



# REGIONAL REVIEW

Third Quarterly Meeting Report and Region 2 News

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## Region 2, 2014, Meetings

November 1  
Marie Callenders  
Valencia, CA

## AHA Board of Directors 2014 Meeting Dates

November 19  
AHA Convention

## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR JUST-ELECTED 2014 - 2016 OFFICERS



Jay Greenberg,  
Director



Joyce Schroeder,  
Vice Director



Annette Wells,  
Treasurer

*Region 2 elects a Director, Vice Director and Treasurer every even-numbered year. Each officer serves a 2-year term of office with the Director being limited to 2 consecutive terms with no limit for the offices of Vice Director and Treasurer. These officers will be seated as of the drop of the adjourning gavel at that year's AHA Convention.*

## Two Special Articles Are Included in This Issue's Edition!

### *The Relationship Between Humans and Equines in Today's World*

*Presentation given by HRH Princess Alia of  
Jordan  
to the 2011 WAHO Conference  
See page 7*

### *A Bit of History*

*by Marianne Hatfield  
A Story from the 7th Annual Southern Cali-  
fornia Arabian Horse Association  
October, 1951, All-Arabian Show  
See Page 16*



Hi Everyone,

## DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

I want to focus this Director's Report on two subjects: our recent regional election and communicating the results of the most recent AHA Board of Directors meeting.

We held our bi-annual regional officer elections at our July Region 2 board meeting in Bakersfield. I was reelected as Director, and Annette Wells was reelected as Treasurer. Annette and I would like to thank the delegates and ultimately the membership for their continued support. I am very happy to welcome Joyce Schroeder to the Region 2 officer team. She was elected by acclamation as our new Vice Director. Joyce brings many fresh ideas to Region 2, is a very hard worker and will make a great addition to our team. I also have appointed her as the Chairperson of the Regional Horse Show committee.

Here are my notes from the AHA Board Meeting held on August 1 and 2 in Aurora, Colorado:

### **President's Report (Cynthia Richardson):**

- Racing under pressure from casino proliferation.
- Morgan's have decreased breeding fees and discounted first 90 days of training to encourage growth in horse numbers.
- Disciplines were on rise versus breeds, but now shrinking some.
- USEF researching value proposition; AHA to incorporate results.
- Registrations are caught up.
- Business Technology is a massive effort and funding is going to be critical.
- AHA staff is maxed out, and we need to avoid passing motions and resolutions that cause more work for them until we're past this condition.

### **Judges and Stewards (Stan Morey):**

- 275 total judges
- Hall of fame reinstated; awards at U.S. Nationals.
- Hoof study: 4 hours lost at Youth Nationals due to thrown shoes (mostly maintenance issues); no data that support abuse yet and, after researching, it probably doesn't exist now.
- Judges school open to exhibitors who don't want judge but do want better knowledge of how classes are judged.
- Youth Nationals average horse age is 10.6 years, 3.2 classes.

### **Treasurer's Report (Bob Nash):**

- Operating revenues and expenses, net income, cash position all better than budget.
- Significant improvement in cash reserves year-over-year.
- YTD Actual versus Budget looking good.
- Still have critical funding issues to solve for Business Technology and the AHA Headquarters Building.

### **EVP Reports (Glenn Petty):**

- Split Marketing: Publications and Marketing and Communications
- Garage issue resolved.
- HVAC internal fire dampers were problem, though unit is 10 years past life expectancy.
- Three colic and one accidental horse deaths at Youth National.

### **Controller Report (Brad Short):**

- Bond investment policy needs to be revised.

### **Competitions (Leslie Lockard):**

- 685 Canadian Nationals horses so far (45 less than budget), and 3 classes per horse.
- 25 Resolutions submitted; deadline closed at 8/15

### **Registrations (Debbie Fuentes):**

- Arabian and Half up 5% and 21% mostly due to amnesty so far.
- FY14 Registration revenues up.
- Huge over-all decline in all breeds over last 14 years. Arabian and Half Arabian among the most, and Quarter Horse among the least.
- 5% decline in membership year-over-year.
- 23390 and 12758 total and competition card members as of June.

- Central Coast and San Fernando Valley were among 6 winning clubs on registration promotion. Congratulations!!!!!!!!!!!!

**Publications (Susan Bavaria):**

- ~13,000 MAH mailed each issue.
- Distribution is roughly 3 times Arabian Times and Arabian World

**Convention:**

- Denver next 3 times.
- Youth auction donation needs to be decided. Money is in this year's budget.
- Need 2 Door prizes from region.

**Youth and Family Coordinator (Nedra Johnson):**

- Tail big success at Youth.
- PowerPods (for cell phones) a big success @\$20; money goes to the kids.

**Next Year's Board Meeting Dates:**

- 3/13-14/2015
- 7/31-8/1/2015
- 11/18/15 at Convention

**AHA National Distance:**

- 50 Mile 9/10-11/15 Oneida, TN
- 100 Mile 9/12/15 Oneida, TN

**Sweepstakes:**

- Killed point system to eliminate \$200K per year bleed.
- Replaced with motions with effect in 2016. The emphasis was on concentrating more on the Champion and Reserve, amateur classes and regionals; the payout schedule is very detailed, so we will wait for it to be published rather than try to completely communicate it here.
- Made it so foals of purebred nominated mares can be nominated even if the purebred sire was not nominated.
- There is some controversy around Yearling Sweepstakes payouts being focused on Amateur-to-handle. It is important to remember that most of these changes do not take affect until 2016, so there is ample time to fine tune.

**Canadian National Show Commission:**

- Brandon, Manitoba for 2015 and 2016, no other qualified facilities submitted interest

**Competition Advisory:**

- To avoid incidents like the one at Youth Nationals, 1 and only 1 person can come into a National Show arena for a win picture; safety issue; effective immediately; BOD motion.
- There will be a photo area outside the ring where larger group pictures can be taken.

**Bylaws Committee**

- The Board passed a motion to move the Bylaws Committee from a Tier B to a Tier A committee with a limit of five members to be appointed by the President.
- This motion has stirred up significant controversy which I will bring to the President's attention immediately.

**Regional Boundaries:**

- Highly unlikely to recommend boundary changes
- Instead focusing on clarifying regional roles and strengthening regional capabilities

Remember that convention is coming up in November in Aurora, Colorado, so start making your plans if you have not done so already.

I hope you all go have some fun with your horses,

***Jay Greenberg***  
**Region 2, Director**

## Motions Passed at the July 12, 2014, Delegates' Meeting

[Vicky Rich](#), Secretary



The Minutes from the January meeting were approved as corrected. Motion made by Penny Wardlaw and seconded by Gordon Walter. There was not a quorum at the April meeting; therefore no motions were considered.

Treasurer Annette Wells presented the Treasurer's Report including an update on the IRS situation. The required paperwork is in the hands of the IRS. Dory Kline requested that the delegates be updated on any notices from the IRS. Jeff Reichman made a motion that any tax preparer used by Region 2 must be approved in advance by the delegates. Motion seconded by Penny Wardlaw and approved by the delegates with one abstention. The Treasurer's Report was approved. Motion made by Penny Wardlaw and seconded by Lorry Wagner.

Elections: The Secretary passed out ballots. Stephanie Bennett, Chair of the Nominating Committee presented the slate. Motion made by Penny Wardlaw to approve the slate, seconded by Lorry Wagner, and approved by the delegates.

Nominations were then accepted from the floor. Jeff Reichman was nominated for Director and Jim Gift was nominated for Treasurer. Lorry Wagner moved that nominations be closed, Carol Hirons seconded, and the delegates approved.

Penny Wardlaw made a motion that Joyce Schroeder be elected by acclamation as no one was running against her. The motion was seconded by Carol Hirons and approved by the delegates.

Nominations were followed by candidate speeches and question and answer period. Voting then took place by secret ballot.

Ballots were collected by the Secretary. Counting was done by the Secretary, Penny Wardlaw and Lorry Wagner with Stephanie Bennett as witness to the counting of votes.

The results were Jay Greenberg, Director, and Annette Wells, Treasurer.

During the meeting the Distance and Endurance Committees were merged into one Committee with Marci Cunningham and Dory Kline as Co-Chairs.

## Bylaws

Lorry Wagner, [Chair](#)



At last year's AHA Convention, the AHA Bylaws Committee presented a resolution addressing a large number of changes in our AHA Bylaws. This resolution was referred to Committee after much discussion was raised regarding some of these changes.

As a member of that committee, I have received a new draft addressing these changes brought forth in a different format. The format has broken the different Articles into separate resolutions which is good but has taken the existing bylaw's (Article by Article) requiring in the first "resolved" that the existing section be abolished, run lines through same and with the "be it further resolved" added the rewritten the Article with all changes showing the new language.

However, if you want to actually see and understand what is being dropped, added and/or saved from our existing Bylaws language, you would have to compare both the old and new sections word by word.

It is my opinion that this is not acceptable, is far too difficult and time consuming to go through all 63 pages of several resolutions covering all Articles' changes word by word. I have contacted the Bylaws Committee Chair and asked for a change of format where each Article(s)

within individual resolutions be the original showing strikeouts, and/or changes so one can easily see changes. If no changes are made, I would recommend this action should once again be sent back to Committee to be put together in a decent format showing removal and additions all in one document for ease of understanding what is going on.

I do agree with making each article a separate resolution. Last year's combining all changes to the full Bylaws document in one resolution was just too much to digest.

## News from Region 2 Clubs



st of California Arabi-  
ation is among the 5  
ers of the Arabian  
n's membership-drive  
u can see all  
...d in *Modern Arabian  
Horse* magazine. The AHA acknowl-  
edged CCCAHA for their hard work  
and dedication on both the local club  
level and to AHA.

Submitted by CCCAHA's Region 2 Delegate,  
Gloriann Bellino

## Sister Regions' Newsletters

New service on our "Calendar of Events" list. We now list the web address for the newsletters produced by other Regions who, in turn, give us a reciprocal link back to our Region 2 Newsletter listing on our website.

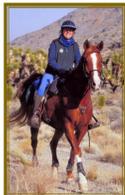


Mesaoud, 1887, (Aziz x Yemameh)  
Bred by Ali Pasha Sherif



## Region 2 Endurance Challenge

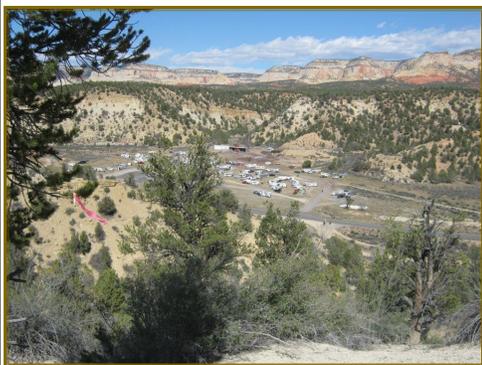
[Marci Cunningham](#), Chair



### Mt Carmel XP 5-Day Endurance Ride

By  
Marci Cunningham

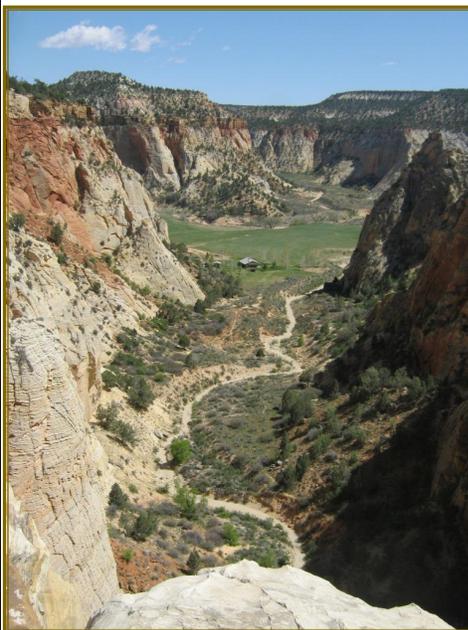
For a number of years I have wanted to go to the Mt Carmel XP 5 day ride in southern Utah, but my schedule would never allow it until this year. The ride was held April 30<sup>th</sup> to May 4<sup>th</sup> and base camp was 11 miles east of Zion National Park in scenic Utah canyon country.



*Our basecamp looking down from the west across US Highway 89, which we crossed each day.*

On Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, I drove to Inyokern where my traveling partner, Becky Hackworth, lived. We left the next morning driving the 10 hours to ride camp in her truck and living quarter trailer, which was perfect for a week of camping. The ride didn't start until Wednesday so the horses had Tuesday to rest from the long trailer ride. My plan was to ride Fire Mt Zoom all 5 days for a total of 250 miles for the week. All 5 days looped back into camp so there was no need to move the trailer. Each day we rode a variety of trail which included single track cattle and horse trails, two track jeep roads and some graded roads. The trails traversed a variety of grassy meadows, pinion pine and juniper forests. On two of the days we rode on the "rim of the world trail" with views to Bryce National Park, Zion National Park and the Grand Canyon, depending on which direction you looked. We also rode in plenty of

red sand with just enough rocks to make the trails interesting. Zoom didn't disappoint me as he finished



*Looking down a canyon towards distant trail.*

all 5 days looking great at the end of each day and with these 5 rides I reached the Platinum Level of the 2014 Region 2 Endurance Challenge which requires 10 ride completions. I was happy with myself as I hadn't ridden 5 days of 50 mile endurance rides in a row since the 2007 Grand Canyon ride. I rode each day with fellow GEAHS member Helen Eustice riding DW Hardrock, her Arab/Appy cross. Other GEAHS members at this ride included Laurie Birch, Carol Bischoff and Robert Bischoff. In addition to riding, Laurie took the pictures for this story.



*Horses gathered around a water stop on the trail. Dave Rabe, in the shorts standing next to the gray horse, has over 59,000 endurance miles and is an endurance challenge participant. Joan Taylor is in the foreground riding her mustang Dodge. Ride management puts out water on the trail where needed.*

*I don't know the rest of the riders and horses.*

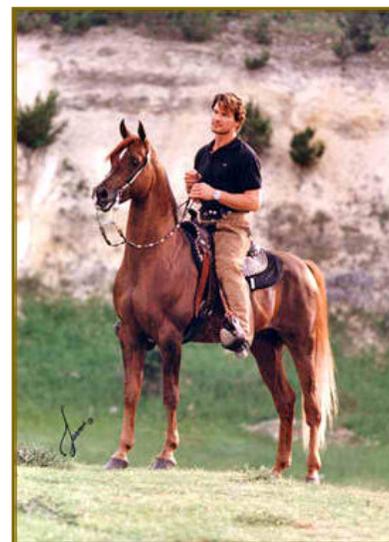


## Region 2 Endurance News

[Marci Cunningham](#) &  
[Dory Kline](#), Co-Chairs

Dory Kline reported that the Region 2 Championship Endurance ride is tentatively scheduled for October 25<sup>th</sup> at the Bill Thornburgh Friends & Family ride in Inyokern. We are waiting for confirmation from ride management.

## Remembering Patrick Swayze



*August 18, 1952—September 14, 2009*

Patrick riding his beloved Arabian stallion, Tammen, were a very popular pair at many competitions and events, including presenting the flag at the U.S. Nationals. Tammen (Abenhetep x Talgana) went to greener pastures in 1999.

In 1995 Patrick rode in the Qatar desert marathon, a 26-mile desert endurance race. He was among the last to cross the finish line, but was praised for the kindness he exhibited to his horse, Wasel. When Wasel suffered soreness from saddle problems, Patrick rode the last miles bareback to the finished line.



## **Region 2 Show**

**Joyce Schroeder & Penny Wardlaw**  
**2014 Co-Chairs**  
**Joyce Schroeder**  
**2015 Chair**



“Fun in the Sun in Santa Barbara” is the best way to describe the 2014 Regional Horse Show from our perspective! Another event bringing together those who own, train and show such incredible horses.

This year we had the pleasure of seeing so many returning exhibitors and trainers as well as many new friends that we had not seen in prior years and are so happy to have both back with us. As evidenced by some of you and the volunteers and staff, it appeared that the majority of those in attendance enjoyed themselves...lots of ribbons hanging on those barns proved that there were some exceptional animals being shown. It does make those of us who volunteer, work and plan the show feel good when we the exhibitor! Thanks to Sharon, Nancy and Judy for keeping us on track!

The Region would like to thank our terrific volunteers: Joyce Schroeder and Penny Wardlaw who organized and managed a great show, Nancy Goertzen and Donna Dent whose beautiful “Trading Post” and attention to all the many details of awards was perfect, Bob Griffin managed the “In Gate” flawlessly with nary a hitch in the hectic schedule, Larry Alcorn and Ron Richards’ call-up kept things moving smoothly, Kathy Stegman photographed and worked the working western division with Anna Olson acting as our scribe. Vicky Rich attended to judges’ hospitality and Kathy Stegman headed the morning exhibitor’s hospitality. Stephanie Bennett schlepped endless boxes and decorations and our UCSB girls who ran and ran and ran! The dinner could not have happened

without Alison Crutchfield, Ann and Jerry Jamison, and Pam Kane. Paul Martinez managed the barns with assistant and volunteer, Rod Goertzen. Our office staff was again headed by Secretary Sharon Richards who, together with her top-notch crew of Judie Mitten and Nancy Harvey kept everything in order and the event proceeding without any problems.

While the economy and timing of other shows continues to be a drain on all our exhibitors, the show continues to make a significant surplus for the Region. The assurance of our exhibitors that it was one of the best shows they had been to since our last year’s show was clear in their upbeat and encouraging attitude.. We want to ask you as an exhibitor or trainer to let us know if you have ideas, suggestions or complaints concerning the show...we want your input to make the show more fun and better for all of us. Of course, we cannot change some things, but we can work together to build a better Regional event.

One fun thing for us, was to be able to see the Youth there having fun, enjoying an adult/youth volleyball game, youth booth, ice cream social and we thank our Region 2 Youth president for her hard work and organization...and the Exhibitor dinner that brought the Melendez boys to entertain us again with their guitars and voices along with Flora ...THANK YOU so much. Next year, we are planning a little different dinner, so stand by!

The show is a major undertaking for the Region and this year’s success is due to a wonderful spirit of working together, enjoying the time with friends and our beautiful horses! To those who help, exhibited and worked, Region 2 extends a warm and hearty thank you and we hope to see you again!

Comments can be sent to any of the Region 2 Board members.

Joyce Schroeder and Penny Wardlaw,  
2014 Co-Chairs



*Purebred four year old gelding Eden's Eclipse He was unanimous Champion in Hunter Pleasure AAOTR, Lori Hart, riding as well as Reserve Champion in Hunter Pleasure Jr. horse with trainer Tammy Bowles riding.*

*Photo by Gordon Walter*

*Dani Churchran riding Half Arabian Pixie in Ladies Western Side Saddle*

*Photo by Gordon Walter*





*HRH Princess Alia Bint Al  
Hussein Al Saleh  
of Jordan*

# *The Relationship Between Humans and Equines in Today's World*

***Princess Alia gave this presentation to the 2011 WAHO Conference that was held in Qatar on November 4th and received a standing ovation. Princess Alia has given her permission to share this presentation with our readers. This very powerful presentation touched the hearts of many around the world who are dedicated to the Arabian Horse.***

Although the title of this talk is "equine Human relations in today's world," I hope you will forgive me if I begin with some reflections upon the wider relations between humans and animals in Yesterday's world, by way of "setting the scene", and trying to see not only where we are now but how (how on EARTH!) we got to this...

The relationship between animals and humans in the times of our ancestors was much clearer I think. Hunting was for most a necessity yet performed with appreciation of and respect for the hunted creatures it was not purely massacre, and it was set within a real framework as was most interaction between our predecessors and the natural world. There were cultural and religious procedures that were STRICTLY OBSERVED, unlike today, where most guidelines are often purely mechanical, performed (if at all correctly) in a perfunctory manner and with no real empathy.

Buddhism not only respects but avoids in any way jeopardizing the lives of even the tiniest insects. In Shamanism, creatures are often regarded by individuals as their spiritual guides, or "totems". Nearer at hand, and more familiar to most of us, the three monotheistic religions all have strong guidelines for interacting with the natural world: guidelines based upon mercy and respect. We are told that King Solomon altered the course of his entire army to avoid trampling a colony of ants: Islam and Islamic history, from the Prophet to his Companions and on, has directives and requirements for the treatment of animals and even plants which are stricter than many welfare organizations would dream of, surprising though this may seem. One of the most telling examples is the event where the prophet Muhammad, also at the head of a huge army, posted a soldier to stand guard over a dog with new born puppies by the path. The sentry was to stay with her until all the troops had passed by, in order to ensure that nobody would bother them. Islam also, while fully acknowledging Christ's ability to heal the sick and raise the dead, cites an earlier of his miracles : his modeling of a dove from clay and then breathing life into it...his ability of ,with God's Guidance, giving life the "greatest gift of all!" was not restricted to human beings...

The fact is that our predecessors - and not so long ago either - only a generation or two in some parts of the world - were ALL aware of the sacredness of life whatever the species, especially in the near and far east, they were also fully aware of animals as sentient beings. Yet, in spite of St Francis of Assisi and many others who famously interacted with all creatures and had firsthand knowledge not only of the sentience but sophisticated thought processes of all creatures, it took until 1999 for the modern European Community to officially recognize the sentience of animals!

So there has clearly been a degeneration in the attitude of humans towards the rest of Creation... and this has accelerated along with every other aspect of worldly life, during the past century. Huge numbers of humans with their associated needs - magnified into DEMANDS thanks to both public and social media - call for equally huge resources to be put at their disposal. Logistics do not necessarily encourage humane attitudes-pressures prevent us from thinking about the essentials, often, and the one thing that most of us are encouraged to do is to "Get ahead;" make more money; bigger names for ourselves; provide for our loved ones, often by giving them more and more intrinsically superficial values and gadgets which take away from our interaction with the natural world; from what is REAL, GROUNDING and terrifyingly ENDANGERED Horses.! We are all here at this WAHO conference because of some form of interest, love - commitment, not only to horses but particularly to the Arabian horse - the "versatile", horse, the Improver whose genes have contributed to all warmblood breeds and several others as well.

We felt, I believe, fairly safe and cocooned in our "Arabian horse world", as recently as twenty years ago. Yes, there were muffled outcries at the surfacing abusive trends in the training of show horses across the ocean, but while we abhorred it we also felt lightly complacent that THIS would never catch on anywhere else. I, for one, WAS alarmed at how soon that complacency was cracked when the European and Australasian show scene began to follow suit, but I was still naive and SURE that "Once ALL the Arab countries get really involved in the Arabian Show scene this will change they will NEVER accept these excesses. We will be horrified and vocal and help to wake everyone up, and put our resources behind stopping the abuse." I believed it fully, but sadly, whether through our blind belief in the word of trainers and dealers or through willfully blinding ourselves to the reality behind reactions of horses in the ring or ANYWHERE when "Stood up," by most handlers, WHATEVER the reason, we have not done and are not DOING right by our horses. I regretfully but openly include Jordan in this, because while we do truly try our best to ensure that our SHOWS do not feature abuse and make our owners aware of the issues, there are still many owners who do not "GET IT", and while loving their horses still either do not recognize OR turn a blind eye to bad handling and scared horses.

The show scene has become actually a TRIAL for many spectators to attend. Those that do not have horses entered don't come because it is not a pleasure to see a vast majority of frightened animals. Those that care too much to subject their horses TO abuse often feel that they can't compete with the "professional" scene and so give up. Many are giving up their whole LIVES with horses when not being able to compete against the wind. Yet attempts at strict rule enforcement are often countered by pleas for leniency towards the "professionals," with comments like "they are only doing their JOB...it's their livelihood." In truth, it is ACTUALLY those relative few who are ruining the livelihoods of many, along with the sanity and wellbeing of their possibly beautiful but internally damaged charges. Exaggerating? When you walk through a barn full of fabulous deep straw bedding and big loose-boxes, wonderful ventilation and (no doubt) the BEST food and medical care – ALL the "pluses", cited commonly by the professional trainers and handlers – you may be impressed... until you see a large strong beautiful mare prick her ears at the sound of one famous handler WAY down the corridor and collapse on the ground in a heap, scrabbling in the lovely deep bedding to get OUT, to go ANYWHERE away from that voice, even out through the back wall of her cement loosebox. Then you are not only unimpressed. If you are like me, you are feeling physically nauseous. Especially when the overseer entrusted by the owner with this huge project shrugs sheepishly and says, "Russian bloodlines", or some equally ridiculous excuse.

So the Show scene is not in great shape and, from the little I have seen, this is true of several other Breed shows to greater or lesser degrees. Much stress, much travel, little consideration for the horses. The more dangerous aspect for the future – aside from the breeders and owners leaving the scene (and who are the ones who ensure continuation of any breed) – is the negative transformation of the Versatile improver, the tough pre-potent intelligent BRAVE (and yes, beautiful) Arabian into a cowering or aggressive neurotic flimsy travesty; not only off-putting to non-Arabian horse people, but with questionable potential for any life outside the show ring and a very poor prospect for the long-term viability of the breed.

Some of us decide to give other Horse sports a try – because we love horses and everything about them, the smell of their breath, their feed, their leather tack – just being in some way a part of their world. So we try endurance, polo, dressage, racing. Endurance and polo, though much derided and often cited as abusive by "show people," wanting to accuse other equine sports of abuse (as if two wrongs ever made one right)...both of these sports, and I do mean when performed PROPERLY, are often loved by the horses. Endurance involves exercise, and when training and feeding are performed realistically and there is not the typical modern stress of ego to WIN AT ALL costs (too often the horse's cost) then it can be a great sport. A real partnership and mutual understanding between equine and human; reciprocal respect and affection; sustained physical effort culminating in a wonderful bond and often deeply fulfilling performances resulting from really knowing each other. Sometimes spectacular unexpected wins, but in their absence STILL enormous satisfaction and contentment after a long days' effort spent in amicable competition with other likeminded friends both human and equine, concluded safely. In such cases, it is a Great sport

Polo also, for the horses with an aptitude for the game and trained and ridden by good sensitive riders, can be highly enjoyable. Many polo ponies appear to truly LOVE the game. I know of several "old hands", well trained ponies who actually do a little shift of weight or skip to correct the seat of an inexperienced rider, and are themselves great teachers. As with any other horse sport, if the human part of the equation has too little consideration or too much ego, then of course it can be disastrous. Too little SKILL on the rider's part is often less of an issue, because horses, like other speechless creatures, understand our hearts and are willing to put up with much physical discomfort quite contentedly as long as there is love and consideration. As long as the rules are clear. As long as things make sense. It is when things become bizarre, when punishments given for standing in a natural way or REWARDS are given for achieving a required pose which is UNCOMFORTABLE, praise for something painful, punishment for not doing ANYTHING WRONG...that is when horses can start to lose their minds.

Racing, show jumping, dressage - again, in the modern world - these have problems. We all know about the huge number of non-starters, young horses not up to the promise of their pedigrees or who broke down too early and are sent to meat factories. Horses who may need a few months of rest to be great competitors NEXT year, but are put down because it is quicker to claim insurance

on them and buy a new one to compete on and, if successful, sell on FAST before it fails and the price goes down. On and on selling and ridiculously huge prices until the creature fails. Then, unless it is a great breeding prospect off to the meat factory.

For dressage, the old time consuming basic training, of the Classical schools such as the Spanish riding School of Vienna and the Cadre Noir of France, are largely ignored in modern dressage. These techniques and training plans took into consideration the essentials such as the maturity (both physical and MENTAL) of the horses for each stage: the necessity for protecting developing joints and tendons and for preserving sensitive mouths. Riders were not allowed to TOUCH the reins of a horse until they had completed I believe it was two years of training and would not compromise the horses by heavy handedness. No bleeding mouths, no over-flexion, no "blue tongues", to sicken spectators. Those classically trained horses last, they perform their exercises for many years before retiring. The average age of competition horses in Europe a couple of years ago – I am not aware of the more recent statistics –was EIGHT years old. Disposable beings.

And yet, though there are so very many horses that don't make the grade and are sent off to slaughter or are just neglected –do we stop breeding so many? Do we attempt to only produce realistic numbers for which we can do our best to guarantee a reasonable future? Oh no, instead we breed by ever more artificial means – extracting the last possible penny from the parents with no consideration for THEIR part in the lives they beget: stallions are harvested often much too young , totally ignoring the truths behind the Chinese philosophy which equates male energy with the "Life force", itself.... MARES are also often harvested mercilessly for embryo transfer – not just in rare cases where a rare strain or bloodline is attempting to be preserved, which COULD perhaps justify embryo transfer on a small scale but for other reasons...selfish reasons. How often have we heard, "This is NOT a brood mare – she is a SHOW MARE that produces babies." She needs to keep her figure to attend shows – or alternatively, it may be pure greed in wanting to have as MANY eggs as possible to sell from a famous expensive mare. So she is pumped with hormones again and again. I think not only the ladies among you, but any gentleman who has a wife daughter or sister will understand how such things affect our wellbeing...and these poor mares rarely if ever are allowed the fulfilling conclusion of it all –a warm live foal to love, teach, and nurture.

I frankly find equally offensive the fact that the carrier mares, often large gentle souls but not esteemed enough to be bred themselves, are regarded with amusement and derision when they produce the "Jewel", they have been carrying on behalf of the more aristocratic genetic dam. I have seen them laughed at and called ugly while they are still serving their required purpose, nurturing or even still carrying the other's foal – no respect at all. And it is worth remembering that surrogate dams DO contribute to the physical as well as temperamental makeup of the creature they carry. Humans cannot attempt to "Play God", without serious repercussions ... I apologize for depressing you, but if we just close our eyes and ears to the truth, then we really cannot help to make the future brighter for anyone. There IS however good news. There is at last a large, loud, and I think serious outcry about show abuse. (I know because having the questionable benefit of being on the ECAHO Show Commission I am quite regularly being upbraided for being ineffectual and useless) and I don't blame those who say that any committee is often a good way of delaying action, and with the best will in the world, action is often HORRIBLY slow. But I DO believe that the present outcry, if sustained, may help us to bring about change by waking up the owners to reality to the suffering of their horses, by empowering officials from judges to DC s to ring stewards to being far more effective and helping push us into far more practical action and decisions.

As for the trainers, I also believe that many are as desensitized to what they are doing, as are children playing violent video games to real war footage. I know from myself that the more I think about and really become acquainted with the feelings and senses of others, the more I become aware of HOW desensitized I WAS, often not perceiving things which are in fact truly distressing. So instead of just criticizing the trainers I DO think that we need to actually TRY (at least) to get them to understand what the effects are of what they do.

One example – a horse who was having serious episodes of bizarre stress, sudden, hysterical behavior, apparently flashbacks. With the help of a horse whisperer a story unfolded and I do realize that many of you will dismiss this as fantasy, but bear with me. I ghoulishly and in view of the almost self-damaging violence of the episodes expected a tale of beatings, the infamous cattle-prods, etc etc. But instead there was a show arena identifiable from the description then some "shaking", (flapping of a bag or plastic thing to just wake up the young creature in the ring. Nothing violent nor mean, but disturbing to the youngster. Then a lovely box, security –a solid box not a temporary show one (this fitted with the identification of the Show arena and fitted with the horse's history, as did the whole story, but the "whisperer" or "listener," if you like, knew none of this). Wonderful sense of peace and security in this box, but then the door opened and someone came in and began shaking and jazzing the horse up – AGAIN – and though it was not cruelly meant nor threatening, there was a sickening sense of "EVEN here there is no PEACE, ‘. the security shattered. Now how many of us would think that this would be THAT upsetting? A young horse at a show, people interested to see him after classes visit his box, “come on, wake up now, look good"... but to HIM it affected his whole sense of order and there was no security anywhere for years. Now this story may be sheer imagination on the part of the Whisperer, merely coinciding with the known facts of the horse's real history. It may be that this horse WAS horribly abused, but the apparently banal and understated events described made it so much more plausible to me...it is NOT, as the trainers may think, just serious beatings and real pain that does the damage. It can be FAR, FAR smaller seemingly harmless patterns. AND IT IS UNNECESSARY. THAT is

what we ALL need to underline.

We know that horses are great strong creatures. Even a foal can be hugely difficult to manage if it decides to be obstreperous. But, this merely underlines the obvious fact: If horses did NOT have a basic willingness to work with humans, if they were INTRINSICALLY vicious uncooperative creatures just waiting for a chance to "Be the boss", "Take control", or harm us, they would not throughout history have been such wonderful companions, so patient and tolerant of our mistakes and harshness (whether intended or otherwise) or so willing to be our workmates and our friends. Horses have individual characters which in a herd will form parts of an intricate whole, each with a role according to his or her natural abilities and each complementing the roles of the others. There are outstandingly sensitive ones perceived as "flighty;" their natural ability to sense danger, find food and water, and to make fast decisions allows the herd to rely on them as Scouts. These will probably not be best suited to certain pursuits in which loud noise and total obedience - lack of individual initiative - are main components. There are the natural "defenders," often strong males who are commonly perceived as DRIVING the herd, but in fact are "guarding the rear", protecting the rear or any vulnerable spot while THE SCOUT, often a strong minded and quick-witted MARE, leads them out of danger. Such a defender would not be idea for a job where he has to be mindlessly obeying orders however alien to his understanding.

The key is not to assume that horses are lying in wait waiting to "take over"...it is in making things as clear as possible, gaining their trust and in return respecting and trusting THEM. Thus, when we require something which does NOT make sense or is alarming to them, like crossing a busy street, they will accept that we know THIS urban and manmade environment and trust us not to put them in danger, especially if we in return trust THEM in THEIR natural environment, don't force them to walk past a grove of trees where they may have sensed a predator hiding, or to take a path which they sense is unsafe footing. In any partnership, trusting each other to do what is best for both and to take the lead in their own field of "expertise" is the best way. By the same logic, forcing an unsuitable job on a creature whose individual talents and NATURE are in opposition to it is a recipe for problems. We should understand that and not set ourselves AND the horse up for failure by insisting what a specific creature must do if it is intrinsically unsuited to it. Otherwise, yes, there MAY be huge battles, and because we have more technical and physical ways of controlling the horses we may force them into our mould - but at great loss to both sides including physical danger and worse, loss of HUMANITY.

We need to comprehend that when horses refuse a request or directive, it is usually because they physically cannot do it or find it hard like obeying a particular order while on the wrong LEG. Or because it is painful - they may have a physical issue of which we are not yet aware - or again they may be just asking us to confirm what it is we want. If they have performed a new task well several times and suddenly seem reluctant to keep doing so, it is probably not stubbornness or stupidity. It is most likely "Are you SURE you want this AGAIN? We already DID that over and over"... sometimes they are "testing," us, asking us who WE really are. Horses are amazing teachers and, when permitted, healers.

Back to the good news. There is a HUGE trend towards people wanting to use non-damaging and kinder methods in their interaction with horses. However, and I do feel this is important to understand, some of the "Natural Horsemanship" methods - most notably those involving chasing away the horse in a round pen - can be quite as damaging as physical abuse - perhaps more - as they strip the creature of its will FAST and what is left is an apathetic shell. True there was no outward cruelty and CERTAINLY the intention is good, but it is based upon incomplete or partial truths. True, wild horses keep newcomers outside the group until they have assessed how (if at all) they will fit into the complex herd system. If accepted - both newcomer and herd having had up to three days sometimes, in which to observe and figure things out - then there is usually a smooth blending - no fighting and injury-risking, nor damage to the valuable grass around by churning it up in the process. If NOT accepted, the newcomer has the option of finding other company. It is not hemmed in, being chased away but with nowhere to GO, and only total submission and loss of identity as the alternative. That way is a form of domination and we all know that broken minds and wills can be far harder to heal than broken bodies. So if you want to try natural methods, do read up on them from several angles, and use your own sense and observation as well. You are probably more in tune and have HEARD more from your own horse than any expert can teach you...trust your hearts.

We all know that horses are not just enchanting, a healthy pastime for teenagers, ego-boosters, work companions or facilitators, entertainers - but as I mentioned earlier, they are ALSO healers. Arab tradition tells us that they bear good fortune, that they ensure Divine assistance to their owners in caring for them, that they are comets combating negative forces. I believe that they really do filter away negative energies, but they do more than that would like to end this talk with a few happy stories - stories of our horses at the Growing Together project run in Jordan for children on the autistic spectrum and others with emotional disorders and some physical special needs.

This project was started only a year ago, using mainly retired horses, some are rescue cases - none had any specific training. The children meet the horses, and within minutes each child has been "chosen," by one of the horses the bond between them acknowledged by some physical indication on the part of the horse. The program develops at the individual speed required by each child - some are extremely anxious by just being outdoors, some want to sit on the horse from day one and others take weeks to get CLOSE enough to touch one. But there have been some seeming miracles and almost if not all have shown truly amazing progress. From nonspeaking at ALL to calling out to the horse - from agoraphobia to roaming around the hillside confidently - from lack of coordi-

nation to playing football with friends – from lack of self-expression to joining in discussions and making choices.

One little boy of seven had poor physical coordination, and had never spoken at all. He was walking down the hill with "his" horse, past an enclosure of wildlife rescued from local zoos. Suddenly Suyen, who runs the program, heard what sounded like, "WOLF". She turned to the child's carer in surprise at hearing the English word. Again they heard, "WOLF", and now the child was pointing at the wolves watching through the fence. The carer was almost in tears; yes the little boy heard English spoken at home, but never had he spoken in ANY language before. Several months later, his physical development continues to grow along with his verbal vocabulary, but he is probably the first child ever to be PRAISED for "Crying "Wolf"!

Another small boy who did speak occasional words (but never linked two to make a phrase) attends with his mother, their school not being able to afford extra carers to accompany the children on these visits. (The sessions are all a free service, but carers attend with the children.) This mother was thrilled when, on days that she would tell her child, "No school today," he would respond with, "Husan (horse)". The fact that he was clearly drawing conclusions linking lack of school with a reason – a visit to the stables – was a huge step in what she saw as his development. After a few weeks of walking near a mare, he progressed to leading her himself and then came the best moment of all for his mother: he had never expressed emotions before, but suddenly he said in Arabic, "I love horse," and went up the mare and kissed her. He has continued progressing so fast from then that he not only chats away to his family, he is about to join mainstream school this year, God Willing.

## ***Region 2 Youth News***

***Flora Elmcolone, President  
Region 2 Youth Group***

Congratulations to the Region 2 Hippology team! We just got word of their fantastic results:

National hippology champion 14-18:  
Krista Askenas

National hippology champion 13 & under: Natalie Zavala

National Top Ten hippology winners:  
Danielle Garcia, Kate Atkinson  
and  
Kate Day

Champion hippology team: "Nerd Herd" (Natalie Zavala, Krista Askenas, Kate Day)

"Most Winningest" Reserve Champion team:

Danielle Garcia  
Sarah Aronovsky  
Kate Atkinson)



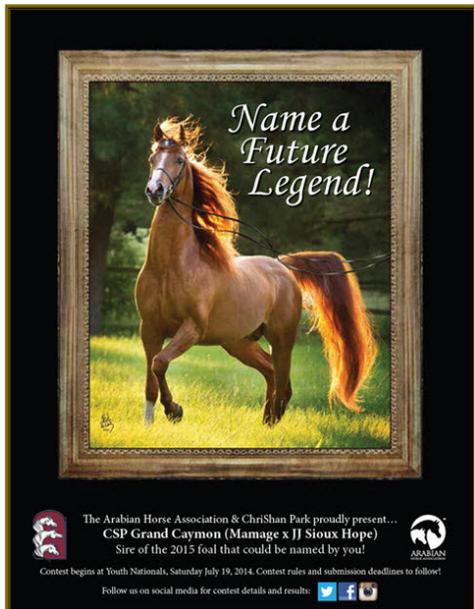
***Pictured here left to right:***

Sarah Aronovsky  
Kate Atkinson  
Natalie Zavala  
Kate Day  
Krista Askenas  
Danielle Garcia

Flora Elmcolone in front

# News from AHA

## 'Name a Future Legend' Contests Kicks Off July 19



The Arabian Horse Association and ChriShan Park Arabians' "Name a Future Legend" contest, kicked off July 19 at Youth Nationals 2014!

Carrying over from a "Hall of Legends" promotion from the 2013 U.S. National Arabian & Half-Arabian Championship Horse Show, the contest allows AHA members, as well as outside participants to submit names for an unborn foal throughout the months of July and August. Contest Rules are as follows:

- Submission names can be submitted **no earlier than July 19** through August 31 (**names submitted before July 19 will not be included in the pot for selection**).
- Submission names must include the CSP initials and be island themed.
- Contestants cannot submit more than 3 names per person (the first three names submitted by the contestant will be the names put into the pot for selection). Submissions can be made via [email](#) or via social media using the #GrandCaymonFoal.
- Top 5 names will be selected by ChriShan Park and then voted on by the membership and public during the month

of September.

The winning name will be chosen and announced at the 2014 U.S. National Arabian & Half-Arabian Championship Horse Show in Tulsa, Okla., in October.

**\*\*Because it is possible that duplicate name submissions will be made, name submissions will be kept track of by date of submission. Therefore, the person who submitted the winning name first according to date, will be the winner of the selected name.**

The foal will be registered with AHA with the winning name. The contestant whose name was chosen will receive a 1-year membership to AHA, an engraved bracelet of the foal's name, and the recognition of having named the foal.

Chris and Shan Wilson of ChriShan Park Arabians of Springfield, MO have graciously donated a 2015, unborn foal to be named for the contest. Sired by CSP Grand Caymon (Mamage x JJ Sioux Hope) and out of CSP AngelFire (Afire Bey V x Barbarys Angel+//), the foal will have the pedigree of legends. CSP Grand Caymon is an Arabian Breeders Sweepstakes Nominated Sire, standing at stud and in training at ChriShan Park with Shan Wilson. Son of multi-National Champion, Mamage and out of a GG Jabask+// granddaughter, CSP Grand Caymon could be the next sire of future champions and legends.

For contest information and announcements, please follow the Arabian Horse Association on Facebook or Twitter @AHAArabian .

### Select Rider Further Defined

Select Rider rules were further defined by the passage of Resolution EE1-12 and are now in effect. These rules are found in the Arabian Division of the 2014 USEF Rule Book under AR110. The most important change to the Select Rider rules is how a category is defined. Sections have now been combined and define the following categories:

**Hunter Pleasure Category** for Select eligibility includes Hunter Pleasure, Hunt Seat Equitation Not to Jump, National

Hunter Pleasure Maturity or Ladies Side Saddle

**Western Pleasure Category** for Select eligibility includes Western Pleasure, Western Horsemanship, National Western Pleasure Maturity or Ladies Side Saddle

**English Pleasure Category** for Select eligibility includes English Pleasure, Country English Pleasure, Saddle Seat Equitation, English Show Hack, National English Pleasure and Country English Pleasure Maturity, Ladies Side Saddle, or Park Horse.

**Country English Pleasure Category** for Select eligibility includes English Pleasure, Country English Pleasure, Saddle Seat Equitation, English Show Hack, National English Pleasure and Country English Pleasure Maturity, Ladies Side Saddle, or Park Horse.

**Select Amateur classes are open to an eligible Rider/Drive/Handler who has not acquired the following in the above categories:**

Select National Classes - Select eligibility within a section or category

1. 1 National Championship - Non-Select
2. 1 National Reserve Championship - Non-Select
3. 1 National Top Ten - Non-Select
4. 1 National Championship - Select
5. 1 National Reserve Championship - Select

3 National Top Ten's - Select

Select Regional and all other Select classes - Select eligibility within a section or category

1. 1 National Championship - Non-Select
2. 1 National Reserve Championship - Non-Select
3. 1 National Top Ten - Non-Select
4. 1 National Championship - Select
5. 1 National Reserve Championship - Select
6. 3 National Top Ten's - Select
7. 1 Regional Championship - Non-Select

8. 1 Regional Reserve Championship - Non-Select
  9. 3 Regional Top Five's - Non-Select
  10. 2 Regional Championships - Select
- If you have competed in any of the classes defined within a category, you are no longer eligible to compete as a Select Rider in that particular category, i.e., if you were the National Champion in the English AAO TR Maturity Class, you are no longer a Select Rider in the English and Country English Pleasure Categories

### AHA & AHYA Introduce The #BlueRoom at YNL



Want to stay up to date on the latest happenings and events at AHA's National Shows? This year, at each of our National Shows stop by the AHABlueRoom for a complete AHA social media experience. #AHABlueRoom to view the day's Leaderboards, participate in contests and trivia; see the Tweet of the Day or Instagram Pic of the Day, or just relax in a fun and high-tech atmosphere. Visit #AHABlueRoom for a complete AHA social media experience.

### Important Closing Deadlines for National Events

**U.S. Nationals:** August 27  
**Distance Nationals:** September 8

### Competition Records Available

Did you know that as a member of AHA you have competition records available to you? Some associations give you an allotment of records and then charge for additional records. AHA provides this unlimited feature as a member benefit. You can view;

- Horse Competition Records
  - Rider Competition Records
  - Horse Qualification Records
  - Rider Qualification Records
- Login in and at your "Welcome back" page you can access this information under the Horse/Rider Point and Competition Records link under Programs and

Services.

Call the Competitions Department if you have questions [\(303\) 696-4500, #4](tel:3036964500)

### Important Fee Notification

These fees, in most instances, have not seen an increase since 2010. One or two of these fees last increased in 2005.

2015 Price

- Initial enrollment fee/Horse & Amateur Achievement Award: \$50
  - Annual renewal fee/ Horse & Amateur Achievement Award: \$50
  - Retroactive fees/ Horse & Amateur Achievement Award: \$100
  - Open Qualification/within 30 days of the competition: \$45
  - Open Qualification/after 30 days of the competition: \$75
  - USDF All Breed/within 30 days of the competition: \$35
  - USDF All Breed/after 30 days of the competition: \$45
  - Distance Award Initial entry: \$50
  - Distance Award renewal: \$40
  - Distance Award retroactive: \$100
- Show fee/horse at AHA Recognized Qualifying Competitions is \$4.00

### Schedule Changes at U.S. Nationals

Due to requests from owners, exhibitors and trainers, the U.S. Nationals Show Commission has decided to reinstate Breeding/ In-Hand Classes back into the schedule on Finals Nights (October 16 and 17). The Arabian Filly 3 & Under Championship (Class 3101), Arabian Mare 4 & Over Championship (Class 3102), Arabian Colt 3 & Under Championship (Class 3105) and Arabian Stallion 4 & Over Championship (Class 3106) will be dispersed between Friday and Saturday evenings.

The tentative schedule posted online and in the Omnibus will be updated soon.

For questions and concerns, please contact Kelsey Martinez and the U.S. Nationals Show Commission at:

[kelsey.martinez@arabianhorses.org](mailto:kelsey.martinez@arabianhorses.org)

## Region 2

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*Region 2 members are encouraged to contact any of the above Committee Chairs for information, concerns and/or input.*  
**NOTE: For those receiving this via U.S. Mail, the above are hot links...contact Lorry Wagner for email address if you wish to send any of the above an email.**

# *A Bit of History*

*As Related By Marianne Reith Hatfield  
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Written January 28, 2014*

## **A Story from the 7th Annual Southern California Arabian Horse Association October, 1951, All-Arabian Show**

When Dick and I got married in June of 1951, we had already gone together for five years. During that time I think he had finally come to the conclusion that for me to say “YES” to his proposal of marriage, it would have to include a “Love me, love my horses” clause. And that’s how it worked out...Dick not only got me, but also my two horses; i.e., Pretty whom I had owned for six years and Abdul Alia, Pretty’s three-year-old, Half-Arabian son.

The summer before our marriage, I spent six weeks in Europe with a group of college students. So that my mother did not have to take care of Alia by herself at our little ranch in Calimesa, we found a man who would keep him and also train him to pull a cart. I had always wanted to learn about driving horses, so that turned out to be a great solution. While I was gone, Dick found an old doctor’s buggy for sale in Beaumont. It needed some repair so refurbishing it kept Dick busy and not missing me so much while I was gone. When I got home what a surprise I had—not only a horse that could pull a buggy, but also a buggy that my horse could pull. We already had a harness, as Dick had bought me a handsome set as a Christmas gift—rather far-forward-looking. I’d say!

We finally set the wedding date for June 23, 1951, just two weeks after our graduation from the University of Redlands. It was quite a challenge finding a place we could rent in or near Redlands that would take two newlyweds, two horses, two dogs and one cat. Finally we were successful. We found a little cottage on a water ditch called the Zanja (pronounced Sankee) north of Mentone on the way to the mountains. There was no barn, but next door were two stalls we could rent for the horses. Their rental cost was half of what we paid for the cottage, so I guess that Dick really did love me.

As we planned for the wedding reception activities, we decided that Alla and the buggy should be part of it. First, we thought we would leave the reception riding in the buggy and meet our get-a-way car somewhere down the street from the ranch. But after practicing hitching Alla up and throwing rice at the buggy we found we sometimes hit Alla, too—and he didn’t like that! So we dropped the idea of having guests throw rice and substituted having me throw the bridal bouquet to them from the buggy. That worked out fine! Alla stood quietly harnessed to our buggy, Dick held the reins and I stood up and gave the beautiful white bridal flowers a great heave-ho. We also had a horsey friend standing near Alla’s head, just in case!

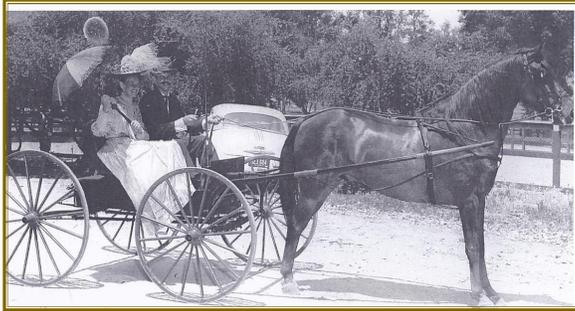
A month after we started our married life, we heard about a horse show to be held at the Redlands Country Club. Frances Loge, a teacher at Redlands High School, owned Araki who was a lovely Arabian mare who was a daughter of \*Raseyn and a great buggy horse. She told us that we should bring Alla up to the Country Club and show him in the Driving Class. So, we did! Some of the horses in the class pulled show buggies, some show carts and then we came in with our big old doctor’s buggy. There were Saddle Breds, Frances’ beautiful white Arabian and me with my Half Arabian. Of course, Araki won the class, but Alla came in third out of five! We were very proud!

Then Frances told us about the big Southern California All Arabian Horse Show to be held in October at the Los Angeles County Fairgrounds in Pomona. There were some classes which were open to both purebred and half Arabians because they were hard to fill. One of those was the Combination Class in which the horse started the class as a driving horse and when that part is finished, right there in the ring, the harness equipment is removed and the riding equipment is put on. Then the horse shows again, this time as an English Pleasure Horse. Hey, we really wanted to go, but we knew our big old doctor’s buggy would not be allowed. So we started looking for a two-wheeled show cart. Just before entries closed we found one at the Wilform Buggy Works in Long Beach.

That took care of Alla’s tack, but how about my outfit? At the show in Redlands I had worn a dress, a pretty blue one and with even a hat to match. Actually I looked as appropriate for an afternoon tea party as for the horseshow ring. But that outfit wouldn’t work in the two-wheeled cart where my feet were stretched out in front of my resting on the metal stirrups nor with the English saddle in which I had to sit astride. So, we started hunting again. For my feet I found at the Good Will a pair of sort-of English boots that short-of fit. I snatched a white shirt and a bow tie from Dick’s clothes closet and the pair of tan jodhpurs came from I-really-don’t-remember-where. I didn’t wear either a jacket or a hat.

## *A Bit of History* (Continued)

But if eagerness counted for anything, we were ready and off we went to Pomona so excited to be going to a real All Arabian Horse Show. We found our stall in the barn area and people whom we had never met before were so nice and helpful. That is one thing about Arabian horse people that has never changed through the years! But the show arena was a very l-o-n-g way away. It was set up on the far side of the race track, over in front of the race-track grandstand! I did okay getting there from the barn because I rode in the cart, but for Dick, who was bringing the riding tack for the second part of the Combination Class, it was really a long walk, especially carrying such an awkward load.



*Adul Alla at the 1954 AHA of Southern California Spring Show Outside of the Kellogg Arena, Pomona*

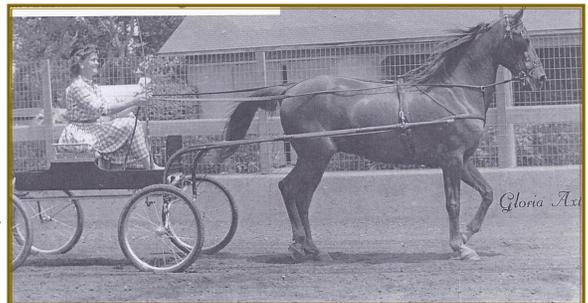
The class began and Alla and I stepped out, somewhat timidly, into the ring with all those people staring down at us from the race-course grandstand and a dour-looking judge watching us from the middle of the ring. We made it through the driving part, the changing from cart to saddle and the saddle riding. I must have appeared to be a country bumpkin compared to those who looked like the beautiful pair of Frances Loge and Araki, but we did it and we placed **fourth**. There were seven in the class and I felt in Seventh Heaven. I still have the ribbon, a piece of white satin which is quite grayed with all the years it has hung (and still hangs) on our den wall.

Alla and I went on to learn more about showing and did quite well. But, times have changed and show managements began looking down at Half Arabians, not letting them in the same classes as purebreds nor even allowing them in the same show in separate classes. Oh, my! What comes around goes around. I wonder if those who breed and show Half Arabians now know that there was a long time “back when” that Half Arabians were completely unwelcome in any All Arabian show! But, we went with the times and for Christmas Dick and I bought each other a purebred filly, Bint Treyf. One of the first things she learned as she grew up was how to pull a buggy.

All of this happened in 1951, at the 7th Annual Show put on by our Arabian Horse Association of Southern California. It was the beginning of a lifelong love story of Dick and me together and of the two of us with Arabian horses. Bint Treyf was completely accepted by the Arabian community and she had four babies for us. After many decades of babies and show, we just lost the last of her descendants, her great granddaughter, Khist by the Wind, in the spring of 2012. This was not long after she had been awarded the Arabian Horse Association’s very special Ambassador Award. Kissy’s empty pasture just wasn’t right, so now a lovely purebred mare, Callie, enjoys a lazy life here with us.

Now, back to Abdul Alla! He was great. He did everything! However, in an accident later on in life he lost one eye. But that didn’t keep him down. He was among the best lesson horses that Toni Oppgaard’s Luck B Stables ever had. When he became too old for that activity, he came back home to our place in Porterville and lived out his last days happily in our green pastures.

We can’t forget one last tale about Alla! There was no more mixing of Halfs and Wholes in the show ring for many years, but there was no rule against one-eyed horses being allowed to compete. So when finally a class for Half-Arabian Driving Horses was included in an All Arabian Show, 20-year-old Alla was entered and won first place in the class. Believe it or not, that show was also held at the L.A. County Fair Grounds in Pomona where this story had begun years before. It was in the Carnation Ring adjacent to the barn area, not in a ring constructed on the race track in front of the big grandstands. But I think that we can still say it did make a circle complete for the history of Abdul Alla, the Half-Arabian Driving horse.



*Abdul Alla at the age of 20 years old and with only one eye winning first in a class for Half Arabian Pleasure Driving.*

**And now, 63 years later the Southern California Arabian Horse Association is producing the  
70th Anniversary Celebration  
Purebred and Half Arabian  
All Performance Fall Horse Show  
August 29—31**

*Time marches on but our memories last forever!*

# Calendar of Events

## AHA EVENTS and MEETINGS [www.arabianhorses.org](http://www.arabianhorses.org):

August 27, U.S. Nationals, entries due

September 8, AHA Distance Nationals, entries due

September 25 - 28, 2014, AHA Distance Nationals, Teeter Ranch, Oreana, ID, contact [Devin.Smith@ArabianHorses.org](mailto:Devin.Smith@ArabianHorses.org)

November 19, 2014, AHA Board of Directors, 2014 Convention, Denver, Colorado

## REGION 2 SHOWS:

June 2015, Region 2 Pre-Show & Region 2 Championships, Santa Barbara, CA, Further information will be available here when finalized.

## REGION 2 DELEGATES' MEETINGS:

November 1, Region 2 Quarterly Delegates' Meeting, contact Vicky Rich, Secretary, [vr10531@aol.com](mailto:vr10531@aol.com)

## REGION 2 CLUBS, MEETINGS AND NEWSLETTER LINKS

Arabian Horse Association of San Fernando Valley, Monthly Board Meetings, website: [www.ahasfv.org](http://www.ahasfv.org)

AHASFV Newsletter: [www.ahasfv.org/newsletter.html](http://www.ahasfv.org/newsletter.html)

Arabian Horse Association of San Joaquin Valley, Monthly Meetings, contact Lillian Hughes, [ehughes@oscnet.net](mailto:ehughes@oscnet.net)

Arabians of the Desert Horse Association, for information contact Dawn Newell, [indianfallsranch@yahoo.com](mailto:indianfallsranch@yahoo.com)

Association of Ridgecrest Arabian Breeders, Meeting Dates Announced on ARAB website: [www.arabaha.org](http://www.arabaha.org)

ARAB Newsletter: [www.arabaha.org/newsletter.html](http://www.arabaha.org/newsletter.html)

Central Coast of California Arabian Horse Association, Board Meetings 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month, General Meetings 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each quarter, website: [www.ccca.org](http://www.ccca.org)

CCCAHA Newsletter: [www.ccca.org/NEWSLETTER.html](http://www.ccca.org/NEWSLETTER.html)

Conejo Valley Arabian Horse Association, for information contact Vicky Rich, [vr10531@aol.com](mailto:vr10531@aol.com)

CVAHA Newsletter: [www.cvahba.bizland.com](http://www.cvahba.bizland.com)

Crescent-Midstate Arabian Horse Association, General Meetings every other month, website: [www.cmaha.org](http://www.cmaha.org)

Drinkers of the Wind Arabian Horse Club of Tehachapi, contact [haremar@wildblue.net](mailto:haremar@wildblue.net)

Golden Empire Arabian Horse Society, Monthly Meetings, website: [www.geahs.org](http://www.geahs.org)

GEAHS Newsletter: [www.geahs.org](http://www.geahs.org) (link to newsletter appears on front page)

Insallah Arabian Horse Club, Monthly Meetings 2nd Monday, Meeting Room on the Internet: [www.insallah.org](http://www.insallah.org)

IAHC Newsletter: [www.insallah.org/fileroom\\_files.html](http://www.insallah.org/fileroom_files.html)

Los Robles de Oro Arabian Horse Association, contact: Diane Copelan, [chesigal@juno.com](mailto:chesigal@juno.com)

Santa Barbara Arabian Horse Association: contact: Penny Wardlaw, [phwardlaw@aol.com](mailto:phwardlaw@aol.com)

Santa Ynez Valley Arabian Horse Association, website: [www.syvaha.com](http://www.syvaha.com)

SYVAHA Newsletter: [www.syvaha.com/newsletter/index.html](http://www.syvaha.com/newsletter/index.html)

Sierra Valley Arabian Horse Association, contact: Dale Raymond, [raymondedi@aol.com](mailto:raymondedi@aol.com)

## SISTER REGIONS:

Region 12 Newsletter: <http://www.aharegion12.com/march-2014-newsletter/>



## ARABIAN RACING at Los Alamitos:



For specific dates go to the ARAC website at [www.arac.org](http://www.arac.org) or contact the ARAC office, 714-820-2817

Please send information on events to be included on our Calendar! Listings must relate to the Arabian horse. Region 2 reserves the right to reject any inappropriate requests. Send to [lorry@ridgenet.net](mailto:lorry@ridgenet.net)

