



# News & Notices

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## EQUESTRIAN OF THE YEAR · 2013

### **Chris & Sonya Bickford Nominated for USEF Equestrian of the Year**

This year there are eight stand-outs in our sport and each have received a unique competitive trophy from USEF. Region 4 AHA is honored that Vice Chairman, Chris Bickford and his lovely wife Sonya, are among the nominees!

Member voting is an integral part of deciding which of the nation's leading equestrians will be named the USEF Equestrian of the Year. Make sure that you place your vote today. Voting runs until 9pm pacific standard time on December 30<sup>th</sup>. The USEF Equestrian will be named on January 10<sup>th</sup> during the 2014 Pegasus Awards.

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**Chris and Sonya Bickford**  
**Sherwood, Ore. - Arabian/Friesian**

*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.*

Chris and Sonya Bickford have a long history in the sport of Carriage Pleasure Driving, having bred, trained, and driven many National Champions. Both Chris and Sonya developed a passion for equestrian competition in their childhoods and have competed across numerous divisions and disciplines, but it is in Carriage Pleasure Driving that their passion lies. The Bickfords run a truly family business, as they produced their champions themselves, with husband and wife always supporting one another.

In 2013, the Bickfords once again enjoyed an extremely successful show season that has often seen them heading the field. In 2013, 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, Reinmanship, 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 for Carriage Pleasure Driving Single Horse. Sonya had a wildly successful season in her own right as well, driving to the Arabian & Half-Arabian Sport Horse National Champion Carriage Pleasure Driving Reinmanship and Arabian & Half-Arabian Sport Horse Reserve National Champion Carriage Pleasure Driving Working titles. She is actively competing with the leading USEF National Champion Carriage Pleasure Driving Single and Grand National Champion Carriage Pleasure Driving horse, trained by Chris. This is the first time Chris and Sonya Bickford have been awarded the Bill Robinson Trophy.