



NCAHA May / June Newsletter and President's Message

At this writing we are at last receiving some much-needed rain, refreshing our pastures and hopefully increasing this year's hay supply. Many of our members attended the recent Region 12 show and successfully earned Championships, Reserves and Top Fives. Congratulations to each and every NCAHA member who competed successfully – and, also, to those who exhibited and gave it their best try but did not earn ribbons.



Pictured above is Rebecca Daughton and Flirting with Fire, Champion 10 & under Hunt Seat Equitation and Top Five 10 & under Hunt Seat Pleasure.

News from our Trails Committee

The first NCAHA trail ride and social for this year will be held on Sunday, July 18th, at Cedar Rock Park near Burlington, NC.

The entrance is at 4242 Cedar Rock Park Road, off highway 49 south of Burlington. Rain date will be Sunday, July 25th. Time will be 1 PM – 6 PM. People will be getting ready to ride starting around 1 and will probably leave around 1:30 PM. If there is a large crowd, more than one group can go out. Bring a picnic or your favorite food or desert for after the ride. There is plenty of trailer parking and picnic facilities. Someone will be able to stay with the trailers while the riders go out. Ride around the park can take from 1-2 hours, depending on speed. For additional information contact Jess Crutchfield (jecrutchfield@gmail.com) or Jackie Stott (jaycyrewin@yahoo.com).



Have Questions about Maiden, Novice, Limit, Select or AOTS Classes?

Our guest columnist for this month, trainer and judge, Jim Paden, has answers. The article below is attached separately as a file in case you'd like to save it for future reference! Thanks to Jim for compiling this information into a brief, simple and useful document.

"Many of us are confused by the interpretation of rules and rule changes that govern the manner in which we show our horses. I have been confronted by exhibitors on more than one occasion who really did not understand the differences between Maiden, Novice, Limit, Select and AOTS (Amateur Owned, Trained & Shown) classes. The following is an attempt to clarify and simplify the rules governing these classes. This information can be found in the current (2010) USEF Rule Book

***MAIDEN;**

Classes are open to horses and/or exhibitors if specified, that have not won a first place ribbon at a Regular Class "A" or Dressage Competitions of The Federation (USEF) or Equine Canada in the particular performance division or level in which they are shown.

***NOVICE;**

Classes are open to horses and/or exhibitors if specified, that have not won a total of three first place ribbons at a Regular Class "A" or Dressage Competitions of The Federation (USEF) or Equine Canada in the particular performance division or level in which they are shown.

***LIMIT:**

Classes are open to horses and/or exhibitors if specified, that have not won a total of six first place ribbons at a Regular Class "A" or Dressage Competitions of The Federation (USEF) or Equine Canada in the particular performance division or level in which they are shown.

In the Arabian division, ribbons won within one division do not count in the reckoning of Maiden, Novice or Limit status if the animal and/or exhibitor if specified, competes in a different division. Therefore, if a horse has won numerous firsts in English, that does not affect his becoming a Maiden, Novice or Limit horse in the Country English division. If the class specifies Novice, Maiden or Limit rider, an exhibitor that has won numerous firsts in Western Pleasure can compete as a Novice, Maiden or Limit exhibitor in another division such as Hunter Pleasure.

Ribbons won in one-horse horse classes do not count in reckoning the Maiden, Novice or limit status of either horse and/or exhibitor in any division. Therefore, classes with only one entry do not count in regard to the number of blue ribbons won in relation to the status of Maiden, Novice or Limit classes. The status of Maiden, Novice or Limit is as of the closing date of entries for any licensed Competition. For example, the closing date of entries for the NCAHA show is March 1, 2010, and should a horse and/or exhibitor compete and win 12 blue ribbons at another recognized show between March 1 and the start of the NCAHA show, the horse and/or exhibitor may still compete at the NCAHA show in the Maiden, Novice or Limit classes.

Ref; USEF Rule Book 2010, General Rules, GR134

***SELECT**

Classes are open to exhibitors who have not won any of the following:

1. AHA Regional Top Five or higher in that particular performance section in which they are shown.
2. AHA National Top Ten or higher in that particular performance section in which they are shown.



3. Two AHA Regional Top Five Awards or higher in a Select class that particular performance section in which they are shown.
4. An AHA National Top Ten or higher award in a Select class in that particular performance section in which they are show.

Riders in the Arabian, Half-Arabian, or Anglo-Arabian Divisions shall not be considered separately when competing in the same performance section.

If a rider is eligible to compete as a Select rider in a performance section on December 1, said eligibility remains throughout the current competition year (that eligibility is determined beginning with Regional and National competitions of 1997)

*AOTS, Amateur Owned, Trained, and Shown

Classes may be offered in any section. Exhibitors, attendants, and headers must meet the specifications for amateur status (refer to GR 1306 and GR 1307, USEF Rule Book). Horses are not to have been professionally trained for a period of one year immediately prior to the competition (riding and driving instruction for the owner to be excluded). In addition, horses are not to be exhibited, prepared, groomed or schooled with the aid of or by a professional while on or off the competition grounds immediately before or during the competition. Horses may be stabled with a professional during the competition, and hauled by a professional. Professional help for situations relevant to safety is permitted. Owner must sign as owner, trainer, and rider/driver/handler on the USEF/AHA entry blank. “

Ref; USEF Rule Book 2010, Arabian Rules, AR 113,

Constitution & By-Law Review Committee

Jim Paden, Sue Meyer and Fred Heaton will be reviewing and proposing revisions to our constitution and by-laws. As part of the review, Jim will be interviewing all the current officers and board members regarding their understanding of their duties and responsibilities. Plans are to have proposed revisions to members in time to make voting on amendments a part of the 2011 Annual meeting.

Youth Activities Update

Tentative Date Set for Showmanship Clinic

A free showmanship clinic for NCAHA youth members will be held at Cedarwood Arabians at Grayland Farm, hopefully in June. Elizabeth O'Briant will be the clinician for the event, which is tentatively planned for Sunday afternoon, June 13th. Please look for more details coming soon from Youth Director, Karen Sanders or contact Karen for an update (ksanders1976@gmail.com) .

Youth Charity Benefit Open Horse Show

The 2010 NCAHA Youth Open Horse Show will be held on Saturday, July 17th at Sharon Oaks Stables in Hillsborough with Mike Yoder as the judge. The rain date is Saturday, July 24th. Proceeds from this event will be donated to a charity or non-profit organization and sponsors for classes are needed. Look for the class list coming soon to the NCAHA web page.



Results of the Region 12 Elections Held at Perry, GA, in May

Eric Wolfe has been elected the incoming new Director of Region 12. Janet Searles will be the Vice-Director. Congratulations to Eric and Janet.

NCAHA Year-End High Point Nominations and Awards

There have been several changes made to this year's high point awards program. Nomination forms and new rules are attached to this newsletter and will be posted on the web site. Please save these documents so that you can use them to submit your entries. Separate forms must be submitted for each horse and for "rated" and "open" shows. Be reminded that the deadline for submissions will be December 1st (postmarked) and that *entries will not be accepted by e-mail for 2010*.

August 21-22 Open Show

NCAHA's 2-day open show, the NCAHA SUMMER EXTRAVAGANZA, will be held on Saturday and Sunday, August 21 and 22nd at the Hunt Arena in Raleigh. The class list will be the same each day, but with different judges; Roger Moore will judge on Saturday and Lori Stroud on Sunday. Class entry fees will be \$7 and stalls are available starting on Friday 8/20 at noon for a nominal cost of \$45 for the day or weekend. There will be a \$10 fee for showing out of your trailer. This is a great opportunity for exhibitors to get in practice in the main arena and to support our club. If you can't show, we can use your help in the office, the barn area, with the gate or ribbons or in the paddock! *We need class sponsors (\$20/class); you can pick the class of your choice. Help us make the show a success – sponsor a class now.*

Contact Ellen Deal to choose your class to sponsor (edeal@mebtel.net) and help NCAHA promote our young exhibitors and attract people to our breed! Our host hotel is **BEST WESTERN CARY INN & SUITES (919) 481-1200, LOCATED** only 3 miles from the horse complex with free breakfast, gym, pool, and internet.

The class list for the Summer Extravaganza is attached. You will find contact and stall information on the second page.

Beginning with this month, minutes from the past Board meeting will be attached to inform the membership about Board discussions and ongoing issues. All members are invited to attend NCAHA Board meetings. They are held the 3rd Monday of each month at Nantucket Café at the intersection of I-40 and Highway 54 in Chapel Hill. If you have an issue you'd like placed on the agenda, please let me know not later than the 2nd Monday of each month.

I'd like to invite any of our members—exhibitors, trainers, breeders, trail or endurance riders and everything in-between, to submit material for the monthly newsletter. Please send items you think will be of interest to me at mmydan@embarqmail.com.

Until next month, I hope you have a wonderful summer and enjoy your equine activities.

Sincerely,

Myra Daniel
NCAHA President