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August, 2011, NCAHA Newsletter and President's Message

Greetings to our NCAHA membership—this long, hot summer is almost over and we can begin to look forward to fall. We have a number of projects going on in the club right now such as preparing for our final open show of the season, the **NCAHA Youth Charity Benefit on October 1st at Grayland Farm** in Durham, planning for our annual awards banquet and elections, ordering new t-shirts with our club logo for sale to members, and ongoing planning for the 2012 conjoint dual regional show (NCAHA/ODAHA) next April.

I have received some news of show results from Region 15, East Coast Championships and Youth Nationals. Canadian Nationals are ongoing, and Sport Horse and US Nationals on the immediate horizon. I do not, unfortunately, have a full list of winners at any of the summer shows, but know that many of our members did well extremely well. Among those were: Rebecca Daughton who went Top Ten in Ten and Under Walk/Trot at Youth Nationals. Marisa Sanders and RH Israel hauled home a load of prizes from Region 15 and East Coast Championships. Mary Ann LaFerrier, Madison and Winston Dyer, Monica Meacham and Christian Cook all returned winners from ECC. Holly Riportella, riding Gianni on the Spot for Liz Lawrence, took Top 5 in HA Sport Horse in Hand Geldings- Open, Top 5 in HA Sport Horse Under Saddle- Junior Horse, and Champion in HA Sport Horse Under Saddle- Select AATR. Mia Johnson, riding Gianni on the Spot for Liz Lawrence, won a Top 5 in HA Sport Horse Under Saddle- JTR; Holly Riportella, handling Bigg Bucks for Liz Lawrence went Reserve Champion in HA Sport Horse In Hand- Geldings 2 & Over, ATH. Congratulations to all these NCAHA members, and to those we have not heard from as well, on their well-deserved victories!

Below: Holly and Gianni on the Spot



Our 2012 dual Region 12 & 15 qualifier with ODAHA plans are “GO” for a repeat the first weekend in April, 2012, at the Hunt arena in Raleigh. *If you have suggestions for ANY aspect of the 2012 April A show, please get them to the NCAHA show committee: Rory Meacham, Kim Poston, Sue Gray, Jess Crutchfield, Libby Williams or me as soon as possible.* Your show committee is already hard at work, along with ODAHA, planning for a successful 2012 show. We are currently assembling a staff and judges' list, beginning to write

contracts for officials, and reviewing the prize list and schedule. **We need and will appreciate your input NOW.** *We hope to have the prize list ready by Christmas so everyone can make their plans to attend!*

My appreciation to all the NCAHA members who helped with the June 25-26 NCAHA open show in Raleigh and to those who attended as exhibitors and spectators. It was a successful show due to everyone's hard work. Special thanks to Kim Poston for almost single-handedly running the office, Ellen Deal for all the sponsorships she brought in, Fred Heaton and Jessica Crutchfield for announcing, Sue Gray for organizing the ribbons and awards, Michael Williams for helping with the gate and awards, and Rory Meacham for keeping the wheels turning smoothly and doing at least five jobs at once! The judges, Leroy Melton and Virginia Godwin, were well-received and attracted a good crowd of exhibitors. High Point Winners for the show were: Hunt Seat Adult Champion: Kiss Over Coffee-Suzanne Lougee; Reserve Champion: Klassiq Twist, Ray Yarborough. Hunt Seat Youth Champion: Blazin Hot n Ready, Mikayla Spell; Reserve Champion: RH Israel, Marisa Sanders. Saddle Seat Adult Champion: SH Eleusive+, Monica Meacham; Reserve Champion: Vido Barbarino, Myra Daniel. Western Adult Champion: Maintain This, Dennis Hill; Reserve Champion: Redneck Starlite, Aimee Haag. Western Youth Champion: Coosas Frosty Lass, Sydney Sanders; Reserve Champion: RH Israel, Marisa Sanders. Congratulations to all these winners!

The **2011 NC State Fair Arabian Show (October 26-29)** class is about to be mailed and is already accessible on line. Deadline for no penalty entry is September 12th – so be sure to watch for the prize list in your mail or go on line for entry forms. This year we will be rejoining the Saddlebreds, Morgans and Hackneys the week after the fair itself closes --- so **NO FIREWORKS!** Exhibitors will still get parking and fair passes.

The 2012 NCAHA Awards Banquet/Membership Meeting and Elections will be held on **Saturday, January 28th at the Hawfields Community Building (Hawfields Church just off I-40) in Mebane.** The rental fee of the building has been donated, and Kathy Villanova has volunteered to work her decorating magic so we are already off to a good and inexpensive start. *The Awards Committee would appreciate your input on items to be given as awards and whether you'd prefer to have another pot luck or a catered meal, or as a compromise, have meat and main dish provided and fill in with sides and desserts with provided by members.* If we keep the cost of the banquet itself low, we will have more funds to spend on the actual awards! All suggestions will be considered by the board if received by the October 17th Board meeting. We will need to make a decision on whether to hold this year's banquet as a partial pot-luck (with meats provided) or a catered meal by the October meeting. ***Please SEND ANY OFFICER or BOARD MEMBER YOUR SUGGESTIONS for both the awards and the meal ASAP!***

At the January 28th Membership Meeting, we will be electing the following officers and board member for 2-year terms: President, Secretary, Youth Coordinator/Director and 2 at-large board of director members. It's time to toss your name in the ring! Contact Sue Gray to be included on the ballot.

Don't forget the **NCAHA Youth Charity Benefit show to be held at Grayland Farm on October 1st.** Rob McDougall will be this year's judge. The class list available on the web now and attached to this newsletter. Contact Karen Sanders to sponsor a class or classes for \$10 each or if you can volunteer to work at the show .

If your membership is about to expire, you that you can renewal your membership either on line or through our membership secretary, Jess Crutchfield. If you choose to renew on line, please to be sure to check NCAHA as your affiliate club!

The November, 2011, AHA convention in Vancouver is rapidly approaching. If you plan to attend and would like to be a registered delegate for the club, please contact me or Rory Meacham asap.

NCAHA will pay registration fees and partial expenses. We'd love to have 4 delegates and 1 alternate to represent us.

Finally, I'd like to have all our members and their friends who exhibited at this past April's conjoint show with ODAHA to know about this great opportunity from USEF:

Attention Arabian Exhibitors!

Do you have a competition that you look forward to attending every year? Are the parties not to be missed? Does management go above and beyond the call of duty? Are the facilities outstanding?

If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, then you need to cast your vote in the third annual Favorite USEF Breed Competition Contest!

The contest is a "competitor's choice" award, designed to recognize the efforts of the year's favorite USEF-licensed breed competition as chosen by the officials, trainers, riders, drivers, handlers or owners who participated.

Eleven competitions (**one per breed category**) win a plaque, and will also be mentioned in the USEF's *Week In Review*. From these eleven competitions, two will be selected from a random drawing to win the Grand and Reserve prizes. **The Grand Prize winner will receive a pizza party for their exhibitors at their 2012 USEF licensed competition; the Reserve winner will receive an ice cream party for the exhibitors at their 2012 USEF licensed competition.**

All USEF members in good standing who have participated in a USEF-licensed breed competition are encouraged to vote and share their feedback with the USEF.

The contest is now underway and voting ends December 1, 2011.

To cast your vote for the NCAHA / ODAHA 2011 All Arabian show during this competition season, visit: https://www.usef.org/_AUAIFrames/FavoriteBreed/default.aspx



Until next month,

Myra Daniel
President, NCAHA