



# Arabian Horse Association of Nebraska

## HOOFBEATS

A publication to encourage, promote and develop the owning, training, breeding and enjoyment of the Arabian horse.

### **President's letter – Jan. 2014**

Happy New Year to all AHAN members and friends.

As your 2014 president, I want to introduce myself to those that may not know me. I am a longtime member of AHAN who started competing in 4-H and Arabian-rated shows as a junior exhibitor (back when there was only AOTR and open classes!).

I have been training and showing Arabians professionally since 1989, enjoyed the heyday of the Arabian breed (and the horse world in general) come and go and come and go again. While I do not expect that the horse world will experience another boom that has occurred previously because of economic factors, I do know that there are many people like me that continue to ride and show because of the love and enjoyment we have for the horse.

I wish to welcome new AHAN board members: vice president Tom Dasenbrock, and board members Carrie Cada, Kandi Rasmussen and Kris Simmons, along with our current board: secretary Julie Koch, treasurer Julie DeBoer, And board members Sheri Savig and DeAnne Allen. My hope is that this group will bring new ideas to keep our club flourishing.

My thanks to outgoing president DeAnne Allen and vice president Jim Carr for their numerous years of service to the club. I want to recognize Randy Johnson for his willingness to fill any position when asked.

Obviously, our club cannot function without our members' time and expertise. Everyone is encouraged to express their ideas, volunteer and enjoy the camaraderie of our friends in the horse world.

AHAN board meetings are routinely held the first Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m., with an open invitation to all to attend. The January meeting will be held on Jan. 7 at Langdon's Bar on Highway 31 in Gretna (next to the Runza).

-- Shellee Kotera

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# Calendar of events

## **FEBRUARY 2014**

**13-23** Scottsdale All-Arabian, Contact: Judie Mitten, 602-978-1342

## **APRIL 2014**

**25-27** Border Bonanza, Region 8/11 concurrent. Contact: Ruth Charpie, 816-765-5683

## **MAY 2014**

**8-11** Great Plains Arabian Classic, Region 6/8 concurrent, Contact: DeAnne Allen, 402-540-1763

## **JUNE 2014**

**11** Region 10 Preshow, St. Paul, Minn.

**12-15** Region 10 Championships, St. Paul, Minn.

## **JULY 2014**

**3-5** Region 6 Championships, Douglas, Wyo.

## **DUES INCREASE**

At the 2013 AHA convention, delegates approved a resolution that will increase dues \$15 per year, effective April 1, 2014. So to save having to pay higher dues this year, renew your membership before April 1.

## **HAVE NEWS TO REPORT? HERE'S YOUR CHANCE**

**We are looking for show results, new foals, achievements, etc.  
Anything that is of interest to our members.**

**Send your news to:**

**Julie Koch**

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**DEADLINE  
EXTENDED  
TO JAN. 15**

## 2014-2015 AHAN DIRECTORY

It's time to begin thinking about the 2014-2015 AHAN Directory. The deadline is Dec. 31 for horse listings and Jan. 15 for ads. The cost to list horses is \$1 per horse.

If you do not return this form by the deadline, your name, address, phone number and email address will be listed as they appear in the membership records.

To ensure that everything is correct, please return this form to:

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FULL PAGE: 4½ x 7½ inches: \$60  
HALF PAGE: 4½ x 4 inches: \$30  
INSIDE BACK COVER \$65  
BUSINESS CARD \$20

### These prices are for camera-ready ads.

If your ad is not camera-ready, please include an additional \$15 per page if one or two photos are included, \$7.50 per page if no photos.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Farm: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Code	Horse's name	Reg. #	Color	Sex	Foaled	Sire x Dam

S-at stud    \$-for sale    L-leased    @ SCID clear

Ch-chestnut    B-bay    Gr-grey    Pal-palomino    Pt-pinto    Bu-buckskin    Du-dun

S-stallion    M-mare    G-gelding

# BLAST FROM THE PAST



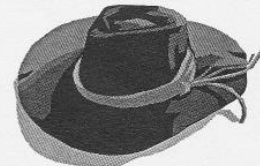
## STRAIGHT FROM THE HORSE'S MOUTH

BY: PAM INMAN

### THE QUOTABLE COWBOY—

"Nothing does more for the inside of a man than the outside of a horse."  
*Will Rogers (1879-1935)*

"No cowboy ever quit while his life was hardest and his duties were most exacting." *J. Frank Dobie, A Vaquero of the Brush Country (1929)*



### SCOTTSDALE NOTES...

It was an amazing two weeks: the weather was not always perfect, but was sooooo much better than what we left. Alex, Sigourney, and I truly enjoyed staying on the grounds. Despite the 'bugs' that need to be worked out in our R. V.'s water system, we found it perfect to have our meals and beds handy. It was also convenient for the kid's trainer to whip over and roust us out when we slept too late or just generally lost track of time! {And that only happened like three times!}

The Arabian Reining Horse Association had their own arena this year, complete with music. The ground was maintained at their expense and no English horses, lunging, or driving was allowed in that arena. Consequently, the Reining Arena had by far the best ground conditions at the show. Another perk was that the schedule could be more accommodating for spectators who began to show up in droves. {The free beer could have been a factor, too.} Finally, amid some grumbling, times were assigned to individual horse and riders, much like dressage does. The trick is, this is not according to NRHA rules.

However, it seemed to make things more convenient from my perspective. And hopefully, the youth

reiners will be able to compete in the Reining Arena rather than the Equidome next year.

While hanging out at the Reining Arena, I was introduced to Cory Sampson-Vokun's new husband. He certainly is a handsome, personable fellow.

Jeri Douglass flew in for the final weekend to watch the show and enjoy the beautiful weather. Erin Douglass, in Scottsdale for the entire show, was frequently seen on her little pink Honda scooter with Ryan Strand as a passenger.

Alex & David Inman slipped off one afternoon to attend a "Star Trek" convention in Mesa, AZ., where the featured speaker was William Shatner. {Capt. Kirk to you non-trekkies} Shatner had spent the previous day at the horse show and shared his equine experiences there with the science fiction crowd. Wonder if we could somehow wean him off English horses to become a patron for Purebred Reining Horses? Heck, one sliding stop and he would be hooked!

Jill Ruhkamp blasted in and out one day. She was doing some "horse business", but did have time for a quick hi.



Dave, Cindy & Amy Burns attended the Scottsdale Show with their traditional "cast of thousands" necessitating a large, economy size golf cart limo. As one would expect, the Burn's relatives are a lively and entertaining group.



Meaghan Downs attended the Horseman's Awards Banquet as the date of one of my favorite young men, Trevor Miller.



Denise & Ashley Shickell, competing for the first time at Scottsdale, kept the entire group supplied with citrus fruit, compliments of a local relative. The Shickell ladies looked awfully sharp driving that red Ford Mustang during their stay in Arizona.

Wonder Woman, Shellee Kotera, drove both ways to and from the show by herself. Also, she displayed truly amazing abilities as a carpenter {assisted by yours truly} with a deluxe stall front for Sycamore Farm. Rumor has it that Shellee is now a candidate for a membership in the Carpenter's Union. {of course, I did start that rumor....}



## **MINUTES FROM OCT. 8, 2013, AHAN BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING, 7 p.m.**

DeAnne Allen, Julie Koch, Danielle Malone, Shellee Kotera, Sheri Savig, Sigourney Inman, Julie DeBoer and Jim Carr were in attendance. Randy Johnson was absent.

**MINUTES:** Secretary Julie K. presented the minutes of the July 2, 2013 meeting. Sheri moved to approve the minutes and Danielle Malone seconded. Motion passed.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Julie D. reported that as of Oct. 2, AHAN had \$44,587.65 cash on hand, with total assets and liabilities of \$45,007.65, with two payback checks from the GPAC show still outstanding. Our profit for 2013 was \$3,434.04. Julie K. moved to approve the treasurer's report and Sheri seconded. Motion passed.

**HIGH POINT:** Shellee Kotera reported that the High Point awards banquet/fall meeting would be Nov. 10 at the Knolls Country Club in Lincoln. Cost would be \$15 per person. Julie D. said the awards were glassware with the AHAN logo.

**PUBLICATIONS:** Julie K. reported that the Hoofbeats had been sent to DeAnne for distribution. .

**MEMBERSHIP:** Julie K. said that as of Oct. 8, AHAN had 74 adult members, 5 life and 23 youth.

**SHOWS:** GPAC – DeAnne reported that she had finally received notice from AHA that the results from the show were processed. There was a problem with AHA inputting the results. August show – Shellee moved AHAN pay DeAnne \$7.50 per horse, based on 65 horses, as show secretary/manager. Sigourney seconded and motion passed. Shellee then moved AHAN pay Ann Marie Anderson \$50/day as ringmaster and give a gift card to Kelly Blair for her help as gate person. Sigourney seconded and motion passed.

**ROYALTY:** The board discussed adding a third category – for the princess candidates who show in walk/trot.

**OLD BUSINESS:** There was not much response to AHAN's inquiry ranch sorting. The board agreed to wait until the ranch sorting at Chance Ridge got going before proceeding with AHAN possibly doing ranch sorting. .

**NEW BUSINESS:** Delegate Julie K. reported that the 2013 resolutions that would be addressed at convention were on the AHA web site.

**NEXT MEETING:** Nov. 10 for the fall meeting.

Julie K. moved to adjourn at 8:10 p.m. Sheri seconded and motion passed.

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Half-page	7 x 5	\$15
Quarter page	3.5 x 5	\$10
Bus. Card	3.5 x 2	\$25/yr.
Classified ad -- per word		10 cents

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# Arabian Horse Association of Nebraska membership application



The Arabian Horse Association of Nebraska (AHAN) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to the promotion of the Arabian horse. Membership is open to all individuals and families with an interest in Arabians, whether or not they own an Arabian.

## VOTING MEMBERSHIP

**Adult:** The first adult membership of any household (defined as the same address) is \$40. Each additional adult membership from the same household is \$30. All such members will have the rights and privileges pertaining to voting members, except that only one newsletter will be sent to each household. Families should bear in mind that only the person who joins will be eligible to participate in AHAN and AHA (Arabian Horse Association) activities. Voting membership includes membership in AHA, one vote, directory listing, monthly newsletter and eligibility for AHAN programs.

## NONVOTING MEMBERSHIPS

**Youth:** For youth under the age of 18 as of Dec. 1. Includes a directory listing, monthly newsletter, AHA youth membership and eligibility for all AHAN and JAHAN programs.

**Associate:** For those who are not an AHA affiliate through AHAN. They have no voting rights and are not eligible to hold office or be a delegate. Associate members are eligible for all AHAN programs, including High Point.

**Membership is 12 months from date of application.**

**Dues are due before the end of the last day of the month in which membership expires.**

## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

\_\_\_\_\_ \$40 VOTING: First adult.

\_\_\_\_\_ \$30 VOTING: Second adult in same household.

\_\_\_\_\_ \$20 YOUTH: If parent is voting AHAN member.

\_\_\_\_\_ \$30 YOUTH: If parent is NOT voting AHAN member.

## COMPETITION CARD (additional fee)

\_\_\_\_\_ \$35 Adult (for those who show at AHA-sanctioned events)

\_\_\_\_\_ \$25 Youth (for those who show at AHA-sanctioned events)

## ASSOCIATE

\_\_\_\_\_ \$30 No membership in AHA. No vote in AHAN.

## MAGAZINE (additional fee)

\_\_\_\_\_ \$10 for subscription to Modern Arabian Horse

## TOTAL

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State/zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

SS# \_\_\_\_\_ DOB \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**The undersigned, as a member of an AHA-affiliated member organization, does hereby agree to be bound and comply with the articles of incorporation, bylaws, agreements and the membership rules and regulations of AHA and of the club, association or corporation set forth after his/her name.**

**Social security number and date of birth required for all adult and youth members**

**Send completed form and proper fees to:**

**Julie Koch, 3903 W. Bennet Rd., Martell, NE 68404 Phone: 402-794-4974**