



MAHA Express

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President's Letter

June 2012

Hello MAHA Members,

This is such a busy time of the year for all of us. I am writing this letter in between sessions of judging Region 8, so I will be brief.

Our MAHA membership is growing and the club is in good financial shape. MAHA values each member and I recognize that you have chosen to join this club and for that, I am thankful. If there is something that MAHA can do better, or if you have any ideas or suggestions please let me know. We are all volunteers and can always use more help. ☺

The **MAHA Fall Classic dates are Saturday & Sunday, September 15th & 16th.** I will be working on the premium this month. If you have any suggestions or changes that you would like to have made from last year's schedule (which is still on the MAHA site), please let me know soon. Another clinic will be held during the Fall Classic with legendary photographer **Johnny Johnston** as our guest speaker on Saturday night, September 15, followed by the free dinner.

MAHA continues to "give back" to our members. The latest clinic with **Laurie Long** was a great event for our youth participants. I want to thank **Don & Teresa LeFever** for organizing this event. We all need to encourage kids to get involved with horses and do what we can to help them stay involved and in particular Arabian horses! Our youth members are the future of the Arabian breed!

All the best,

Lori Conway

Photo credit Don Stine





Region 10 Updates

By Laura Mickelson, Region 10 director

Region 10 Youth Round Up was a great success. With the Region 10 Board decision to direct all funds earned by this show to youth activities instead of going into the general fund, the success of this show will result in additional activities for youth.

An Even Better Region 10 Show in 2012!

FLASH: Classes have been added to both the Pre Show and the Sport Horse Show! The Regional show runs from June 14-17 with the Pre Show on Wednesday, June 13, and the Sport Horse Regionals in Waukesha on June 23-24. Entries closed for the Sport Horse Show on June 7, 2012.

For entry information, go to <http://www.region10arabians.com/>

With the new AgStar Arena on the Minnesota State Fairgrounds, the show will be more relaxed with time for fun. In addition the indoor warm-up in the Cattle Barn will be expanded and there is a new outdoor work ring by the AgStar Arena.

You DO NOT want to miss the **THINK PINK** halter classes, fun classes, expanded events for Youth. In addition to the Ice Cream Social, Scavenger Hunt, Awards and Scholarships, seniors will be honored and there will be new activities including a Coloring Contest, Name that Trainer game, thrills and skills Basketball contest, Make your Own Bead Necklace or Bracelet, Boot Scramble and Obstacle Course Race, Youth Nationals Golf Cart Decorating Ideas and T-shirt Designing, Face Painting, Remote Control Car and Truck and an Egg-and-Spoon contest with stick horses.

On Saturday night the Arabian Country English Pleasure class will be a fundraiser for **Richard Wright**.

Arabian Horse Global will be providing the live feed for the Regional 10 Championship Show June 14-17. For information on advertising, contact **Christy Egan** at 303-258-3336 or christy@arabianhorseglobal.com, **Jenn Trickey** at 805-331-5946 or jenn@arabianhorseglobal.com or go to www.arabianhorseglobal.com.

Region 10 Judging Team Contest, Saturday, August 4, 2012

Region 10 is sponsoring a Judging Team Contest, run under the National Horse Judging Team Coaches Association judging contest rules, is open to all 4-H/FFA/OTHER JUNIOR TEAMS, JUNIOR AHA, COLLEGIATE /ADULT AHA TEAMS. The contest will be hosted by the Wisconsin AHA and will be held in conjunction with its August 3-6 show in Jefferson County Fair Park, Jefferson, WI. Don't miss this opportunity for your judging teams. Complete rules and forms will soon be on the Region 10 website: <http://www.region10arabians.com>. Contact Region 10 Youth Coordinator, **Joan Rose**, at joan@rosesarabians.com or **McKenna Caspers**, contest chair, at mckennacaspers@comcast.net for additional information.

The complete calendar of regional meetings, shows, clinics and other events can be found at: http://www.region10arabians.com/calendar_2.htm



MAHA Membership Report

By Lisa A. Lewis, membership chair

Our new Adult 3-Year Membership offering introduced in May 2012 is already gaining traction. MAHA has established the Adult 3-Year Membership option to have continuity with AHA's membership offerings plus make it convenient and easy for members to join with/renew their MAHA-affiliated membership online via the AHA website, which means a cost savings to members.

MAHA Membership growth over the last year has been outstanding! As members, you belong to one of the largest growing and successful Arabian horse clubs in the nation. MAHA appreciates your support. THANK YOU!

Our numbers as of 05/29/2012:

Grand Total: 374 (vs. 343 this time in 2011)

- ✦ Adult 1 Yr: 268 members
- ✦ Adult 3 Yr (new offering as of May 2012): 3 members
- ✦ Lifetime: 12 members
- ✦ Youth 1 Yr: 91 members

Please feel free to contact me with your membership questions:

Lisa A. Lewis
MAHA Membership Chair
25230 Hadley Avenue
Elko, MN 55020
Phone: 952-461-3048
Email: LLewis@peoplenetonline.com



MAHA Youth Clinic with Laurie Long

By Teresa LeFever

The MAHA Youth Clinic held on Saturday, June 2nd at the LeFever Training Centre was a great success. We were very fortunate to have such a talented trainer as Laurie Long, share her vast experience working with youth riders. Each participant was treated to individual instruction. Laurie easily communicated areas of excellence and areas needing improvement.

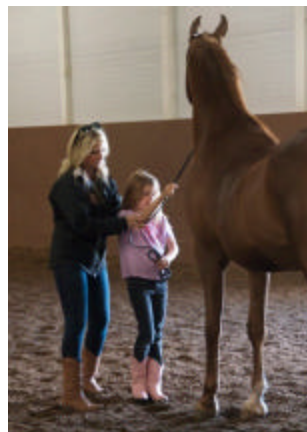
The three divisions covered were Hunt Seat Equitation, Showmanship, and Western Horsemanship. Question and answer sessions followed each section. Questions were welcomed by Laurie throughout the clinic.

Three riders and their horses from outside barns signed up for the Hunt Seat Equitation. The girls were thankful that time was limited as Laurie is known for having her riders stand in the stirrups for extended periods.

For Showmanship, LeFever Training Centre provided horses to participants without horses. Laurie had participants work on position, distance from the horse, where to look, and presentation to the judge.

In Western Horsemanship, fine tuning of body and hand position, keeping one's chin up (Laurie found ponytails to be very useful for demonstrating this), and less leg movement were covered. Pattern work was also reviewed.

We constantly heard positive remarks on how everyone in attendance (audience and participants included) learned something from Laurie during the clinic. MAHA is extremely privileged to have trainers like Laurie willing to share their time and skills with our youth riders. This is a perfect example of MAHA giving back to its members. This clinic was free for MAHA youth.



See more clinic photos at the LeFever Training Centre Facebook page:
<https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.10150943831958537.441413.287644068536&type=3>



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 Report

By Anita Grant

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





Why I Want an Arabian Horse Essay Contest

CONWAY ARABIANS, in cooperation with the Minnesota 4-H Horse Association, proudly presents the...

2012 WHY I WANT AN ARABIAN HORSE ESSAY CONTEST

Conway Arabians, Chatfield, Minnesota and the **Minnesota 4-H Horse Association** announce the first annual Why I Want an Arabian Horse essay contest. This contest is open to all Minnesota 4-H members actively involved in the 4-H horse project. Conway Arabians will donate one weanling or yearling horse guaranteed to be sound and correct in conformation, of good disposition and bloodlines, with a current negative Coggins, and be registered or eligible for registration with the Arabian Horse Registry. If the donated horse is a male 6 months of age or older, it will have been castrated prior to being awarded.

Contest Rules: Contestants are to submit a typed essay of up to 1 ½ pages (preferred format is Courier New, Century Gothic, Calibri, or Times New Roman font style with a font size between 10 and 12.) demonstrating their knowledge of the Arabian horse breed, what ownership of this horse would mean to them including how they would provide care, the environment in which the horse would be raised, and any other pertinent and/or human interest information they wish to share. Entries are to be sent to the Why I Want an Arabian Horse essay contest **postmarked no later than August 31, 2012.** The contestant will create a Cost of Care document demonstrating the applicant's understanding of the expense of horse ownership. The document, essay, and signed Consent and Release of Liability form (available at <http://www.mn4hhorse.com>) will comprise the complete application. The application will not be considered unless all documents arrive together.

Upon receipt entries will be blinded. A review committee comprised of personnel selected from Conway Arabians, Minnesota Arabian Horse Association, the Minnesota 4-H Horse Association and a person from the general public will select five finalists. The finalists will then be interviewed by phone and in person to select a winner. The five finalists will attend the Why I Want an Arabian Horse presentation at the 2012 Minnesota State 4-H Horse Show. The name of the winner will be announced and presentation of the horse along with all transfer of ownership documents will occur at that time. The Minnesota 4-H Horse Association and Conway Arabians expect the winner to bring the properly cared for horse to the 2013 Minnesota State 4-H Horse Show for exhibit and related special events; successive and other shows are optional. *Previous winners of any horse at the Minnesota State 4-H Horse Show are ineligible.*

To Enter: Please mail all documents together, postmarked by August 31, 2012 to:

Why I Want an Arabian Horse
c/o Carol Dobbelaire, contest chair
5438 Fairhill Dr. SE
Buffalo, MN 55313

Emailed entries will be accepted if sent by August 20, 2012 to: ahessay@yahoo.com

All documents should be sent as PDF attachments in the same email, please use Courier New, Century Gothic, Calibri, or Times New Roman font styles with a font size between 10 and 12.

If you have questions, please text or call Carol at 763-464-4427.



Upcoming MAHA Trail Ride & Potluck Grill

By Pat Swenson

Saturday, June 30, is scheduled for 10am 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. **Please RSVP by phone: 507-645-9223 or email: swens@earthlink.net**





Brief Bits: Have you ever bought a blind horse?

By Rebecca Bell

Buying and selling horses is a fact of life and a way to improve or trade-up in the horse business. I have bought and sold horses. In any purchase, equine or otherwise, it is as the saying goes, Caveat Emptor or Buyer Beware. You want to know what you're getting before you sign the paperwork, send all the money and end up with a legal dispute with a big disappointment stabled in your barn.

Very early in our horse years, when my husband and I were just hobbyists, we bought a solid dark bay grade mare. We had her vet checked and all was well. We'd been told she had a "slight" vision issue in one eye, which the vet couldn't confirm in his exam. We were thrilled and waiting when she got out of the trailer at our farm. But wait, slight vision problem? This horse was blind as a bat! We looked a little closer and this was not the mare we agreed to purchase at all. It was a classic case of bait-and-switch. Thank goodness we knew enough to send her back on the trailer she came in. While this type of switch isn't common in buying and selling registered horses, the warning remains the same: know what you are buying. You need to learn enough about horses in general, the breed's bloodlines and the discipline in which you plan to use the animal, and whether it is for breeding, show, or simply backyard pleasure. If you don't know and haven't checked things out, you are at the mercy of what the seller chooses to tell you.

In the buying process be aware of "puffery," a term which refers to the extolling of only the magnificent virtues of the graceful animal that you are getting ready to purchase. Puffery in an Arizona business case was defined as "exaggerated, vague, or loosely optimistic statements about a company that are deemed so immaterial and unworthy of reliance that they cannot serve as the basis for liability. The difference between a statement of fact and mere puffery rests in the specificity or generality of the claim." [Phoenix Payment Solutions, Inc. v. Towner, 2009 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 91978 (D. Ariz. Oct. 2, 2009)]

So in the terms of horses, what is puffery?

Puffery

Next Hunter Champion

Ready to win the Auction Futurity Class

This mare will produce you the next National Champion

Statement of Fact

Region 1 Hunter Champion

Eligible for the Auction Futurity Class

Proven producer of Champions

As a buyer, we want to believe the puffery. Puffery sells dreams and we all dream of the next big winner. The solution is to do your homework. Inspect before you buy. Have a veterinary pre-purchase exam, if x-rays are recommended, blood work needed, get them! If possible, use your own vet to perform the check or have the results sent to your veterinarian. Research the seller, the breeder and the trainer, know the reputation of who you are buying from. For purchasing a registered Arabian, Half Arabian or Anglo Arabian, a subscription to the Arabian Horse Association's DataSource can provide you with more research material. Review current and back issues of Arabian horse trade magazines like the *Arabian Horse Times*, *Arabian Horse World* or the AHA's *Modern Arabian Horse* as other sources of information. Ride the horse, bring a trusted friend or trainer along (yes, there may be some costs involved, but it's best to find out about issues ahead of time too). Talk to people. Talk, talk, and talk to established farms and folks new to the business. Ask questions and educate yourself. Decide who you feel that you can rely on in an equine purchase.

Lastly, get it in writing. A solid purchase agreement will or should spell out all the things out you need to know. Without a written agreement it is much harder to prove who said or promised what. When it's a he-said, she-said case the issues start getting muddy and can result in lawsuits. If the seller has made representations about what the horse can or will do, they should be in writing in the purchase agreement. If the seller won't put something in, it is most likely puffery. Before you pay the seller, make sure that you have the horse's paperwork, registration, vet work, radiographs, etc. Once the seller has all of your money, they usually have no incentive to go out of their way to make things work for you. Maintain a complete set of document for yourself.

Remember you are in charge of making a successful purchase. You'll make mistakes along the way. We all have and we learn from them. Make sure that the first time you buy a horse (not to mention the second and third times too), that you don't buy a blind horse and get stuck with the consequences.



Caught Horsing Around



Thanks to Debbie Treadwell for this pic from a recent Arabians Unplugged event in Litchfield. Send your pics to MAHA Express Editor, Janet de Acevedo Macdonald, at janet@auldmacdonaldfarm.net or tag her in Facebook pics.



Mark Your 2012 Calendars!

- ⌘ June 13-17 — Region 10 Pre Show (13th) 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](#)
- ⌘ July 6-8 — MHAHA [Great Arabian Get Together](#), Sauk Centre
- ⌘ July 21-28 — [AHA Youth Nationals](#), Albuquerque, New Mexico
- ⌘ August 13-18 — [AHA Canadian Nationals](#), Brandon, Manitoba, Canada
- ⌘ September 8 — MHAHA All Breed Schooling Show, Washington County Fairgrounds, Lake Elmo
- ⌘ September 9 — MAHA Arabian Open Shows Championships & WSCA Show, Washington County Fairgrounds, Lake Elmo. David Boggs and Terry Anne Boggs, judges.
- ⌘ September 15-16 — [MAHA Fall Classic & General Meeting](#), MN Equestrian Center, Winona



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
_____ **\$235.00 – 3 YEAR AHA/Affiliate/MAHA Voting Membership WITH a COMPETITION CARD**
_____ \$45.00 – 1 YEAR AHA/Affiliate/MAHA Voting Membership NO COMPETITION CARD
_____ **\$130.00 – 3 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 (18 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 or 651-423-5871. For any WSCA information, please contact Laura.

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

* 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, 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

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