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MAHA NEWSLETTER

MAHA MEMORIAL DAY SHOW MAY 23-24, 2015

Please join us for our annual Memorial Day show on May 23-24, 2015, in Billings, MT. We will be holding two one-day shows; both will be Region 6 and 8 qualifying shows. Performance classes will be held on Saturday, May 23; specialty classes, such as reining and trail, will be held on Sunday, May 24. MSHSA open classes will also be offered on both Saturday and Sunday. The show is held at the Metrapark facility, which boasts an indoor show arena, great warm up arena, and plenty of convenient stalling. Please visit our website, mtarabianhorses.com for the show premium and further information. You may also contact show manager, Laura Lee Anderson via e-mail at llanderson@180com.net.



ENJOY OUR SPACIOUS INDOOR SHOW
ARENA!



EITHER PARTICIPATE IN OR
SPECTATE ALL YOUR FAVORITE
CLASSES!



IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN
VOLUNTEERING YOUR TIME TO HELP AT
THE SHOW, PLEASE CONTACT SHOW
MANAGER, LAURA LEE ANDERSON AT
LLANDERSON@180COM.NET. WE CAN
ALWAYS USE AN EXTRA SET OF HANDS!

FROM THE DESK OF THE YOUTH COORDINATOR: REGIONAL YOUTH TEAM TOURNAMENT

Happy spring to you all! I am certainly excited about these longer days and warm weather! For this newsletter, I would like to include information regarding the Regional Youth Team Tournament. This is an AHA program that allows a team of youth to accumulate points and earn year end prizes. This program is enormously underrated in Region 6. We currently have no teams signed up, and in the past, we have had only one Region 6 team. It is incredibly simple to start, and only requires the effort of keeping track of points, and turning them in to the Region 6 RYTT secretary. Each team must consist of a coach and six or less members. The members must designate ahead of time which two disciplines they will be accumulating points for; however, each member can accumulate points separately at different shows. Therefore, the members can compete in any number of different disciplines including; endurance, competitive trail, barrel racing, pole bending, country english pleasure, western pleasure, working western, etc. There are two divisions within the program, AHA recognized and non-AHA recognized. This means that members can also accumulate points at non-AHA recognized events such as, open shows, 4-H shows, and rodeos. Please consider whether this might be something you or someone you know might be interested in! Currently, we are missing out on some really great prizes! Feel free to contact RYTT team secretary, Joan Rozeboom-joan.rozeboom@hotmail.com, at any time if you would like more information regarding this great program!

-Region 6 Youth Coordinator-Joan Rozeboom

AHA NATIONAL CONVENTION 2014: SUMMARY

The 2014 AHA convention was held in Denver, CO. MAHA delegates were Laura Lee Anderson, Joan Rozeboom, and Nancy Rhode. Our delegates enjoyed catching up and conferencing with fellow Region 6 delegates and networking with AHA members from around the country.

Following is information brought from convention that may affect our club, show, and members. AHA has been working for several years to improve the financial status of the organization and AHA supported programs, such as the sweepstakes account. It was reported at the convention that despite decline in memberships and registration, AHA is improving greatly, financially. Part of the process is making changes to the sweepstakes account. You can view current sweepstakes information at arabianhorses.org; click on the "Activities" tab > Prize Money Programs > Breeder's Sweepstakes.

One of the main things done at convention is voting on resolutions which amend the current AHA bylaws. This year, there were two resolutions that will affect our local and regional shows. The first, which has gone into effect on December 31, 2014, is an addition to the halter ring procedures. Several of the changes include, entering the ring clockwise instead of counter-clockwise, the whole class will enter and after presenting to the judge will exit to a "controlled paddock" after which each horse will return to the ring to be judged individually, and exhibitors will wait in the controlled paddock and then be called back for placings. To view the change in it's entirety, refer to the AHA rule book rule, USEF AR116.6.

ANNUAL CONVENTION SUMMARY, CON'T

The second resolution that may affect us is regarding the addition of a Ranch Horse Pleasure Class to the list of possible AHA approved classes. Due to our geographical and cultural location, this could be a very positive addition to our local show. This class would be considered a Working Western class and could be offered in addition to our reining classes. It would be a pattern class, with riders performing a pattern supplied by the judge. The intent of the class is to show the more realistic gaits and maneuvers of a working horse. The pattern must include walk, jog, and lope both directions: and the extended jog and lope going at least one direction, as well as stops, and a back. The pattern may also include a side pass, turns of 360 degrees or more, change of lead (simple or flying), or the walk, jog, or lope over poles. This resolution will not go into effect until December 31, 2015; therefore we will not be able to use this class for shows in 2015. However, we can look forward to adding to our 2016 shows. This resolution can be found in the AHA rule book as a new subchapter, AR-28 Ranch Horse Pleasure.

*"We have forgotten how strange
a thing it is that so huge and
powerful and intelligent an
animal as a horse should allow
another, and far more feeble
animal, to ride upon it's back."*

—Peter Gray

2015 REGION 6 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 23-24 – MAHA AHA and MSHSA Open one day shows, Region 6 and 8 qualifying shows – Billings, MT. Contact Laura Lee Anderson, 406-855-8411.

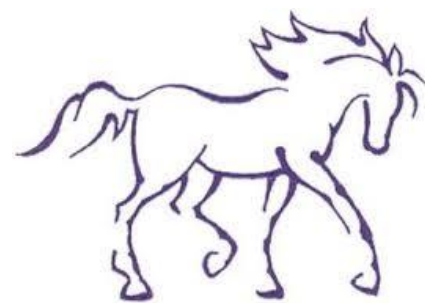
June 13 - Trail CREWW AHA and Open one day show, Region 6 qualifying show – Newcastle, WY. Contact

July 1-3 - Region 6 Championships and Preshow – Douglas, WY. Contact Claude Clark, 406-388-3364

August 8-9 - Region 6 Endurance and Competitive Trail championships – Helena, MT – August 8-9. Contact Annie Maixner, 406-457-8277

September 11-13 – Colorado Fall Charity show, Region 6 and 8 qualifying show - Denver, CO. Contact Anne Burton, 303-665-3307

View all Region 6 qualifying events via the event calendar under the "Competitions" tab at arabianhorses.org for more information.



HALF-ARABIAN DNA TESTING
REQUIRED FOR HALTER FUTURITY
& PERFORMANCE FUTURITIES AND
MATURITIES AT 2015 NATIONAL
SHOWS

The Arabian Horse Association's (AHA) Board of Directors (BOD), at their March 2015 Board Meeting, passed a motion that requires mandatory DNA testing for all horses competing in the Half-Arabian/Anglo-Arabian Halter Futurity classes at Canadian and U.S. Nationals; as well as all horses competing in the Half-Arabian/Anglo-Arabian Performance Futurity and Maturity classes at U.S. Nationals, in 2015.

Half-Arabian horses entered in the aforementioned classes must have the purebred Arabian parent on permanent record with the AHA Registry and there must be proof that the horse qualifies as an offspring of the stated purebred sire or purebred dam through DNA type testing in order to compete. The required DNA testing will be at the owner(s)'s expense and must be on file with the AHA office before the horse will be eligible to compete in Halter Futurity or Performance Futurity and Maturity classes. If the DNA is not on file at the time of the class, the horse is ineligible to be shown and all nomination fees will be forfeited.

For more information or to obtain your DNA Kit, please contact Registry Services by calling, 303-696-4500, ext. 3. –retrieved from arabianhorses.org/AHAinsider.

AHYA RETURNS TO OKC

The Arabian Horse Association (AHA) is excited to announce the return of the Arabian & Half-Arabian Youth National Championship Horse Show to State Fair Park in Oklahoma City, Okla. for 2016-2018. The 2016 show runs from July 23-30.

Over the years, State Fair Park has evolved into the 21st Century horse show destination and one of the largest and busiest event facilities in the country. The park ensures OKC maintains its status as the 'Horse Show Capital of the World,' through a recent equine renovation project. The project was implemented as part of the \$100 million dollar on-going improvements to the park.

One of the biggest changes to the park is the inclusion of climate controlled amenities, including the air condition of all show arenas. In addition to having excellent heating and cooling, a state-of-the-art ventilation system will continuously circulate fresh air in and out of the barns.

"As long time chair of the Youth Nationals Show Commission, we are excited about the opportunities that OKC can offer our exhibitors and their families," says Mickey Hegg, AHA Youth Nationals Show Commission Chair.

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