



## *MAHA Express*

*March 2010*



**General Membership Meeting PLUS the Wendy Potts and Tom Theisen Clinic Saturday, March 13 at 11:00**

MAHA “Gives Back” to you with a clinic featuring the Arabian breed’s leading Hunter Pleasure and Show Hack trainer, Wendy Potts, and leading English trainer, Tom Theisen. Saturday, March 13, 11 am - 4 pm. Lunch will be served.

Everyone is welcome, but a charge for all adult non-MAHA members is \$20.00, unless you join at the clinic. Topics that will be presented include training, presentation, show ring strategies, and much, much more! The facility is heated, the horses will be great, and the clinicians are awesome! Don’t miss this event!

Conway Arabians  
18080 Cty 2, Chatfield, MN 55923  
507-867-2981 or 507-867-0060



**Spring Fling—March 18-19**

One very important rite of spring is MAHA’s Annual Spring Fling Horse Show scheduled for March 18-19 at the MN Equestrian Center in Winona. The Spring Fling has all the elements for a great time: super facility, great horses, lots of classes, wonderful exhibitors who know how to have fun, and great show management (thanks Ann Benson and Teresa LeFever).

Don’t forget that the MAHA Youth have their Silent Auction at this show. This is the largest fund raising event for the youth. Proceeds from the auction are used to offset costs for youth

events and activities. If you have items you can donate, please contact Teresa LeFever at [lefevertc@aol.com](mailto:lefevertc@aol.com)

You can find out more about the Spring Fling, including the premium book, show schedule and all the required forms at <http://www.mnarabhorse.com/>



## Letter from MAHA President Lori Conway

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Dear MAHA Members,

All of us have a common denominator, we love the Arabian horse and we want to see their legacy continue for many more years. What can you and I do for the Arabian horse? Anything that helps and protects horses would be a good start. Right now there are some horses that do not have their very basic needs being met - needs such as food and water - if you know of horses that are in this situation that need assistance please contact me and I will do what I can to get them some help. We need to encourage more people to own Arabians and we need to continue to support, educate, and increase participation through club functions, such as seminars, clinics, horse shows, and trail rides.

I encourage you to get involved and participate in MAHA events. Our next event is the March 13<sup>th</sup> clinic taught by Wendy Potts, one of the premier trainers in the Arabian breed. Wendy has won hundreds of National Championships in six divisions, and is an excellent clinician. Come watch, learn and enjoy a free day of fun in the heated facility at Conway Arabians, I hope to see everyone there. The Spring Fling in Winona on March 26-28 is going to be a great show that you do not want to miss. Look for more upcoming events on the MAHA calendar and let us work hard to make the Arabian horse the breed for everyone!

See you soon,

Lori Conway  
MAHA President



## Spur of the Moment Trail Riding Group

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I love to trail ride, but for safety reasons I don't feel comfortable riding by myself. I would like to know if there is any interest in putting together a group of people that can be contacted - spur

of the moment - to go trail riding. You know how it is, you find yourself with the day off, the weather is great, you want to ride, but you want company.

I schedule the MAHA trail rides and both rides last year had weather problems. I will still organize these trail rides but as a result of talking with other MAHA members about trail riding and the weather problem the idea for the Spur of the Moment group was born.

If you are interested in participating in this group please call or e-mail me with your name, contact number(s), location, parks you prefer to ride in and the times that you are usually available to ride. I will put this information together and share it with all that expressed an interest in being in this group.

Please contact me at: [swens@earthlink.net](mailto:swens@earthlink.net) or at 507-645-9223 (h) or 507-663-0535 (W) or on my cell at 612-756-0901

Here is an example of the information I am requesting from people who are interested:

Pat Swenson, Northfield, MN

I usually ride in parks south of the metro area: UMore, Murphy, Lebanon. Occasionally I ride at Crow Hassen and Lake Elmo. I generally ride on the weekends and Friday afternoons but I have a flexible schedule during the week.

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## Horse News from the MN Horse Council

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Newsletter highlights from our friends at the Minnesota Horse Council  
([www.mnhorsecouncil.org](http://www.mnhorsecouncil.org))

The 2010 World Equestrian Games will be held in Lexington, Kentucky September 23 – October 10. For information about its events, descriptions of all eight equestrian sports, how to get tickets, where to stay or a countdown clock to the opening ceremony, please visit <http://www.alltechfeigames.com/> <http://www.alltechfeigames.com/>

On November 8, more than 100 horse and riders from around the state participated in the Great Prairie Trail Ride at the inactive 2300+ acre Twin Cities Army Ammunition Plant (TCAAP) in Ramsey County. A small group of people are working on a proposal to develop this area into an Olympic-class equestrian center equipped to host a range of equestrian events. This area would also be included in a broad proposal, supported by US Rep Betty McCollum, for Minnesota to bid for the 2020 Summer Olympics Games.

The Minnesota Board of Animal Health (MBAH) was recently contacted by Wisconsin's state veterinarian to clarify and underscore the requirements needed for any horse traveling into Wisconsin. This contact was prompted by the fact that some certificates of veterinary inspection (CVI) issued by Minnesota veterinarians failed to meet Wisconsin's import requirements for horses.

The University of Minnesota Horse Extension distributes a worthwhile newsletter with current topics such as [Economic Impact of Trail Riding in MN](#), [Do Not Feed Moldy Hay to Horses](#), [The Gelding Project](#), [Horse Hay Suppliers in MN](#), plus a variety of equine fact sheets. To read more on these topics or for newsletter sign up, please visit: <http://www.extension.umn.edu/horse/>

The Minnesota Stable Owners Association ([www.MNSOA.org](http://www.MNSOA.org)) is a newly formed organization with a mission to "improve conditions for equine businesses in Minnesota and to educate about equine public policy and the importance of horses in agriculture."

The American Horse Council has written a broad Welfare Code Of Practice addressing equine welfare and responsible care. It is hoped that endorsement of this code will be another public indication that the industry itself "puts the horse first."

To learn more about any of the above topics please visit the noted web addresses or read the Minnesota Horse Council's Newsletter, For Horse's Sake (PDF):

<http://www.mnhorsecouncil.org/docs/mhc-newsletter-dec09.pdf>

<http://www.mnhorsecouncil.org/docs/mhc-newsletter-jan-feb10.pdf>



## Call for Photos

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MAHA would like to have photos of you enjoying the Arabian horse, whether it's competing in any number of our breed's disciplines or just out for a day of pleasure riding. We want to add variety to the photo buttons we use in the MAHA newsletter and on our website. Ideally, we would like to have a library to choose from, all with your understanding that the submitted photos will be cropped/sized for our purpose. Please forward these to Janet de Acevedo Macdonald at [deacedevo@yahoo.com](mailto:deacedevo@yahoo.com). If you have questions, please email or call 612-720-8490 or at 320-384-6116. There is no deadline, this is an ongoing request.



## Open Shows Calendar

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Each year MAHA publishes the Open Shows calendar. The 2010 edition is out and will be updated monthly. If you are already on the email list for distribution, you should have received the February edition. This calendar lists shows throughout the five state area that have Arabian classes or open classes such as bridlepath that are of interest to Arabian exhibitors. If you would like to be added to the open shows email list, contact Laura Mickelson at [lauramickelson@aol.com](mailto:lauramickelson@aol.com)



## Trail Riding Isn't Too Far Off!

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The Arabian Horse Association organized the Recreational Riding Task Force to organize and promote trail rides in every region. Representatives from every region serve on that task force. AHA has enhanced their website to include more information on trail riding including a page on AHA Trail Rides and AHA Pleasure Rides. You can find this information under the “Activities” tab on the AHA main page ([www.arabianhorses.org](http://www.arabianhorses.org)). Members will be able to look there for information on scheduled rides. MAHA will be planning two trail rides for this coming year – ride information will be posted on the MAHA website, sent via e-mail and will be posted on the AHA website once details have been finalized.

Pat Swenson, MAHA Board of Director, is representing Region 10 on the Recreational Riding Task Force as well as organizing the trail rides for MAHA. If you would like to suggest a favorite riding location for one of our rides please contact her at 507-645-9223 or via e-mail at [swens@earthlink.net](mailto:swens@earthlink.net).



## Arabians Unplugged – New Arabian Open Shows Circuit

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MAHA is pleased to announce our affiliation and leadership in the development of a new organization called Arabians Unplugged. 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, in their own breed all while being automatically enrolled at no cost in the year-end circuit high point.

For 2010, there are six clubs, including MAHA, participating in the following shows:

- April 11 – MN Half Arabian Horse Association show in Lindstrom
- June 6 – Northern MN Arabian Horse Association in Litchfield
- July 24th & 25th – Minn-I-Kota Arabian Horse Association in Willmar
- August 28th & 29th – MN IA Arabian Horse Association in Albert Lea
- September 11 – MN Half Arabian Horse Association show in Lake Elmo
- September 12 – MAHA WSCA Open Show in Lake Elmo

Visit Arabians Unplugged on its Facebook page. A show booklet containing all of the show bills will be available on each club website by mid-March. You can download the MAHA [AOSC and WSCA Show bill](#). Information about the [high point program](#) is also available.

You can also find the complete [2010 Open Shows Calendar](#) on the MAHA website.

For additional information contact Laura Mickelson at [lauramickelson@aol.com](mailto:lauramickelson@aol.com) or 651-423-5871.



## MAHA Region 10 Delegate Reports

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MAHA has a group of individuals who serve as our Region 10 delegates to represent the members of the club at regional and national events. MAHA Region 10 delegates are:

Ann Benson  
Lori Conway  
Anita Grant  
Laura Mickelson  
Toni Marie O'Daniel

Each year our delegates attend the National Arabian Horse Association Convention and part of their duties is to report back to the membership about their experience. You can read their reports on the MAHA website at [www.mnarabhorse.com](http://www.mnarabhorse.com)



## Salem Ranch 21<sup>st</sup> Horse & Charity Auction

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The 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Salem Children's Ranch Horse & Charity Auction has been set for Saturday, April 10<sup>th</sup> at its Flanagan, Illinois facility. A total of 30 horses and other items will be on the auction. For a listing of its horses you can go to [www.salemranch.com](http://www.salemranch.com) under the horse program heading. For more information you can contact the ranch via the website or at 815-786-4561.

# MN 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

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

\_\_\_\_\_ \$45.00 - 1 YEAR AHA/Affiliate WITH a COMPETITION CARD & WITH MAHA Voting  
\_\_\_\_\_ \$20.00 - 1 YEAR MAHA Associate WITH voting rights - NO AHA/ NO Competition Card

\*\*All MAHA Memberships include the MAHA EXPRESS Publication and WSCA Membership.

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

\* For more WSCA information, please contact: [LauraMickelson@aol.com](mailto:LauraMickelson@aol.com) or 651-423-5871

\* 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. Tell us about yourself 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 Promotion
- \* 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:

\* Shirley Theede \* 2341 Itasca Ave. S, Lakeland, MN 55043 \* [slick332@aol.com](mailto:slick332@aol.com) \* 651-436-7151

**THANK YOU FOR JOINING MAHA. THE CLUB THAT "GIVES BACK"!**



## Arabian Youth Win Equestrian Awards

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The Minnesota High School Equestrian Association announced that three Arabian youth saddle seat riders took some top honors at their year-end banquet and awards events. Congratulations to Morgan Dezenski-Eden Prairie (Bob Jorgensen Stables), Melissa Vandersteen-MHSEA Independent Club (Cedar Ridge Arabians) and McKenna Caspers-Visitation (Cedar Ridge Arabians).



McKenna Caspers received the MHSEA Sportsmanship of the Year Award along with being Champion of the Saddle Seat Division. McKenna also received the Laura Sedgwick Award for Sportsmanship and Spirit in the Sport from the Tri-State Horseman's Association.

You can find out more about the MHSEA program and learn how youth in grades 8 through 12 might be able to letter in equestrian events you can contact Marcy Eickholt at [meickholt@msn.com](mailto:meickholt@msn.com) or go to the club website at [www.mhsea.org](http://www.mhsea.org).



## Like to Spend Time Talking About Arabian Horses?

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Volunteers are needed for the MAHA area at the upcoming Minnesota Horse Expo at the MN State Fairgrounds, Friday-Sunday, April 23-25.

Volunteers are needed to put up the MAHA exhibit on Thursday afternoon (after 1:30 p.m.), April 22, and then to tear it down after 4 p.m. on Sunday. During the expo itself volunteers are also needed to staff the MAHA booth and talk with public, answering questions and encouraging interaction. The volunteer time commitment during the expo is either half-day shift or choices of 2-hour shifts. Volunteers will enjoy free admission to The MN Horse Expo on the day of their volunteer shift.

Two more show-ready horses are needed too; one from an English discipline, the other from dressage. The horse needs to be well-broke, people friendly and ready to put its soft nose forward as it represents our Arabian breed.



Lastly, there will be a book available to advertise MAHA member-only farms and horses (for sale, breeding, lessons given, etc.). If you would like to be included please send an 8 x 10 ad to Anita Grant no later than Thursday, April 15. If you have questions about anything related to MAHA at the MN Horse Expo please contact Anita at 507-663-1977 or [anitaagrnt@gmail.com](mailto:anitaagrnt@gmail.com)



## Mark Your Calendars!

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March 13	MAHA General Membership Meeting and Wendy Potts/Tom Theisen Clinic, 11 am, hosted by Conway Arabians, Chatfield
March 26-28	MAHA Spring Fling, MN Equestrian Center, Winona
April 7	MAHA Board of Directors Meeting, 7pm Black Stallion, Hampton
April 23-25	MAHA at Minnesota Horse Expo, MN State Fairgrounds, St. Paul
April 30 <sup>th</sup>	Region 10 Scholarship Postmark Deadline
May 12	MAHA Board of Directors Meeting, 7pm Black Stallion, Hampton
May 8-9	Region 10 Youth Roundup, MN Equestrian Center, Winona
June 9	Region 10 PreShow, MN State Fairgrounds, St. Paul
June 10-13	Region 10 Championship Show, MN State Fairgrounds, St. Paul
June 18	Region 10 Endurance Ride, Preston, MN
June 19	Region 10 Competitive Ride, Preston, MN
August 4	MAHA Board of Directors Meeting, 7pm Black Stallion, Hampton
September 12	MAHA AOSC and WSCA/Open Arabian Show, 8AM, Washington County Fairgrounds, Lake Elmo
September 18-19	MAHA Fall Classic, MN Equestrian Center, Winona General Membership Meeting after conclusion of classes on the 18th
November 10	MAHA Board of Directors Meeting, 7pm Black Stallion, Hampton

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



## Help Has Arrived!

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Last month I asked for a volunteer who was interested in helping with the Express. I am very happy to say that Janet de Acevedo MacDonald stepped forward and will become the Co-Editor of the Express. Over the next few months Janet and I will be working together to improve the Express through new articles and series that are relevant and interesting to you. Please let us know if you have ideas on how we can improve the Express. You can contact us at [drlembke@gmail.com](mailto:drlembke@gmail.com) or [deacevedo@yahoo.com](mailto:deacevedo@yahoo.com)

*Roberta Lembke*