

May is Arabian Horse Month!!!

The President's Message

Spring has Sprung, we finally have Rain, and after a year of non-use, I discovered that my lawn mower doesn't work and the grass is growing like crazy. I can't believe that there could ever be a downside to too much rain!

But hopefully it'll be bright and dry for our **47th Annual Diablo (AHA Rated) Spring Show** coming up May 19th to May 22nd. This year I would like to challenge all of our competitors and attending DAHA members to invite some friends, relatives or horsemen from 4H, Pony Club or other Horse Clubs to come as our guests and enjoy our show. I can remember that I decided that Arabians were the only horse for me when I saw Debbie Compilli (then Debbie Vinson) riding one of her Arabians in a local open show at Humphrey's Arena in Danville. I hate to admit that was over 40 years ago, but I have never regretted it.

Tracey Seals is busy compiling results for our High Point Program. We hope to have some very special Awards and prizes for our year end winners. So if you haven't signed up, do it now. Cory Soltau, DAHA President

Calendar

May 19-22 - 47th Annual DAHA Spring Show, Brookside Equestrian Center, Elk Grove, CA.

June- July - Arabian Racing- County Fairs begin in Pleasanton. Racing Thursdays through Sundays.

July 2- H.H. Sheikha Fatima Bint Mubarak Ladies World Championship series race- Pleasanton

July 2- H.H. Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahyan Cup series race- Pleasanton

Sept. 30-Oct. 2 - Annual DAHA Fall Fling Show, Brookside Equestrian Center, Elk Grove, CA.

Sept. - Arabian Racing – A second meet has been approved for Pleasanton. Specific dates for Arabians pending.

Monthly - DAHA Board of Directors. First Tuesdays, 7pm., San Ramon Community Center, 12501 Alcosta Blvd., San Ramon. Members welcome. Check with Board Secretary, Debbie Compilli, for any changes of time or place.

In the planning stages: At the last Board meeting several ideas for club activities were discussed, including clinics, speakers, trail rides, a Day at the Races & ranch tours. If you have some ideas and can contribute some time and effort, please let the President or Board members know. We want DAHA to be fun and totally inclusive, but membership participation is the only way to make it happen.

Diablo Arabian Horse Association

Presents the

47th Annual Arabian & Half-Arabian

Spring Horse Show

May 19 - 22, 2016

Brookside Equestrian Park,

Elk Grove, CA

Theme - Your Favorite Tribute to Disney

**\$1,100 - Costume Class &
\$1,100 - Stall Decorating Contest**

Free Pizza Party Thursday night

Progressive Barn Party Friday night

Spaghetti dinner Saturday night

Free Ice Cream Social Sunday afternoon

Melanni Hershberger, Show Secretary

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SACRAMENTO, CA

7/24/2015

DREAM PEARL

6 FURLONGS 1:20.15

D. BURT, E. CALL, B. EATON OR

C. SOLTAU..... OWNERS

Have you nominated your horses or yourself for the High Point Program??

If not, you are missing out on a chance to win some great prizes. Also, remember that DAHA shows count for double points. Getting your nominations in now will qualify you for points earned at the up-coming Spring Show. Check on our website or with the High Point Chair for nomination and reporting forms.

DAHA High Point Standings (as of May 14, 2016 based on points submitted)

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				<u>Total</u>
PB Hunter				
	Dance to Remember	14		14
HA Hunter				
	Starstruck LOA			
Specialty				
	DA Betty Blowtorch+\	18	20	38
Trail				
	Way Cool Zee+\	7		7
Versatility				
	Way Cool Zee+\			
Amateur Excellence - Adult				
	Debbie Bartman	7		7
Amateur Excellence - Youth				
	Megan Southall	25	55	80
IBN Skovdue - Amateur Adult				
	Debbie Bartman	7		7
IBN Skovdue - Youth				
	Angie Dubnoff			
Emerald Vixeyn				
	Way Cool Zee+\			

Total

Youth 13 and under

Jenna Hansz

Youth 14-18

Gabriela Burshteyn

Angie Dubnoff

Juliana Nagasaki **54**

Jamie Seals **136**

Megan Southall **80**

Multi-Horse

Sofia Kavanaugh

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! Every year DAHA pays tribute to those special horses as DAHA's Family Arabians 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. 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.

The honorees will be announced at our annual Membership Banquet in January, and will be featured in the DAHA newsletter and on the DAHA website. If you have any questions, please contact Debbie.

Around the Track

Races at Pleasanton As you may have noticed, the Arabian racing season is starting in June, at the Alameda County Fair, Pleasanton. There will be a number of Arabian races, so be sure to check your paper's sports schedule or www.calracing.com for days and times.

A Second Meet at Pleasanton- The California Horse Racing Board (CHRB) recently approved September's Stockton Fair race dates to Pleasanton for this year. We expect that meet to include Arabian races.

It might be noted that at the meeting of CHRB, which a few of us attended, some Golden Gate Fields reps were upset that they had not been included in the negotiations between Pleasanton Fair and Stockton. They would have liked to have put in a bid for those dates. It might be also noted that when other fairs, such as Solano County gave up their race dates, that the thoroughbred track that got those dates (GGF) eliminated races for the emerging breeds (Quarter-horses, mules, Arabians).

My personal opinion is that such breed bias is short-sighted. The tracks are having trouble filling a lot of races and are running less races each day. This is not good for the survival of racing and for keeping the few operating tracks. Part of the problem has been less horses, of any racing breed, available. It makes sense for the breeds to work together. A couple of Arabian, or other breed, races to fill out a full race card could only be a benefit to the tracks and those who race thoroughbreds.

The Darley Awards Some of us were in Hollywood and Beverly Hills from April 1st to 3rd for the annual Darley Awards for Arabian racing. Our mare, Dream Pearl, was one of three nominees for the 4 yr. old fillies' category. It was a fancy affair with the awards presented Friday night at the Dolby Theater (site of the Academy Awards), and a black tie dinner on Sunday at the Beverly Wilshire Hotel. On Saturday we were at Santa Anita for the running of the HH Sheikha Fatima Bint Mubarak (Grade I) \$100,000.00 race for Arabians. Much fun with a great buffet and various events. The race was exciting and the winner was the long shot, Thess is Awesome.

We had entered our mare, Dream Pearl, but had to scratch a couple of days before, as she had gone off her feed and lost weight that she couldn't afford to lose. It

would have been fun to see her run against the top horses in the country, but maybe next year. She has had some time off and is eating well, gaining weight, and has started training for Pleasanton in June. *Evelyn Call*

Think you might like to have fun with an Arabian race horse?

It may be the "Sport of Kings" but you don't have to be a king or queen to do it if you can join in a partnership in owning a horse. There are some very well bred horses now available and in training. Check with Cory Soltau, DAHA President, or Terri Eaton (trainer at Pleasanton) testables@msn.com.

Member Classified Ads

(Ads free to DAHA members. Limited to 30 words and will run for 1 issue, unless ad is renewed.)

County Conquest Hunt Saddle- made in England in 2015. Wide tree with 17.5" seat. County leathers included. Beautiful condition! \$2,500.00
Lisa (925) 787-2398

Website Ads: Members of DAHA may also place **free** short ads on the DAHA website for either horse or non-horse related items or businesses. Submit ads to the website chair.

DAHA Directory Ads: The DAHA 2016 Membership Directory is now under construction. The Board has approved the inclusion of business sized ads for \$25.00 to help defray the cost of printing. Please submit your copy electronically to evcallarabs@att.net. Thanks, ec

For Show Premium lists, Membership forms, High Point program information, and other information, check out the DAHA website at www.diabloaha.org . The website is currently in the process of being updated, so please contact the committee Chair if you need information not shown.

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