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February, 2012, NCAHA Newsletter and President's Message

Our appreciation to all of the NCAHA board and members who helped organize the 2012 Membership Meeting and Awards Banquet held January 28th in Mebane. Special thanks to Sue Gray for organizing the excellent chicken and steak dinner and making it affordable for everyone to attend, to Kathy Villanova for the lovely decorations and for her hard work both in decorating for the banquet and organizing the table for displaying and selling our new t-shirts, to Sheree and Jess Crutchfield and Heather Hargrave for their hard work in planning, purchasing and distributing the 2011 NCAHA high point awards, and to everyone who attended for making the occasion a big success and for providing unlimited, tasty treats for desert!

A full list of all the 2011 awards winners is posted on our web site: www.ncaha.com. Thanks to Fred Heaton for organizing all these winners on the web page. Fred is now uploading new photos of our winners. If you have not sent in a photo and wish to, please email it as a jpeg file to me. This year's participation in the awards program was the best in years and the awards were not only lovely but useful (blue bridle bags with winner's name and club logo embroidered for class champions, red ones for the reserves). Overall high point winners also received very useful items such as hay bags, grooming and stall front storage bags also displaying our club logo. NCAHA is one of the few Arabian clubs still offering a FREE awards program to our members so this year, 2012, please continue to keep your points on the form available on our web page and participate by entering the high point competition. Forms for 2012 are up on the web site and will be due December 1st.

Our congratulations to all the 2011 awards program participants and winners. Three special annual club awards for 2011 went to: Christian Cook: Youth Sportsmanship Award; Ellen Deal: Senior Award; and Beecher Gray: "Noody" Award for club service.

New Officers and Board members were elected at the January 28th banquet. Your officers and board for 2012 are (contact information located on the NCAHA web page):

President: Rory Meacham
Immediate Past President: Myra Daniel
Vice-President: Sue Gray
Treasurer: Kim Poston
Secretary: Kathy Villanova

Membership Secretary (and Awards Chair): Jessica Crutchfield
Youth Coordinator: Jackie Daughton
Board Members :
Ellen Deal, Krystal Villanova, Sheree Crutchfield (terms expire 2012)
Libby Williams, Jackie Stott (terms expire 2014)

Don't forget to send your entries soon for the **2012 NCAHA/ODAHA Dual Regional Qualifier April 6-8, 2012 at the Hunt Complex in Raleigh**. The prize list has been approved and posted on our web page. Entry forms can be downloaded. Contact Rory Meacham if you need a printed copy. This year's April show will include main ring classes, trail, reining, sport horse, hunter/jumper, and dressage with an opportunity to qualify for both Region 12 Championships in May and Region 15 Championships in July. There are still a few TBA classes available for purchase through the show secretary (information in the prize list). This year's judges are:

	NCAHA (Region 12)	ODAHA (Region 15)
Main Ring	Buck Grass	Judy Warner
Sport Horse	Janet Henderson	Sue Smithson
Hunter	Janet Henderson	Beth Rackham
Dressage	Elizabeth Madlener *	Sue Smithson *

* dressage judges will switch regions on Sunday

We still have need for volunteers to work at the April show in various capacities. Please contact Rory Meacham, Myra Daniel or Sue Gray if you can volunteer time on any day of this event!

A reminder of the USEF's recent prohibition of products containing GABA (see the news flash and our web site for details) in show horses. Blood work will now reveal GABA in tested horses at USEF shows. Be AWARE and check your supplements!

Dates for the **2012 NC State Fair Arabian Show are Friday, October 19 (Main Ring classes) and Saturday, October 20th (Sport Horse Under Saddle and In-Hand)**. Please watch for details around late summer...when the class list will be accessible on line. This year we will be back in the main part of the fair; however our Arabian classes will run during the day on 10/19 and 10/20 and be finished before dark--- so **NO FIREWORKS!** Sport horse classes will be run in the ring below Barn E. **We are very excited that due to the hard work of many people the State Fair has agreed to offer sport horse under saddle and in-hand classes this year.** An open horse show will also be running classes on Saturday, 10/20 in the main indoor arena, which will our members are encouraged to participate in. All exhibitors will receive parking and fair passes.

Two upcoming shows you will hear more about soon are the **NCAHA Summer Extravaganza**, our 2-day open show, held at the **Hunt Complex in Raleigh on June 23-24** and the **NCAHA Youth Charity Benefit** show to be held at **Ellen Deal's in Mebane on October 6th**. More information on these shows will be available soon. **There is a possibility that we may also be able to offer a 1-day AHA-approved Sport Horse and Dressage show on June 23-24**. At this date, we are awaiting word from AHA as to whether the 1-day AHA qualifying shows will be extended to include sport horse and dressage. Stay tuned!

If your membership is about to expire, you that you can renew 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!

Until next month,

Rory Meacham, President

and

Myra Daniel, Immediate Past President