

The Newsletter

of the Idaho Arabian Breeders Association

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Greetings,

The show is over, trying now to pack up, sort out, clean up and catch up with all the things that got set aside in the days and weeks leading up to the show. We experienced a few hiccups - a new computer system gave us a few problems and we were behind getting started. I overheard one (valid) complaint about the tardiness of the beginning of the show. At the time I couldn't respond, but I will tell you that another party, who was also waiting for the start of the show came up to me. Her comment was not addressing what was going wrong on our end - but to ask what she could do to help. I hope to remember her example if I am ever tempted to complain at the job someone else isn't doing to my satisfaction - "What can I do to help?" It was a good life lesson for me!

We will be hosting a trail ride, potluck and meeting at our house. PLEASE, call if you question the weather at all or if you need directions. The alternative meeting location is my husband's office. If the weather smiles on us - throw in a chair. I will have some but hopefully not enough. Bob will have hotdogs and hamburgers on the barbecue - plan accordingly.

This is the election meeting - a tentative list of candidates is listed in the minutes. We have solicited for additional names and you will receive an electronic notification of the final ballot this week.

See you at the ride.

Sheila

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September Trail Ride, Meeting & Potluck

September 25, 2004
1:00 pm Trail Ride
5:00 pm Potluck
6:00 pm General Meeting
(Bad weather alternative
will be Harmon Travel
- call to verify)

Hosted by
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If you are a club member and have a website, send it to me for inclusion. This is a free service for our members. I won't go looking for your sites, but I will post them when they are submitted.

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is the 10th of the month!!**

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Idaho Arabian Breeders Website:

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

I have received several inquiries from Arabian owners wondering what happened to Arabian racing in Idaho and the Pacific Northwest. Therefore this month's column will deal with the rise and fall of Arab racing in our area.

To understand where Arab racing went, we must first look at its history. The first Arabian races (probably first in the entire northwest!) were held during April 1978 at Emmett's race meet. Word spread among the Arabian owners in the valley, and many carloads of beer swilling Arabian enthusiasts descended on Emmett on a Sunday afternoon to view the spectacle and place some sentimental bets.

Jim Kelly and Mel Hurley were the sacrificial lambs, who between them owned and/or trained all five entries in that first, historical race. Because none of the horses had any past racing form and because of the commonality ties, the handle (money bet) was miniscule. In addition, the saddle on one of the horses slipped way back during the race. The horse carried a crupper but no breast collar. That jockey was able to finish the race – dead last – by basically riding bareback! Remember these little guys were also riding mules then at Emmett. The following weekend that same low - withered horse actually won, carrying a complete 'harness'. It was quite a 'show'!

Nobody spoke of Arabian racing in Idaho again until the mid-eighties, but the conditions which fostered it were brewing much earlier. Every state that started a lottery – Idaho included – was experiencing a serious decline in monies wagered at race tracks. Contrary to popular opinion, most of pari-mutuel wagering is done by serious bettors, not by horse lovers, and there were only so many gambling dollars available. Consequently, purse monies were declining.

At the same time the country, under Reaganomics, was in a serious recession. The thoroughbred industry, which had been enjoying many million-dollar, individual sales at auction, found itself with a glut of horses that nobody wanted. Low sales plus low purses resulted in many thoroughbred breeders just quitting. Thousands of these wonderful animals went to slaughter.

This heartbreaking scenario actually gave Arabians a shot in the arm. Our industry, too, had been enjoying the inflated auction prices. Six figure sales were commonplace at Scottsdale in the early eighties. We all dreamed of breeding that \$100,000 filly, and many Arabian breeders developed 'asterisk' fever - buying or breeding only to horses with the asterisk (*). When the market went south, owners were basically left with horses that could not be sold even for the stud fee amounts paid to create them.

But now there were not enough thoroughbreds to fill races at tracks all across the northwest. What better way to use our \$100,000 'fillies' (stud colts and geldings) that we couldn't sell, and that is how it started.

Washington, which ranked fifth in thoroughbred production in the nation, felt the squeeze badly, especially at Harbor Park, followed by Sundowns and the Fair Meet at Walla Walla. Oregon experienced thoroughbred shortages at Grants Pass and at Salem, so in 1986, there were Arabian races offered, which filled, almost each day of racing for the duration of these meets. There were over 100 northwest Arabians racing during those first years with about 30 of them from Idaho due to our Centennial race. There were another hundred or so in California.

In 1987 the Idaho Arabian Racing Association was formed and recognized by the Idaho Secretary of State and the Idaho Racing Commission. Two races were held at each Les Bois Park, Emmett and Jerome that first season with trainers participating from Oregon and Washington as well as Idaho. In 1988 there were three races at Emmett, six at Les Bois Park and two at Jerome with trainers coming from California and Colorado, in addition to our three northwest states.

By 1989 there was only one race at Les Bois Park, even though it was supported by horses from California, Washington, Oregon and Idaho. 1990, sadly, only saw two - the Centennial races, showcased at Sandy Downs in Idaho Falls. The last race Arabian race in Idaho was 10 years ago at Les Bois Park.

What happened? There were two main things that impacted on Arabian racing. One was that the thoroughbred industry rebounded in the northwest. A new facility in Washington, Emerald Downs, replaced Long Acres, which had been closed for several years, and agreements forged between the HBPA (horsemen's collective bargaining organization) and racetracks across the country allowed for simulcasting/ satellite wagering. Tracks no longer needed Arabian races to fill their cards. Bettors could view races taking place at several other tracks across the nation in between live thoroughbred races.

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Classic Report

A more complete report will be forthcoming at a future date. I can report that we had 88 entries. Classes most strongly supported were Western Pleasure, English Pleasure Hunt Seat and Gelding Halter (LOTS of Geldings!!) New, and a big success, was the Painted Ponies Class. Of 7 entries, 3 were truly painted ponies—living canvas. The other 4 were costumes & paint. We had a Bride with her “Groom”, complete with Top Hat (and his own tail) and cuffs. Also had a Southern Belle in side saddle, Barbie in a Poodle Skirt and a Hula Dancer complete with Grass Skirt & Coconuts. The crowd showed their enthusiasm with applause and when asked, cheered at the thought of having the class again. Everyone put a lot of thought and work into their creations and I hope to see new ideas from all next year.

Futurity Results

Half Arabian Mare		Half Arabian Gelding	
1 st AZ Labelle Aahara	Gary Miner	1 st Belesemo Tradmark	Janice Sullivan
Purebred Arabian Mare		Purebred Arabian Stallion	
1 st AZ Sheika Padrona	Clarice Miner	1 st PNA Gallant Image	Pat Nations
2 nd Skier Grey	Janie Golden	2 nd Radabs Destiny	Chris Murphy
3 rd Belesema Replika	Kim Johnson		
Purebred Arabian Gelding			
1 st Ali Hadid	Scott Ohlsen		
2 nd Darc Devotion	Sue Bredeson		
3 rd Darkhan	Helen Huffman		
4 th Nabors Grey Tandolyn	Janie Golden	Total cash payouts:	\$1415.17
5 th Ali Hajil	Lyn Kinney		

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The other thing was that Arabian owners and trainers with really good horses moved on to more lucrative venues in other states. Arabian racing is alive and well and in fact thriving in Delaware, California, Colorado and Texas. There was not sufficient interest among the remaining northwest Arabian owners to continue any sustained racing program, other than a few in Washington and Oregon.. Some of the Washington and Oregon smaller tracks that really supported Arabians have closed or have decreased the number of racing days, even transferring their quarter horse stakes programs to Les Bois Park in Boise.

Resurrecting Arabian racing in Idaho would be a hard sell to racing officials now. There is much competition for the gambling/entertainment dollars, and race tracks seem to be plagued with a multitude of economic hurdles. Les Bois Park’s problems over the past several seasons are a prime example. But it could be done.

The last Arabian race at Les Bois was a good example of a bad example. It was a stakes race (stakes races are for the better horses), but, due to lack of entries, the race was opened to all Arabs. About half the entries were non-winners and even first time starters, and they went one mile. There was over a 50 length spread from first place to last place as the horses crossed the wire, and, because over half of the entries had no past performance, there was very little money wagered by the bettors. This caused the track to lose money, and racing fans ridiculed the wide disparity in the field of runners.

Let’s have some more input, and next month we can look at some of the more positive aspects of Arabian racing. There are many more positives, than negatives.

Minutes of the Idaho Arabian Breeders General Membership Meeting August 28, 2004

Called to order 7:38 pm by President - Billy Heusser at Rob & Cec Fosters

Minutes - Bob Harmon moved & Clarice Miner seconded to accept as published in the last newsletter. Motion passed. Present at the meeting were Jon Schmeck, Chris Murphy, Rob & Cec Foster, Bob & Sheila Harmon, Clarice Miner, Rose Thompson, Karen Goodenough, Billy Heusser, Pat Nations, Donna Schmitt, & Guest Uncle Cam.

Treasurers Report - Bank statement wasn't available at this time. We have had money in, money out, & still have money. Insurance has been paid.

Futurity - Money is same as last month. Bob showed copies of ads being run in Horse Sports & Just Horses advertising Futurity stallions & the Classic.

Old Business - Pat reminded Billy that he needs to pick up the TV - it is still at her house.

The Yellow Pages listing was brought up, Bob reported that 2 lines cost \$18.90 per line per month - racking up over \$400 per year. Costly and not believed to be a good investment. Discussed alternate advertising options. Cec moved and Rob seconded that we discontinue the Yellow Pages listing for 2005. Motion passed.

Discussed posting a flyer/business cards in tack and feed stores. Billy will establish a list of locations to post flyers. Will do a club flyer and post to website. Make it downloadable for members. Sheila & Clarice will work on flyer.

New Business:

Classic - Need volunteers - Karen & Rose volunteered.. Need Ring Steward - Jon Schmeck volunteered for Sunday morning. Rob & Cec will work gates half day, mornings (Sat). Need Secretary Assistant. Runner - Sat morning will be Cassie England. Need Ribbon Girl - Cam on Saturday morning, Chris M. Checking with Cynthia about being Judge escort. Need Saturday farrier. Clarice is going to check a couple of options.

Officer Nominations:

Cec nominated Sheila for Pres, Chris for VP (declined),

Sheila nominated Clarice for board

Pat N for Board

Bonnie for Sec

Clarice nominated Gary Miner for Treasurer

Billy declined office for 2005

Elections committee, Donna, Sheila

Next meeting Sept. Sept 25, 2004 - Trail Ride at Harmon's. Ride at 1:00pm . Food at 5 Meeting at 6. Alternative for bad weather will be at Harmon Travel Service.

Meeting adjourned 8:55 pm

Respectfully submitted

//Sheila Harmon//

Veterinarian's Corner

By ... Robert L Washington, DVM
Idaho Equine Hospital - Nampa, Idaho



Bandaging Basics

One of the most common treatments that I ask owners to perform at home is applying a leg bandage. It is very important to know how to apply a proper, as sometimes it will need to be applied before the veterinarian arrives. There are two general purposes that bandages are applied. The first is for support or to help take swelling out of a leg. Re-useable bandage materials are usually used for a support bandage. The second reason to bandage a leg is to cover and protect a wound. Disposable bandage materials are usually used to cover wounds.

No matter which type of bandage is applied, there are basic principles to keep in mind. The first is to always use plenty of padding. This will prevent bandage rubs or bows. Rougher materials rub the horse's leg when it moves, creating bandage sores or possibly tendon injuries. After you have plenty of padding, be sure to use adequate pressure. The most common reason for a bandage to slip is that the outer holding layer was not applied tightly enough. If you have adequate padding, it is very hard to get the outer layer too tight.

There are several types of re-useable bandage materials. For padding there are quilts and no-bows. For outer layers there are polo wraps, nylon wraps, and flannel wraps. Keep in mind that there are large differences in the quality of these products. They are used for long periods of time, so buy something that will hold up and not wear out quickly.

For disposable bandages there are also several types. I will go over the types I recommend. Always apply some type of non-stick pad next to the wound. Cover the non-stick with a soft, stretchy gauze. For padding, sheet cottons are almost always used. The holding layer is almost always a vet-wrap type product.

When bandaging wounds, use products that will absorb drainage if the wound is fresh or large enough to be producing a lot of discharge. Also, unless you are in an emergency, try not to put vet-wrap directly on the skin as it can form tight bands when it moves and cut into the horse's skin.

If you are trying to bandage higher on the leg, things can become difficult. My recommendations are adequate padding, then apply plenty of pressure to the outer layer. Elastic tape can be used on upper leg bandages at the top to stick the bandage to the skin. If you bandage a hock or a knee, be sure not to apply pressure over the back of the knee or the point of the hock as these are common places for rubs to occur.

As an overview, do not be intimidated by bandaging legs. After you become comfortable with bandaging, the bandages you apply will stay better. It doesn't matter how the bandage looks as long as it serves the proper purpose and is comfortable for the horse.



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.

Farm Name _____
Name(s) _____
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Phone (Home) _____ (Work) _____
E-mail Address _____
Signature _____

Names & Ages of Children for non-voting courtesy membership:

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~ Meeting Schedule ~

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