

Green Country



Arabian Horse Association

January 2012

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**January Meeting
Board and General Meeting**

January 28th at the OSU Extension Center
Check the website for more info on time and itinerary.
4116 E. 15th St.

Betsy Barnes at 918-625-6718 or b.barnes@cox.net

Michelle Bradsher has been serving our club for some time now as our Secretary. She would like to step down if someone in the club would be willing to take over the position. Contact Betsy Barnes if you are interested.

When your day seems out of balance-
and so many things go wrong...
When people fight around you
and the day drags on so long...
When parents act like children,
in-laws make you think "Divorce"...
Go out into your pasture...
and wrap your arms around your horse.
His gentle breath enfolds you,
and he watches with those eyes.
He may not have a PhD,
but he is, oh so wise!
His head rests on your shoulder.
You embrace him oh so tight.
He puts your world in balance,
and makes it seem all right
Your tears they soon stop flowing.
The tension is now eased.
The garbage has been lifted,
and you're quiet and at peace.
So when you need the balance
from circumstances in your day...
The best therapy that you can seek...
is out there eating hay!!

--- Peter Dahlberg



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

Why Do I Like Horses?

Why do I like horses? I think I must be mad.
My mother wasn't horsey - And neither was my dad.
But the madness hit me early - and it hit me like a curse.
And I've never gotten better. In fact I've gotten worse.
I hardly read a paper - but I know who's sold their horse.
And I wouldn't watch the news - Unless Mr. Ed was on, of course.
One eye's always on the heavens - but my washing waves in vain
As I rush to get the horses in - in case it's gonna rain.
I spend up every cent I've got - on horsey stuff for sure
I buy saddles, bridles, fancy boots - and then I buy some more.
I can't sew on a button - I don't even try
But I can back a truck and trailer - in the twinkling of an eye.
It's jeans and boots that I live in night and day
And that smell of sweaty horses just doesn't wash away.
I ache from long forgotten falls. My knees have got no skin.
My toes have gone a funny shape - from being stomped on again and
again.
But late at night, when all is still - and I've gone to give them hay,
I touch their velvet softness and my worries float away.
They give a gentle nicker and they nuzzle through my hair
And I know it's where my heart is - more here than anywhere.
~ Author Unknown

Braggs

Rebles Klasiqueluvbug owned by Velma Boodt was shown in Competitive Trail by Lisa Gallery of Cowgirl Training Center at the Christmas at the Ranch ride on December 3, 2011. This was the second showing in Competitive Trail competition for Rebles Klasiqueluvbug and she had a great showing. She placed second out of 12 horses in her class and she and Lisa won the Sweepstakes award which is the highest award given in her class. We are very proud of Luvbug and look forward to showing her in CTR in 2012

Stallion Service Meeting:

The meeting started with reviewing the list of Committee Responsibilities:

- ✚ Manage SSA and Weanling Buy-In futurities
- ✚ Promote futurities
- ✚ Keep participants informed and the functions that support the responsibilities:
- ✚ Track breedings, carry overs, and premium payouts
- ✚ Stallion presentation Media
- ✚ Sponsorships
- ✚ Event Coordinator
- ✚ Track Stallion Donations
- ✚ Volunteers were requested for each function.
- ✚ Track breedings, carry overs, and premium payouts – Ron and Joyce Lawson
- ✚ Stallion presentation Media – Beverly
- ✚ Sponsorships – Beverly and Barb (by Bev)
- ✚ Event Coordinator - Beverly
- ✚ Track Stallion Donations – Velma

Pat, Beverly and Ron will draft up promotion information for the futurities and distribute to various organizations. Velma to obtain a list from Brenda Wyant (our PR person) to avoid duplication. Information can be sent to Brenda at Arabcowhorse@hughes.net and she can send to her contacts.

Next Meeting:

Thurs, Jan 12th at the Security office at the Fairgrounds.

Congrats to Barbara Ganzel, her stallion ShaSharif Blkstar AHR#0561011, has been sold and is going to New Zealand ! . His new owner is Rosalind Dalefield, PhD, Aegilis Arabians. He started his journey yesterday - 3 week quarantine in Paris, Kentucky then fly to New Zealand where he will complete another week of quarantine. She misses him already but Rosalind is so excited that he is on his way. He will be the center of attention in a whole new world.





2011 Volunteers

Alexis Briggs	Francis Loyd
Amy Vinlove	Inola FFA
Ann Morrison	Janet Froeb
Art and Dee Byrd	Jeff Wright
Barb McCalip	Karen Doney
Becky Amason	Katheryn Gaulding
Betsy Barnes	Kathy Cannon
Beverly Cargile	Kay Stone
Bobbi Simons	Kelly Harmon
Bonnie Jameson	Kris Davis
Brandi McDonough	Kristina Stephens (Jameson)
Brenda Wyant	Linda Lucas
Brennan Davis	Lisa Gallery
Brooke Cain	Madison Davis
Caroline Lackey	Mark and Rebecca Allen
Cassie Van Zandt	Michelle Schrimshaw
Cathey Becker	Nick
	Rhonda and Hannah
Charlene Dickerson	Monson
Charlotte Beeson	Robbie Hill
Cheryl McNutt	Ron and Joyce Lawson
Christina and Wendi	
Daczewitz	Rose Busten
Conya Legates	Sand Springs FFA
Corbin Cain	Sandra Byrd
Danielle Vinlove	Sue Washburn
David and Kirstin Kryslar	Suzanne Richardson
	Tammy and Victoria
David McNutt	Pickens
Deb Smith	Velma Boodt
Debbie Webster	Vicky Carnahan
Dee Larimore	Virgil and Linda Gremore
Donna Copeland	Wayne and Sharon Davis
Ed Davis	William Greenburg
Ethan Munson	

GCAHA thanks all our volunteers recognized and behind the scenes for all the work they do. The club could not function without all your support. Thank you very much.

Show Committee meeting notes - December 6, 2011

Attendees: Debbie Webster, Art Byrd, Beverly Cargile, Barb McCalip, Michelle Schrimshaw, Kathy Pittman, Kelly Harmon, Velma Boodt

At the current time, no judges have been hired for either the May show or the Fair. The following names have been provided: Mike Baker, Chuck Mangan, Bubbles Hiller, Leon Mathias, Deb Witty, Bill Melendez, Janet Henderson, Terry Johnson. The last 2 names are dual qualified for Regular and Sport Horse.

Working cow classes were discussed. Art discussed the classes with Eddie and it has been determined that we need to keep the working cow, reined cow and reining classes in. We will not include cutting. Art informed the group that Bradens' will be coming to our show, as well. The concurrent Sport Horse show with Region 8 will not take place. Region 8 moved their regional show to the weekend after our show in Albuquerque.

There was a discussion on the Trail Class and where to place it in the schedule. It has been determined the Trail class will be Sunday morning followed by a session of Performance classes and then the Championships for performance classes. There will be training classes, fun dog class, fun costume class. Driving classes can be added as a TBA.

The schedule will be something like this:

Thursday - Working Western (Working cow, Reined Cow, Reining)

Friday - Sport Horse In Hand, Mixed performance with Sport Horse Under Saddle, Western Pleasure (no Junior classes), Country Pleasure (no Junior classes), Training classes

Saturday - Halter, Performance Classes (2-3 sessions)

Sunday - Trail, Performance Classes, Championship Classes for Performance

Debbie Webster contacted Donna Wakefield and she is not available for May, however, she is available for September. Her fee is \$200/day, plus \$25 per diem. Additionally, transportation costs either flying or 35 cents per mile for driving. Art to check with others to determine if there are Paddock Managers in this area.

Awards were discussed. Halter plates will be provided for Championships and our existing awards will be used for 1st place. The winner will be able to select. Payout will be made when a minimum of 3 people participate in the class. Same amounts as we have used in the past. Same for Championships.

Michelle requested funds for the Sport Horse awards be increased to a cap of \$60 and it was approved. These are the awards for the Claremore show which has been given in the past from the club.

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CLASSIFIEDS

Chestnut with chrome mare, Miss Tenacity, age 13, granddaughter of both *Bask and *Padron. "Misty" has been broken to ride, but not formally, so she's probably "green broke". Has only been used for the last few years as a broodmare, at which she excels. To date, Misty has only produced fillies in a mirror image of their sire; \$500.

Chestnut with blaze mare, Eojuan AMA, age 5, Tijuana Brass x Miss Tenacity. "Winny" has been mounted a few times, but has not been ridden in about a year. I would consider her very green broke, but she is truly gentle. She epitomizes the best of Spanish crossed with Polish/Russian bloodlines. She has a wonderful smooth body, is very sweet, and would make a great sport horse or youth horse. As yet maiden mare; \$500.

Grey with heavy "flea bites" mare, Focus bred, Mi Seshata Focus, age 13, broodmare only. "Shay" was a rescue mare at one point, so it takes a little while for her to accept that she's not going to be mistreated, but she has no vices. Dam of at least two GCAHA futurity champions, Shay has a very nice head and neck; \$500.

Chestnut with one white and blaze, flaxen mane gelding, AMA Stormy Monday, age 3. Stormy is a very friendly, "in your pocket" kind of horse. Small and wiry, he is very athletic and has great cow potential. As yet unbroken; \$250. (918) 406-2667 for more information on any of these.

For Sale: 18" Wintec Isabella synthetic dressage saddle (Black). Excellent condition, like new, only been used appx 8 times. Has always been stored in the house. Paid \$1200.00 asking \$800.00. Please contact Barb at 918-855-3239 or e-mail barbnorg@aol.com (6/11)

DESERT WIND-she is a very correct Polish Crabet arabian mare, 13 yrs. old.She is well trained under saddle and goes English or Western.She is approved and in the Oldenberg Verband main mare book(which I understand is not easy for a purebred Arab).She is an easy keeper and foals easily.Current on shots,worming, trimming. \$2,500.00. 918-527-5702

ARR WINDBERRY-17 yr. old purebred arabian gelding,bay with three white socks.'George' was shown Hunter Pleasure and Western Pleasure at the Class A level and local fun shows by his previous owner.He has also competed at Playdays and has won barrel and pole classes.He has completed one CTR.'George' has an awesome personality and a fun sense of humor.He loves to be ridden.\$2,000.00 to forever home only.Current on shots,worming,trimming.918-527-5702.

For sale 11 yr old 15.2 hand bay NSH gelding. VSH Hot Romance ... aka ... Romeo. Hasn't been ridden in about 18 months. He is broke to ride, but needs an experienced rider to turn him into a great riding horse. No kick or bite! Stands for the farrier, grooming and spraying. A very sweet boy. Easy keeper. To a good home only. Check out his pedigree: <http://www.allbreedpedigree.com/vsh+hot+romance> email: ixyshua@aol.com or call Judy @ 918-254-7735

For Sale: *Halim Bahims Wind SRA* 2007 Bay Egyptian Related filly, 45 days professional halter training. She has Blackwind Jafar and Khemosabi breeding. Placed 3rd in halter at 2007 Fall Classic Show. \$1,500 all offers considered.

Desira Wind SRA 2008 Bay Purebred Filly, 30 days professional halter training. Her sire is Al Saham

Najiy, also has Blackwind Jafar and Khemosabi breeding. She won the 2008 GCAHA futurity and won Reserve Champion two and under at 2008 Tulsa State Fair. \$2,000 all offers considered.

SRA Qahtahns Amira 2009 Grey Straight Egyptian Filly, 30 days professional halter training. She has Thee Desperado, Ruminaja Fayez and Saud El Ameer breeding. She won the 2009 buy in futurity and placed 4th in purebred filly class. \$2,500 all offers considered.

SRA Qahtahns Farrah 2009 Solid Black Egyptian Related Filly. She has Thee Desperado, Ruminaja Fayez and Saud El Ameer breeding. \$2,000 all offers considered.

SRA Qahtahns Socks 2009 Bay Half-Arab gelding. He has Ruminaja Fayez and Saud El Ameer and Moniet El Sharaf breeding. \$300 all offers considered. *SRA Qahtahns Gameela* 2010 Grey Straight Egyptian Filly. Shown successfully at the 2010 Tulsa State Fair. She has Thee Desperado, Ruminaja Fayez, Saud El Ameer and Moniet El Sharaf breeding. \$2,500 all offers considered.

SRA Mone Black Magick (registration pending) 2010 Black Straight Egyptian Colt. He has Thee Egyptian Prince, Abenhetep and Moniet El Sharaf breeding. \$2,500 all offers considered.

918 895 0090 or 918 520 7902 MUST MOVE SOME HORSES. Will email photos on request. (6/11)

GCAHA CLASSIFIED ADS

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 kbarnes58@dishmail.net or mailed to Rt 4 Box 48A, Marlow, OK 73055 by the 5th of the month in order to be included in the next months newsletter. Flyers are \$20. You supply 15.

2011 NATIONAL CONVENTION

Delegates attending were Arthur Byrd and Kathy Hart. Both arrived on 15 November 2011 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in downtown Vancouver, BC, Canada. What a beautiful, clean and friendly place. Transportation to the hotel was very convenient and easy to negotiate and quite reasonable even gave a discount if over 65.

The afternoon of the 15th was spent registering and making sure the delegates had correct credentials. There was a small problem with Art's paper not being signed by the secretary but was corrected with a few telephone calls.

The convention kicked off at 8 AM to 5 PM with a board of directors meeting and from 1:45 PM to 9:30 PM the various working committees. Working western committee met at 3:30 to 4:30 with both Art and Kathy in attendance. Meeting was controlled by Deb Witty, the assistant committee director. Deb started with new business and said that changes were being made to the top 10 selection process. At the 2011 Nationals the full top ten method was used causing problems with scores of '0' being moved to the finals and actually making need for semi finals not necessary. The rule is being rewritten to state that all horses will have two go's if there are 20 or less horses in the class and 3 go's if more than 21 horses in the class. The 2011 nationals had some competitors who only rode one time. There is possibility that trail classes will increase to three go's and there will also be a Green Horse Trail class added which is intended for adult horses who are going to new discipline. Trail class will not have a practice course set up during the practice period... Only other complaint with nationals was with the cows. Many claimed the cows were not fresh and being used more than once. Next year the cows will be marked as they enter the arena in an attempt to insure they do not get used over and over. Payment to contractor is being withheld at the current time.

General session I started at 8 AM on 11/17/2011 and ended at 10 AM. All directors and regional directors were introduced and colors were presented. Lance Walters the President gave his state of the organization speech. All debts are being paid and we will return to profit this year of around \$300,000.00. The futurity account will be paid off in September 2012. One of the major problems is new members; the board of directors has made available funds beginning in 2013, \$25,000.00 for youth programs and \$15,000.00 for adult members. Money is available but must be requested. National shows were successful and made \$77,000.00 this year. There were 1805 horses in Tulsa in October 2011. 2012 is the last year of the current contract and will be held in Tulsa as contracted. There have been several requests for bids put out for 2013 to 2017 and should be resolved in December 2011. Tulsa is one of the locations and the city of Tulsa Chamber of commerce has agreed to pay AHA \$200,000.00 to support the show if Tulsa is selected as the site. The national distance ride was held in New Mexico and made a profit this year. The sweepstakes program had 95 new competitors and a total of 177 entries which shows much improvement over previous years. AHA is committed to continue supporting all current programs available to members.

The Credentials committee reported 237 of 486 delegate had been credentialed as of 8 AM 11/17/2011. The Standing rules of the 2011 AHA Annual Convention were approved. Georgia

Tachaires, Membership Committee Chair, reported on current clubs (5) who had dropped below 10 members and charters were suspended. Treasurer report was given by David Corning of Region 5. David reported that major repair work was required on the AHA building in Aurora, CO. He also reported that the roof was the major problem and under utilization of the building. They have postponed the complete repair and made temporary repairs as there is a possibility that the building will be sold and move to new location scheduled. The association is still 1.7 million in debt to its self and still has some financial liabilities but continues to make all payments on time and is due to payoff the 1.7 mill note in September 2012.

Nominating committee chair, Shirley Nowak, opened nominations from the floor. Several nominations were made and seconded with names added to the ballot. Kathy Hart withdrew from the Commissioner's review panel since she was on another committee and Gary Hooghkirk withdrew from the Judges and Stewards selection committee nomination. Motion was made to elect all positions that had no opposition. Motion was accepted and following members were elected, David Corning (region 5) for Treasurer, Jan Decker (region 13) for Secretary, Mike Beethe (region 7) for Probable Cause Panel, Ray Cerniga (region 2), Mike Hegg (region 7) and Chuck Mangun (region 8) were elected to the Ethical Practice Review Board. Tague Johnson (region 5), Nancy Miller (region 10) and Juan Stuckey (region 3) were all elected to the Judges and Stewart Selection Committee. Election was then held for all other positions and general session was dismissed.

The rest of the day was spent attending committee meetings. The working western committee was held from 4:45 to 6 PM. General topics were discussed and determined that all classes will run in accordance with USEF rules AR working western for draws and breaking ties. All working western judges are required to announce scores after each run. In Reining it's mandatory to use video for pattern faults. If Class A show offers more than \$500.00 prize money then the show management is responsible for having video equipment available. Any exhibitor that receives a "no score" in any section they are disqualified and ineligible to receive any placement or advancement.

Resolution 1-11, 6-11 and 7-11 were discussed and unofficially approved. Trail class needs to have definition of a Green Horse Class. Discussion on problems with trail class at Nationals such as paying an obstacle fee and practice session. The entry fee was raised this year to help defray the cost of obstacles and also had to pay obstacle fee. General consensus was to not pay obstacle fee but have a paid practice session. The working cow class, there was no one happy with the cows and there needs to be a more viable review process. There was also too much score difference in the judge's scores. One suggestion to solve this is to have all judges placed on same side of arena. Reining classes are going well and running the junior horse's concurrent with the futurity class has been very successful. There seems to be some need for a limited pro and non pro class being added.

Region 9 Caucus meeting was held from 7 PM to 9:30 PM. Quorum was present and meeting was started by Pat Barton. A vote was taken to keep the judging system as it is now. Results of vote were in favor of leaving it as it is. An announcement was made in regards to the Reichert Celebration held in Fort Worth, TX from Aug 30 to Sep 9 will have a new Arabian horse show included. No specific details were given as to times, dates or who to contact for entry. The Sport

Horse regional show has been moved to Fort Worth, TX during the Regional show. Dates for 2012 are 7-10 Jun 2012 for Sport Horse and 11 – 13 for working classes. On a positive note the state of Texas has a grant available for new events. Region 9 has applied for the Grant for the 2012 show which will pay \$256,979.00 to the region if approved. The money will be used to pay some of the expenses but some must be used as premium payouts. Should know by first of year if approved.

New dates were announced for the 2013 to 2016 Regional horse show which will be 23 to 31 May. Stall charge will be increased in 2013 but no amount was given.

General session II began at 8 AM on 11/18/11. Credentials report was presented and as of this AM 266/457 delegates have been credentialed. Glen Petty, EVP gave his state of the organization speech. Noting registrations are down and needed all clubs to get involved youth organization, scouts/FFA/civic groups and advised there is a Power Point presentation available for all to use. Overall membership is down with current youth members at 2081, as of 10/31 there was 3010 Arabians registered and 931 ½ Arabians registered which is 50% of the numbers just three years ago.

National events held this year were discussed with the Distance, Sport Horse and U.S. Nationals showing profit. Youth nationals had budgeted for 940 horses had only 848 entered, Youth convention only had 83 youth in attendance, Canadian nationals had budgeted for 747 had 667 present, show was held at new location in Brandon, CN. Halter entries were up at U.S. Nationals.

Regional volunteer Service awards were awarded to all regions. After awards we went into the resolution debates and approval process. 1-11 was moved to Gen session II. 2-11 was adopted, 3-11 & 4-11 were with drawn by the proponent, 5-11 was adopted, 6-11 was amended and approved, 7-11 was adopted and 8-11 was defeated. Debate was ceased and voting for new officers commenced. After all ballots were finished and collected session was dismissed.

General session III, 11/19/2011 started with Keynote speaker, Dr Jim Heird of Texas A & M University who gave speech on Unwanted Horses. The number of unwanted horses has increased by 23% over 2009. Major causes are the economy and possibly lack of killer market in the USA. There is in excess of 115,000 horses being transported to Canada and Mexico where there is a killer market which helps. We can help by adopting more horses. There is a movement going trying to label horses as companion animals rather than livestock. This will cause unwanted tax implications for those of us that are in the horse business. Wild horses are a huge tax burden on the general public as cost of management is over \$1500.00 per horse and the government sells them for \$150.00 each. DR Heird advised that the horse I.D. program is basically dead. All breeds are having lower numbers at horse shows for several reasons. Very difficult to pin point but show ring ethics, training and medication use, Legislative decisions affecting livestock and horse industry, changing tax laws, transportation law changes, zoning and land use, funding for higher education and changing child labor laws are all causes. Other issues are fuel cost, economic decline, trend towards individual scored classes, declining youth numbers and rodeo and other events where animals are used for human entertainment.

Youth of the year was Hayley Harrington of region one.

The horseman distress fund has raised over \$100,000.00 in last four weeks at U.S. Nationals and the National convention. There was also a challenge made for every member of Arabian horse association to donate \$100.00 each which would bring in over two million dollars for the fund. Fund is for all members of the association not just trainers.

After lunch general session III continued with Arabian horse racing report. There is an Arabian horse race scheduled at Church hill downs in 2012, largest purse so far was \$700,000.00 in Europe. The racing of Arabians continues to expand, grow and flourish.

National convention committee reported that the 2012 national convention will be in Denver, Colorado at the Marriott Tech Center 11/14 to 11/18/2012, 2013 is in Lexington, KY and 2014 to 2017 will be held in Denver Colorado.

General session continued with the completion of the resolutions as follows:

1-11 was amended two times and approved, 9-11 was approved, 10-11 was withdrawn by proponent, 11-11 withdrawn by proponent, 12-11 was approved, 13-11 was withdrawn by proponent, 14-11 was approved and 15-11 was approved. Chart below is recap of resolutions as voted:

- 1-11 Redefine youth age limit – amended twice and approved
- 2-11 Resolution submission date – amended and approved
- 3-11 Annual convention to be held in Denver Colorado – withdrawn by proponent
- 4-11 Running Martingales on three-year old English pleasure horses – withdrawn by proponent
- 5-11 Updating level judges – approved
- 6-11 Ginger testing – approved
- 7-11 Bar shoe resolution – Approved to allow one bar only
- 8- 11 Add comparative judging system to AHA handbook – Defeated
- 9-11 Conform whip length in sport horse under saddle – approved
- 10-11 Add Arabian breeder’s world cup score card – withdrawn by proponent
- 11-11 Amend breeding and in-hand class requirements – withdrawn by proponent
- 12-11 Hunter seat equitation changes – approved
- 13-11 Education/Evaluation commission modifications – withdrawn by proponent
- 14-11 Education/evaluation commission term limits – approved
- 15-11 Refund of 9-90 fee for a vet-out horse – approved

2011 National convention was closed at 4:30 PM, 19 November 2011.