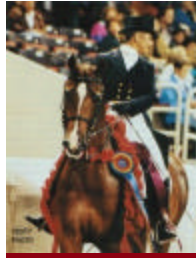




MAHA Express

May 2011



President's Letter

May 20th, 2011

Hello MAHA Members,

Congratulations to all of you! You are involved with the Arabian horse breed and that makes you a very lucky horse owner! I know that I sure feel blessed and I hope you do too.

The foaling and breeding season is in full swing. MAHA has some significant breeders by any standard, and I have seen some beautiful babies that they have had this year. Way to go everybody! It is a fun and exciting time of the year.

The show season is going strong and the Minnesota shows have been very competitive and very successful. It is great to see so many of you are having fun with your Arabian horses! Soon the MAHA Trail rides will begin, and if you have not been on one yet, it is a great way to enjoy the day and get to know some of our other members.

Our club is doing really well. We are in a very strong financial position. We have many very qualified members that are volunteering their time and energy to make MAHA the club to belong to. If you have a skill or an interest, such as Janet Macdonald who is working so hard on this newsletter, please do not be afraid to speak up. We will never turn down the offer for help! ✍

MAHA currently has 263 Adult Members (11 Life Members) and 75 Youth Members. While that is a good number, the all-important June 30th cut off date is coming up soon. Why is this date significant? That is when AHA actually totals each club's Adult memberships and that is your tally for the year. For every 50 memberships we have, we are able to have one delegate at the November AHA Convention (held in Vancouver, BC this year). MAHA is currently sitting at five delegates, but we would really like to have at least six that are eligible to go. So, let us sell 37 more memberships!

A membership form is the last page of this newsletter. If you know someone that would enjoy a membership, or you know of a membership that is expiring soon, I encourage you to join or renew ASAP!



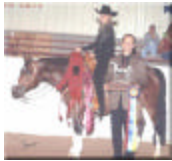
President's Message continued ...

Another reason to join MAHA will be the awesome clinics in the fall. These are open to everyone at a cost, but FREE to MAHA members. Sheila Varian and Tommy Garland have been penciled in and both have agreed to come if we want them to. Whom would you like to see?

It is great to be your President, my Facebook page, email and phone lines are always available if you need to discuss something,

Sincerely,

Lori Conway



MAHA Trainer Q & A Corner features: SARAH PARIPOVICH

Sarah Paripovich Training Center website: <http://sarahparipovichtraining.com>

Like Sarah Paripovich on Facebook:

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Sarah-Paripovich-Training>

What are your strengths as a trainer?

I think that one of my strengths as a trainer is that I love the animals that I train. I get to know them individually, and for this reason, they tend to try harder for me in the show ring.

What is your favorite part of your job?

I love to make a horse. By this, I mean taking an unbroke, undiscovered animal, and train it into (hopefully) a winner. Some of my most successful wins as a professional have come from horses that had never been shown, or discovered. In my opinion, this is the best feeling of accomplishment!

What is your least favorite?

Poor sportsmanship amongst owners and competitors.

What is your favorite division?

Western Pleasure!!!

Do you own any horses of your own?

Yes, I own 3 1/2 (a foal on the way!).

Are there an average number of horses that you like/prefer to keep in training?

I don't like to exceed about 25 horses in training. Arabians are individuals, and I find that if I overload myself, I lose that one-to-one knowledge of my horses. When I became a professional, I vowed never to let my program turn into an assembly line.

Do you have an assistant(s) that helps you?

I have two assistants, that help me a ton!

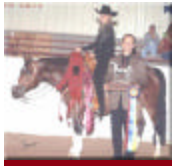
What characteristics are important to you in finding a horse for one of your clients?

It depends upon the ability of the rider. For an amateur horse, I look for a quality, good legged animal, with easy gaits, and a super attitude. Quality and movement are a must!!!!

Lastly, what is your favorite horse show and why?

Scottsdale!!! Arizona in February, There is no comparison!!!!





2011 Canadian Nationals Venue Change

This year Canadian Nationals has moved from Regina, Saskatchewan to Brandon, Manitoba. August 15-20.

<http://www.arabianhorses.org/competitions/nationalevents/canadiannationals/2011/>



MAHA Summer Trail Ride

Hay Creek Trails or Lebanon Hills - **which place would you rather ride on Saturday, June 25th?**

Lebanon Hills Regional Park in Dakota County:

<http://www.co.dakota.mn.us/LeisureRecreation/CountyParks/Locations/LebanonHills/HorseTrail.htm>

Richard J. Dorer Memorial Hardwood State Forest's Hay Creek Trails:

http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/state_forests/sft00033/index.html

Please contact Pat Swenson with your preferences: phone: 507-645-9223 or email: swens@earthlink.net



MAHA Spring Fling Wrap Up Report

By Teresa LeFever

Despite Mother Nature's best efforts the MAHA Spring Fling at the Minnesota Equestrian Center in Winona was a phenomenal success. Spectators filled the bleachers and enthusiasm was palpable as the show got underway Friday morning, March 25.

There were 32 more horses in attendance this year with 180 more class entries. Reining in particular showed a remarkable increase with 53 total classes, up 24 from last year.

Nearly all classes were sponsored and both Corporate Sponsorships and Patronships increased as well.

As usual, the show was well organized and the volunteers put forth amazing efforts to make sure the weekend went smoothly. MAHA hospitality was enjoyed by all with coffee, tea, hot chocolate, and donuts available throughout the show. We went through 100 pounds of candy, over 1000 cups of coffee, two 100-people serving sheet birthday cakes, three Sam's club cases of creamer, and the list could go on and on!

MAHA gives back to its members and did so in a big way with payouts totaling \$1375 in the jackpot classes. Novice Rider Jackpot classes in both western and hunt seat were new this year.

The silent auction benefiting MAHA youth was the weekend highlight and raised more than \$1300.

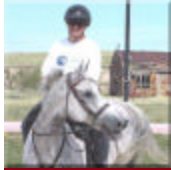
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Anita Grant
Hillary Hoffman
Jennifer Jambor
Van Jacobsen
Lakes Wear Embroidery & Screen Printing
Teresa LeFever
Dianne Margerum Training

Rochester Feed & Country Store
St. Croix Training
Stranshome Farm
Pat Swensen
Katie Treadwell
James & Emily Zins
Let's Ride Western Shop
MN Equestrian Center

MAHA would like to thank everyone that was involved in making the weekend a smashing success.



April 9 MAHA Spring Clinic Report



Saturday, April 9, was the well-attended, day-long clinic at Conway Arabians in Chatfield. Conway Arabians's trainer Tom Theisen was featured demonstrating many skills – ground driving youngsters and junior horses, to hopping aboard more seasoned horses – generously sharing his horse training philosophies, tips and how to information. Groomer extraordinaire, Darcy Gray, did a hands-on demonstration about clipping and grooming a show horse. The Arabian Horse Times's John Diedrich showed his main ring halter trainer/handler talents. Hosts Conway Arabians's Lori and Peter Conway showed how to be an effective team and quiet communicator when teaching a horse to load for the first time.



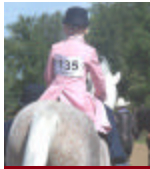
Region 10 News Bullet Points

From Laura Mickelson, Region 10 Director

1. Tentative schedules for all National shows are on the AHA website under each competition.
2. Canadian Nationals will be held in Brandon, Manitoba, Canada—hotels and restaurant information is on the Canadian Nationals home page.

Region 10 News continued ...

3. US Nationals 3 & Under and 4 & Over Championships will include champion and reserve from each of the qualifying classes plus next 4 highest scoring horses from the qualifying classes so that the grand championship will have 10 horses. These horses will be judged comparatively AS A NEW CLASS. Any horse from the Top Ten can be champion or reserve. All five judges will judge with all scores counting. The high and low will NOT be thrown out.
4. Maturity Classes: Starting in 2012, the English and Country English Pleasure Maturity classes will be for horses 5 and 6 years of age. For 2011, they continue to be for 4 and 5 year old horses. A horse can only compete in the maturity classes two times so if a 4 year old showed in the Maturity in 2010; it can either show as a 5 year old in 2011 or a 6 year old in 2013 BUT NOT BOTH. A 4 year old competing in the Maturity in 2011 can either show as a 5 year old in 2012 or a 6 year old in 2013 BUT NOT BOTH or skip the 2011 Maturity and show in 2012 (as a 5 year old) and 2013 (as a 6 year old).
5. Motion to add Breeding/In Hand Committee as Tier B committee passed but the motions to add Pleasure committees did not pass.
6. Motion to change AHA's position concerning humane slaughter did not pass. AHA will continue to take the position that people should have a choice of humane slaughter.
7. There was no vote on the Regional Boundaries resolutions but the Committee will continue to gather information and present recommendations.
8. A strategic plan is being worked on and I (Laura) will be asking you all to participate
9. Also, it is suggested that for liability purposes, that each show post a notice in the show office, barns and by arenas, that safety helmets are allowed without penalty in ANY class. If you are having dressage be sure to designate a dressage warm up area. Otherwise, everyone is required to wear a helmet.



Region 10 Championship Show Volunteer Opportunities

Region 10 Pre-Show and Championship Shows are coming up June 8th – 12th, 2011 at the State Fairgrounds in St Paul Minnesota. Our show would never be possible without the help of dozens of volunteers. We are again calling on all of you to donate a few hours of your time to insure the success of these Regional Shows.

Email Chuck Rickart (CRickart@wsbeng.com) or call him at 612-360-1283 if you have any questions about the modified the volunteer incentive program, specific volunteer opportunities and/or time slots.



MAHA High Point Program Deadline

The MAHA Youth High Point program has now expanded to include both the youth and the adults! We have fabulous awards and encourage everyone to sign up and send in their points! The more entries, the more awards we will have.

Make sure to enter before the June 1 (postmarked) deadline and to send ALL your points after you have entered. You may send them after every show or if you want to keep them throughout the season, send them before the September 30 deadline. Remember, Open/Rated and WSCA/Open points must be submitted by September 30!

For forms and further info go to the MAHA site and this link: <http://www.mnarabhorse.com/about/highpoint/>

Minnesota Horse Expo 2011

By Anita Grant

Historically, the Minnesota Horse Expo has had bad weather, but this year we were hopeful for warm spring days that sadly came a week too late. Lezlie and Victor have appeared in Arabian Costume since 1996, and have become quite the ambassadors! Regardless of what the weather does, each year they seem to appear on the news or in one of the major newspapers and this year was no exception.



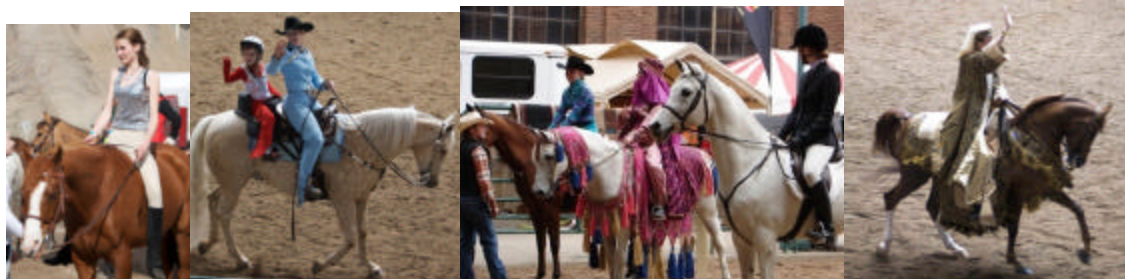
Each year we add a little more to our decorating and we had a much improved aisle to showcase our horses. MAHA was represented by 12 Arabian and Half Arabian Horses. This year the riders and horses included: Annie Slawik with Sohlaris, Becky Bohlen and Destined to Gold, De Muller and Krystina, Anita Grant & OM EL First Dream, Lezlie Claire -Grant & BB Victorious, Lisa Lewis & Ricci De, & Barb Suvaka & Tuxedo Time. PA Shah Madre, ridden by Kristin O'Daniel and Nell Hanson, and DD Not for Granted with Tommy Garland. MAHA Youth and their horses were well represented too: Melissa Taylor aboard Anamontana, Katherine Herrlick with ML Ultimate II, Kayla Claspill and Manhattan Z.

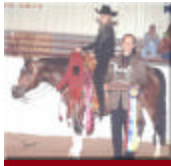
Without the volunteers it would not be possible to do this. I cannot possibly thank everyone enough for the time and help they gave us. If I've forgotten to list someone please forgive me. Laura Shaffer, Elaine Youngerberg, Pam Larson, Sheila Marie Untiedt, Miriam McGurran, Nathan Hastad, Michelle Palmer, Nancy Sawyer, Kirstin Bernau, Taylor Martin, Brenda James, Emily James, Margie Kirk, Carol Carlson, Geniene Scherer, Garnet Gilligan, Scarlet Gilligan, Ann Donovan, Jarred Marmaneljo, and a couple more MAHA friends. Many of these people came to serve during more than one volunteer session or during all three days. A special thank you goes to Conway Arabians for donating two men and a truck and trailer to help set up and take down.

MAHA was very well represented by our founding member and the 2011 Horse Person of the Year Mary Taylor and the 2010-11 Pioneer Horseman of the Year Lyle Anderson Jr., who was an early member of MAHA. MAHA now has three of its members who have been honored by the MN Horse Council as horse people of the year and two as Pioneer Horsemen.

In closing, I must share this year's Expo story: Every year my husband wonders why we do this and each year something very special happens to answer that question. What I am about to share occurred on Sunday, the worst weather day of the weekend.

I was sitting talking to friends when I noticed a gentleman struggling to push a wheelchair with what appeared to be his wife up to Dream's (OM EL First Dream) stall door and the woman, with great effort and assistance of a younger woman who also accompanied her, worked to get out of the wheelchair to see Dream. I went over and asked her to sit down again, explaining that I would open the door for her to see Dream. With his stall door open, Dream walked over and put his head in her lap! She wept, then petted, hugged and kissed him and it wasn't long before we were all in tears. Before they left the younger woman explained that her mother suffers from Alzheimer's saying that she remembers no one, but speaks clearly about the Arabian horses she once owned! I will remember this incident to the day I die. Dream seemed to sense what she needed and was happy to comply. This is a perfect example of what you are missing if you don't attend EXPO. The crowd obviously loves the Arabian horses the best. For reasons that are so evident, so do we!

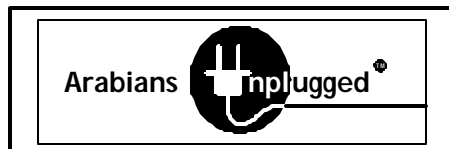




MAHA, WSCA & Open Show Calendar

Did you know...MAHA is a member of the Western Saddle Club Association (WSCA) <http://www.wsca.org/>. MAHA members are WSCA members at no additional cost, but must submit their name, address, phone number and date of birth to Laura Mickelson to add them to the WSCA member list, which is **due at the end of May.**

The Open Show Calendar, started in 2005, is a MAHA project that is emailed to an ever growing list of people who are interested in open shows. If you are interested in being added to that email list or if you are on the list but have a new email address, please contact Laura Mickelson at lauramickelson@aol.com or 651-423-5871.



Arabians Unplugged is a group of Arabian clubs dedicated to the promotion of **affordable, fun, family friendly** showing of Arabians, Half Arabians and Anglo Arabians 'unplugged' from the current rated shows scene. Arabians Unplugged qualifying shows allow Arabian exhibitors to show against their true peers and in their own breed with (free) automatic enrollment for the year-end circuit high point.

For a calendar listing all open shows with Arabian classes visit Arabians Unplugged at its website <http://www.arabiansunplugged.com/> and/or become a fan on our Facebook page.

For additional information contact Laura Mickelson at lauramickelson@aol.com or 651-423-5871.



Mark Your 2011 Calendars!

- June 8 — Region 10 PreShow, MN State Fairgrounds, St. Paul
- June 9-12 — Region 10 Championship Show, MN State Fairgrounds, St. Paul
- June 17 — Region 10 Endurance Ride, Preston, MN
- June 18 — Region 10 Competitive Ride, Preston, MN
- June 25 — MAHA Trail Ride, location is To Be Determined

Watch the MAHA website (www.mnarabhorse.com) for details and more information about these MAHA events. The Region 10 website (www.region10arabians.com) also has information on all the shows and events within our region.



MINNESOTA ARABIAN HORSE ASSOCIATION
MEMBERSHIP FORM

DATE: _____ NEW MEMBER RENEWING MEMBER
AHA# _____ DATE OF BIRTH: _____
NAME: _____
FARM NAME: _____
ADDRESS: _____
CITY/STATE/ZIP: _____
HOME PHONE: _____ CELL: _____
EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

ADULT MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

_____ \$80.00 – 1 YEAR AHA/Affiliate/WITH a COMPETITION CARD & WITH MAHA Voting
_____ \$45.00 – 1 YEAR AHA/Affiliate/MAHA Voting Membership. NO COMPETITION CARD
_____ \$20.00 – 1 YEAR MAHA Associate - NO Voting/ NO AHA Membership/ NO Competition Card
_____ + \$10.00 – 1 YEAR SUBSCRIPTION TO AHA's *MODERN Arabian Horse* magazine

YOUTH MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES (17 years or younger as of December 1st)

_____ \$45.00 – 1 YEAR AHA/Affiliate WITH a COMPETITION CARD & WITH MAHA Voting
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**All MAHA Memberships include the *MAHA EXPRESS* newsletter and WSCA Membership.

***Online Membership is available at www.arabianhorses.org Designate club #10063 MN Arabian Horse Association or visit our website at www.mnarabhorse.com and download a membership form.

* For more WSCA information, please contact: LauraMickelson@aol.com or 651-423-5871

* For more MAHA Information, please contact: Lori@ConwayArabians.com or 507-867-2981

MAHA is an organization operated entirely by volunteers. Your help is greatly appreciated in any capacity. We want to know about you and what MAHA can do for you and where you could help us. Please circle what your interests are:

- * Trail/Competitive Riding * Local Horse Show Competitions (4-H, WSCA etc) * Class A Shows
- * Attending Clinics * Regional &/or National Shows * Horse Expo * Membership
- * Horse Show Management &/or Involvement (Ribbons, Announcing, Gate, Barn Manager)
- * Promotions &/or Club Publications * Other: _____
- * Circle all that apply: Owner * Trainer * Amateur * Parent * Youth * Non-Owner

Do you want to be contacted as a Volunteer? YES or NO

To complete this form via mail: Please make checks payable to MAHA and mail to:

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