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## March, 2014

They say that March comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb. Let's hope that is true as we have had enough bad weather to last us a while. We have a lot of news this month, so let's get to it!

### Notice of Board of Directors Meeting

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Board of Directors of Region 4 AHA will be held on Saturday, March 22, 2014 at the **Cascade Grill -110 Opal Ct SE - Albany, OR 97322**, beginning at 11:00 AM. All club delegates are strongly encouraged to attend.

There will be a Region 4 AHA Judges Selection Committee meeting at McDonald's-Knox Butte exit beginning at 9:45 AM, and completed by 10:45 in order to attend the regional meeting starting at 11:00.

There will be a Region 4 AHA Show Commission meeting, immediately following the conclusion of the regular board meeting.

**Committee Chairpersons, members and interested parties are encouraged to attend.** Committee Chairs please bring a written report of your committee activities. In the event that you are unable to attend, please submit this information electronically to regional director, Mary Jane Brown and secretary, Lisa Kolke, prior to Thursday, March 20, 2013 for board consideration and approval.

**Designation of Delegates and Alternates - Each Member Organization** shall provide the secretary of the Region with a current written list of the names and contact information of its selected delegates if different than the delegates recorded with AHA. Please note that this document must be signed by your clubs President & Secretary in order to seat new delegates or alternates to the Region 4 AHA board of directors.

**Please bring your Region 4 AHA materials**, along with this notice, agenda and copy of the previous meeting minutes. Copies will not be provided. This information is available on the website at [www.aharegioniv.com](http://www.aharegioniv.com)

### Judges Selection Committee & Show Commission

The engine of Region 4 is the committees whose energy and activity provide the leadership and direction for our organization. Committees and Commissions vary in number and responsibility. Both the Judges Selection Committee and the Show Commission have 2 positions open for nomination. If you are interested in serving, please contact the committee chair, one of the regional officers or plan to attend the March 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting.

## Election of Officers

The officers of Region 4 shall consist of a Chairman, a Vice-Chairman, a Secretary and a Treasurer. They must be members in good standing of a member club within the Region. The officers shall be elected by majority vote of the voting delegates in attendance at the election meeting. Elections shall be conducted at the Spring Meeting in even numbered years (March, 2014) The officers carry out the day-to-day activities of the Region. Active participation is critical to maintaining and improving the presence of the Arabian Horse in our area. People who do not have the time to regularly participate should not agree to serve. One of the most important functions of the officers and the board is keeping the resources and efforts focused on the region's mission. This requires an adequate understanding of our organization's programs, people and resources available. The nominating committee has put forth the following slate of officers. Nominations may also be made from the floor.

<b>Director</b>	<b>Mary Jane Brown</b>
<b>Vice-Director</b>	<b>Chris Bickford</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Barb Garcia</b>
<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Lisa Kolke</b>

## Membership Dues

Just a reminder that the adult base membership dues increase was approved at the 2013 Annual Convention. Effective April 1, 2014 the adult 1 year base membership will change to \$40 and the 3 year base membership will change to \$105. Renew [online](#) or call today before the April 1 increase. Click here to find a [local club](#) to support.

## Albany Horse Expo, March 20-23

Region 4 will take part in the Northwest Horse Fair & Expo at the Linn County Fairgrounds in Albany. Youth members are welcome to volunteer. You will meet lots of horse lovers and it is fun to introduce them to our Arabian and Half Arabian horses. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Kay Herbst with your name, email address and your available time. Email: [khrb8@aol.com](mailto:khrb8@aol.com) or cell: 503-702-0678.

## High Point Jackpot Enrollment

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Each nominated horse showing in any of the Region 4 qualifying shows in the 2014 show year will be eligible for an award. Points will be calculated from show results posted on the AHA website. Riders/owners do NOT need to be members of a Region 4 club to participate. Also the award system is open to registered purebred Arabians, Half-Arabians, and Anglo Arabians. Horses must be enrolled before the first show that they enter.

## Michael Damianos Trail Horse Clinic April 12 - 13<sup>th</sup>

Michael Damianos, a pioneer in the modern trail division, has trained over 40 National and Reserve National Champion Arabian and Half-Arabian Trail Horses. Here is the opportunity to gain insights from a world class trainer, showman, coach, course designer and judge. Riders \$250. Auditors only \$50 for the weekend. Contact Karla Moffitt [\[Pacific Training Center\]](#) to attend.

## Performance Futurity payments due April 1<sup>st</sup>

With the addition of Arabian Hunter AOTR and Half-Arabian Hunter AOTR, the performance futurity now offers 14 classes for 3, 4, and 5 year old horses! If you don't have a horse eligible to compete this year, consider sponsoring a buckle or adding prize money to the pot. Some of the best horses in the nation are bred and born here. Let's keep building the future for our Arabian Horses. [\[Click Here\]](#)

## Scholarship Applications are due May 1st

Download Application: [\[Click Here\]](#)

Thanks to generous donations from clubs and individuals, Region 4 offers an Adult & Youth scholarship each year, with a minimum award of \$750 each. Applicants must be current members of AHA through a Region 4 club. Applications for each scholarship will be evaluated on the following basis: promotion and support of the Arabian/Half-Arabian/Anglo-Arabian breed; involvement in equine activities; academic achievement and/or other activities. Scholarship funds may only be used for tuition and/or books. Each recipient will be given a check issued to the specified institution.

## Membership Reminder

In order to compete at AHA Recognized Shows, all riders, drivers and handlers, the recorded owner and trainer must hold a current AHA Membership along with a Competition Card (if a farm, ranch or business is listed as the owner a business membership is required) or obtain a Single Event membership. Single Event Memberships are not allowed at AHA Regionals or at AHA National Shows. Member rules are found in Chapter 7, MEM 105, of the current [AHA Handbook](#).

## Region 4 Championship Prize List is [on-line](#)

*We're all in for a fantastic week of competition, fun and friendship.*

To those of you who are returning, welcome back, friends! To those who are showing with us for the first time, we are pleased you've decided to attend and hope you enjoy the show.

Our show is always fun, but we also have a very high level of quality competition in Region 4. We look forward to seeing all of you and experiencing the wonderful hospitality of the good folks at the FORD Idaho Horse Park once again.

## Region 4 Sport Horse Championships

Sport Horse Championships will be hosted by the Des Arab Arabian Horse Association in conjunction with their Treasure Valley Classic, May 8-11, 2014, also in Nampa. The [Prize List](#) is posted and entries close April 25<sup>th</sup>.

Region 4 Dressage Fourth Level and Above Championships will be held at Donida Farm in Auburn, Washington, in conjunction with the Region 5 Sport Horse Championships, May 29-June 1, 2014. The [Prize List](#) is posted and entries close April 30<sup>th</sup>. No qualifying classes for the Region 4 Championships can be offered; **you must qualify for these Region 4 Dressage Championships IN REGION 4 prior to the event.** We recommend *AiM at the Hood* April 25-27 <http://www.arabiansinmotion.org/events.html>.

Questions? Please contact Kaye Phaneuf, Region 4 Dressage Chair (503) 880-3892 or [Phaneuf@Canby.com](mailto:Phaneuf@Canby.com)

## Important Qualification Reminder

In addition to points, you can qualify for Regionals by obtaining a first or second place at an AHA Recognized local show.

Remember, when qualifying for an Amateur (AT) or Amateur Owner (AO) class, you cannot use points and/or a first or second place obtained by a Professional. To compete in an AT class, an Amateur must have obtained the qualifications, and in an AO class, the Amateur Owner must have obtained the qualifications. You may use AT and AO qualifications for an Open class.

## Showmanship - It's All About You

Adult Showmanship was added to last years' Canadian Nationals and was extremely popular with entry numbers rivaling those of the Hunter Pleasure classes. This year, U.S. Nationals is following suit and adding Adult Showmanship to its list of classes. AND, Not to be outdone, Region 4 will be adding to both the Pre-Show and the Championships!!

Showmanship is judged strictly on the exhibitor's ability to prepare and present the horse safely, correctly and elegantly. Conformation of the horse is not to be judged, since the horse is considered a means of displaying the abilities of the showman. If this sounds like the class for you, get out and get showing as qualifications will be required for both Canadian and U.S. National Shows. Adult qualification points will be the same as those for Youth National qualifications, requiring two points for Regionals and five points for Nationals.

For complete class conduct and judging guidelines, [see the sub-chapter](#), AR-29, Showmanship Section of the USEF Arabian Division Rules.

## Bickfords Awarded the USEF Bill Robinson Trophy

Chris and Sonya Bickford (Sherwood, Ore.) were awarded the Bill Robinson Trophy for their success in the sport of carriage pleasure driving. The Bill Robinson Trophy is presented to an equestrian competing with horses or ponies across all the breeds in harness



or for driving performance in non-international competitions. In 2013, the Bickfords once again enjoyed an extremely successful show season that had often seen them heading the field. Chris earned two Carriage Pleasure Driving National Championships in the Working and Gambler's Choice divisions, as well as garnering four National Top 10s in Turnout, Pick Your Route, Reinsmanship, and Timed Obstacles at the 2013 U.S. Arabian & Half Arabian Sport Horse National Championship Show. Additionally, he drove the second-ranked USEF National High Point Horse for Carriage Pleasure Driving Single. Sonya had a wildly successful season in her own right, driving to the Arabian & Half-Arabian Sport Horse National Champion Carriage Pleasure Driving Reinsmanship and Arabian & Half-Arabian Sport Horse Reserve National Champion Carriage Pleasure Driving Working titles. She actively competed with the 2013 leading USEF National Champion Carriage Pleasure Driving Single and Grand National Champion Carriage Pleasure Driving horse, trained by Chris.

The horses are VPF Nite Reign (Royal Knightfyre x MAS Knight Wind by Damascus Messiah), a 15-year-old Arabian gelding owned/trained and shown by Chris and Sonya, bred by Roger Furlong/ Sharilyn Downing; and Shezaffirecracker (Afriendly Fire x Foxy Style [ASHA] by Fox's Legacy), a 7-year-old Half-Arabian mare bred and owned by Chris and Sonya, trained and shown by Chris. VPF Nite Reign was named 2013's Grand Champion Carriage Driving Horse of the Year (all breeds) for the fourth year in a row - no other horse has matched his record!

The Bickfords compete in both open and Arabian Carriage Pleasure Driving with great success at the local, regional and national levels. They tirelessly and generously support Carriage Pleasure Driving in the Northwest not just by participating and recruiting other drivers, but also mentoring young drivers, sponsoring classes, lending their equipment and anything else they can to help grow their sport and promote the Arabian Horse. Congratulations!

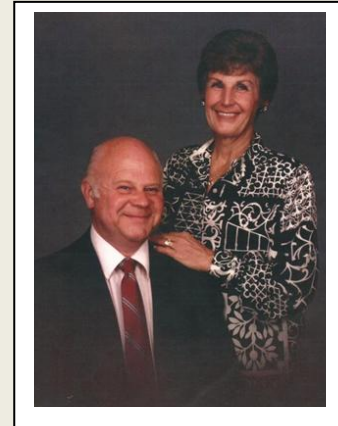
## Bowman Sport Horse Dispersal Sale

Ahna Bowman is fighting stage 4 breast cancer. She had surgery just before Christmas and will need to stay on chemo treatment for an extended time. As a result of this health crisis, the Bowman Family has decided to offer some of their outstanding sport horses for sale - Lady Loria++++// (Hannah), BSH Vintage Isabella++ (Izzy), and Annapolis+++// (AJ) are already qualified for this year's Sport Horse Nationals to be held in Idaho this September. You may reply to this email and/or contact Scott Bowman to get details and photos. [scottbowman@bowmansporthorses.com](mailto:scottbowman@bowmansporthorses.com). *Please forward to others who might be interested.*

## Greener Pastures - Toni Van Wyck (1931 - 2014)

Toni Van Wyck was an Arabian horse owner, breeder and promoter for nearly 50 years. She also was a tireless and dedicated volunteer for equine endeavors throughout the West Coast.

It all started in Renton, Washington, where she met and married Austin, the love of her life. Soon they settled in Aumsville, Oregon, where Topp Star Arabians became their home base. During that time Toni was active in the Cascade Arabian Horse Club, Half Arabian Club of Oregon, and Arabian Horse Breeders Assoc. of Oregon. She served as a member of the Region 4 Show Commission, and was responsible for developing the popular patrons program. She also created the AHBAO Silent Auction as a benefit to help those in need and to support youth programs.



In addition to assisting Austin as Region 4 show manager, she helped with the Oregon State Fair and other breed shows in the Northwest.

Soon the Arizona sun drew them to Scottsdale, but the pair kept their roots in the Northwest and returned each summer to direct horse events.

After Austin died in 2005, Toni moved back to Salem where she continued to volunteer her time and share her knowledge. Toni and her enthusiastic personality will be missed. She is survived by a daughter, Yvonne, and two sons, Nick and Austin III.

### A few highlights of Toni's equine involvement:

1977 Coached the Region 4 Youth Judging Team with members placing at the national contest □ 1978 Chaired the First Region 4 All Arabian Youth Show □ Co-chaired the Second Region 4 All Arabian Youth Show □ 1980 Secretary and Credentials Chair Cascade Arabian Horse Club □ 1981-82 Secretary-Treasurer Region 4 □ 1984-85, 1987 Chaired Region 4 Membership Directory □ 1984 Developed Patron Program Region 4 Championship Show □ 1986 Region 4 Newsletter Editor

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The AHA's Region 4 is comprised of the entire state of Oregon and Southern Idaho. Home to many of the nation's top show horses, Region 4 is proud of its friendly members who want to share the Arabian and part-Arabian horses with others.

