

The Newsletter

of the Idaho Arabian Breeders Association

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Greetings,

First I would like to apologize for the delay on the newsletter. I ended up having an eye surgery that was supposed to put me out of commission for a week to ten days. Now working on three weeks, and things are still fuzzy but I'm now able to spend some time on the computer and this was my first priority. Nice to know that you guys are all at the head of the list. If you have emailed me in the last three weeks, I will respond as soon as I can - I had over 5000 backed up emails. 95% SPAM, but it all has to be waded through to get to the good stuff. I am down to **ONLY** 750 to read. Please don't send me all the advice for SPAM filters, they delete the wrong stuff and I end up having to go through it all anyway! I think a higher power is trying to teach me patience, and also to appreciate the gift of sight. I had taken it for granted. Because of my difficulties, I have combined three months into one, and hope to be back on track for January.

We have no minutes for September or October. We didn't have a quorum for the September Meeting/Trail Ride and those of you who weren't there missed deer on the trail, a beautiful day and crisp fall air. Maybe next time. Our October meeting was derailed when Pat Nations, who had volunteered her home ended up having surgery and we ran into rescheduling difficulties. Hope you are feeling better Pat. Good health wished also to Chris Murphy who also had a recent hospital stay.

Included here you will find the ballot for elections with directions on it. Results will be announced at the Christmas party.

(I hope I can) See you at the party.

Sheila

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Christmas Party

December 18, 2004

6:00 pm Pot Luck followed
by White Elephant Auction

Hosted by

Bob & Sheila Harmon
1529 W. Washington Street
(Across from the
Albertson's Marketplace
on State Street)
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Everyone is encouraged to take a look at the website. If you have any horses/services/ breedings, etc. for sale, please let Web Mistress Sheila Harmon know so they can be posted to our website.

This is free to our paid club members.

Apache Firestorm JS #1A354201



Born May 18, 2004. Very flashy black-bay half Arabian pinto stud colt with a very beautiful dished head. Has a ton of action with a lot of snort and blow, but is level headed and very friendly. Sire is a purebred but unregistered Tobiano Paint who so far is a 100% color producer. Dam is Black Egyptian/Crabbet breeding. Already as big as a six month old weanling so he should mature to well over 15 hands. **Priced at \$2,000**

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Tales of the Track _____ *by Pam Roylance*

While watching the stallion halter classes at the recent 2004 Breeders' Classic, I thought about how amazing it was to see these horses being shown so very adeptly by handlers without whips. This very successful tradition started as a backlash reaction to the 'whip abuse' in the show ring, both real and imagined.

That evening, a friend and I were watching some of Rasputin's old racing videos, and I got to thinking about whip abuse at the race track. Yes, it happens there, too. How many of you have seen live horse racing? In particular, have you ever watched a quarter horse race at Les Bois Park? Here are these beautiful animals, running their hearts out, giving it their all, yet being struck again and again at every stride.

Racing whips are capable of leaving severe welts or, worse yet, can cause that horse to run beyond its capability that day, exacerbating an injury. That is the physical evidence. The mental damage can result in that horse not wanting to run again, not to mention giving the viewing public, especially the TV viewers, a not so pretty picture of horse racing. Mares and fillies are particularly sensitive to whipping, and Arabians are more sensitive to the whip than other breeds because they are so intelligent and so thin skinned

The National Thoroughbred Racing Association (NTRA) is taking this problem very seriously, and, if it can get all the state jurisdictions and national organizations, such as the Jockeys Guild, on board, there will be new rules strictly governing use of the whip. Already, racing stewards at the bigger tracks are issuing suspensions and in some instances are changing the order of finish if whipping interferes with another horse. Hey, it's all on film now from every angle.

The European countries, as usual, are way ahead of us, and are already much more intolerant of excessive whipping than the USA. Idaho's own Gary Stevens, one of the top thoroughbred jockeys in the world and now the well known actor of 'Seabiscuit' fame, spent most of the early part of this year riding in Europe. He received a substantial fine and a suspension during an important race in Italy for 'excessive whipping'. He made a public statement to the effect that it was ridiculous and that he would never go to Italy again to ride. Hmm.

Whip abuse hits close to home for me, and here are a couple of stories I will share. Before getting into racing, I did some very amateur halter showing. One time I asked a local halter trainer to show a filly for me. He said he would come and 'work with her' and evaluate any potential there. He preferred to be alone with her out in the barn, and so I went back to the house, respecting his wishes. There were several people waiting for me to go somewhere, and so I did not see the horses again until my last barn check of the evening several hours later.

You can imagine my horror and heartbreak to see this filly, covered with welts, some so severe that the skin was broken. They were between her hind legs, on her neck, on her head, literally everywhere. I had the vet out the next day, and we were both concerned that a neck muscle might be damaged. Needless to say, she skipped the show and changed careers, becoming a race horse.

When I first got involved in horse racing, I didn't instruct my jockeys on whip usage during a race due to my naivety. That quickly changed. Do you remember the famous 'Blackheath Cup' at Bay Meadows in California? It was the first big purse race for Arabians - \$100,000 going 1 ¼ miles.

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Rasputin had swept all the stakes races in the northwest and Idaho that summer so I found two partners to help with the \$5,000 entry fee, and we were off to California, doo dah, doo dah. Remember, I was still naive.

The jockeys on the California fair circuit used to be primarily quarter horse riders, and, of course, they all rode with the 'big stick'. Rasputin drew the one hole, down on the inside rail, a place where quarter horse jockeys don't like to be. The track is firmer and consequently faster on the outside. These were all the best horses from Delaware and the west, and these jockeys rode like wild men, literally flailing their mounts.

A good thoroughbred rider, even one whipping excessively, will reach back with his whip, hitting the horse on the rump. But quarter horse riders hit with an up and down motion, striking the horse on the stomach, ribs and flanks. How the horses can even keep their balance under this hammering is beyond me.

In my video of this race there are two views and, in the second one, you see the cavalry charge to the wire, outlined in the setting sun of the late afternoon. The whipping is starkly evident, and almost overwhelms the view of the horses. Rasputin only ran fifth in that race, but my partners and I still earned all our money back. The horse that won that day was a Gdansk son being ridden by a bug boy (an apprentice jockey). He was so excited to be riding in that big race that he dropped his stick coming out of the starting gate, and Baha Dansk ran the entire race without ever feeling the sting of the whip. Something to be learned here for everybody.

And now for my filly's story. She broke her maiden (won her first race) against the boys and then ran second, against the boys again, in a stakes race. I was thrilled and took her with me to Grants Pass, Oregon for the race meet that summer. In her first Oregon start, I instructed the jockey to not use a whip on her under any circumstances. She ended up third, which pleased me, but, when the rider pulled her up on the backside, out of sight, he showed her his displeasure with his whip.

Maybe he had bet a lot of money on my filly. When I got her back to the barn area and was washing her down, there were welts rising, and one eye was beginning to close. This time I thought I could do something and called the state vet, who examined her and made a report to the Stewards. Likewise, I filed a formal complaint with the Stewards. We had a hearing, but, because it was so close to the end of the meet, they refused to take any action against the jockey.

But sometimes things work out. All of the starting gate crew, as well as the guy who harrowed the track between races, had witnessed the incident. Word got around quickly that the offending jockey was 'skating'. That night at the local saloon, where many of the race track people hung out watching the video replays, all of the above people happened to be present. One of the starting gate crew invited that jockey outside. He didn't ride again that season.

And the filly? No more races for her. My dear Pavlova became a broodmare. She is the dam of Prikashna and Czarina Markova, both shown successfully by Erin Cowan, and of Triple Divide, ridden by Christoph Schork to many endurance wins and best condition awards. And this season at the age of 20, she gave me a Rasputin son. Maybe he will take up the torch on the track for his mama.

BALLOT

Directions:

Please print out and mark your ballot. For households with multiple members, please print multiple copies, one for each member. Please place the ballot(s) in an envelope addressed to Kim Johnson - 16730 Plum Road - Caldwell, Idaho 83607. Write BALLOT on the bottom left corner of the envelope. On the back of the envelope, please sign your name. This will be checked against the membership list and then the envelope will be discarded. Kim and another volunteer will be tallying the votes and results will be reported at the Christmas party.

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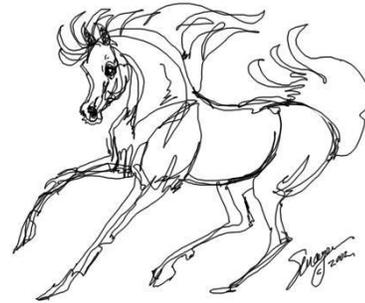
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Veterinarian's Corner

By ... Robert L Washington, DVM
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Tips for Winterizing Your Horse

As winter quickly approaches, it is time to make sure your equine companions are ready to face the cold. Your horse needs to be prepared to face the cold as well as the increased moisture in the environment. However, the most important thing for our horses in the winter is access to clean water. Sometimes we forget about water in the cold but it remains important especially when horses lose body water in windy conditions.

To face the cold, horses need adequate energy stores and intake to battle the cold. Horses burn a lot of energy to stay warm in the winter cold. This increased energy demand can remove body condition from our horses. It is better for horses to be in a heavier body condition than usual - but not obese – going in to winter. I recommend having your horse's teeth examined in the fall to insure your horse is getting all the nutrition it can from its feed. Also, I recommend deworming with ivermectin after a frost or two to kill parasites, including bots. Remember that older horses are harder to maintain in the winter and their body condition and feed program needs to be monitored closely.

Horses need a thick winter coat to face the wind and moisture. Horses here in southwest Idaho do well without blankets in the winter, unless they are stall kept for any length of time. If your horse is stalled during the night and out during the day, it should not require a blanket unless it is raining or windy. If your horse seems cold or shivers, however, it should be blanketed.

The increased moisture in the environment is challenging to horses. With the amount of mud in the environment in the winter, horse's feet can get very soft. Some horses even develop thrush during the winter. Soft feet aren't necessarily a bad thing, but can become a problem when the ground freezes. In these conditions, horses no longer walk in soft mud, but on hard, uneven, frozen ground. This causes foot soreness and can even lead to laminitis. A lot of horses in our veterinary practice are left unshod during the winter. Horses that will be in mud and have no dry areas and will be walking on frozen ground will need to remain shod. Some horses that are naturally thin soled may even require some type of a pad on the sole to provide protection.

If you keep these things in mind, and provide adequate care, your horse should do well in the winter months.



Membership Application

The Idaho Arabian Breeders Association formed in 1992 to meet the needs of the Professional Arabian Horse Person through co-op Advertising for Members, Member Referral Services, through clinics, Open Horse Shows, and Public Education. Ownership of Arabian Horses is not a requirement for membership and we welcome anyone with an interest in promoting Arabian Horses.

Our Membership year will be January 1 through December 31. Our dues will be \$15.00 per individual voting member. Youth memberships, for children under 18 years of age, are free and do not have voting privileges.

We invite you to join with us in CELEBRATION of the ARABIAN HORSE.

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**December Christmas Party
& White Elephant Auction**

**December 18, 2004
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At Harmon Travel**

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