilli

Leigha Perry

Paul Mahen



Thanks for joining the DAHA 2012 High Point Program. Don't forget to send in those results within 10 days and get a 10 point bonus!! **All points must be submitted by November 15, 2012 to count...** You may enter before November 15 but must have all points to Tracey Seals by that date to count.

IT'S NEVER TOO LATE TO JOIN
GOOD LUCK!

DAHA Youth Shine on the National Stage!

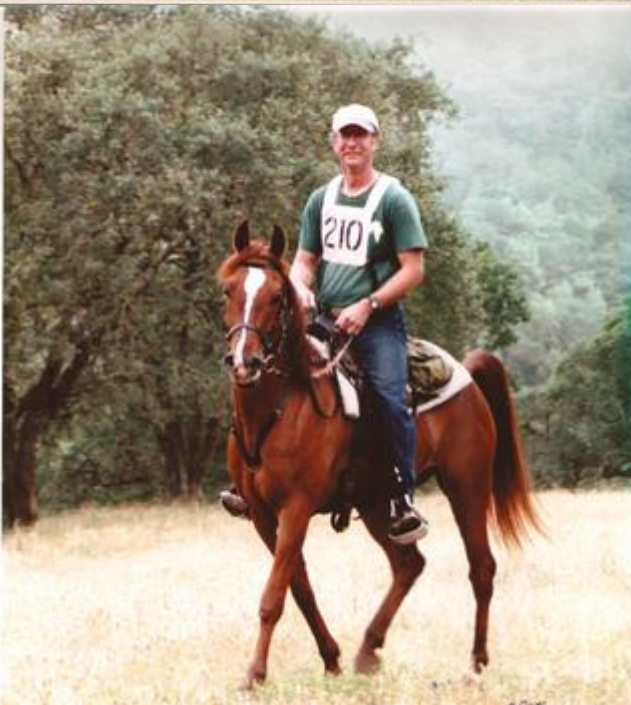
At the Youth Nationals on July 21 - 28, 2012, DAHA youth really put Region III and DAHA on the map. DAHA youth member Camille Waechter and Tori Oto have been elected 2013 AHYA President and Vice President respectively. This is a first - to have the two highest AHYA positions filled by members of the same region and club. Both girls ride with Todd Hickerson at Hickerson Arabians. They are both very excited about being a part of the 2013 AHYA youth leadership. CONGRATULATIONS Camille and Tori!



AHYA 2013 Youth Leadership

Classified Ad:**ZK Rubicon**

ZK Rubicon (Zaamek x Lovely Rita) 1993 gelding. "Ruby" has been a NATRC competitor for most of his life. He is now being trained towards the show ring for Hunt Seat. he learns quickly and should be ready for next season in Hunt Seat. Ruby's gaits are smooth enough for equitation classes and he could be trained for Western with a bit more work. He is sound and accepts all grooming, clipping, shoeing and trailering. he must sell quickly so his price is negotiable, especially to a show home. \$2,500 OBO. Contact: Mary Christopherson (925) 437-6630

**Classified Ad:****SH Legacy Ofstone+**

AHR*528058

"Stoney" is a beautiful gelding by Blackstone Bey standing at about 15.3hh and definitely stands out in the ring. He has been successful in Western Pleasure, Hunter Pleasure, and Showmanship. He is sweet, versatile and is a sad sale. Please email for more photos! Here are some of his wins: Region IV Champion – Western Pleasure AT; Reserve Champion – Western Pleasure Select, Western Pleasure AT, Canadian National Top 10–Horsemanship JTR 14–17, Showmanship 14–17, Region III Championships Champion – Hunter Pleasure AATR, Hunter Pleasure Select; Top 5 – Hunter Pleasure JRT 14–17. Asking \$7,500 Contact: Claudia Thompson (925) 788-5304 or claudyat@pacbell.net



Interested in posting your ad on our website or in our newsletter? Contact Meghan Johnson at MZara75030@aol.com

Classified Ad:**Lebeau**

Trakehner/Arabian gelding, 6 years old, 15.3, bay. Sire is Leonidas (Hilda Gurney's stallion), Dam is Masakra (pure polish mare). Lebeau was bred and raised by owner. Green broke with 70 days training last year. Scheduled for 30 days training in September. \$3500 to loving home. 925-229-9686 or petsltd@aol.com.

**Classified Ad:****Get Smart LOE "Smarty"**

Half Arabian-Half Dutch Warmblood Gelding Registered HAHR, Sweepstakes Nominated, USDF Life Registration. 4 yrs old, 15.3 H, Scores high 60's and 70% in training level dressage. Very suitable for youth or amateur. Super Sweet and personable with no buck, spook or bolt. Clips, trailers, crossties and is a calm and easy going type of horse that does not have to be lunged before riding. UTD on teeth & vaccinations. Goes very well in a crowded arena or alone. Has been ridden on the trail too. Sire - Baske Afire. Asking \$5,700. Contact Sandy at 360-683-4854.

**Classified Tack Ad:**

Barnsby Dressage Saddle for Sale
17 1/2 " seat, medium tree in very good condition. Asking \$800. Contact Sandy at 360-683-4854



Interested in posting your ad on our website or in our newsletter? Contact Meghan Johnson at MZara75030@aol.com



Diablo Arabian Horse Association

Is proud to present our annual

Fall Fling Horse Show *Sept. 28 - Sept. 30, 2012*

Class A Arabian & Half- Arabian

Judges:

Main Ring – Jeremy Harper & John Lambert
Sport Horse in Hand /Under Saddle – Lindsay Costigan
Trail & Reining – Renee Baker

**Brookside Equestrian Park
Elk Grove, CA**

*****New extended closing date ******

No penalties if postmarked by Sept. 17

3 New classes added:

75.1 – HA/AA Country Pleasure Driving

134.1 – Arabian Reining Junior Horse

226 – HA/AA Western Pleasure Junior Horse Championship

For information contact:

Coke Swift, Show Manager 209 464-1932

Email: willowjewelfarm@yahoo.com

Nancy Goertzen, Show Secretary 559 625-2631

Email: goertzenarab@gmail.com



Sponsorship Form

Diablo Arabian Horse Association Fall Fling Horse Show Sept. 28 -Sept. 30, 2012

Regular Classes - \$15.00 each or 2 for \$25.00

Championship Classes - \$25.00 each

Patron Sponsorship - \$150.00

Includes prime stabling (per request), full page ad, 2 regular class sponsorships, 2 Championship class sponsorships, beverages & refreshments

Ranch Name: _____
(Or name to be announced during the sponsored class)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Class No. or Class Description _____

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Class No. or Class Description _____

Please return this form with your check to:

Colleen Swift, 9079 Copperopolis Drive, Stockton, CA 95215

For further information call: Colleen Swift, 209 464-1932 or email:

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