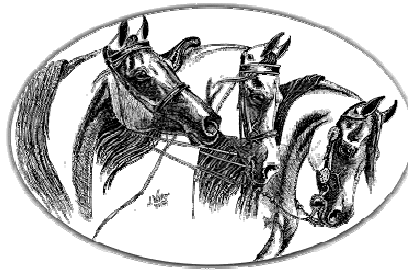


Northern Illinois Arabian Horse Activity Club
December/January 2007/2008
Newsletter



PLACES TO BE:

January 26, 2008- NIAHAC's wonderful winter banquet. Please come join us at the Bel Mar Country Club in Belvidere, IL. Don't forget your wrapped gift for the Futurity Auction! Come dance, eat and enjoy some wonderful company during these cold winter months!

Shows:

Scottsdale All Arabian Horse Show: February 15-21, 2008, Scottsdale, Arizona
Judges: Stallion/English- Mike Budd, Richard Petty, Eric Wolfe. Western/Mares- Bruce Bates, Gary Dearth, Leon Matthias. Youth/Half Arabian English/Halter- Steve Lieblang, Jack Thomas, John Ryan.

GOOD LUCK TO ALL OF OUR SCOTTSDALE CONTENDERS!!!

ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS: We will be joining the 21st century and emailing our newsletter beginning with the August/September 2007 edition. Please be sure your email is on file with the club. You may do this by sending your email address to: loridavisson@sbcglobal.net Our newsletter is already posted to our website at www.niahac.com If anyone would still like to receive a hard copy of the newsletter, please let us know.

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The Newsletter

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Here are the rates. Contact our Editor

Cover (Includes farm story): \$35
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NIAHAC would like to extend our condolences to the Liebert family on the loss of Marty's dad and long time NIAHAC member, Bill Liebert.

Also we would like to send our thoughts and prayers to Richard Wright on the loss of his mother in September.

Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

VISIT THE NIAHAC WEBSITE!
www.niahac.com

Full Members receive 2 free classified ads that will run for 3 months (w/picture)
Full Members receive a link to their website
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Associate Members \$25.00 for 1 year link to website
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Contact Tammy Anderson at:
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Can you solve this riddle?

You are riding on a beautiful white horse. On your left side is a drop off. On your right side are several ostriches being chased by a lion. In front of you are four large gazelles which won't get out of your way and you can't seem to overtake them. Behind you is a stampede of horses. What must you do to get out of this highly dangerous situation?

Answer is written somewhere in this newsletter!

When I Am An Old Horsewomen

I shall wear turquoise and diamonds,
And a straw hat that doesn't suit me,
And I shall spend my social security on white wine and
carrots,
And sit in the alley of my barn
And listen to my horses breathe

I shall sneak out in the middle of a summer night
And ride the old bay mare,
Across the moonstruck meadow
If my old bones will allow.

And when people come to call, I will smile and nod
As I walk past the gardens to the barn and show instead the
flowers growing
Inside stalls fresh lined with straw.
I will shovel and sweat and wear hay in my hair as if it
were a jewel.

And I will be an embarrassment to all,
Who will not yet have found the peace in being free to have
a horse as a best
friend,
A friend who waits at midnight hour
With muzzle and nicker and patient eyes
For the kind of woman I will be
When I am old.

(Thanks to Pam Gaffney for this great poem!)

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3 Years Professional Training
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A Word from your Editor:

Well another United States National Championships have come and gone and we are all in “horse show limbo” for the winter. I know that I spent way too much time in front of the computer watching the live feed. I do want to thank AHA and Arabhorse for giving those of us at home the opportunity to see the show! If anyone else was like me, there were many days at work where not much was getting done!

Big congrats to Kim and Bitsy Jenkner on their Top Ten in the Hunter Pleasure Junior Horse class. Mitraillette looked beautiful with Juli Goder-Larson in the irons! Can't wait to see Bitsy showing that horse next year!

Richard Wright had a Top Ten with Shelley Osborne's RS Drakkar Bey. Shelley also showed him to Top Ten in the Country Pleasure AOTR and a Reserve National Championship in the Show Hack AOTR!!! What a show for this beautiful grey gelding and his owner!

And lets not forget the NSH Finals in Sept. Many of our members and farms did us proud! Fameous Norsk was Reserve Champion in Hunter ATR! How pretty he looked in his ribbons! Congrats to Carol Seidman.

Next show up is the big one in Scottsdale. Please let me know if you are going and how you did! I want to be sure to include you in our next newsletter.

Be sure to join us at our annual Awards Banquet in January at the Bel Mar Country Club. It is always a great time and entertaining watching our members dancing the night away! Don't forget to bring your wrapped gift for the futurity! **Happy Holidays to all!**

Lori



**NIAHAC Banquet, Sat. Jan. 26, 2008
Bel Mar Country Club
7450 Logan Ave.
Belvidere, IL. 61008**

**Open Bar (Cash) 6PM
Buffet Style Dinner 7PM
\$10 Members
\$20 Non Members
DJ Pam Zaccagnini**

**COME KICK UP YOUR HEELS!
EAT, DRINK, DANCE AND BUY FROM THE AUCTION!!!
HAVE A GREAT TIME AND SUPPORT THE CLUB!
SEE WHO IS WINNING ALL OF THOSE GREAT HIGH POINT AWARDS!!**



**Don't forget our High Point!!
Contact Janet Larsen
ENROLL NOW!**

NIAHAC would like to thank Janet and Corrina Larsen for their years of service to our club. As of January, 2008, they have retired as Hi-Point chairs and we wish them well in the future. Thank you both!

As of the end of January, 2008, Candy Larson and Debra Van Orden Smith will be taking over the Hi-Point duties. Look for the new enrollment forms at the banquet and on the Website, soon!

ATTENTION YOUTH AND PARENTS:
Region 11 has scholarships available for graduating seniors and continuing education students. www.aha11.com

All amateurs are also welcome to sign up for the Region 11 Adult Amateur High Point

***Answer to the riddle:
Get off the Merry Go Round right now!***

NIAHAC Board Meeting
Minutes

November 4th, 2007
General Meeting at Machine Shed in Rockford

The meeting was called to order at 6:45 pm.

There were no past minutes to read.

The membership stands at 89 full and 34 associate with a grand total of 123 members. The financial report was read. There is money that was placed into CDs to help the club earn money. A good reserve of money is needed to run both shows and NIAHAC is fully on track with maintaining enough money. A motion was made by Candy Larsen to accept the financial report and was seconded by Char Kletecka.

Janet Larsen unfortunately will not be able to continue doing trophies, ribbons, or Hi-Point. Volunteers will be needed to take over these aspects.

There was discussion over the Hi-Point system concerning the points assigned to placings. Clarification of the rules concerning what placings get points in a top 10 situation will be looked at.

The ribbon order needs to be placed by the December deadline for the discount. Volunteers are needed to count the ribbons and send in the order.

The prize list will be delivered the 1st or 2nd week of February with the Modern Arabian Horse Magazine. Please make sure to look the prize list over as there are some new classes added and other changes were made.

Both shows are on track. Judges are still in need of being booked.

The convention is happening very soon. One of the resolutions being discussed is the use of the new Arabian scoring system for halter classes, similar to the European system. The general consensus of the assembled members was that they were not in favor of this system. This is due to the extended length of the classes and shows by using this system. A part of the length problem is the inefficient training of the judges and show committee trying to use it.

The officers voted in are President: Sharlynn Jacobs, Vice President: Char Kletecka, Secretary: Sarah Petersen, Treasurer: Jan Fedorow, Board of Directors: Rick Anderson, Dhea Lamb, and Candy Larsen, Delegates: Shar Jacobs (as President), Char Kletecka (1st delegate), Tammy Anderson (2nd delegate).

There will be no meeting in the month of December due to scheduling conflicts.

A motion to adjourn at 8:45 pm was made by Sarah Petersen and seconded by Dhea Lamb.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Peterson

MEMBER ASSOCIATION OF ARABIAN HORSE ASSOCIATION NORTHERN ILLINOIS ARABIAN HORSE ACTIVITY CLUB



Date: _____

AHA# _____

Membership: New Renew

USEF# _____

Member Name: _____

SS# _____

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SS# _____

Farm Name: _____

Farm USEF# _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____

Business Phone: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Number of Purebreds: _____ Number of Half-Arabians: _____ Other Breed: _____

Occupation: _____

If needed by NIAHAC, would you be willing to contribute your occupational skills? Yes No Other _____

This is an organization operated entirely by volunteers. Your help is greatly needed. Please volunteer your services in one or more of the following ways:

- Club Office Board of Directors Nominating Committee Newsletter Membership Futurity / Maturity
- Meetings Club Publications / Promotions Point System Jr. Membership Trail / Comp / End
- Class "A" Show Class "B" Show Regional / AHA Representative Suggestion

I will sponsor a class(es) for the... May "A" Show May "B" Show Please Contact Me

Membership Categories:

- \$175 3 Year AHA/Competition/NIAHAC (Voting)
- \$60 1 Year AHA/Competition/NIAHAC (Voting)
- \$40 1 Year AHA/Non-Competing/NIAHAC (Voting)
- \$25 1 Year NIAHAC Associate (Non-Voting)
- \$40 1 Year Youth AHA/Competition/NIAHAC (Non-Voting)
- \$30 1 Year Youth AHA/Non-Competing/NIAHAC (Non-Voting) Youth Birthdate: _____
- \$10 1 Year Youth NIAHAC Associate (Non-Voting)

LATE ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS WILL BE ASSESSED AN AHA PENALTY FEE OF \$10 (ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIPS EXEMPT)

Individual AHA Affiliate: includes one (1) voting membership to NIAHAC and AHA. You may vote, hold office, be a committee member and/or be a delegate of NIAHAC at the Regional and National levels of AHA.

Individual Associate: includes membership in NIAHAC and all club activities including Futurities and Maturities. An associate may not vote or hold office. (No AHA Affiliation)

Youth Affiliate: is open to any individual under the age of 17 as of December 1st of the previous calendar year. May not vote or hold office.

Youth Associate: is open to any individual under the age of 17 as of December 1st of the previous calendar year. May not vote or hold office. (No AHA Affiliation)

I agree to abide by the by-laws of the Northern Illinois Arabian Horse Activity Club. Membership not effective until paid for and approved by the NIAHAC Board of Directors.

Signature: _____ Referred by: _____

Make check payable to NIAHAC and return to:

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AHA Convention 2007

It was an honor to represent our club this year at the Arabian Horse Association Convention. The four days were packed with committee meetings and voting responsibilities. Long days were spent reviewing resolutions and updates that were happening continually to the "highly debated resolutions". Below I have listed the results of a couple of the most controversial topics.

A resolution was brought to the floor to address the resolution that passed in 2006 to use the "Arabian Scoring System" effective April 1st, 2008. By the time resolution 11-07 hit the floor it was amended to read to allow the "Arabian Scoring System" to remain optional until November 30, 2009. After the voting, resolution 11-07 **failed** and the scoring system will go into effect as voted on at the 2006 AHA Convention. This scoring system will be used for showing and judging Arabian and Half Arabian Breeding and In-Hand classes effective April, 1, 2008. The consensus was that we should no longer wait to make this scoring system optional and to move forward.

Resolution 30-07 "Three Judge Total Point System" also **failed** on the convention floor. This resolution was amended on the floor of the convention to add an exception that, two first places would automatically be made Champion. The person who submitted this resolution requested to withdraw since making this revision was manipulating the system and no longer total points. Once on the floor it was required to vote on and **failed** to pass as stated previously

Resolution 31-07 "Return to the Majority Scoring System, MOS for all Regional and National Shows" **passed** on the convention floor. There was much discussion in regard to this resolution but it ended that the majority of delegates felt that the MOS system was superior to the system that was implemented this past show season. All systems will have flaws but the MOS system, even though difficult for some to understand, is the fairest of the systems available.

There also was a video and information provided in regard to "The Arabian Horse Galleries at the Kentucky Horse Park" scheduled to open Spring 2009. The video was amazing and very moving. We should all be proud of this beautiful animal the "Arabian Horse" and this gallery will showcase this to all. Since the Arabian Horse Trust closed, all artifacts have been locked in a vault. Curators have visited the vault and finally will be available for all to view again come Spring 2009. Please visit www.purebreedarabianhorsetrust.com for more information as construction begins. I also have requested a video be sent to our club for us to watch at an upcoming meeting.

I will end this message with a comment on our new home for the U.S. Nationals Horseshow at the Tulsa Expo Center 2008. I visited with many negative feelings I had been hearing and left with more positive thoughts about this location than negative. Change is never easy and we must have an open mind about this move to Tulsa. The arenas and warm up rings are abundant. Horses, exhibitors and spectators can walk under cover to most destinations. Warm up arenas, wash racks and bathrooms/showers in all barns. The one barn that has 467 stalls will have a six inch base of dirt to the stalls. The other barns are asphalt not concrete as the rumor has said. The stalls are adequate and safe for our horses, in my opinion. We must realize that there are always things about the old that by nature we like better but when it comes to Tulsa there are many positives that outweigh what we will miss from the past.

If you have any further questions both Charlotte Kletecka and I have the results of all convention floor business. AHA will also have results available for all to view at www.arabianhorses.org

Respectfully,
Sharlynn Jacobs
President

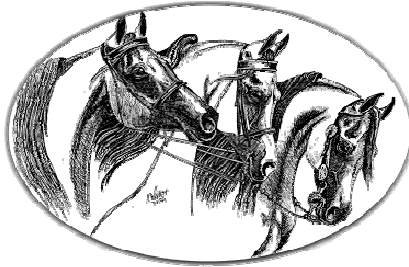
National Shows Judging Panels:

Youth Nationals - English/Saddleseat - Gayle Lampe, David McKay, Jody LaSalle. Western/Reining/Trail - Connie Cole O'Brien, Chuck Mangan, Chris Malysheff. Hunt Seat/Working Hunters - Penny Carpenter, Terry Johnson, TBA. Hunter/Show Hack/Showmanship - Pam Zimmerman, Richard Wright, Corky Sutton. Dressage - TBA, TBA

Canadian Nationals - Western/Stallions - Bruce Bates, Buck Grass, TBA. English/Mares - Jeremy Harper, Chris Culbreath, Michael Damianos. Working Western - Judy Wright, Patrick Newby, Carrie Kessler. Dressage - Melissa Creswick. Hunter Jumper - TBA

Sport Horse Nationals - Hunter/Jumper - Sue Pinckney, Diane Morgan-Stasiak. Sport Horse - Thom Brede, Merijane Malouin. Dressage - Jayne Ayers, Trip Harding, Charlotte Trentelman, TBA. Carriage Driving - Lore Homer

US Nationals - English/Mares - Van Jacobson, Karen Homer-Brown, Terry Holmes. Western/Stallions - Gene Reichardt, Brian Scoggins, Judy Kibler. Hunter Pleasure/Show Hack - Margaret Rich, Juli Goder-Larson, Lori Schroder-Ross. Working Western - LaRae Fletcher-Powell, Maryann Willoubby, Kathy Callahan-Smith, Carla Wennenberg, Jim Hitt. Cutting - Dewayne Stamper, TBA Alternate - Gary Clay.



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