



# MAHA Express

March/April 2012



## President's Letter

April 2012

Hello fellow Arabian Horse enthusiasts,

My mind is racing with a thousand ideas that relate to MAHA and the people that are involved with Arabian horses. Okay, maybe a thousand is a bit of an exaggeration.

The good news....

The Spring Fling Horse Show was a huge success! I want to thank all the people that brought horses or came to watch and visit with friends. This show was a fun social event for everyone. Thank you to all the volunteers that dedicated their time and energy before, during and after the show, we could not do it without you. We were able to get 90% of the classes sponsored, so for all the people that opened their pocketbooks and donated to the show, THANK YOU!



MAHA is a strong club, with almost 300 adult members and 90 youth members. I am excited to see that our youth membership has really increased. We need to do what we can to keep these kids involved with horses and having a good time. If you have friends or family that would enjoy being involved with Arabians, please direct them to our website and invite them to join us. MAHA will soon be offering a three-year membership, which will save you money and reduce the time it takes to renew every year.

The MAHA Board recognizes that we need to reach out to every member and see what we can do for you. Besides the shows, the clinics and the trail rides, where do your interests lie? We are open to ideas and suggestions, so please do not be afraid to email me directly and let me know your thoughts. We are the "Give Back" club after all! ✍

The MAHA Board is asking your help to redesign the MAHA Logo. The current one is very intricate and difficult to reproduce correctly. We ask that you submit suggestions for a new MAHA logo to any Board member and we will put all the logos out for a vote to our members. With the new logo, we will begin increasing our brand recognition through attire, hats and other promotional products.

Along with all the good news, comes the bad news....

A tragic fire at the Black Tie Stables in Illinois last week pulled at our heartstrings and brought us all together as "family." Owner Richard Wright is a close friend to many of us in this area, a trainer and a well-known judge. He is also a kind, good-hearted man that just lost his barn, his horses, his tack and his livelihood. I know money is tight for many, but if you can donate to the Horseman's Distress Fund, the money raised will help Richard get back on his

## President's Message continued...

feet and back in the show ring quickly. Go to [www.horsemensdistressfund.com](http://www.horsemensdistressfund.com). If you happen to have some tack or supplies that you can donate, I know Richard would appreciate that as well.

I told you I had a lot on my mind, but the gist of it is that the Arabian horse is the glue that holds this "family" together and through MAHA we can make a difference in our horse world. My door is always open and so is my email, Facebook and phone line. Let's talk and we will move MAHA onward and upward.

Sincerely,

**Lori Conway**



## MAHA Spring Fling, March 23-25 Report

By Teresa LeFever

Spring arrived early this year and spirits were high as the show season began in Winona with MAHA's annual Spring Fling Show. Numerous spectators filled the stands to near capacity throughout the entire weekend and the excitement was palpable as classes got underway on Friday, March 23. **The entries for the 2012 MAHA Spring Fling were up for the year. We had 171 horses entered and they showed in 665 classes! More stalls were sold than last year and the weather was fantastic!** MAHA was pleased to **present awards totaling more than \$1500** to members participating in the jackpot classes this year. Another highlight was the MAHA Youth Silent Auction. This event **raised \$1200** and will be used in part to sponsor educational clinics and other youth activities. Thank you to everyone that donated items to the silent auction.



As always, the show was well organized from beginning to end with many volunteers managing the refreshments and helping out wherever and whenever needed. MAHA recognizes the exceptional effort put forth to make the show a success and would like to **thank everyone** for their time and talents.



Overall, the entire weekend was a resounding success and the season is off to another great start.

## Spring Fling continued...

The show's Patron, Corporate and Class sponsors are listed here for recognition as they are vital to the show's continued success.

**Patron Sponsors:** Conway Arabians, Price Performance, The Clients of Hesten Park, Performance Plus Arabians LLC, Sarah Paripovich Training, P&H Horse & Cattle Co., Cedar Ridge Arabians, LeFever Training Centre, Dianne Margerum Training, St. Croix Training Center, Golden Ridge Stables, McConaughy Training Centre, Jenna Ball – Westridge Farms LLC, Trademark Farms.

**Corporate Sponsors:** Eleanor's Arabians, Shada Arabians Inc., Auld Macdonald Farm Arabians – Janet & Ian Macdonald, Minnesota Arabian Horse Breeders, Sovereign Springs Farm LLC, Bowman Tool & Machine, Stillwater Veterinarian Clinic, Rebecca Bell – RB Legal LLC, Rochester Feed & Country Store, Minnesota Horse Council

**Class Sponsors:** Punch & Ann Benson, O'Brien & Wolf, Erica Hollen, Terrie Larson, Conway Arabians, Katie & Debbie Treadwell, Golden Ridge Stables, Hingeveld Training, Richard & Sandra Pope, Sandra & Joel Carlson, Browns Folly Arabians, Deals On Wheels – Kim Ann Johns, Miriam McGurran – 7 Stars Farm LLC, Dale, Laurie & Rachel Enns, Terri & Nancy Emerson.

Freedom Value Center sponsored all the water.

Donut Sponsors: Conway Arabians, Hesten Park, Chrisalem Hills



## Plan to attend MAHA Youth Clinic with Laurie Long

By Teresa LeFever

Mark your calendars to attend the Youth Showmanship, Horsemanship & Hunt Seat Equitation Clinic sponsored by the MAHA Youth featuring nationally renowned trainer Laurie Long as the clinician.

Where: LeFever Training Centre, 1177 Hwy 12, Roberts Wisconsin.  
[http://lefevertc.com/lc/Contact\\_Us.html](http://lefevertc.com/lc/Contact_Us.html)  
Email: [LeFeverTC@aol.com](mailto:LeFeverTC@aol.com)  
Barn: 715-749-3600  
Cell: 612-965-4121  
When: Saturday, June 2, 1-4 p.m.  
Admission: Free to all youth. Free to all MAHA members. Non-members: \$25

Native Texan Laurie Long got her first Arabian horse at age nine and has been hooked ever since. She began training professionally in 1980 and has trained numerous National Champions in Western, Hunter, Show Hack, Halter Showmanship, and Equitation. Laurie's students have earned more than 100 National and Reserve Championships during their youth careers and earned more than \$250,000 in scholarships.

After training for Wolf Springs Ranch in Colorado, and having her own Laurie Long Performance Horses in Arizona, Laurie returned to her roots in November 2010 joining the Bay Area Equestrian Center in Pearland. Laurie was recognized as Instructor of the Year in 2010 by the Arabian Professional & Amateur Horseman's Association.



## Minnesota Horse Council News

By Miriam E. McGurran, MNHC Liaison

The Minnesota Horse Council is a membership-based organization that works to support the state's horse industry through education, funding, communication and promotion of horse-related activities. Its programs include the [Minnesota Horse Expo](#), [scholarship awards](#), and the new web-based [Minnesota Horsemen's Directory](#), which is a comprehensive listing of horse-related businesses and organizations. Please visit its website for more information: <http://www.mnhorsecouncil.org/>



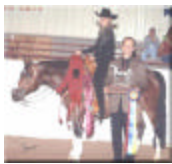
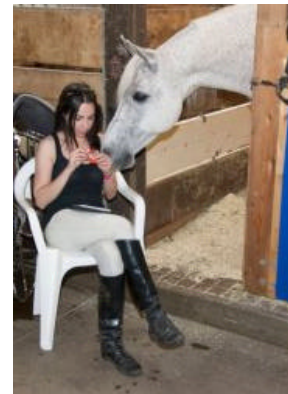
### MAHA @ 2012 Minnesota Horse Expo

By Anita Grant

MAHA will once again participate in the Minnesota Horse Expo, Friday-Sunday, April 27-29, at the Minnesota State Fairgrounds in St. Paul. Ten horses will represent our Arabian horse breed showing the disciplines of Native Costume, Western Pleasure, Hunter Pleasure, Dressage and Side Saddle.

Volunteers are needed to greet visitors to the MAHA stalls. Please contact me by phone 507-663-1977 or email [anitaagrnt@gmail.com](mailto:anitaagrnt@gmail.com) if you can volunteer your time.

Regardless, whether you can volunteer or not, if you're visiting the Expo, be sure to stop by to say hello. Look for my daughter Lezlie and her 21-year-old horse Victor, who has been an Arabian horse representative at the Expo since 1995!



### MAHA Trail Ride

By Pat Swenson

Saturday, June 30, is scheduled for the MAHA Spring/Summer Trail Ride. We'll assemble 10 am at [Lake Elmo Park Reserve](#) in Washington County. Please bring food to share for a potluck grill. MAHA will provide the beverages. Please bring your own chairs. A table or two would be appreciated as well. If you have any questions, please contact me, phone: 507-645-9223 or email: [swens@earthlink.net](mailto:swens@earthlink.net)





## What is an Equine Lawyer?

By Rebecca Bell

Whenever I tell people I am an Equine Lawyer their first response is usually, “why does my horse need an attorney?” Yes, I know he cannot sign any agreements, not even a breeding contract, but, while the horse may not need an attorney, and there are times when the owner might! An Equine Lawyer is an attorney with specialized knowledge of the horse industry-an attorney representing individuals, families, partners and investor groups in equine-related issues.

Think about all the things that can go wrong in the daily life of a horse; it might get injured, it might injure someone or in might injure another animal. Myriad things can go wrong or complicate issues. Buying, selling, leasing or other issues; add in the economy, a person with an axe to grind or simply a sour disposition and you can understand how the problems can escalate.

Below is a typical list of issues and disputes that I and other Equine Lawyers have run into:

- ✍ Issues involving the sale or purchase of a horse
- ✍ Installment or other incomplete payment arrangements
- ✍ Leasing concerns-return of a healthy animal, ability to perform in lease-show options
- ✍ Non-payment for the horse, its vet, farrier, show fees, board, and/or training bills
- ✍ Can I return the horse and get my money back?
- ✍ The horse is defective/untrained/has a long-term undisclosed condition
- ✍ Abandonment at your barn
- ✍ Training, boarding, transportation or handling contracts
- ✍ Liens and repossession
- ✍ Corporations, partnerships
- ✍ Professional handlers or are they amateur handlers?
- ✍ Accidents with another horse, a person, a trainer or a child
- ✍ Dangerous propensities, dangerous activity liability
- ✍ Equine Activity Statues
- ✍ Registration issues
- ✍ Breeding contracts, fertility, embryo transfer, live foal guarantee
- ✍ Insurance
- ✍ Taxes
- ✍ Zoning, land use, noise and odor ordinances
- ✍ Health and Infectious disease issues
- ✍ Lesson barns
- ✍ International sales
- ✍ Breed organizations
- ✍ Vet or farrier malpractice
- ✍ Loose horse issues
- ✍ Horses in need-what rights do you have to remedy a situation in someone else’s barn or pasture?

Planning for contingencies with an Equine Lawyer is the stitch in time that can help to prevent these and many other problems.

Like other attorneys working in this area, I have a passion for horses and horse people. I truly enjoy learning about my clients, their horses, their equine goals and dreams, and sharing the love we have for all things equine.



## AOSC, MAHA & Open Show Calendar

The 2012 Open Shows Calendar, Arabian Open Show Championships (AOSC) show bill and Arabians Unplugged show booklet are all posted on the MAHA website: <http://www.mnarabhorse.com/openshows/>

MAHA is also a member of the [Western Saddle Club Association \(WSCA\)](#). MAHA members are WSCA members at no additional cost, but must submit their name, address, phone number and date of birth to Laura Mickelson **by May 15<sup>th</sup>** at [lauramickelson@aol.com](mailto:lauramickelson@aol.com) or call 651-423-5871 to be added to the WSCA member list. All clubs can put shows on the online and print ON DECK publication of WSCA, The Spotlight.



## MAHA Delegates to 2012 AHA National Convention

Your MAHA delegates named to attend and represent the club at the [2012 AHA Convention](#) in Denver, Colorado are:

- ✉ Lori Conway\*
- ✉ Janet de Acevedo Macdonald\*\*
- ✉ John Diedrich\*\*
- ✉ Anita Grant\*\*
- ✉ Toni Marie O'Daniel\*
- ✉ Nancy Sawyer\*

\* delegate term expires after 2012 convention

\*\* delegate term expires after 2013 convention in Lexington, KY



## Mark Your 2012 Calendars!

- ✉ April 15 — MN Half Arabian Horse Association ([MHAHA](#)), All Breed Schooling Show, Oasis Equestrian Center, Lindstrom
- ✉ South Dakota Spring Shows-April 21 & 22, Show Manager Heather Swanson, [grandviewfarms@svtv.com](mailto:grandviewfarms@svtv.com)
- ✉ April 27-29 — MAHA at [Minnesota Horse Expo](#), MN State Fairgrounds, St. Paul
- ✉ May 4 — Region 10 Mary Anne Grimmell Scholarship (postmarked) Deadline
- ✉ May 4-6 — [Sahara Sands](#), Minnesota State Fairgrounds, St. Paul
- ✉ May 12 & 13 — [Region 10](#) Roundup, MN Equestrian Center, Winona
- ✉ June 2, 1-4 p.m. — Youth Showmanship, Horsemanship & Hunt Seat Equitation Clinic with Laurie Long, [LeFever Training Centre](#), Hudson, WI
- ✉ June 3 — Northern Minnesota AHA ([NMAHA](#)) Arabian Community Show, Meeker County Fairgrounds, Litchfield
- ✉ June 13 — Region 10 Pre-Show, MN State Fairgrounds, St. Paul
- ✉ June 14-17 — Region 10 Championship Show, MN State Fairgrounds, St. Paul
- ✉ June 15 — Region 10 Endurance Ride, Preston
- ✉ June 16 — Region 10 Competitive Ride, Preston
- ✉ June 23 & 24 — Region 10 Dressage & Sport Horse Championship Show, Waukesha, WI
- ✉ June 30 — MAHA Spring/Summer Trail Ride, 10 am at [Lake Elmo Park Reserve](#)



**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/MAHA Voting Membership WITH a COMPETITION CARD  
\_\_\_\_\_ \$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 MAHA Voting Membership WITH a COMPETITION CARD  
\_\_\_\_\_ \$20.00 – 1 YEAR MAHA Associate WITH voting rights – NO AHA/NO Competition Card  
\_\_\_\_\_ + \$10.00 – 1 YEAR SUBSCRIPTION TO AHA’s *MODERN Arabian Horse* magazine

\*All MAHA Memberships include the *MAHA Express* newsletter and WSCA Membership. If you have not been on the WSCA membership list in the past, you MUST provide name, address, phone and date of birth NO LATER than May 15th to [LauraMickelson@aol.com](mailto:LauraMickelson@aol.com) or 651-423-5871. For any WSCA information, please contact Laura.

\*Online Membership is available at [www.arabianhorses.org](http://www.arabianhorses.org). Designate **club #10063** MN Arabian Horse Association or visit our website at [www.mnarabhorse.com](http://www.mnarabhorse.com) to download a membership form.

\* For more MAHA Information, please contact: [Lori@ConwayArabians.com](mailto: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, 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 and/or National Shows    \* MN Horse Expo    \* Membership
- \* Horse Show Management and/or Involvement (e.g., Ribbons, Announcing, Gate, Barn Manager)
- \* Promotions and/or Club Publications    \* Other: \_\_\_\_\_
- \* **Circle all that apply:**    Owner    \*    Trainer    \*    Amateur    \*    Parent    \*    Youth    \*    Non-Owner

**Do you want to be contacted to volunteer?** YES or NO

Please make checks payable to MAHA and mail to: \* Lisa A. Lewis \* 25230 Hadley Ave, Elko, MN 55020 \*  
Telephone: 952-461-3048 \* Email: [LLewis@peoplenetonline.com](mailto:LLewis@peoplenetonline.com)

**THANK YOU FOR JOINING MAHA - THE CLUB THAT “GIVES BACK!”**