

GCAHA News February 2010

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For the old fashioned you may snail mail them to 14290 S 4075 Road, Oologah, OK 74053.

February Meeting: Saturday the 27th Ollie's Restaurant 4070 Southwest Blvd. Tulsa

Dinner 6:00–6:30pm

General Meeting 6:30 8:pm Kathy Hart will be speaking on Breeder's Sweepstakes/AHA Futurity.

News This Month:

Sorry the newsletter is late this month. I have been down with the flu for weeks it seems. The January meeting was canceled due to weather, so this month's newsletter lacks the usual minutes from the meetings and report from our treasurer. These will resume in the March newsletter.

Since spring is around the corner please send me your birth announcements to be included in the newsletter!

I will start it off with one of my own, Haama Taleetha gifted me with a beautiful Arab/Welsh filly by our Welsh Stallion, Heavenly Isaac, on February 19th. She is a bright chestnut roan with 4 high whites and a wide blaze. Both momma and baby are doing well and I am of course tickled pink!

Green Country Arabian Classic I and II
Concurrent show
May 6-9, 2010
Information is now available on the website.
We have various volunteer positions available.

Class sponsorships are needed.

http://www.gcaha.org/arabian_shows.htm

For more information contact Art Byrd abyrd5343@aol.com 918-363-7747

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The deadline for the 2010 GCAHA Weanling ATH Buy-In Futurity is rapidly approaching.

Foals must be nominated by February 28th, 2010.

The Futurity will be held at the Tulsa State Fair.

For more information go to:

http://www.gcaha.org/2010_buy_in_futurity.htm

For more information on the buy-in futurity contact:

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Exciting new Stallion Service Auction classes being offered at the Tulsa State Fair

GCAHA 2010 Stallion Service Auction SPORT HORSE JACKPOT

Here is another chance to show your 2 and under GCAHA Stallion's progeny.

Was your 2 and under horse sired by a
stallion that was donated to the GCAHA Stallion Service?

If so, even if they were not in the weanling GCAHA
Stallion Service class, they are eligible for this class.

HA/AA 2 and Under Sport Horse Filly Jackpot

HA/AA 2 and Under Sport Horse Colt/Gelding Jackpot

Arabian 2 and Under Sport Horse Filly Jackpot

EQUINE HEALTH NOTES

Sleep is an important part of our health and is equally as important to our horses' health. Lack of sleep or a sleep disorder may impact a horse's physical activity, attitude and quality of health and life. Horses actually require very little sleep compared to people. The average horse spends as much as 3 or 4 hours per day actually sleeping, with another 2-3 hours per day in a drowsiness state. Even though horses can sleep standing, they need to be able to lie down and rest at least some of the time. Only about 30 minutes per day is spent in the REM sleep. The domestic horse that is confined to a stall and is on a feeding and exercise schedule is forced to time his sleep cycle at night, adapting his periods of rest to the human schedule.

There are four stages that make up the sleeping and waking cycle of the horse, that are observable:

- Wakefulness stage is when the horse is fully conscious and aware of what is going on around him. During this "wakefulness" horses can be consuming food, running or playing in pastures with other horses or being ridden or enjoyed by man.
- Drowsiness stage (DR) is probably the stage in which most domestic horses spend most of their time. Horses in confinement, unable to freely find their own food, have to wait for the scheduled feedings and exercise that humans provide for them. In this situation a horse may drowse away the day. During this drowsiness stage the horse is relaxed with head and neck slightly drooping below wither height, eyes closed, ears gently back, and standing with supporting weight on three legs with one hind leg cocked. While in this stage, the horse relies on the stay apparatus in their legs. The ability to lock his knees and stifles allows the horse to remain standing during this stage of rest.
- The Slow Wave Sleep (SWS) is identified by the reduced electroencephalograph (EEG) patterns in the brain which has been used to aid in distinguishing true sleep from waking. During the slow wave sleep, the EEG monitored brain waves are slow and regular, indicating that the brain is not functioning at its most active level and is said to be the stage the mind sleeps. It is believed that SWS is the first stage of sleep that a horse goes through before reaching the rapid eye movement sleep (REM). Horses that are in SWS are able to use the stay apparatus in their legs to remain standing, but they will have to lie down before going into REM sleep.
- Rapid Eye Movement Sleep (REM) has been called the paradoxical sleep showing similarities in brain waves to that of waking. EEG patterns indicate that the mind is almost as active as waking, even though REM is a deeper sleep than SWS. REM is the most important stage in sleep, but not fully understood. The heartbeat rises slightly while respiration rates declines during REM sleep. REM is partly responsible for both the mental and physical well being in all animals.

Sleep disorders occur in horses and can cause serious problems. The most common disorder is sleep deprivation. Many things can cause sleep deprivation, such as environmental stresses, issues with herd dynamics, pain related problems, late-stage pregnancy that hinders ease of lying down, traveling and competition, and hospitalization. The horse may show signs of excessive sleepiness with sudden loss of muscle tone triggered by strong emotions.

Narcolepsy is different than sleep deprivation. According to equine neurologist Steven Reed, DVM, ACVIM, "narcolepsy can be defined as a rare and incurable sleep disorder of the central nervous system characterized by uncontrolled episodes of loss of muscle tone (cataplexy) and sleep. Any horse that appears drowsy, weak or collapses should be examined by a veterinarian for an accurate diagnosis since this type of medical condition can be dangerous to both the horse and his handler."

Article Courtesy of C. Jarvis Insurance Agency

GCAHA CLASSIFIEDS:

Ads are free to members and \$5.00 to nonmembers. Ads will be edited if over 50 words per horse. Ads must be emailed to michelle@bluetreefarm.com or mailed to 14290 S 4075 Road, Oologah, OK 74053 by the 5th of the month in order to be included in the newsletter. Flyers are \$20. You supply 15.

AT STUD to approved mares for 2010. Booking now. Chestnut roan Welsh Mountain Pony- *Heavenly Isaac*. Sired by international champion *Snow Pony Mochastone*. Isaac produces gorgeous flashy foals from all types of mares. \$400 Stud fee. Beautiful 2009 Chestnut 1/2 Welsh Colt by Isaac for sale. Small Sport pony or driving prospect! \$600.00obo. Visit www.bluetreefarm.com for more information call or text Michelle at 918-607-8973 or email Michelle@bluetreefarm.com (11/09)

Arabian show halter for sale. Can email pictures. \$75.00 Suzanne irishacres@cox.net 299-2075 Jenks (1/10)

KC DESERT MAESTRO is a 15h.h., kind, correct, 8 yr. old burgundy chestnut stallion by Bee Maestoso. He did well in the halter with limited showing. He has about 100 days professional training and is gentle enough that our eight-year-old grandson rode him in the round pen. Maestro has produced both halter/performance oriented offspring. He is a great SHH prospect—also hunter, WP, or working western. Asking: \$5000. LU-NOR TALAWA is a grey, 12 yr. old, 14.1h.h. mare who is heavy Sheikh Al Badi bred, certified 58% Crabbet, and was my 13 year old granddaughter's 4-H horse several summers ago. "Lacey" sells with a breeding to the EP champion, GT Integra. Asking \$2,800. KC PSABLE PSHADOW is a 9 yr. old, bay, correct, 15+ h.h. mare with a long neck and an exotic head; she is also well started under saddle. Psable produced an outstanding halter filly who later sold to an "eventing" home. Asking \$3,500. KC TIRZAH EL JAMAAL is a beautiful 4 yr. old, 14.3 h.h., correct, bay filly who is gentle but showy. She has numerous class "A" halter show championships and at Region 9 in 2009 she went TOP FIVE in both open/AOTH and won most classic head. She is a serious AOTH halter prospect. She also has 30 days under saddle with Eddie Ralston. Asking: \$20,000. <http://home.earthlink.net/~kryslr/> 405-277-3672. (2/10)

2009 Arab Filly - Dhanica (pending) MAG K NITE (Magnum Chall x TF Subroukapsyche - Padron's Psyche daughter) x Celestial An Magno (An Magno x Songbird). US/CAN Sweeps, Iowa Gold Star futurity nominated. Excellent show filly contender. Full of bounce, snort and blow. Loves to show off! \$5,000 or any reasonable offer considered. 2009 Arab colt - Mhidas (pending) MAG K NITE (Magnum Chall x TF Subroukapsyche (Padron's Psyche daughter) x Zia bi Mahogany (Padron's Mahogany x Zia bi Bask). Show colt contender - US/CAN Sweeps, Iowa Gold Star futurity nominated. Very nice head, great mover, and lovely temperament. All reasonable offers considered. Free lease 2004 Bay Mare - Celestial An Magno - An Magno x Songbird (Mahdallion ((Padrons Mahogany)x AR Hal's Song). 2005/2006 Res. CH American Royal. This mare has incredible motion, lots of snort and blow. Very competitive showy mare. Her first foal has the same motion, snort and blow action. She's a well bred mare and an extremely easy keeper. Open for 2010. Will consider selling - make offer. Video/Pics available upon request. Contact Joan.Nalley@yahoo.com or 913-669-5283. (2/10)

AHA DELEGATE MEETING

Rhonda and I attended the delegate meeting and all the festivities attached. It was an interesting and enlightening meeting.

The luncheon for the High Point awards was attended by 100+ people. The meal was very good.

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This was much better than last year.

There were 33 stallions donated for the Futurity and represented each state in the region. Sixteen (16) stallions were sold with a total just over \$11,000 in breeding purchases. Not a bad showing.

The actual delegate meeting nearly didn't occur. They had difficulty getting a quorum. The requirement is 1/3 of the delegates or 1/3 of the clubs represented. These are not big numbers. We needed 12 delegates or 11 clubs, I believe. I am not saying the people were not at the "event", they just weren't in the room. They finally rounded up a person and went forward with the meeting.

The financials for Region 9 were reviewed. The region has lost money the last 3 years and are pulling from their reserves. From a financial perspective, their goal is to ensure they have enough reserves to operate the Region for a year. This requires approximately \$65,000 in the bank. At the current time, they are meeting that objective.

The financials for Region 9 Youth Foundation were reviewed. They actually have more funds than Region 9, however, they have a loftier goal which is to provide 4 year scholarships for 2 youths per year. They do not have the requisite funds to reach this goal and in fact are paying out more scholarship money than they are bringing in.

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GCAHA Meeting: February 27th, Ollies Restaurant, Tulsa, 6:00-8:00pm

***For calendar submissions please send info by the 15th of the PRECEDING month, ie., January submissions by Dec 15th.

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The Region 9 Championship show will be June 9-12th. There will not be any Tuesday evening classes, however, the classes have been moved to other days so there is no loss of classes.

The Region 9 Sporthorse Championship show will be July 15-18th and they will have the Hunter Hack classes. They needed \$1000 in sponsorship money (remember we contributed \$100) and they received \$1,250.

The September Delegate meeting will be held in New Orleans and hosted by Mark Himmel's club. Details to be provided later.

It was announced that at the Region 9 Board meeting on Friday evening a Motion was carried to: a) Grandfather the 2 concurrent shows, b)not allow any other concurrent shows for 2010 and c:) allow Pat the discretion to approve a request for a concurrent show. Needless to say this got my attention. Apparently there was a request by 1 person from the club that puts on the Mayfest show (300+ horses) to make that a Concurrent show. Since the goal of the Concurrent shows is to assist "small" shows, this one would not be approved. Pat was looking for some cover and told me that she will approve our Concurrent show. Basically the Motion at the Board meeting didn't alter the current procedures, since the Director has to approve any show, concurrent or not.

That completes my report.

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Green Country Arabian Horse Association (GCAHA) is located in Northeast Oklahoma. We are open to ALL breeds and provide many functions for you to enjoy your horse. Trail rides, Clinics, Parade Troupe, Stallion Service Auction, Monthly Newsletter, Fun Shows, Arabian Shows, Free Advertising in the Newsletter for Members, and we are Arabian Horse Association Affiliated.

AHA Board of Directors pass certain fee increases for FY 2011; Moves will help maintain organization on solid financial footing

In recent months the Arabian Horse Association has downsized and cut employee benefits to offset the decline in revenues due to the economy. At the Friday January 29th board meeting, the Board of Directors voted unanimously to increase certain fees, most of which have not seen adjustments in years, in order to further strengthen AHA financially. New fees take effect April 1, 2010.

Approved was a \$2 per horse service fee increase bringing the total to be paid per horse to \$3 at AHA recognized shows. Also passed was a \$5 - \$10 increase to various award programs fees.

The Board also recommended fee increases to Half-Arabian/Anglo-Arabian transfer of recorded ownership (\$10) and Purebred transfer of recorded ownership (\$10). These fees still must be approved by AHA's Registration Commission, which is expected to meet within the next 14 days. If approved, the fee increases would go into place April 1, 2010 along with the other fee increases.

In a move to make *Modern Arabian Horse* more financially sound and position it to compete in the advertising world, a \$10 subscription fee for members was instituted for them to continue receiving the magazine. This action will ensure that AHA's some 33,000 members will continue to receive the Arabian industry's number one breed magazine. This new subscription fee will apply to new and renewing members beginning April 1, 2010. Life members will be unaffected.

Lance Walters, AHA President stated, "While fee increases of any kind are never popular, these actions will help position AHA to further weather the current economic times. On an extremely positive note, through ongoing financial efforts and controls, the interfund balance has been reduced by approximately \$500,000 since mid-year."

Also acted on over the weekend by the Sweepstakes Trustees was approval of a motion giving the Sweepstakes Commission authority to establish an additional prize money program announced at Convention in the President's speech. This new program will be known as the Premier Breeders Sweepstakes Series and will have Prize Money Payouts for both Nationals and Regional classes through a PBS Stallion Service Auction Program and a PBS Mare Program. It will also provide a percent of its receipts for AHA Youth Programs and the Arabian Horse Foundation. Specific detailed information will be released shortly from the Sweepstakes Commission.