

2023 REGION 14 AWARD NOMINEES
Voting CLOSES on March 1st 2024

PUREBRED ARABIAN HORSE NOMINEES

HSA AMAZING GRACE +++++//
(Bask Elect+/ x Al Marah Adorable)
Owned by Bill & Henrietta Ellzey
22 year old mare

What discipline(s) does your horse show in during 2023 –How many years have you been competing with your horse? If you did not show, what events were you involved in?

Dressage, Sport Horse In Hand, English Trail, In Hand Trail, Showmanship and Hunt Seat Equitation.

Tell us about you and your horse's accomplishments and honors you have achieved together in 2023?

Region 14 Champion In Hand Trail English
Region 14 Champion In Hand Trail Western

These are titles that Grace has won since 2017 (seven years)

Grace was handled by a first time exhibitor for a win in Sport Horse In Hand at the Sahiba show.

Grace was also the mount for an Adult Hunt Seat Equitation rider that resulted in a win at that show.

Grace became the get of her sire to win the most achievement award points in 2023. With over 1400 points Gracenator rolled to the top of the list of both Purebreds and Half Arabians that includes three other Legion Of Masters winners.

What, if any, obstacles have you or your horse encountered during your competition or outreach efforts?

What makes your horse special to you, and what plans do you have for your horse in the future?

Grace came to my stable at the age of eight. Late to get started but this 13.3 hand mare has been a joy. She lives in Stall #1 and since 2010 has won for so many riders and handlers. Both of her owners are on that list. She was National Champion in her fourth horse show.

She won a National Championship with a nine year old girl with a catch ride in Hunt Seat Equitation. She won in 2023 with one of our newest Region 14 members. She has been on exhibit to greet new fans many times but her most exciting time was the Lexington Emporium where she rode in an elevator to the second floor and stood surrounded by children petting her for three hours.

JASMINE KONTIKI V

Owned by Jodi & Chris Koford

2 year old Arabian filly

What discipline(s) does your horse show in during 2023 –How many years have you been competing with your horse? If you did not show, what events were you involved in?

Jasmine has been competing since she was 7 months old. Her very 1st show companion was "Bread" the donkey who received all of the attention at the local county fairs. Jasmine currently competes in Halter, Sport Horse In-Hand, and English/Western Trail In-Hand.

Tell us about you and your horse's accomplishments and honors you have achieved together in 2023?

Jasmine KonTiki V earned the Regional 2023 SmartPak/USEF National Horse of the Year Award in Region 13 as CHAMPION in Arabian Sport Horse In-Hand and also RESERVE CHAMPION in Arabian Halter. In Region 14 Jasmine won 3rd place in Arabian Specialty Horse (Trail In-Hand) and 5th place in Arabian Sport Horse In-Hand. Her picture will be featured in the special Horse of the Year issue of US Equestrian magazine. In 2023 "Jasmine" earned her 1st Sport Horse National Championship title by winning the ABS Arabian Sport Horse In-Hand Yearling Filly Class against an extremely deep and talented field. I can't thank Keegan Gay enough for coming to the rescue when hours before the class started my husband was doubled over with kidney stones and could not walk. In 2023 Region 13 Championship Jasmine took home 2 Champions in both Arabian SH Mares In-Hand and SH Mares In-Hand Dressage Type ATH. Jasmine won 3 Reserve Champion titles, the first being RC in ABS Arabian Yearling Filly Championship, then RC in Arabian SH Mares In-Hand Hunter type CH, and Arabian SH Mares In-Hand Dressage Type CH. Jasmine Placed 3rd (Top 3) in Arabian SH Mares In-Hand Hunter Type ATH CH. Medallion A/B Concurrent 2023, Jasmine took 1st place in 3 classes-Arabian SH Mares In-Hand, Arabian SH Mares In-Hand ATH and Arabian SH Mares In-Hand AOTH. She took 2nd place in another 2 classes Arabian Mare Breeding (A) & Arabian Mare Breeding (B). Region 14 Championship Jasmine placed Top 3 in Arabian Yearling Sport Horse Fillies In-Hand CH, two Top 4 placings in Arabian SH Mares In-Hand ATH CH & Arabian Western Trail In-Hand CH. and a Top 5 in Arabian English Trail In-hand CH. Silverama 2023 was when my husband showed Jasmine in a Regional class for the first

time. He placed 1st in Arabian Western Trail In-Hand, 2nd place in Arabian English Trail In-Hand. 4th in Arabian Mare Breeding ATH and 5th for Arabian Sport Horse Mares In-Hand. Jasmine has also competed and well at local shows.

What, if any, obstacles have you or your horse encountered during your competition or outreach efforts?

At the beginning of the year Jasmine received a vaccination that did not agree with her. Her temperature began to rise to 104.4, it climbed to 104.6 and within a short while it reached to an all time high of 106.1. I was in a panic, sponging her off with straight alcohol, Banamine and waiting for reinforcements. Eventually her temperature came down and Jasmine started feeling better: however, that was very scary.

Jasmine has an ability to find any rusty nail in any given paddock fence and injury all 3 of her white legs in the process. Each injury occurring at a different times. 2 weeks before Sport Horse Nationals Jasmine obtained a bite that took off a small part of her upper muzzle however Jasmine was able to maintain her composure and successfully competed. Jasmine also received a trauma to the head which has resulted in abnormal cysts forming around her lower premolars. We will not know the extent of the damage until she grows up more.

What makes your horse special to you, and what plans do you have for your horse in the future?

I bred Jasmine KonTiki V, she was born 02/02/22 around 10 pm at night. A very special date for me indeed. My son was born 02/03/04 twenty years ago. Jasmine greets me with a whinny in the field or in the barn. She is charismatic with energy to spare, I believe if she spoke she would say "I have entered the room, now everyone look at me". Jasmine is not a quitter, she will try to please you and figure out what you want. Sometimes it seems even telepathically. Needless to say there is never a dull moment when she is around.. I have owned Jasmine's mother/ Dam, Tikit Vikit+/ for 21 years. She is an Arabian Racehorse with royalty bloodlines. Over the course of those years I have really enjoyed looking, researching her bloodlines and discovering the many great sires including "the great KonTiki" as her great grandsire on the Dam side. Jasmine's bloodlines on the /dam sire side include the whose who in Arabian racing: Kontiki, Tiki Tessar, Samtyr, Sambor and Wosk. I was thrilled to breed Tikit Vikit+/ to continue the legacy. Jasmine KonTiki V where the V represents the sire line of Varian Arabians is also full of the wonderful history as well as the exciting future that will continue to unfold the bloodline legacy. I specially bred Jasmine to the Varian Bloodline because of the amazing movement and accomplishment of her great grandfather and It is exciting for me to think about the amazing past and future possibilities.

Jasmine is a kind, intelligent horse that I love spending my time with. Even though Jasmine may not realize how unique and special she is to have her bloodlines including the great Kontiki, Huckleberry Bey++, Bay El Bey++, and Afire Bey V. I hope to represent Jasmine, remember her bloodlines of the past and to plan for her in the future show ring and breeding barn. What an Honor! Thank you everyone for the nomination for Purebred Arabian Horse

of the Year.

Researching Kontiki reveals "U.S. National Champion Racehorse and a member of the Arabian Horse Trust Hall of Fame, Kontiki was a racing legend and the most significant sire in the foundation racing pedigrees in America. He established an unmatched dynasty in foundation American racing bloodlines before tragically dying at age 10 of colic. Beaten only once, Kontiki was such an exceptional racehorse that he was honored by the Thoroughbred Jockey Club as the 59th entry in the prestigious list of "100 All Time Greatest Racehorses of the World Regardless of Breed," along with Man O-War, Native Dancer, Kelso, Secretariat and John Henry. Kontiki sired just 23 registered purebred."

KHOURAGE SMP

Owned by Bill Castro

12 year old Arabian gelding

What discipline(s) does your horse show in during 2023 –How many years have you been competing with your horse? If you did not show, what events were you involved in?

PB Hunter division and we have been competing together for 2 years.

Tell us about you and your horse's accomplishments and honors you have achieved together in 2023?

Khourage and I in the purebred Hunter amateur division. We have been honored with competing for two years and my first year in riding a Hunter . We achieved US national top 10's and very deep divisions over 60 initial entries. We've also had the honor of showing regional level and have garnered champion, reserve champion and top five honors. None of this could be possible without the continued support and friendship from Bud and Kim Hilsamer. But the true credit goes to my trainer Sara Siemon, De bolt. It is the relationship between the horse, the trainer, and the amateur that magic is created.

What, if any, obstacles have you or your horse encountered during your competition or outreach efforts?

I feel that the same challenges that I am encountering presently are those of many others in this very special sport. The Arabian horse show industry has become very expensive hobby to show horses,. This must quickly go back to how it is that we fell in love with this beautiful breed. Less emphases on week long shows and compete less expensive venues. Those of us that work need shorter time away at horse shows. I'm concerned that the beautiful journey I've been able to have from growing up in 4 H and pony club will be to expensive to working families. . This opportunity is going to be going away for others. I have been blessed with so many wonderfully talented horses and trainers to achieve these honors.

What makes your horse special to you, and what plans do you have for your horse in the future?

Khourage is very special to me, as I was not looking to buy a purebred or a hunter. He picked me and our Bromance began. The horse is very special because he has the biggest heart and love for life. After many years of competing with my multi national champion park horse Alejandro... I feel Khourage fits in the same category of how special he is. He makes me smile not only in competition, but so much more at home. I would like to start enjoying him more out of the show ring and being able to know that I'm very blessed to have such a great partner. Hopefully he will also get to spend the winters in Florida when I finally retire.

MAYHEMS SHETAN+++/
(Bremervale Andronicus x AM Dizzy Dynamo)

Owned by Mary Loden

17 year old Arabian gelding

What discipline(s) does your horse show in during 2023 –How many years have you been competing with your horse? If you did not show, what events were you involved in?

This year was the first year Tawny and Caitlin Heinz were paired as a team. They showed in Western Dressage Basic Level, Training, and First Level Dressage.

Tell us about you and your horse's accomplishments and honors you have achieved together in 2023?

Caitlin and Tawny started their show with the Medallion winning both the Training Level (the highest score in the training level division) and First Level and going 2nd in WD Basic. Moving onto R13 SH they won a Top 5 (3rd) in both the Training Level ATR and Basic Level ATR. They both came home, did their homework and set out for R14. It was there, they won Top 5 (4th) in a massive WD Basic open class as well as a Top 5 (3rd) in yet another huge Training Level open class. Making their way to SHN, they went Top 10 in every class they showed in, going 8th in the Training Level open, 5th in the Training Level ATR and 3rd in the Basic Level ATR.

They were also HOTY award winners in
R13:

Champion - PB Dressage Training ATR
5th - PB Western Dressage

R14:

Reserve Champion PB Dressage Training
Reserve Champion PB Western Dressage
5th - PB Dressage First Level

Tawny also earned his Legion of Supreme Merit.

What, if any, obstacles have you or your horse encountered during your competition or outreach efforts?

The biggest challenge they had was learning each other. Tawny had his own set of cues and Caitlin had hers. While every now and then Caitlin would find the Reining ones, which does not work well for Dressage, they figured each other out and the bond started to form. It was fun watching them grow together and anyone could see the love that he had for her. Tawny would do his best to figure out each cue she wanted to use, and even if it wasn't exactly correct he would give her 100%. I couldn't be more proud of how the two of them figured each other out and the success that they had together this year just made me so happy. They did their homework after each show, and the next one would be so much better than the last.

What makes your horse special to you, and what plans do you have for your horse in the future?

There is definitely a love and a bond that you can't explain between the two of them. I see how much my own horse melts when she walks in the barn, or gets him ready for a ride. I joked many times that while he is not for sale, she would just end up owning him one day down the road.

Hopefully the two of them will continue their journey that they started this past season and continue to be a pair that I love to watch in the arena.

RODEO ROAD

(August Bey V x Mane Street)

Owned by Jennifer Tucker

18 year old Arabian gelding

What discipline(s) does your horse show in during 2023 –How many years have you been competing with your horse? If you did not show, what events were you involved in?

Rodeo Road, better known to all as Harvey, is retired from the show ring with local, regional, and national ribbons, and is now solely an ambassador for our breed. He primarily visits elementary schools within the Lexington area, senior communities and nursing homes, local promotional events and parades to visit with the public, and large platform trade shows such as Equine Affaire.

Tell us about you and your horse's accomplishments and honors you have achieved together in 2023?

This was just the third or fourth year that Harvey has taken on the role of Arabian Horse Ambassador. Shortly after this nomination, he was award recognized as an official Discovery Horse with the Arabian Horse Association. He received a nice plaque and halter, and once he completes a few more outings, he will have his own page on the AHA website! Harvey continues to make friends and fans wherever he goes, earning him official honorary certificates at his favorite local senior community as being a consistent guest of honor. Harvey enjoyed another year at Equine Affaire, where he spends hours on end, hanging his head out the stall, being patient with all who stop to meet him and learn about the Arabian horse.

Harvey also continues to be a weekly therapeutic outlet for two individuals that have experienced a tragic loss and ongoing cancer trials. While it's not a typical accomplishment, it's one we are quite proud of.

And, Harvey also has social media, and some of his videos have reached over 30,000 people! We also participate in the We Love Arabian Horses outreach contest.

What, if any, obstacles have you or your horse encountered during your competition or outreach efforts?

Harvey and I partner well and are both easy going and ready to walk into just about any new situation, however, his health gave us a scare in 2023. While attending Equine Affaire in Columbus, Ohio he experienced a scary bout of colic that tried to sideline him. Even though he felt puny and needed to mend, he still pushed through to greet the public each day - so much so we had to put a curtain up over his stall so that he wouldn't disobey the doctor's orders! His illness continued for a little while longer in the middle of the year, setting us back on a few events we had our eye on, most notably the Kentucky Derby Parade. He is healthy now and ready for more in 2024!

What makes your horse special to you, and what plans do you have for your horse in the future?

If you know Harvey, you know he is everyone's horse. I might think he is my heart horse, but seeing him make so many people happy on a daily basis makes my heart sing and is a quick reminder how much he belongs to many.

Harvey 100% lives for moments to interact with people of all ages at all venues. He is always the most kind and shows the right amount of inquisitiveness. Harvey is special in the fact that he truly is an all around versatile Arabian that brings joy and a calm confidence everywhere he goes. - from show horse to countless hours in his role promoting the Arabian horse, I am proud of him.

Our future looks to hold more outreach opportunities! We have planned visits to local elementary schools, a new venture with local 4H groups, a parade, a new partnership with a

local business, Meet an Arabian events with AHA, the WLAH contest, and so much more!
We will continue to promote the Arabian horse as an every day adventure to anyone we meet!

WM BURBERRY

(Faktion x Darienne)

Owned by William Oakley

6 year old Arabian mare

What discipline(s) does your horse show in during 2023 –How many years have you been competing with your horse? If you did not show, what events were you involved in?

Sport horse and Dressage

Tell us about you and your horse's accomplishments and honors you have achieved together in 2023?

Burberry accomplish 3 regional Championships, 1 reserve regional championship, 3 regional top 5s, 3 national top 10s, and one reserve national championship in 2023 with her open, amateur, and junior rider.

What, if any, obstacles have you or your horse encountered during your competition or outreach efforts?

What makes your horse special to you, and what plans do you have for your horse in the future?

Burberry is a very sensitive horse that wants to please 100% of the time. Despite being a new rider, she is always will to take on new challenges and give her heart into every ride. For this show season, I want to enjoy being in the saddle both in competition and outside of competition. Burberry will continue to work up the levels in dressage and may dabble in a few new divisions.

GG POWER AND FAME ++++///, owned by The Glasener Family

MOVIN ON HEIR, owned by The Siemon Family

HALF ARABIAN HORSE NOMINEES

CF JACKIE O +++/

Owned by Kimberly & Madeleine Hofmeyer

13 year old Half-Arabian Mare
(Baske Afire x Albelarm Elegant Lady)

What discipline(s) does your horse show in during 2023 –How many years have you been competing with your horse? If you did not compete, which events or outreach was your horse involved with?

I have been competing with Jackie for three years. We show Hunter Pleasure, Hunt Seat Equitation, Side Saddle, Halter, and Performance Halter.

Tell us about you and your horse's accomplishments and honors you have achieved together in 2023?

This year my horse Jackie helped make my dreams come true by getting me to Youth Nationals. I was so excited to be there with my horse, to top off it off we came home with a National Champion in Performance Halter, a Reserve National Champion in Halter, Top Ten in Side Saddle, Top Ten in Hunter Pleasure Select, and Top Ten in Hunt Seat Equitation! It was an amazing year and I am so proud of the accomplishments my horse and I made. To top it off at the end of the year we found out that Jackie got her Legion of Masters and Legion of Supreme Honor!

What, if any, obstacles have you or your horse encountered during your competition or outreach efforts in 2023?

This year we struggled with finding Jackie's confidence. About mid season we noticed Jackie just seemed off and unhappy. We figured out that she was not having fun in the arena. Linna my trainer told me to ride more confident and strong and Jackie would then feel that and in turn would perform with more confidence as well. She was right! I learned to relax and have fun in the arena and that made Jackie feel like she was having fun again. I took the pressure away and replaced it with Fun and Confidence!

What makes your horse special to you, and what plans do you have for your horse in the future?

Jackie is so special to me with her amazing personality and her classy looks. When at home, Jackie owns the barn we call her our "Pretty Princess", never wants to get dirty with show shoes on but when we pull her shoes off for the winter and let her out to be a horse she truly knows how to be a horse, she gets so dirty you wouldn't recognize her. At horse shows Jackie owns it in the arena and back in the stalls she wants her carrots and Popsicles

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For 2024 I am hoping that we can get back to Youth Nationals and add more amazing experiences in mine and Jackie's career. We are also hoping that we can get my younger

sister and Jackie in the arena for this year's show season.

DHF ICARUS++++//

Owned by Renee Carter

Half Arabian/ Half Friesian

9 year old Gelding

What discipline(s) does your horse show in during 2023 –How many years have you been competing with your horse? If you did not compete, which events or outreach was your horse involved with?

Icky has been in my life since 2016. I got him when he was 17 months old, he wasn't even gelded yet. I started taking him along to shows with my other horse as soon as I got him. We started competing at schooling shows in 2017. I would have to get up at 4AM to lunge him so he would buck less in hand! He has been under saddle since 2020. We compete in First and Second Level Dressage, Sport Horse Under Saddle, Sport Horse Show Hack and Sport Horse In Hand.

Tell us about you and your horse's accomplishments and honors you have achieved together in 2023?

This was an amazing year for us! We are starting to really get our act together! We got our last in hand points for our ++++//, this is so exciting because he turned 8 last year and was only under saddle 3 years. Our accomplishments include:

Arabian Horse Association

Second Level Dressage

- Reserve National Champion - HA/AA - ATR
- National Top 10 - HA/AA - AAOTR
- National Top 10 – HA/AA - OPEN
- Region 13 Champion – A/HA/AA - ATR
- Region 13 Reserve Champion – A/HA/AA – AOTR
- Region 14 Champion – A/HA/AA - AOTR
- Region 14 Champion – A/HA/AA – OPEN

First Level Dressage

- National Top 10 - HA/AA AAOTR
- National Top 10 - HA/AA ATR
- National Top 10 - HA/AA OPEN
- Region 13 Champion – A/HA/AA - ATR
- Region 13 Top 3 – A/HA/AA – AOTR
- Region 14 Reserve Champion – A/HA/AA – OPEN

In Hand

- National Top 10 HA/AA Sport Horse In Hand Geldings/Stallions Dressage Type 3 & Over

- OPEN

- Region 13 Champion – HA/AA Sport Horse Geldings In Hand Dressage Type – ATH •
- Region 13 Champion – HA/AA Sport Horse Geldings In Hand Dressage Type – OPEN •
- Region 13 Top 4 – HA/AA Sport Horse Geldings In Hand Hunter Type – ATH •
- Region 14 Top 4 – HA/AA Sport Horse Geldings In Hand Type – ATH Under Saddle
- National Top 10 - HA/AA Sport Horse Show Hack ATR
- Region 13 Top 3 - HA/AA Sport Horse Show Hack ATR
- Region 13 Top 3 - HA/AA Sport Horse Show Hack OPEN
- Region 13 Top 3 - HA/AA Sport Horse Under Saddle AOTR
- Region 14 Champion - HA/AA Sport Horse Show Hack ATR
- Region 14 Top 5 - HA/AA Sport Horse Under Saddle AOTR

USDF All Breed Awards

Second Level Dressage

- Adult Amateur for Arabian Horse Association – 62.649%
- Open for Arabian Horse Association – 62.649%
- Vintage Cup for Arabian Horse Association – 62.649%

First Level Dressage

- Adult Amateur for Arabian Horse Association – 68.194%
- Open for Arabian Horse Association – 68.194%
- Vintage Cup for Arabian Horse Association – 68.194%

USEF Horse of the Year Awards

Second Level Dressage

- National Reserve Champion HA/AA Dressage Amateur
- National Reserve Champion HA/AA Dressage Open
- Region 13 Champion HA/AA Dressage Amateur
- Region 14 Champion HA/AA Dressage Amateur
- Region 14 Champion HA/AA Dressage Open

First Level Dressage

- National Reserve Champion HA/AA Dressage Amateur
- National 6th Place HA/AA Dressage Open
- Region 13 Champion HA/AA Dressage Amateur
- Region 14 Champion HA/AA Dressage Amateur
- Region 14 Champion HA/AA Dressage Open

Sport Horse In-Hand

- Region 13 Reserve Champion HA/AA
- Region 14 Reserve Champion HA/AA

Sport Horse Under Saddle

- Region 13 6th Place HA/AA Sport Horse Under Saddle/ Show Hack
- Region 14 3rd Place HA/AA Sport Horse Under Saddle/ Show Hack

What, if any, obstacles have you or your horse encountered during your competition or outreach efforts in 2023?

Icarus is a BIG guy. His gaits are more than I have ever ridden, EVER. I have come off of him more than any other horse I have ever owned (Even at Region 13 in 2021!!!). I have really had to work on my riding to make sure I wasn't hanging on his face and I was balancing myself. Being an amateur, he is really the only horse I have time to ride and I do all of my own training. I have to constantly remind myself to trust him and to ride properly. He has really come a long way, especially in the rail classes. He used to think it was a big race and now he knows what the plan is and just turns it on!!! It is so fun to ride him now!

What makes your horse special to you, and what plans do you have for your horse in the future?

This horse is special to me for so many reasons. The breeder loved him so much and was very conscientious about the home he went to. She passed away shortly after I got him so sadly she hasn't been able to see his accomplishments, but I really feel she is looking down on us smiling. It was her dream for him to be a show horse and for her farm (Dark Horse Farm) to be promoted through him. I am trying like heck to make that happen, even though she is gone.

He is the first horse that I have started myself and it makes the bond that much more special. I am so thankful to have him. He is the horse I have waited my whole life for and I appreciate every moment I get to spend with him. I know first hand how quickly it can all be taken away and I will never take him for granted.

In 2024, we plan to show third level. It will be very exciting to see if I can get the changes in the ring. He is the smartest horse I have ever worked with and I think he has them!!! In May we plan to go to the Kentucky Horse Park to show for Lilo Fore, a dressage great. I can't wait to show her what this half Arabian can do!! I am so excited for what 2024 has in store.

HOMETOWN GIRL +++++// (Mojave Kid x Glory Days)

Owned by Caitlin Heinz

7 year old Half Arabian/Hanovarian Mare

What discipline(s) does your horse show in during 2023 –How many years have you been competing with your horse? If you did not compete, which events or outreach was your horse involved with?

We competed in 2023 we competed in dressage (training and first level), sport horse under saddle and sport horse in hand.

Tell us about you and your horse's accomplishments and honors you have achieved together in 2023?

Hometown Girl earned her Legion of Excellence and Legion of Masters in 2023

SHN - National Champion HA Sport Horse Under Saddle AOTR Maturity, Top Ten HA Dressage First Level AAOTR, Top Ten HA Dressage Training Level AAOTR, Top Ten HA Dressage Training Level ATR, Top Ten HA Dressage First Level Open, Top Ten HA Sport Horse in Hand Mares Dressage Type ATH

Region 13 - Champion Dressage Training Level AOTR, Champion HA Sport Horse in hand Mares dressage type open, Champion HA Sport Horse in Hand Mares Dressage Type ATH, Champion HA Sport Horse under saddle AOTR, Reserve Champion Dressage First Level AOTR, Reserve Champion HA Sport Horse under Saddle AATR, Top Five Dressage Training Level ATR

What, if any, obstacles have you or your horse encountered during your competition or outreach efforts in 2023?

The obstacles that faced us in 2023 actually started in August 2022 just a few weeks before SHN when I had to scratch Reba (Hometown Girl+++/) due to a hind leg splint injury which started 7 months of healing. Towards the end of March/beginning of April, I was able to start riding her again. A last minute decision to enter her in the region 13 championships lead to one amazing show with a horse that hadn't been in the show ring for 10 months. She was

Champion or Reserve Champion in every class she entered except for one where she placed Top Five. I kept riding her over the summer preparing her for Region 14 and SHN but something wasn't right. We could never pin point exactly what was going until she walked out of her stall one morning dragging her left hind leg. The vet came out immediately and Reba was showing signs of EPM in her physical exam. We started her on the medicine right away but ended up having to scratch her from Region 14. So the waiting game started because I still had a few weeks to vet scratch her out of SHN. Luckily once she started the medicine, she started to improve immediately. With the vets help, we made the decision to take her to SHN with the plan of scratching if anything didn't feel right. She would be almost to the end of her first treatment. Well, Reba ended up not only giving me everything she had that week, it was the best show I had ever had with her and some of her best rides ever. She ended up going National Champion in the Maturity class and placed Top Ten (not lower than 7th) in any of her dressage classes that week. It was a very emotional year with so many ups and downs.

What makes your horse special to you, and what plans do you have for your horse in the future?

Hometown Girl+++// is special to me because she is the first horse I have bred. She is the sweetest mare but definitely has her people. She has also made me a better rider and more self aware of my riding. Once you get it right with this mare she will give you everything she has. I'm hoping we will be making our second debut in 2024 but most of all I want a healthy happy horse this year.

IMA ROCK STAR II

Owned by Jessica Anderson

8 year old Half Arabian Gelding

What discipline(s) does your horse show in during 2023 –How many years have you been competing with your horse? If you did not compete, which events or outreach was your horse involved with?

Half-Arabian Western Pleasure Open and Amateur. I met Reinhardt when he was one week old, and he has been in my family since he was a 2 year-old. He excelled as a Junior Horse, earning the U.S. Reserve National Championship in the AWPA in 2020, as well as U.S. Top Tens in the Futurity, Junior Horse, Open and Amateur divisions.

Tell us about you and your horse's accomplishments and honors you have achieved together in 2023?

Ima Rock Star II (Reinhardt) had a phenomenal year in 2023. He turned in rockstar performances in the Half-Arabian Western Pleasure Open with trainer Joe Reser in Scottsdale, Region 9 and Region 14. He was the U.S. Reserve National Champion in the Open division with catch rider, Jody Strand. In the amateur division, he was the Region 9 champion in Half-Arabian WP AAOTR 19-49 and reserve champion in HA WP AATR 19-54 with Jessica Anderson. At U.S. Nationals, he was Top Ten in the Half-Arabian ABS Western Pleasure AAOTR Jackpot and HA Western Pleasure AAOTR 40-59 with Jessica as well. To top off an impressive year, Ima Rock Star II was named the 2023 National Horseman All-American Half-Arabian Western Pleasure Open Champion, garnering 101 points from 4 shows and 5 classes.

What, if any, obstacles have you or your horse encountered during your competition or outreach efforts in 2023?

Reinhardt is a challenging individual. He is either really good or really bad, and there isn't a middle ground. When he's good, he is amazing and so much fun, but when he is bad, he is pretty naughty. We spent a lot of time going down the road in 2023 to small Class A and Regional shows to overcome his nervousness in the arena.

What makes your horse special to you, and what plans do you have for your horse in the

future?

Reinhardt is special to me because I've been able to watch him grow up since he was a baby and develop into the amazing western pleasure horse that he has turned out to be. He is fun to be around and has a quirky but sweet personality. Because he can be a difficult horse to show, I appreciate the fact that he's helping me become a better rider and it makes the great rides that much more special.

KKHANFETTI

Owned by Venita Proffit

3 year old Half Arabian Mare

What discipline(s) does your horse show in during 2023 –How many years have you been competing with your horse? If you did not compete, which events or outreach was your horse involved with?

Halter. 2 years

Tell us about you and your horse's accomplishments and honors you have achieved together in 2023?

She has won champion every time shown. She started her career. As a yearling winning region 12 then going on to being named national champion. Last year she competed at the pre show and region 14 where she won the half mares class. Then went on to win nationals in half Arab 2 year old mares.

What, if any, obstacles have you or your horse encountered during your competition or outreach efforts in 2023?

Only that her mom didn't produce enough milk the first week or two after birth and Dora was an extremely hungry foal so we had to supplement her with milk in a bottle at first. Then after the first week, she drank on her own out of a bucket.

What makes your horse special to you, and what plans do you have for your horse in the future?

She is truly the best mixture of sweet and spicy. She has always had a look at me attitude but loves to be loved on. Truly so so sweet.

KC LUCKS LIL BUCK

Owned by Cindy Young
17 year old Half Arabian Gelding

What discipline(s) does your horse show in during 2023 –How many years have you been competing with your horse? If you did not compete, which events or outreach was your horse involved with?

We compete in endurance, and we've been competing for 10 years.

Tell us about you and your horse's accomplishments and honors you have achieved together in 2023?

We competed in 8 rides and completed 6, giving us 300 miles for the season. We finished top 10 in one of the most difficult 100's to date. And placed 8th overall in the southeast region with AERC.

What, if any, obstacles have you or your horse encountered during your competition or outreach efforts in 2023?

Overcoming EPM and ulcer issues was huge last season. All that interferes with competing and having a happy horse. And being able to finally get him healthy and going down the trail and loving what he does has been a big accomplishment.

What makes your horse special to you, and what plans do you have for your horse in the future?

Buck holds a special and sentimental place in my heart due to his breeders. Karen and Steve Cummings bred him with the intent of competing him in endurance. I was fortunate after Steve's passing to become his new owner. When Karen passed away several years later Buck became the reason I rode. I ride every ride with two angels looking down on us. This year will be our decade year, 10 consecutive years of competing together. Together we have 2,470 miles, 66 rides, 52 completions and 11 best conditions. He's one special athlete.

LAST GOODBYE++++//

Owned by Rattner Bloodstock
20 year old Half-Arabian Mare

What discipline(s) does your horse show in during 2023 –How many years have you been competing with your horse? If you did not compete, which events or outreach was your horse involved with?

Last Goodbye++++// has been showing in Region 14 since 2005. Her record includes, Sport

Horse Show Hack, Working Hunter, Hunter Hack, Dressage, Western Dressage, Halter, Sport Horse In Hand, Trail English, Trail Western, In Hand Trail, Western Pleasure, Side Saddle English and Side Saddle Western. Beginning in 2022 and through 2023 Last Goodbye++++// has been competing at KHJA open shows competing over fences. She is the only Arabian and she has been a great breed representative in the competitive open world.

There is a long list of people, with many of them being Region 14 members, that have shown and won with Last Goodbye ++++//. The wins were National, Regional and countless Class A wins.

Tell us about you and your horse's accomplishments and honors you have achieved together in 2023?

In 2023 our goal was the Jumper division at Sport Horse Nationals. A bit of high expectations for a 19 year old that had not been over fences in nine years because of an injury. When SHN arrived our usual coach could not make it to Wilmington. I was on my own and Dan drove up to help me on show day. Together the three of us with help from friends were successful and at the end of the morning session Last Goodbye++++// had a third place finish in the Jumper Exhibition class and was Top Ten in the Novice Jumpers. A bonus came during the 2023 Medallion show. The dressage classes had a lot of entries and our schedules changed. We had so many entries close together and we ran out of saddles. At the last minute we put the Western Side Saddle on Last Goodbye++++// and with no practice or much of a warm up she won the Western Dressage Basic Open with a score of 70%.

What, if any, obstacles have you or your horse encountered during your competition or outreach efforts in 2023?

What makes your horse special to you, and what plans do you have for your horse in the future?

Last Goodbye++++// is sired by my Bask son and her dam is a Fame VF daughter, Vallejo Lovebug ++++//. Her royal pedigree is just one of the many reasons she has always been known as the perfect baby. The future plans are for her to be loved by us and for her to be Dan's riding horse and show at her favorite places.

SHUT UP N DANCE+/
Owned by Barbara Wright
Half Arabian Gelding

What discipline(s) does your horse show in during 2023 –How many years have you been competing with your horse? If you did not compete, which events or outreach was your

horse involved with?

Half Arabian Country English Pleasure 60+ and Select Rider, English Showhack Open, and Ladies Sidesaddle Open

Tell us about you and your horse's accomplishments and honors you have achieved together in 2023?

"Maggie" had quite the year this year at U.S Nationals. With her owner coming off both a hip replacement earlier in the spring and a Shoulder Replacement the prior year they were named Top 10 in both the Half Arabian Country English Pleasure Select Rider as well as the 60 and Over. She was also Top Ten in the Open English Showhack and made her debut at nationals in Open Ladies Sidesaddle and was Top 10 in that class as well. Maggie showed almost every day at nationals having cuts for most of her classes. Any day she didn't show, she took naps and got Magnawaved. She gave her heart every single class, just like she always does.

What, if any, obstacles have you or your horse encountered during your competition or outreach efforts in 2023?

With Maggie's owner having a hip replacement earlier in the year Barb and Maggie didn't have a chance to get much time in the show ring before nationals. We buckled down at home and really worked hard to be extra prepared for the big dance. Everything came together perfectly and our hard work really paid off at Nationals.

What makes your horse special to you, and what plans do you have for your horse in the future?

Maggie is a barn favorite and has been since Barb purchased her as a 3yr old. She has the kindest soul, the best quirky personality, and is the exact same horse every single day. She's very proud of herself and just a one of a kind mare. What makes her special is her versatility and willingness to learn new disciplines, she is an excellent student. Our plan for the future is to stay healthy and have more fun!

VESUVIUS SRF

(Audacious PS x Valkyrie D (Holsteiner/Hanoverian)

6 year Half Arabian Gelding

What discipline(s) does your horse show in during 2023 –How many years have you been competing with your horse? If you did not compete, which events or outreach was your horse involved with?

Vesuvius was shown in Sport Horse in hand and under saddle as well as dressage. 2023

was the second year of showing--first under saddle.

Tell us about you and your horse's accomplishments and honors you have achieved together in 2023?

2023 Sport Horse Nationals

Res.Ch HA/AA Sport Horse Under Saddle Junior Horse Dressage Type
Top Ten HA/AA Dressage Training Level Jr Horse
Top Ten HA/AA Dressage Training Level
Top Ten HA/AA Sport Horse Under Saddle Dressage Type
Top Ten HA/AA Sport Horse Under Saddle Dressage Type ATR
Top Ten HA/AA Sport Horse In Hand Geldings/Stallions Dressage Type 3 &
Over Top Ten HA/AA Sport Horse Geldings /Stallions In Hand Dressage Type
ATH

2023 Region 11

Champ HA/AA Sport Horse Under Saddle Jr Horse
Res Ch HA/AA Sport Horse Geldings In-Hand Dressage Type
Res Ch HA/AA Sport Horse Geldings In-Hand Dressage Type ATH
Top 3 A/HA/AA Dressage Training Level Jr Horse
Top 3 HA/AA Sport Horse Geldings In-Hand Hunter Type
Top 3 HA/AA Sport Horse Geldings In-Hand Hunter Type ATH
Top 4 HA/AA Sport Horse Under Saddle

2023 Region 14

Champ HA/AA Sport Horse Under Saddle Jr Horse
Champ HA/AA Sport Horse Geldings In-Hand
Top 5 HA/AA Sport Horse Geldings In-Hand ATH

2023 SAHIBA Spring Show

Champ HA/AA Sport Horse Geldings In-Hand Hunter Type
Champ HA/AA Sport Horse Geldings In-Hand Dressage Type
Champ HA/AA Sport Horse Geldings In-Hand ATH
Champ HA/AA Sport Horse Geldings In-Hand CH
2nd HA/AA Sport Horse Under Saddle
3rd HA/AA Sport Horse Under Saddle CH
2nd A/HA/AA Dressage Training Level
1st A/HA/AA Dressage Training Level

What, if any, obstacles have you or your horse encountered during your competition or outreach efforts in 2023?

Vesuvius was only started in saddle training in January 2023 and I had never shown any horse before. Those were big obstacles for a green, junior horse.

What makes your horse special to you, and what plans do you have for your horse in the future?

I'm very proud to say that I bred and raised this gelding. He was born as I watched his mom deliver him. He lived on my farm until he went into training in 2023. He's a very sweet, friendly sort of horse and he's a "mama's boy". He is currently back at home and will continue to be shown in Sport Horse classes in 2024.

RUBY SOLEIL+

ARABIAN ENTHUSIAST NOMINEES

DAVE DAUGHERTY

How long have you been involved with Arabian or Half Arabian horses and how did you get started?

31 Years, When I married my Wife Annge I had a Quarter Horses, and she had a Half Arabian. Annge and the Arabian won me over.

What non-competitive events within your club or region do you participate in during 2023?

I'm the chair of the US National Championship Horse Show, serve on various committees as well as being a founding member of the Arabian western Pleasure Association which was created to promote the breeding of western pleasure horses.

Why is being an Arabian enthusiast important to you?

It's important to have an avenue to expose people to the Arabian horse. It's a way to be involved with the Arabian horse without showing.

What are some examples from 2023 that you have advocated for the Arabian horse breed?

I am the OHAHA President, I work on the Region 14 Silverama, I'm the barn manager for the Sport horse Nationals and the Chair of the US Nationals

DONNA LASSANSKE

How long have you been involved with Arabian or Half Arabian horses and how did you get started?

early 1990's

What non-competitive events within your club or region do you participate in during 2023?

Breyerfest, EMT at the SASS show

Why is being an Arabian enthusiast important to you?

I enjoy the camaraderie with other Arabian enthusiasts and talk about the versatility of the Arabian breed and the affection this breed has for people.

What are some examples from 2023 that you have advocated for the Arabian horse breed?

I am honored to be nominated for the Region 14 Ambassador Award for 2023 season My contribution during 2023 have been the Arabian liaison with the Kentucky Horse Council (KHC) which includes posting any Arabian events on their Events Bulletin. I am also the liaison with the Kentucky Equine Education Project (KEEP) and the contact between KEEP and the KAHABA organization. I was not able to attend the annual KEEP Meet the Legislators at Frankfort in 2023 due to surgery however I have attended this event on a yearly basis. I am the Arabian representative, particularly representing KAHABA, as this group is in the KBIF incentive program in Kentucky. KEEP was the founding organization that spearheaded the inception of the non-racing breed incentive program in Kentucky. In addition, I have had a video produced about the Arabian Breed. This was produced for an equine course, Introduction to the Horse Industry at Midway University. This course was the student's first exposure in the new Equine Business and Sales Degree, a bachelor's degree, being offered at Midway University, Midway, KY. The video included topics such as What is an Arabian, the History of the Arabian Breed, Arabian Families, Conformation, Breeding the Arabian and Half Arabian, how a breeder should select Arabian parents for desired discipline attributes. Also discussed, were various disciplines that Arabians engage in, the industry surrounding the Arabian venues, i.e shows, management, employment, staff, and economics of show production and the surrounding community economic benefits. The video concluded with clips from the Arabian demonstration held at the Kentucky Horse Park June 2022.

I have been involved with the equine instructor ship in the equine program at Locust

Trace, Lexington, KY. Locust Trace is an AgriScience Center which offers students world-class agricultural education in Agricultural Engineering, Animal Science (including Agribusiness - Equine Studies, Food Science and Processing, and Pre-Veterinary Studies). Of recent, KEEP has partnered with Locust Trace. In this effort I introduced the equine instructors to the Arabian breed and resources about the Arabian on the AHA video resource library. In addition and provided background information about the Arabian such as: Arabian History and Arabian Bloodlines. The instructors were then going to use this information in their classroom in their presentation of various breeds.

Breyerfest has always been one of my favorite activities to participate in. 2023 was no exception and I enjoy helping SAHIBA with this activity. In addition I help with the Arabian demonstrations at the KHP on an annual basis. I support the SASS show with sponsorships as this is the only USEF AHA show in Kentucky

VENITA PROFFIT

How long have you been involved with Arabian or Half Arabian horses and how did you get started?

60 plus years. Roger bought me an arab before we got married and there it blossomed

What non-competitive events within your club or region do you participate in during 2023?

Why is being an Arabian enthusiast important to you?

I feel like we need to do all we can to bring new people into our breed and always keep it in the public eye.

What are some examples from 2023 that you have advocated for the Arabian horse breed? I continue to breed and show and support shows from local level all the way to the national level. We try to support in all ways. Whether a sponsorship or actual volunteer labor at a show.

DAN RATTNER

How long have you been involved with Arabian or Half Arabian horses and how did you get started?

I had a brief experience with Arabian horses as a teenager, but became deeply immersed in 2012, when I moved to Kentucky. I am married to one of the breed's greatest enthusiasts.

What non-competitive events within your club or region do you participate in during 2023?

I am the Treasurer of KAHA. We also hosted a clinic and open house at our farm to showcase the Arabian breed to people in our area.

Why is being an Arabian enthusiast important to you?

I have learned over the years what a pivotal role the Arabian breed has played in equine history. In traveling with and supporting Martha, I have seen the diversity of disciplines in which the breed excels, and witnessed both the beauty and durability that Arabs represent.

When I attend events, I try to not only support Martha but also cheer on others whose dedication to and passion for the breed catch my attention. Over the years, that has spawned treasured connections and friendships.

What are some examples from 2023 that you have advocated for the Arabian horse breed?

In addition to attendance at shows, I participated in multiple events at our farm and the Kentucky Horse Park in support of expanded breed awareness. In addition, our farm is an active participant in the AHA Discovery Farm program.

CINDY RYAN

How long have you been involved with Arabian or Half Arabian horses and how did you get started?

I've been involved with Arabian horses for around 36 years. When my husband and I bought our first farm in 1987, I had one horse, my 4H grade, quarter horse-type gelding who was 20 yrs old. Now that I had my own barn and did not need to board I wanted another horse to ride and keep my gelding company. I looed a quite a few horses, mostly quarter horses, but when I went to look at an Arabian owned by a work colleague, Don Osborn, it was love at first sight. That's how I was introduced to the breed.

What non-competitive events within your club or region do you participate in during 2023?

I manage our club's annual show, the Medallion, and I was a club delegate at the 2023 Convention.

Why is being an Arabian enthusiast important to you?

The Arabian horse is so amazing! Smart, versatile, and people-oriented, an Arabian can pretty much do anything you'd want to do with a horse and take you as far as you can dream of going.

What are some examples from 2023 that you have advocated for the Arabian horse breed? Some people have this stereo-type about Arabians, that they are all spooky and crazy - and we know that its just not true. I have well trainer and well mannered horses. Anyone who comes to my farm and meets my horses, my vets, farrier, non-horse friends and family members, always remark about how good my horses are. That's how I advocate for the breed - showing people how great and personable Arabian horses are.

ERIC SCHULTZ

How long have you been involved with Arabian or Half Arabian horses and how did you get started?

I have been involved with Arabian and Half Arabians since I was a kid in 4-H. My advisor, Mary and Dutch Halbisen mentored and allowed me to lease, ride, show, and compete in 4-H, open shows and limited Arabian shows in Region 14 growing up. As a youth, I was encouraged to be active in 4-H, FFA, and junior leadership and was a member of Region 14.

What non-competitive events within your club or region do you participate in during 2023?

I am a current board member of Ohio Half Arabian Horse Association and was a formal club President of a Region 14 Club for several years .

I currently hold judging cards for Ohio 4-H and POAC (Ponys of America Club). In 2023 I had the opportunity to judge at a POAC Regional event.

Although I am may now longer compete, I remain active by ringmastering several Class A;, The Buckeye Sweepstakes; Regional Arabian Shows (14, 15, 16); and National Show Horse Finals. In 2023 I was also able to ringmaster an open show featuring Friesians, Standardbreds, Saddlebreds and more.

Why is being an Arabian enthusiast important to you?

I learned so many great life lessons and life skills growing up with Arabian horses that whether attending a horse show, judging or ringmastering I continue to be supportive of the versatile, smart and wonderfully talented Arabian horse that has given me so much over the years.

What are some examples from 2023 that you have advocated for the Arabian horse breed?

Ringmastering has allowed me to continue be an advocate of the Arabian horse.

JOE SUBLER

How long have you been involved with Arabian or Half Arabian horses and how did you get started?

I've been involved with Arabians and Half Arabians since 2007. As a child we grew up around Quarter Horses but one day I was reading a magazine and saw an article about Arabian Horses. I remember reading that article and looking at the accompanying pictures of Arabian Horses and was awestruck. I decided then and there that someday I would own an Arabian Horse. Skip forward 50 years, with retirement looming, and I decided it was time to fulfill my dream so I started taking riding lessons in 2007 on Arabian and Half Arabian Horses then in 2008 I purchased an Arabian mare named MSU Saffire. As they say the rest is history!)

What non-competitive events within your club or region do you participate in during 2023?

The next best thing to being with Arabian and Half Arabian Horses is being with their owners, the club members, the farriers and the veterinarians. They love these horses and I learn so much from them whenever we visit.

Why is being an Arabian enthusiast important to you?

Our Horses and their owners are beautiful. Times are difficult these days and it only seems fair that we be enthusiastic in return.

What are some examples from 2023 that you have advocated for the Arabian horse breed?

I am just a small breeder but have believed that encouraging children and adults is a small payback both in person and online.

RICK TOSCH

How long have you been involved with Arabian or Half Arabian horses and how did you get started?

52 Years

What non-competitive events within your club or region do you participate in during 2023?

Why is being an Arabian enthusiast important to you?

Promotion of the Arabian Horse Breed

What are some examples from 2023 that you have advocated for the Arabian horse breed?

JENNIFER TUCKER

How long have you been involved with Arabian or Half Arabian horses and how did you get started?

I have been involved pretty much since birth! Horses were my first babysitters. I officially had my name on the papers of my first purebred Arabian mare when I was nine years old. And she happens to have been the mother of my two treasured Arabians, whom are now 19 and 18.

What non-competitive events within your club or region do you participate in during 2023?

In 2023, I was able to work with the Arabian Horse Association and spearhead bringing back the Arabians to the Kentucky Derby Parade with other great folks in our region. I was able to manage our group of ambassadors and horses at Equine Affaire Columbus for yet another fantastic year. I assisted our club in hosting a farm open house and meet Arabian horses event for the public and our friends. I assisted with our annual regional awards banquet and volunteer at our regional horse show. I was able to represent the We Love Arabian Horses movement by volunteering to visit and take photos during our regional show - to help spread awareness on the promotion of our Arabian horses. And most importantly, I was able to spend time taking my purebred Arabian gelding, Rodeo Road, to continue what we started a few years ago by visiting local schools, senior centers, and nursing homes - where we never meet a stranger and make lasting impressions!

I have also been second vice president of region 14 since 2018 and also chair our promotional committee within the region. I enjoy continuing to connect with others in our region so we can work better together to promote the Arabian horse. I manage our social media for our respective regional pages. In addition, I have been chair and now vice chair of the AHA Local Level Committee and am one of two representatives for our region. I enjoy this committee immensely and am proud of the projects and efforts we continue to put forth on behalf of the Arabian horse. I love helping give the TAIL Tours at the US National shows. I also sit on the Market Development & Promotion Committee within the AHA. I enjoy my time at the annual AHA Convention, where I am able to stay up to date with what is changing within our industry, and always take time to listen to those that I represent.

Why is being an Arabian enthusiast important to you?

Being an Arabian enthusiast should be natural to most of all us that love the Arabian horse in my opinion! We have such an amazing animal at our fingertips that can be something different and so special to everyone, but I believe it's up to us to use our tools and voices to expose our horses to new friends. Working together, with no hidden motives, showing our passion for the Arabian horse to new faces is so important to me for the future of the

Arabian horse and it's people.

What are some examples from 2023 that you have advocated for the Arabian horse breed?

I have held many positions from the ground up throughout the years. From youth member in the 80s to helping found a club 20 years ago to being a regional executive member to chairing a committee for our national organization - I have had many opportunities to advocate for the Arabian breed in that aspect. Using my voice for the greater good has always been top of mind, but the examples that mean the most are often those moments that people don't see. Providing my gentle and loving Arabian horses for strangers to meet, learn, and accept love from - over and over on different platforms - has been the best and most impactful examples that I have been able to advocate for the Arabian horse and it's future.

CINDY YOUNG

How long have you been involved with Arabian or Half Arabian horses and how did you get started?

I've been involved with Arabian horses for nearly 30 years. My first Arabian was a mare who I competed in endurance. She lived to be 31 years old. I currently have a retired from endurance 25 yo Arabian gelding Lord of Kings (Bandit), a 17 yo, half Arabian gelding KC Lucks Lil Buck that I'm still competing and a 7 yo half Arabian gelding, Rabbi Samuel (Pinto Bean) who I am starting this year.

What non-competitive events within your club or region do you participate in during 2023?
I am currently the president of the Daniel Boone Distance Riders, and also manage and help to organize our clubs two endurance rides we put on every year.

Why is being an Arabian enthusiast important to you?

Being an Arabian enthusiast is important to me because it showcases the heart and drive these horses have no matter what discipline they participate in; for me the sport of endurance. They have a drive like no other breed I've ever experienced. When you find something they love to do, they do it with heart.

What are some examples from 2023 that you have advocated for the Arabian horse breed?

I advocate for the Arabian horse breed each and every time I ride and compete. One example is when we compete in a 100 mile ride. It amazes me their strength, their drive and their willingness to get the job done. Also showing good sportsmanship is important and I feel goes hand-in-hand with advocating for the Arabian horse breed.

ARABIAN AMBASSADOR NOMINEES

JENESE BRIEGEL

How long have you been involved with Arabian or Half Arabian horses and how did you get started?

I have loved horses since I was a little girl, riding double on the trails with my mom on her Arabian stallion, Royal Amigo. And now all these years later I'm training and riding on his descendants and sharing them with my mom, my friends, and the public! I competed in open Hunter over fences and Jumpers in the 1990's on a half Arabian daughter of mom's stallion. My mom and I took our Arabians and Half Arabians to multiple parades a year in the 1990's-2000's. I've even had my half Arabians on stage for a musical! I showed in the first Sport Horse Nationals in 2003 on a borrowed purebred. I've taken my current 3 Arabians on trail rides, to training clinics, and to a variety of competitions and disciplines including dressage, Western Dressage, Trail (In Hand, English, Western), Ranch, Sport Horse In Hand, Native Costume and Liberty.

What are some examples of ways you have positively promoted, and educate the public on the Arabian horse within your community in 2023?

In 2023, we went from "just" AHA Regional Trail Champions, to ILHA Liberty Obstacle Champions! Whoo-hoo!!! Totally Awesome and I tried out the Advanced Obstacle course at the Liberty Festival in October...and we won! We had to up our game for some of the maneuvers, as they were asked for in different ways than we'd do normally, or we were asked for new things. And do it all without a halter or lead rope!

When we finished I was surprised to hear the loud clapping and cheers! So I bowed! 😊 I loved it when the announcer played with Totally's name and said "Awesome, awesome, awesome"!

Liberty gave us a chance to introduce people both in person and online to an Arabian who was both beautiful and calm, and who had a magical-feeling connection with his person.

The video of our performance at the Liberty Festival has gained over 173,000 views, and positive comments!

After years of dreaming of Freestyle Dressage, watching, and researching, A Royal Gift+ and I went for it in 2023! Our Minions-themed costume and music had our crowds cheering, laughing, stomping, and having a great time!

Also in 2023, Gift and I won Top Ten in First Level Amateur Owner at SHN! A lifetime dream achieved!

Why is being an ambassador to the breed important to you?

My mom taught me that we take our horses to parades and events not just for ourselves, but for the little kids in the crowd who might not get to see a real horse except once a year at that parade or event. We would stay around after parades introducing our horses to all the families would come over and often we gave kids their first ride.

I want to share my love of horses, and especially our beautiful Arabians, who can have such amazing relationships with their people.

When I ride or do Liberty, the whole world just melts away and I'm focused on being in the moment with my horse. What a feeling to share!

JEFF CALDWELL

How long have you been involved with Arabian or Half Arabian horses and how did you get started?

I've been involved with Arabian horse for 45-years, I was first introduced to the Arabian Breed by a dear friend Ron Boehm, we worked together, he would bring his Arabian Horse Times & Arabian Horse World magazines to work for me to look at then he started teaching me all about the different bloodline, like Crabbet, Polish, Russian, Egyptian and the domestic lines, then I started researching pedigrees. Then Holland Arabians came from the Netherlands to the next county over from where I lived which is the DeVroomen family and shortly after Lasma came to KY and I started working there on weekends cleaning stalls & grooming horses in the mare receiving center. It has been history ever since.

What are some examples of ways you have positively promoted, and educate the public on the Arabian horse within your community in 2023?

I took the interest in helping create the Region 14 Youth Scholarship and we created a committee and made it come together. I feel there's a great need to support the youth in our breed, to help educate them so they can make the Arabian Breed a part of their life and hopefully make a living doing something equine related.

Why is being an ambassador to the breed important to you?

I would be honored to be called an Ambassador for the Arabian Breed and will continue the promotion and love for the breed as long as the good lord will let me!

CINDY CLINTON

How long have you been involved with Arabian or Half Arabian horses and how did you get started?

1980 I went to work for my dad at the farm where he raised Arabians and Half Arabians

What are some examples of ways you have positively promoted, and educate the public on the Arabian horse within your community in 2023?

I try to ensure people have the correct answers to their questions such as Facebook, and sometimes I might throw in an opinion or two into the conversation.

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DAVE DAUGHERTY

How long have you been involved with Arabian or Half Arabian horses and how did you get started?

33 years, my wife purchased a half Arab hunter horse.

What are some examples of ways you have positively promoted, and educate the public on the Arabian horse within your community in 2023?

Most of my work is from hors shows, however we take our old Arabian Horse Times magazines to our vets, dentist and doctors offices and leave for other people to enjoy.

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enjoy.

Why is being an ambassador to the breed important to you?

I feel its everyone's responsibility to do everything they can to promote our breed

DUANE ESSER

How long have you been involved with Arabian or Half Arabian horses and how did you get started?

I have been involved with Arabian Horse since 1974. The farm here will be 50 years old in 2024. My parents originally purchased two yearling Arabians and that was the beginning. We went is a family trip to the 1975 US national Arabian Horse championships in Louisville Kentucky. That his kindled a passion for the Arabian Horse and is on going.

What are some examples of ways you have positively promoted, and educate the public on the Arabian horse within your community in 2023?

Even when I was younger I always had a passion to show and promote the Arabian Horse. I was a clinician at the very first Equine Affair 30 years ago where I used Arabian Horses to demonstrate their wonderful Talent, train ability, and disposition. In 2024 I will again do the same and Equine Affair. Since then I have been involved with many outreach programs including the Arabian Horse for humanity project in region 14. In 2023 we were a part of the museum exhibition with Karen Kasper presenting the Arabian Horse to the world. In 2023 I was elected to the educational evaluation commission where I will educate future judges that will help increase the quality of judging in the Arabian Horse show ring. In 2023 we took Arabian Horse is to local level shows to demonstrate the Arabian Horse and also competed Arabian Horse is with other breeds to demonstrate their extraordinary abilities to show in many disciplines successfully against other breeds. I have an ongoing involvement with the discovery farm project with the Arabian Horse Association creating a lesson program here at the farm bringing new people in to the breed through learning how to ride in our program on Arabian Horses. Last year as well I have been a part of a USEF youth advisory committee guiding the youth of tomorrow into higher level thinking and understanding how to work with governance within an organization.

Why is being an ambassador to the breed important to you?

Having the honor of working with such an amazing horse as the Arabian is extremely important to me. I have always had a love and passion for this breed because of its many powerful strong attributes. It is wonderful to be involved with an amazing horse such as this

that absolutely sells itself when people are around them. It is important to me because it is our future. I want to see the Arabian Horse flourish long after I am gone. I want to ensure it's strong future and give people the opportunities I had growing up and working with such a grandeur horse. I also enjoy watching the powerful transformations this horse gifts anyone that is around them.

LORIE HENDERSON

How long have you been involved with Arabian or Half Arabian horses and how did you get started?

50+ years ago. I read the Black Stallion Series and was inspired to seek more education on this breed. From a very young child all I wanted was an Arabian. I received the Breyer Arabian family when I was 6 and collected every model they made of Arabians and I am still a collector today. They filled the void until I was able to buy my first Arabian when I was 17.

What are some examples of ways you have positively promoted, and educate the public on the Arabian horse within your community in 2023?

I took one of my mares, Xanadus Whimsical++++// to an assisted living home and the seniors were so happy to see her. They would pet her, feel her mane, many brought up old stories of horses of long ago in their past. The workers commented that they had never seen the huge smiles, some tears, and the joy on their faces before. It was very emotional for them and me. In the spring I took Whimsey to an elementary school where she met over 700 kids, all learned about the Arabian, got to pet her, take pics, and received info on the horses. Many kids had never touched a horse before, it was a great day! We also took 4 Arabians to the Kentucky Horse Park Arabian Days demos in the summer for 3 days. It's always wonderful to watch the horses interact with the public, and win them over. We also hosted several Girl Scout days at the farm and introduced the Arabian to over 200 girls, we have been doing this for 15 years. Then this fall, we teamed up with the Louisville Princesses and had a Princess and Ponies day, where we invited the public and the girls came dressed up and spent the afternoon the Arabians, princesses, face painting, story time and photos with the horses. It's been a great year for the horses, and many of these kids end up in the lesson program and eventually show and become AHA members.

Why is being an ambassador to the breed important to you?

It always has been. I learned at an early age that the information on Arabians is not really available to the general public because of its breed size, and when I was young I had to really search and research to learn about them. That inspired me to always be their guardian and promoter of the breed. I have literally done this my whole career with the

Arabian horse. I have brought many kids into the Arabians that are still in the breed, now their kids are, some are judges, leaders in many clubs, owners, adult amateurs, trainers, breeders, it is just incredible what the Arabian horse does to people.

KATIE LAUER

How long have you been involved with Arabian or Half Arabian horses and how did you get started?

My first lease horse was an Arabian when I was 15, but I got my first half Arabian in 2011 and my first purebred in 2018.

What are some examples of ways you have positively promoted, and educate the public on the Arabian horse within your community in 2023?

We very regularly show at our local all breed shows to demonstrate the wonderful attitude of the Arabian. My kids both show my mare in hand, and my daughter has shown my mare in walk walk classes. We also enjoy taking the horses trail riding at Hocking Hills, Elkins Creek and the like, and have let beginner type riders ride my purebred since he's my calmest, most sensible mount on the trails. My mare is also used for unicorn photo shoots, where she wears a horn and plays tea party with little girls in fancy dresses. They also get to ride the unicorn bareback in their big poofy dresses, which always ends with huge smiles. They love hearing they're on a real unicorn!

Why is being an ambassador to the breed important to you?

I always feel our breed is misunderstood. I very often watch more stereotypical "calm" breeds be way more reactive than my Arabians. I love sending my kids into the ring at the head of my mare and watch as she takes complete care of the kids. I just like showing we can do it all with our horses and they're not these horrifying, fire breathing dragons they're portrayed to be.

BLAIR MONEGUE

How long have you been involved with Arabian or Half Arabian horses and how did you get started?

My very first "real" riding lesson was on a sassy gray purebred gelding named Fonzie, at Rock Creek Riding Club, almost 30 years ago. We always had at least one Arabian in the lesson program I grew up riding and working in, and when I was in college at the University

of Kentucky, I became more heavily involved with the breed, eventually buying my first Half-Arabian in 2008. I've owned at least one ever since then!

What are some examples of ways you have positively promoted, and educate the public on the Arabian horse within your community in 2023?

In 2023, I once again attended Equine Affaire in Columbus, Ohio, as a representative of the breed with my once-in-a-lifetime mare, CF Hot Diggity (also known as Sadie). Sadie and I have been part of the Equine Affaire contingency since 2018 -- we LOVE getting the crowd engaged as we fly around the ring in our native costume, and Sadie absolutely adores the people she gets to interact with -- specifically, the ones who bring her weird snacks. This year at Equine Affaire I was also able to bring my friend Kellie Callaway's buckskin gelding WM Great Scott to represent the ranch horse division, as well as another purebred filly, Angelic Symphony, as a 'meet and greet' horse. I was thrilled to be able to bring such a good string of horses to represent the breed in a variety of divisions and disciplines.

I was also instrumental in getting the Arabian horses involved with the Kentucky Derby Parade this year -- the woman who coordinates the equine groups is a "show mom" from my Saddlebred world, and when they asked for more group involvement, I reached out to Jennifer Tucker to see if we could make it happen. It was a really momentous event for me, as I used to walk/ride in the Derby Parade with my father and the City of Louisville police vehicles when I was younger -- and now, full circle, I was back in action with a different kind of horsepower! While the weather didn't cooperate fully (most of the horses and humans spent the majority of the parade inside the trailers, avoiding the downpour), Sadie and I have exhibited in the rain countless times, so we aren't afraid to get a little damp while putting on a show! Getting to ride her down Broadway, letting children, adults, and even police officers, greet her, take photos, and experience the joy and FUN of the Arabian breed, was an experience unlike any other. It was absolutely worth only having 3 hours of sleep in between unloading horses and equipment from the BAHA show the day before, prior to shipping in to Louisville.

On a more local level, Sadie has accompanied me on trips to Tractor Supply stores, to promote the breed, and my lesson program -- setting up "shop" in a gate-panel-pen in the parking lot, and visiting with all the shoppers (and yes, she has in fact walked inside the store with me!) And she has attended a variety of local shows, and even barrel races, to compete and to carry and present the state and national flags.

Why is being an ambassador to the breed important to you?

I have spent the last almost-30 years of my life making an effort to dispel the rumors about the breeds of horses that I love. About their "hotness" and their ability to be a true family horse, or kid-friendly. I LOVE Arabians because they have sharp minds, amazing empathic abilities, and an unequalled work ethic. I want to do whatever I can to educate the public at

large, and also those within the horse industry in general, about all the incredible traits our Arabians and Half-Arabians possess, about the accomplishments they are capable of achieving, and about how good they are for our souls. I would not be the horseman I am today if not for Sadie and all of the lessons she has taught me over the past 13 years. I owe it to her to continue the promotion and advocacy for this incredible breed!!

I specifically have a passion for getting youth more involved in all aspects of the horse world -- from grooming and stable chores, to lessons and competitions, I try to make opportunities happen for the hard-working kids who put time and effort in at the barn on an almost-daily basis. I love the programs available to them through AHA and our local clubs, such as high point awards for horsemanship and recreational ride time, and have recently added another Half-Arabian to my show and lesson string to enable them to take advantage of these kinds of opportunities. I firmly believe that the best place for kids to grow up is in a barn, and I know the value of what the Arabians can teach them.

ROXANA REED

How long have you been involved with Arabian or Half Arabian horses and how did you get started?

For 65 years I have owned Arabians and/or Half Arabians. My first horse was a 3/4 Arabian.

What are some examples of ways you have positively promoted, and educate the public on the Arabian horse within your community in 2023?

I trail ride so my public is the trail riding public. They often ask why I ride a crazy Arabian at my age. Boy do they get an earful. My horse is just beginning her training but she is polite and respectful to other horses on the trail, pulling off and standing quietly as they go by. In a camp we often get together to talk about our horses, I tell them about a lifetime of riding, training, showing and breeding Arabians. I am involved in the Bluegrass Arabian Club and organize their trail rides, but I am also a member of Equine Trail Advocates so I meet a lot of non horse people at their events and show off my Arabian and talk about why maintaining horse trails is good for the general public. My horse is a great Arabian ambassador as she lets everyone pet and love on her.

Why is being an ambassador to the breed important to you?

I feel we have pulled away from the general horse public and non horse people with our Arabian horses and do not do enough to show what a wonderful family horse an Arabian can be. Without that base in the general public our breed will shrink to show horses only and that will not provide a place for our horses to safely land before or after a career in showing. Breeders need a place for horses that they can not sell, riders need a place for

horses they can not keep, and most of all our horses deserve a safe place to live out their lives.

VOLUNTEER NOMINEES

LORIE HENDERSON

How long have you been involved with Arabian or Half Arabian horses and how did you get started?

50+ Years. I was inspired to learn more about Arabian Horses through the Black Stallion Books. I read them all. I received a Christmas gift of the Breyer Arabian Family horses when I was 6, I was already a horse crazy kid, so these became my make believe horses. I played with them for endless hours, collected all the Arabian models and I still collect today. When I was 17, I bought my first horse, an Arabian, and I still have her descendants in my show string today. I have been in the business ever since!

What events or shows are you involved with as a volunteer in 2023?

I volunteered in the BAHA Show as part of the show committee and show secretary, took a horse to an assisted living home to visit patients, presented a horse at a school career day in front of 700+ students, hosted several Girl Scout Events with the horses, volunteered at the KY Horse Park Arabian Days Weekend, and put on the Princesses and Ponies event where girls could dress up and meet their favorite Princesses and horses, learn about them and take pictures. This has been a busy year!

JOE HULL

How long have you been involved with Arabian or Half Arabian horses and how did you get started?

40 years

What events or shows are you involved with as a volunteer in 2023?

As the Region 14 Treasurer for the last 6 years:

Region 14 Awards Banquet and Silent Auction; providing the financial backup, support and accounting for all other Region 14 financial activities (excluding the Regional Championship show); organizing of financial information for IRS tax return; preparing Treasurer's Reports for board of Delegate meetings; issuing checks for Regional promotions, donations and sponsorships, and for reimbursement to Delegates attending Convention; monthly reconciling of bank statements; work with Regional Secretary on qualifications of Delegates for reimbursement and Delegate contact information; work with Budget Committee in

preparation of Annual Budget.

What makes you want to continue to volunteer at these events and why?

The love of the Arabian Horse, and of all those trying to improve the welfare, growth and quality of both the Arabian Horse and the Arabian Horse Industry.

JENNIFER LEWIS

How long have you been involved with Arabian or Half Arabian horses and how did you get started?

Over 20 years. After taking years of lessons, I leased a retired endurance horse and started showing at local Arabian shows.

What events or shows are you involved with as a volunteer in 2023?

SAHIBA Arabian Spring Show, Region 14: trail and sport horse rings, Sport Horse Nationals

What makes you want to continue to volunteer at these events and why?

It's exciting to watch and cheer on your friends. You get to be a part of making a show special.

ERIC SHULTZ

How long have you been involved with Arabian or Half Arabian horses and how did you get started?

I have been involved with Arabian and Half Arabians since I was a kid in 4-H. My 4-H advisor, Mary Halbisen (and husband Dutch), mentored and allowed me to lease, show, ride, and compete in 4-H; open and limited Arabian Shows in Region 14 growing up. At age 14, I purchased my first Half Arabian weanling gelding from Mary and Dutch. I raised and showed him as a youth and young adult in Halter, and Western Pleasure. Although I was unable to show as much as may have wanted to, I am super appreciative to those that supported, encouraged and were part of those moments.

What events or shows are you involved with as a volunteer in 2023?

As ringmaster, I worked at shows including OHAHA Spring Show; KARABS Medallion Show, and The Buckeye Sweepstakes Show. In addition, I ringmastered st Region 14 and

assisted tearing down the trail course when not working in center ring. I have been fortunate to also ringmaster at Region 15 & 16 and National Show Horse Finals.

What makes you want to continue to volunteer at these events and why?

At this time, I no longer compete but remain active and supportive of shows and events where I can. It has provided me opportunities to meet and work with incredible show managers, volunteers, show staff, and exhibitors throughout the Region and across the country. In addition, I have been fortunate to witness some of the best horses. I am grateful for the nomination and honored to be included among this amazing group of individuals in this category. Thank you.

DEBBIE SWIGART

How long have you been involved with Arabian or Half Arabian horses and how did you get started?

In my mid-thirties, I took my first riding lesson in the fall of 1990 and the instructor had Arabian horses. I had researched them in high school for a term paper and was excited to be able to learn to ride them. The rest, they say is history. I bought my first & only horse, a 5-year old purebred gelding, in 1991 and he just passed away before Christmas at age 37. So many wonderful memories!

What events or shows are you involved with as a volunteer in 2023?

I helped at the end of the Silent Auction at our Awards Banquet. I scored dressage at the SAHIBA spring show, scribed dressage and Sport Horse classes at the KARABS Medallion show, scribed dressage and Sport Horse classes at both our regional pre-show and championship show, worked the Pavilion gate for halter classes at U.S. Nationals and was the delegate for OAATS at the AHA convention in November. And year round, I perform my duties as Region 14 secretary.

What makes you want to continue to volunteer at these events and why?

I just like being involved and helping with activities I love, especially with friends. I've done it all my life since I was a kid helping my mother's ladies group at church

TONYA TAYLOR

How long have you been involved with Arabian or Half Arabian horses and how did you get started?

I have been involved in the Arabian industry for around 30 years. I showed saddlebreds before that and bred one of my saddlebred mares to an Arabian stallion! I raised and showed him and fell in love with the Arabian horse and the people.

What events or shows are you involved with as a volunteer in 2023?

I am the vice president of Sahiba and I help with our show and other we may hold for the club. I have also picked up the displays region 14 puts up for demos. I helped with the pegasus parade in Louisville. I have hauled the Arabian statues around a lot to different destinations. I have also worked at Us Nationals! It was a very busy year for me but I wouldn't have it any other way! I'm happy to help!

What makes you want to continue to volunteer at these events and why?

I really enjoy meeting new people and helping our shows and region be successful! If I'm not showing I'm grooming or volunteering ! I really want to continue to help anyway I can it brings me joy and it makes me feel good knowing I had a small part in helping make it all possible!

LISA CORBIN

CHERYL DECKER

SPORT HORSE AND DRESSAGE NOMINEES

RENEE CARTER

Do you do your own work with your horse(s), or do you work with a sport horse instructor? Do you consider yourself an Amateur or a Professional in the Sport Horse & Dressage area of competition?

I do my own work with my horses but I clinic as often as possible. My favorite person to train with is James Koford (Dressage). I usually get to ride with him twice a year. This past year I was fortunate enough to ride with one of my idols, Janet Foy. I also took an in hand lesson from David Conner at SHN and we got a top ten for our last points needed for our horse achievement awards. I am an adult amateur for sure as I still go off course and I still get left and right mixed up in my tests. Also, I fall down a lot when I show in hand!!! Icarus and I have a special relationship as I started him myself, I am the only person that has ever been on his back. I am very protective of his trust in humans. He is one of a kind.

How many years have you been involved with horses, and, in particular in the Sport Horse & Dressage divisions?

I have ridden horses since I was 14 years old, so 38 years now. Always dressage, I love dressage. I got my own horse in 1999, a purebred Arabian. I started sport horse with him in 2002, so 22 years (wow, I am getting old). I love the rail classes. They are so much fun and a nice change to the dressage ring. Icarus seems to really like them too! He is the third horse I have owned and competed in the sport horse and dressage divisions.

What are your accomplishments in the Sport Horse & Dressage divisions from 2023?

This was an amazing year for us! We are starting to really get our act together! We got our last in hand points for our ++++//, this is so exciting because he turned 8 last year and has only under saddle since 2020. Our accomplishments include:

Arabian Horse Association

Second Level Dressage

- Reserve National Champion - HA/AA - ATR
- National Top 10 - HA/AA - AAOTR
- National Top 10 – HA/AA - OPEN
- Region 13 Champion – A/HA/AA - ATR
- Region 13 Reserve Champion – A/HA/AA – AOTR
- Region 14 Champion – A/HA/AA - AOTR
- Region 14 Champion – A/HA/AA – OPEN

First Level Dressage

- National Top 10 - HA/AA AAOTR
- National Top 10 - HA/AA ATR
- National Top 10 - HA/AA OPEN
- Region 13 Champion – A/HA/AA - ATR
- Region 13 Top 3 – A/HA/AA – AOTR
- Region 14 Reserve Champion – A/HA/AA – OPEN

In Hand

- National Top 10 HA/AA Sport Horse In Hand Geldings/Stallions Dressage Type 3 & Over - OPEN
- Region 13 Champion – HA/AA Sport Horse Geldings In Hand Dressage Type – ATH •
- Region 13 Champion – HA/AA Sport Horse Geldings In Hand Dressage Type – OPEN •
- Region 13 Top 4 – HA/AA Sport Horse Geldings In Hand Hunter Type – ATH •
- Region 14 Top 4 – HA/AA Sport Horse Geldings In Hand Type – ATH Under Saddle
- National Top 10 - HA/AA Sport Horse Show Hack ATR
- Region 13 Top 3 - HA/AA Sport Horse Show Hack ATR
- Region 13 Top 3 - HA/AA Sport Horse Show Hack OPEN
- Region 13 Top 3 - HA/AA Sport Horse Under Saddle AOTR
- Region 14 Champion - HA/AA Sport Horse Show Hack ATR

- Region 14 Top 5 - HA/AA Sport Horse Under Saddle AOTR
USDF All Breed Awards

Second Level Dressage

- Adult Amateur for Arabian Horse Association – 62.649%
- Open for Arabian Horse Association – 62.649%
- Vintage Cup for Arabian Horse Association – 62.649%

First Level Dressage

- Adult Amateur for Arabian Horse Association – 68.194%
- Open for Arabian Horse Association – 68.194%
- Vintage Cup for Arabian Horse Association – 68.194%

USEF Horse of the Year Awards

Second Level Dressage

- National Reserve Champion HA/AA Dressage Amateur
- National Reserve Champion HA/AA Dressage Open
- Region 13 Champion HA/AA Dressage Amateur
- Region 14 Champion HA/AA Dressage Amateur
- Region 14 Champion HA/AA Dressage Open

First Level Dressage

- National Reserve Champion HA/AA Dressage Amateur
- National 6th Place HA/AA Dressage Open
- Region 13 Champion HA/AA Dressage Amateur
- Region 14 Champion HA/AA Dressage Amateur
- Region 14 Champion HA/AA Dressage Open

Sport Horse In-Hand

- Region 13 Reserve Champion HA/AA
- Region 14 Reserve Champion HA/AA

Sport Horse Under Saddle

- Region 13 6th Place HA/AA Sport Horse Under Saddle/ Show Hack
- Region 14 3rd Place HA/AA Sport Horse Under Saddle/ Show Hack

What sense of accomplishment do you have as Sport Horse & Dressage exhibitor? What is your sense of fulfillment?

We show at a lot of USDF open dressage shows in addition to our AHA shows. My goal is to promote our fantastic breed and to show the world that Arabians can do anything. Additionally, I have a fantastic relationship with my horse. He does his work because he wants to. We have an understanding that is beyond the natural bond between horse and rider. It is a mutual respect that has been developed over our years showing sport horse.

What are your future goals and plans in the Sport Horse & Dressage division?

I am excited to show Third level this spring. We have worked so hard since Sport Horse

National to get the changes down and clean. I always want to continue to improve our Dressage (the never ending journey). I also want to ride in more under saddle classes. I am excited to show in my pretty new colors next year. But most importantly, I want to continue to develop the bond I have with Icarus. He is so special to me and I am thankful for every day I have him in my life. I know how quickly it can all be taken away and I will never take him for granted.

AARON HARDY

Do you do your own work with your horse(s), or do you work with a sport horse instructor? Do you consider yourself an Amateur or a Professional in the Sport Horse & Dressage area of competition?

I work with my life partner with our own horses at our own farm. I definitely consider myself an amateur 2024 will be my third season showing Arabians

How many years have you been involved with horses, and, in particular in the Sport Horse & Dressage divisions?

I have been working with horses for 25 years but I have been showing Arabians for 3 years

What are your accomplishments in the Sport Horse & Dressage divisions from 2023?

Two unanimous national championships, to reserve national championships and multiple top tens

What sense of accomplishment do you have as Sport Horse & Dressage exhibitor? What is your sense of fulfillment?

My greatest fulfillment thus far, was being able to work with babies, born at our farm condition them, and take them to a national championship with my life partner.

What are your future goals and plans in the Sport Horse & Dressage division?

Myself in my life partner have multiple offspring of our own stallions, that we plan to take to regionals and nationals this year with multiple stops at class A shows.

CAITLIN HEINZ

Do you do your own work with your horse(s), or do you work with a sport horse instructor? Do you consider yourself an Amateur or a Professional in the Sport Horse & Dressage area of competition?

My horses are kept at home and I work all my own horses. I do take dressage lessons. I am an amateur.

How many years have you been involved with horses, and, in particular in the Sport Horse & Dressage divisions?

I have been showing sport horse since 2005 and started showing dressage 2007.

What are your accomplishments in the Sport Horse & Dressage divisions from 2023?

SHN - National Champion Sport Horse Under Saddle AOTR Maturity, Top Ten HA First Level AAOTR, Top Ten HA Training Level AAOTR, Top Ten HA Training Level ATR, Top Ten First Level Open, HA Sport Horse in Hand Mares Dressage Type ATH with Hometown Girl+++//

SHN- Top Ten Purebred Training Level Open, Top Ten Training Level ATR, Top Ten Purebred Western Dressage Basic ATR with Mayhems Shetan

SHN- Top Ten Purebred Sport Horse Mares Hunter Type ATH with Empreska

Region 14 - Top Five Training Level Open and Top Five Western Dressage Basic Open with Mayhems Shetan

Region 13 - Top Five Training Level ATR and Top Five Western Dressage Basic ATR with Mayhems Shetan

Region 13 - Champion Purebred Sport Horse Geldings ATH with Koweta Trucson

SRegion 13 - Champion Training Level AOTR, Champion HA Sport Horse Mares Dressage Type ATH and Open, Champion HA Sport Horse under Saddle AOTR, Reserve Champion Dressage First Level AOTR, Reserve Champion HA Sport Horse Under Saddle ATR, Top Five Training Level ATR with Hometown Girl++++//

What sense of accomplishment do you have as Sport Horse & Dressage exhibitor? What is your sense of fulfillment?

My sense of accomplishment comes from having good rides with my horses in and out of the show ring and tackling new challenges that come along with training and riding horses. It is always a good feeling when a horse finally understands and can perform a new dressage movement successfully and that the horse is enjoying their work.

What are your future goals and plans in the Sport Horse & Dressage division?

My future goals are continuing training my horses up the levels in dressage.

DAVID W. JONES, DVM

Do you do your own work with your horse(s), or do you work with a sport horse instructor? Do you consider yourself an Amateur or a Professional in the Sport Horse & Dressage area of competition?

I'm an amateur and I work with a talented professional trainer/instructor.

How many years have you been involved with horses, and, in particular in the Sport Horse & Dressage divisions?

I was raised with horses and ridden my whole life (70 years). I have been a trail and endurance rider as an adult. This was only my second year showing in the Sport Horse division.

What are your accomplishments in the Sport Horse & Dressage divisions from 2023? I showed my gelding to Top Tens in HA Geldings in hand and under saddle at the 2023 Sport Horse Nationals. I also showed at Regions 14 and 11 with Champ and Res awards for HA Geldings in hand.

What sense of accomplishment do you have as Sport Horse & Dressage exhibitor? What is your sense of fulfillment?

I never dreamed that I would accomplish the placings that I did at the Regional and National levels in my first year showing under saddle. My greatest sense of fulfillment is that I did this with a horse that I bred, raised, and started.

What are your future goals and plans in the Sport Horse & Dressage division?

I plan to show my gelding under saddle and in hand at Sport Horse shows this year. I am also anxiously awaiting the arrival of a half sibling to my gelding in the spring. Hopefully, this one will be as successful in the Sport Horse division

MARY LODEN

Do you do your own work with your horse(s), or do you work with a sport horse instructor? Do you consider yourself an Amateur or a Professional in the Sport Horse & Dressage area of competition?

I am a professional trainer, coach, and breeder at Legacy Pines Performance Horses.

How many years have you been involved with horses, and, in particular in the Sport Horse & Dressage divisions?

I have been involved with horses my whole life and I am a third generation breeder of Arabian horses. While in my early career was in the working western arenas, I have been

involved with the sport horse division since its development. I have successfully shown in the SHIH, SHUS, Dressage, and have been actively promoting and showing Western Dressage since its start.

What are your accomplishments in the Sport Horse & Dressage divisions from 2023?

2023 was a very special year for me. We had so much success as a team at the local, regional and national level and I could not have had the year we had without the support of my clients, family, and friends. We all work together and support each other and this year, our drive to be the best and lift up one another to be better, is what made us such a strong team. Every first place, Top 5, Reserve or Champion and Top 10 ribbon I was fortunate enough to hang on the curtains was all because of our teamwork and we all celebrated together.

This SHN was especially special as I showed three PB yearlings to a National Top 10. Two of which I was blessed enough to be the breeder and owner of, and all of them being the last foal crop of SAS Sea N Red. That will be a special day I will always remember.

What sense of accomplishment do you have as Sport Horse & Dressage exhibitor? What is your sense of fulfillment?

I love being a competitor in the SH division and I really enjoy helping this division grow by introducing new people to the possibilities and class options that we have and the versatility of one horse being able to show in multiple classes.

My own sense of fulfillment and success comes directly from my clients success. Whether that comes from lessons, winning rides, or rides where they learned something that will help them win the next time, watching them win or pick up their first set of roses or any ribbon placing gives me so much joy and feeling of success in my life.

What are your future goals and plans in the Sport Horse & Dressage division?

My future goals is to keep breeding, training, teaching, and promoting the SH as much as I can. Every new person introduced to our breed and discipline is a potential future Arabian owner.

WILLIAM OAKLEY

Do you do your own work with your horse(s), or do you work with a sport horse instructor?
Do you consider yourself an Amateur or a Professional in the Sport Horse & Dressage area

of competition?

I consider myself an amateur and work with a trainer, Linna Sewell.

How many years have you been involved with horses, and, in particular in the Sport Horse & Dressage divisions?

I am approaching five years since I first rode a horse. I was introduced to the sport horse competition world in 2021 and started showing in 2022.

What are your accomplishments in the Sport Horse & Dressage divisions from 2023?

I acquired numerous ribbons in hand and unders addle at value, regional, and national level shows. I earned a top 5 under saddle with my horse, Burberry and a reserve champion title in hand at Midsummer Nationals.

What sense of accomplishment do you have as Sport Horse & Dressage exhibitor? What is your sense of fulfillment?

My greatest sense of accomplishment comes from having successful rides each time that I get into the saddle. A small amount of growth acquired with each ride is what I strive for.

MARTHA RATTNER

Do you do your own work with your horse(s), or do you work with a sport horse instructor? Do you consider yourself an Amateur or a Professional in the Sport Horse & Dressage area of competition?

Professional

How many years have you been involved with horses, and, in particular in the Sport Horse & Dressage divisions?

Since 2006

What are your accomplishments in the Sport Horse & Dressage divisions from 2023?

National Champion HA SH Mare HT

(Three years this horse won this title 21,22 and 23)

Top Ten Novice Jumpers

Top Ten Western Dressage

Top Ten Purebred Gelding HT Open

Top Ten Purebred Gelding DT Open

Region 15 Champion SH Gelding HT

Region 16 Champion SH Gelding DT

Region 14 Reserve Champion SH Gelding

Region 15 Champion SH Mare HT

Region 16 Champion SH Mare HT

Region 16 Champion Western Dressage Suitability

East Coast Reserve Champion Western Dressage Basic

East Coast Champion Dressage Suitability

Region 14 Top Five SH US Junior Horse

What sense of accomplishment do you have as a Sport Horse & Dressage exhibitor? What is your sense of fulfillment?

My passion is for the disciplines within the Sport Horse. Riding over fences is by far my favorite division. Dressage is a life long partner to my training horses to ride and drive. My career of over five decades has always been a continuing education process. Dressage is in the front and will continue to be there in competition and on a daily basis. My coaching from professionals in both Hunter and Dressage has been part of the fabric for my success. I am a far better horseman because of them and the results are rewarding because they stem from judges outside of breeds and the disciplines have thousands of participants from around the globe. Not just the top of a breed division judged by your peers under pressure and at any point in time there are less than 40 horses in the country that actually show in that class in a year. It's a big difference.

What are your future goals and plans in the Sport Horse & Dressage division?

Our plans are to breed the best Anglo Arabians possible. We have also invested in a young horse that is a warmblood imported from Canada. Our main objective will be to compete over fences and with prospects in Dressage. Maybe bring along some yearlings as time goes on. We will be taking horses to open shows as well as the Arabian Sport Horse Regionals and Nationals.

LINNA SEWELL

I have chosen not to complete the questions, as I have two outstanding clients represented in this category and I would love the spotlight to be on them, yet I am grateful for the nomination!

CARETAKER/GROOM NOMINEES

LILLIAN BALL

What farm(s) are you associated with and what are your primary duties with Arabian/Half Arabian horses?

Silver Knight Equestrian

How do you see yourself as being helpful not only as a groom at events, but in other helpful ways?

I always try to keep the atmosphere happy and positive.

What are your roles that go beyond grooming, but may be helpful behind the scenes?

Whatever is needed - I am the go to girl.

What enjoyment do you get being in a supportive role? What is your sense of accomplishment?

I love cheering on our team in and out of the ring. SKE is a true team no matter what role you play, we all support each other and are grateful for each member.

What are your future plans or goals with Arabian/Half-Arabian horses?

I have been involved with the Arabian horse my entire life and I am sure that will never change so the possibilities are endless.

BRINLEY CREEK

What farm(s) are you associated with and what are your primary duties with Arabian/Half Arabian horses?

I primarily groom for IIB Farms

How do you see yourself as being helpful not only as a groom at events, but in other helpful ways?

Being a groom means much more than taking care of the horse— I'm your cheerleader, pep talker, photographer, water bottle holder, you name it! (And yes, I always make sure your horse gets extra treats!)

What are your roles that go beyond grooming, but may be helpful behind the scenes?

Being a groom means you jump in anywhere you are needed. That may mean cleaning stalls, helping riders get organized, making sure the tack has an extra minute of shining, etc. There are so many moving parts when it comes to making sure both horse and rider are beautiful and confident going into the arena, and my job is to do whatever it takes to make that happen!

What enjoyment do you get being in a supportive role? What is your sense of accomplishment?

As a show groom, you basically get adopted into a barn family during the week. You get to know the horses and the clients. For me, I love watching when a horse or rider has the "Lightbulb Moment" and everything comes together. Of course, leading the horse with roses back to the barn is a great feeling, but so is getting to be a part of the little victories as well!

What are your future plans or goals with Arabian/Half-Arabian horses?

The Arabian horse will always hold a special place in my heart. As for now, I am managing the horse shows for the Bluegrass Arabian Horse Association. I have recently acquired the stallion Bel Aire V and look forward to managing his breeding career. And of course, my show schedule for 2024 is already filling up— horse show groom for life!

SAMANTHA GLASENER

What farm(s) are you associated with and what is your primary duties with Arabian/Half Arabian horses?

Delacreme and Siemon Stables

How do you see yourself as being helpful not only as a groom at events, but in other helpful ways?

I am always lending a hand to help when someone needs it, even if they are not in my barn. What are your roles that go beyond grooming, but may be helpful behind the scenes?

By making sure the trainers have nothing to worry about at the stalls. Making sure horses are ready and taken to arenas with there humans.

What enjoyment do you get being in a supportive role? What is your sense of accomplishment?

When horse and riders have great rides and watching them receive awards for all their hard work.

What are you future plans or goals with Arabian/Half-Arabian horses?

I will always be involved with the breed whether it's grooming, showing, volunteering, or just going to watch the shows. I love this breed and everything they have taught me.

KIERSTYN SCHMIDT

What farm(s) are you associated with and what is your primary duties with Arabian/Half Arabian horses?

I work for Esser Valley Arabians. I work in the summer during show season. I will prep horses for show, clean stalls and feed them.

How do you see yourself as being helpful not only as a groom at events, but in other helpful ways?

I see myself as being someone who has a level head. I don't really get worked up about situations and I think that helps provide a calm atmosphere for the clients.

What are your roles that go beyond grooming, but may be helpful behind the scenes?

Not only do I groom, I am also like an assistant to Duane. I will run errands for him, if needed.

What enjoyment do you get being in a supportive role? What is your sense of accomplishment?

I love working with horses and over the years I have loved getting to know the Arabian horse better. When I get horses prepped for show, it is always awesome to watch the owners show their horses knowing I had a part in helping them look their best as a team.

What are your future plans or goals with Arabian/Half-Arabian horses?

I am currently in my second year of college as a pre-veterinary student. I want to specialize in equine. I will keep showing my Half-Arabian in Country Pleasure and Show Hack and I hope to continue to groom if needed.

TONYA TAYLOR

What farm(s) are you associated with and what is your primary duties with Arabian/Half Arabian horses?

Rattner Bloodstock

I help with the set up of our barn area. Set up horses stalls, tack room, dressing room. Get horses ready to work and classes! Wrap legs and see to their show needs, soundness and all around health and grooming needs. Keep up with back numbers and classes! Everything I can possibly do to make the shows go smoothly for our team!

How do you see yourself as being helpful not only as a groom at events, but in other helpful ways?

Helping get everything set up in a timely manner and making our horses and barn area look the best as I can! Helping others that may need some help wherever I possibly can.

What are your roles that go beyond grooming, but may be helpful behind the scenes?

Helping clients get into the ring and giving them advice and support! Paying close attention to details in and out of the class to give helpful suggestions to the trainer or clients!

What enjoyment do you get being in a supportive role? What is your sense of accomplishment?

Just knowing I've helped making the horse and rider/handler look the very best and watching them succeed makes me proud to play a role in their journey!

What are your future plans or goals with Arabian/Half-Arabian horses?

To start showing more of my own horses again and volunteer to help our Regional, National and local level shows.

TALISA THOMAS

What farm(s) are you associated with and what is your primary duties with Arabian/Half Arabian horses?

I am associated with Proud Heritage Training Center (Pepper Proffit).

My days are spent caring for all the horses both at the farm and while at horse shows.

How do you see yourself as being helpful not only as a groom at events, but in other helpful ways?

I would say my strongest attribute is my flexibility. As well as the ability to return to important tasks despite the nature of horse show craziness.

Despite my age I understand the seriousness of taking care of these horses and I take pride in my work.

What are your roles that go beyond grooming, but may be helpful behind the scenes?

I'm very much a people person and feel that my personality is one that easily calms owners and riders prior to their horse being shown. I enjoy the owners and I think that keeps things light and fun back at the stalls.

I'm also young and have energy, so I can do all the running for last minute emergencies!

What enjoyment do you get being in a supportive role? What is your sense of accomplishment?

There's nothing more exciting than seeing a horse I get ready go out into the ring and succeed!

If time and schedule allows, I love being on the rail helping my trainer coach the

amateurs. What are you future plans or goals with Arabian/Half-Arabian horses?

I was born into the Arabian industry and I can't imagine my life not being involved in it. The people that I have met have shaped me into who I am.

My future plans still unknown but my goal is to have my own training facility someday.

SUE ZIMMER

What farm(s) are you associated with and what is your primary duties with Arabian/Half Arabian horses?

Esser Valley Arabians My duties are to take full care of all the horses at the farm. Feeding, grooming, clipping, cleaning stalls. Also Tacking up and some lungeline work. I also assist in packing and unpacking for horse shows as well as clipping in preparing horses to leave for a show.

How do you see yourself as being helpful not only as a groom at events, but in other helpful ways?

I also assist Duane Esser in some of the training of young horses and also advice from the ground as well. I have been in the business my whole life primarily 70 years.

What are your roles that go beyond grooming, but may be helpful behind the scenes?

I assist Duane Esser with many of the training tasks in preparing young horses as well as seasoned horses.

What enjoyment do you get being in a supportive role? What is your sense of accomplishment?

I have enjoyed horses my whole life and I have been involved with the Arabian Horse for years. I enjoy being involved with successful high-quality horses and watching them reach their potential as well as the owner rider accomplishing those tasks as well. Every time a horse does well from the farm here I have a sense of accomplishment because of my role in helping Duane prepare these horses to show.

What are you future plans or goals with Arabian/Half-Arabian horses?

Certainly given my age and as long as I've been involved in this I get as much enjoyment working with all of the horses at the farm. I am retired from my own training barn that I ran when I lived up near Chicago Illinois. I intend to work with Arabians as long as my body allows me too.

AMBER ADCOCK

LOCAL EXHIBITOR NOMINEES

ISABELLE BROWN

How long have you been involved with Arabian or Half Arabian horses and how did you get started?

I began riding Arabians when I was three. My older sister was taking lessons and I couldn't wait to join her!

What do you love most about showing at a local level? Do you have any accomplishments you'd like to share from the 2023 season?

I love showing with my fellow barn mates. Also showing locally I have lots of family and friend support at the shows. In the 2023 season I began showing dressage for the first time, and I love it!

What are your future plans for showing?

I plan to expand my disciplines as I grow as a rider. This year I'll ride additional dressage tests and will ride at a regional show.

CHELSEA HACKBARTH

How long have you been involved with Arabian or Half Arabian horses and how did you get started?

Since the very beginning - I started out at Stonehurst in the late 90s, and I still have the first Arabian I ever owned. He was my 12th birthday present from my parents, and he's still going strong at age 28!

What do you love most about showing at a local level? Do you have any accomplishments you'd like to share from the 2023 season?

My favorite thing about showing at the local level is how the exhibitors cheer for one another. We root for one another, even when we're showing against each other.

I think Tuff's biggest accomplishment this season was winning a couple of good-size classes at the Shelbyville Fair Grounds with my amateur friend Jess in the saddle. That was certainly my proudest moment, seeing how far he's come in the past two years.

What are your future plans for showing?

Not sure! I just got engaged and bought a house, so we might have a later 2024 debut than

we did last year, but I'm excited to get out and about when the weather is better.

SIENNA STUDER

How long have you been involved with Arabian or Half Arabian horses and how did you get started?

I have been involved in Arabian and Half Arabian horses for my whole life. My mom has been involved with Arabians for most of her life, and with me being her daughter, I was brought up within the Arabian community and our local Arabian club the KARABS.

What do you love most about showing at a local level? Do you have any accomplishments you'd like to share from the 2023 season?

What I love most about showing at a local level is that I get to show with my friends and have a lot of fun competing against them. My major accomplishment of the 2023 Show Season was taking one of my younger horses that I had been working with to his first ever show. I took him to my 4-H clubs first show of the season and showed in 2 different classes. He performed very well for me and I was happy with the way he handled the show atmosphere. Another one of my accomplishments is that I became Vice President of my local 4-H club. Becoming Vice president hopefully will allow me to be more helpful planning the 4-H club shows and making an impact within my club this 2024 Show Season. With my seasoned show horse, I was able to take him to multiple shows, including local Dressage and open shows and the Kentucky State 4-H Horse Show, placing well in all of my senior level classes.

What are your future plans for showing?

My future plans for showing is to take the young horse I have been working with to as many shows as I can and get him exposed to different surroundings and experiences. I hope to take the younger horse and my seasoned show horse to the Kentucky State 4-H Horse Show this 2024 show season and I am working to show at the Karabs Medallion show this year too.

APRIL VANNORSTRAND

How long have you been involved with Arabian or Half Arabian horses and how did you get started?

I've been involved and owned Arabs for 21 yrs now. My first horse was a 4 yr old liver chestnut Crabbet x Egyptian Arab gelding that I purchased from a local breeder that was getting out of breeding. I still own that horse today and he is now 26 yrs old. I got started in

Arabs by simply seeing an ad in the newspaper that said Arabian horses for sale and when and purchased my gelding.

What do you love most about showing at a local level? Do you have any accomplishments you'd like to share from the 2023 season?

I love the fun, friendly, and more laid back atmosphere that local shows seem to bring. Being close to home is always a plus too! In our second yr of showing my stallion won Champion for Sport Horse In Hand Dressage Type. I'm very proud of that accomplishment!

What are your future plans for showing?

Some day we'd love to be able to not just qualify for Regionals and Sport Horse Nationals but to actually be able to go. I also can't wait to start competing under saddle.

KAYLEIGH BUTTERY
LO ANN HAINES
KELLIE CALLAWAY

ADULT AMATEUR NOMINEES

RENEE CARTER

What discipline(s) do you compete in?

Dressage, sport horse under saddle, sport horse show hack, and sport horse in hand

List some of your accomplishments as an amateur in 2023 and tell us how long you have been involved with horses as an amateur exhibitor.

I have ridden horses since I was 14 years old, so 38 years now. Always dressage, I love dressage. I got my own horse in 1999, a purebred Arabian. I started sport horse with him in 2002, so 22 years (wow, I am getting old). I love the rail classes. They are so much fun and a nice change to the dressage ring. Icarus seems to really like them too! He is the third horse I have owned and competed in the sport horse and dressage divisions.

This was an amazing year for us! We are starting to really get our act together! We got our last in hand points for our +++++//, this is so exciting because he turned 8 last year and was only under saddle 3 years. Our accomplishments include:

Arabian Horse Association

Second Level Dressage

- Reserve National Champion - HA/AA - ATR
- National Top 10 - HA/AA - AAOTR
- National Top 10 – HA/AA - OPEN
- Region 13 Champion – A/HA/AA - ATR
- Region 13 Reserve Champion – A/HA/AA – AOTR
- Region 14 Champion – A/HA/AA - AOTR
- Region 14 Champion – A/HA/AA – OPEN

First Level Dressage

- National Top 10 - HA/AA AAOTR
- National Top 10 - HA/AA ATR
- National Top 10 - HA/AA OPEN
- Region 13 Champion – A/HA/AA - ATR
- Region 13 Top 3 – A/HA/AA – AOTR
- Region 14 Reserve Champion – A/HA/AA – OPEN

In Hand

- National Top 10 HA/AA Sport Horse In Hand Geldings/Stallions Dressage Type 3 & Over - OPEN
- Region 13 Champion – HA/AA Sport Horse Geldings In Hand Dressage Type – ATH •
- Region 13 Champion – HA/AA Sport Horse Geldings In Hand Dressage Type – OPEN

- Region 13 Top 4 – HA/AA Sport Horse Geldings In Hand Hunter Type – ATH • Region 14 Top 4 – HA/AA Sport Horse Geldings In Hand Type – ATH Under Saddle

- National Top 10 - HA/AA Sport Horse Show Hack ATR
- Region 13 Top 3 - HA/AA Sport Horse Show Hack ATR
- Region 13 Top 3 - HA/AA Sport Horse Show Hack OPEN •
- Region 13 Top 3 - HA/AA Sport Horse Under Saddle AOTR •
- Region 14 Champion - HA/AA Sport Horse Show Hack ATR •
- Region 14 Top 5 - HA/AA Sport Horse Under Saddle AOTR

USDF All Breed Awards

Second Level Dressage

- Adult Amateur for Arabian Horse Association – 62.649%
- Open for Arabian Horse Association – 62.649%
- Vintage Cup for Arabian Horse Association – 62.649%

First Level Dressage

- Adult Amateur for Arabian Horse Association – 68.194%
- Open for Arabian Horse Association – 68.194%
- Vintage Cup for Arabian Horse Association – 68.194%

USEF Horse of the Year Awards

Second Level Dressage

- National Reserve Champion HA/AA Dressage Amateur
- National Reserve Champion HA/AA Dressage Open

- Region 13 Champion HA/AA Dressage Amateur
- Region 14 Champion HA/AA Dressage Amateur
- Region 14 Champion HA/AA Dressage Open

First Level Dressage

- National Reserve Champion HA/AA Dressage Amateur
- National 6th Place HA/AA Dressage Open
- Region 13 Champion HA/AA Dressage Amateur
- Region 14 Champion HA/AA Dressage Amateur
- Region 14 Champion HA/AA Dressage Open

Sport Horse In-Hand

- Region 13 Reserve Champion HA/AA
- Region 14 Reserve Champion HA/AA

Sport Horse Under Saddle

- Region 13 6th Place HA/AA Sport Horse Under Saddle/ Show Hack
- Region 14 3rd Place HA/AA Sport Horse Under Saddle/ Show Hack

What are your future plans and goals for competition?

We are planning on showing Third Level next year. This is so exciting for me as we have to do the flying changes. We have worked all winter and we are getting SOOOOOOO close!!!!
2024 is going to be the best year ever!!!

KEEGAN GAY

What discipline(s) do you compete in?

Halter and Sport Horse in Hand

List some of your accomplishments as an amateur in 2023 and tell us how long you have been involved with horses as an amateur exhibitor.

I have been involved in horses since I was three and my parents purchased my first horse. Growing up I showed mainly saddle seat until I reached college where I joined the University of Kentucky Equestrian Team and rode stock seat. After finishing my education I entered the Arabian world. Since then I have won numerous regional titles with my horses, as well as receiving 3 National top 10 placings. This year I showed my 3yr old gelding in the AAOTH class receiving 4th out of 17 and USN. At SHN I had to pleasure of catch handlings a beautiful filly (Jasmine Kontiki V) I have worked with in the past and handled her to a National Championship in the Breeders Sweepstakes class.

What are your future plans and goals for competition?

This year I am going to focus on enjoying my horses and doing some trail work both obstacles and actual trail riding. In the future I plan to return to USN to try my hand again at the AAOTH Geldings in Hand class with my boy Elle Naree.

ELISE GOFF

What discipline(s) do you compete in?

Hunter pleasure, halter, performance halter, sport horse under saddle
List some of your accomplishments as an amateur in 2023 and tell us how long you have been involved with horses as an amateur exhibitor.

In 2023 my accomplishments were Scottsdale Champion and Top Ten with my Half-Arabian Hunter pleasure and halter horse, Patrick. This was a once-in-a-lifetime experience and a dream of mine for a very long time. I traveled to Scottsdale by myself with my horse and made my dreams a reality. Patrick exceeded all of my expectations and at the end of the show my whole world came crumbling down when a major bone chip was found in his

ankle and he was going to have to have surgery. He had surgery when we returned home and all went well, thank goodness! I then purchased my first baby horse, Drake PCF in July, which has been nothing short of amazing! I then went to Region 14 and was champion and top five in multiple different categories with my 3 horses. I competed with my yearling gelding, Drake PCF, in halter and won! I also competed with Patrick and obtained championships in halter and a top five under saddle. My biggest accomplishment this year was taking my 18 yr old purebred sport horse, Spirit, to a top 5 ribbon! He was the only hunter type horse to make it in the ribbons under a dressage judge and this was his first time in his life ever attending a regional championship show!

What are your future plans and goals for competition?

My future plans are to go to Region 12 this year and compete in side saddle with my horse, Patrick. Then I plan to attend US Nationals in October with Patrick to finish out the year strong! After I return home from nationals, this winter I plan to start breaking my baby, Drake, to ride under saddle and hope one day he will be a big fancy hunter! My horses are my whole world and I love being able to show and compete with them all over the country, as well as the daily care and the little moments that make it all so special.

BETSY HOFFMAN

What discipline(s) do you compete in?

Native Costume, Amateur Country English Pleasure, Amateur Halter

List some of your accomplishments as an amateur in 2023 and tell us how long you have been involved with horses as an amateur exhibitor.

2023 brought many highlights in my show career. I purchased a half Arab mare, BB Jubilant in January and she has been a delight to be around and show.

Starting with OHAHA spring show we won the half Arab Supreme Halter Championship. At the Region 13 show we were reserve champions in open costume and top 5 in AOTR costume. At Region 14, we were reserve champions in both the open and AOTR costume and top 5 in amateur halter. At the US Nationals we were named National Champion amateur owner Half Arab mare saddle pleasure halter.

I have been showing Arabian and Half Arabian as an amateur all my life (which is a pretty long time) in every division except western. I have been riding with Proud Heritage Training Center and Pepper Proffit for 25 years.

What are your future plans and goals for competition?

My goals for 2024 competition are having fun, enjoying my horse, barn family and fellow competitors and loving and enjoying the ride. I am so blessed to physically still being able to do what I love.

DAVID W. JONES, DVM

What discipline(s) do you compete in?

Sport horse under saddle ATR & AOTR & HA Geldings dressage and hunter type in hand

List some of your accomplishments as an amateur in 2023 and tell us how long you have been involved with horses as an amateur exhibitor.

I showed my HA gelding to Top Ten HA Gelding Dressage type in hand and Top Ten HA Geldings under saddle ATR at the Sport Horse Nationals. I also Showed him to Champ HA Geldings Dressage type in hand at Region 14 and Res Ch HA Geldings Dressage type in hand at Region 11. This was my first year showing under saddle and second year showing in hand

What are your future plans and goals for competition?

I plan to show my Gelding in the Sport Horse division under saddle and in hand at local, regional, and National shows in 2024.

ALEX MYSIW

What discipline(s) do you compete in?

Show Hack, English Pleasure, Country Pleasure, Park

List some of your accomplishments as an amateur in 2023 and tell us how long you have been involved with horses as an amateur exhibitor.

I have been riding horses for 27 years of my life. When I was 4 years old, my parents found therapy for my sister using horses to help her balance and continue making her stronger. She had a seizure disorder and it was a fantastic way to spend quality time with all of us together. She would ride her horse and then I got the itch to try riding horses myself. I immediately fell in love and have loved riding ever since.

In 2023, I had a very difficult start to my year. Two of the most important people in my life passed away and went to heaven. My mother, Dr. Rebecca Jackson, and my sister, Natalie Mysiw, were at nearly every horse show, win or lose. Together, with my dad, Jerry Mysiw, and my wife, Rachel Fenton, we would discuss horses and find passion in the game planning and preparation it takes to get ready for the show season. I lost my mother in October 2022 and my sister in February 2023.

When I lost these people in my life, I found peace in the Arabian Horse world. I knew showing this season wouldn't be the same without my complete unit together, but I made it my mission to compete as hard as I could for the 2023 season. I knew I would have Mom and sister with me by my side pushing me forward.

On Friday evening of Region 14, August 18th, I had 2 classes: HA English Show Hack and HA Park Horse ATR. This was the same day as my mother's birthday. In both of those classes, I could tell that Mom and Natalie were there riding right beside me. I felt that push getting ready to trot into the arena knowing that it was time to give it all I had for them. I went on to win Champion in English Show Hack and Reserve Champion in Park. The next morning, I competed in HA Country Pleasure AAOTR 19-39, where I won Champion.

I am incredibly honored to get to show my horses, It Must BLove KP (Country and Show

Hack) and Just Heirmagine OF (English and Park), and thankful to Sharon Blendinger and Victor Botha for the work they have done to get my guys ready this past year.

What are your future plans and goals for competition?

Moving forward, my goal is to always compete at a high level and work with my horses to continue refining our craft. In Show Hack, for example, it is always about pushing the envelope and getting an inch shorter in my collected gaits, or an inch bigger stride at the extended. My goal is to continue to push forward my detail-oriented mindset in my riding to perform at the top level. Because of the amount of precision that goes into it, I'm always focused on the teamwork that goes into riding with my horses. I like working on the communication that goes into the way I ride, whether it focuses on where I put my weight in my seat, how my core should react to improve my horse's gait, etc. I don't focus on winning a class, even though that is what makes it all the more fun. There are so many good competitors, I have found the most passion by improving what my horse and I are capable of as a team.

I plan on having horses my entire life, as they have been a part of my life for 27 years now, and it will bring me one step closer to Mom and Natalie. I look forward to riding at Region 14 and Nationals this year to continue to push what my horses and I can do.

WILLIAM OAKLEY

What discipline(s) do you compete in?

Sport Horse divisions

List some of your accomplishments as an amateur in 2023 and tell us how long you have been involved with horses as an amateur exhibitor.

I have been involved with horses since 2019 and have been showing since 2022. 2023 was an amazing year for my horse and I. I earned ribbons at the local, regional, and national level. More importantly than that, I grew as an equestrian both in and out of the saddle.

What are your future plans and goals for competition?

My goal is to continue to learn and improve my horsemanship. I plan on competing at the local, regional, and national level for 2024.

BARBARA WRIGHT

What discipline(s) do you compete in?

Currently I compete in HA/AA Country English Pleasure Select AATR and HA/AA Country English Pleasure AATR 60 and Over on Shut Up N Dance+/. I also compete in Mounted Native Costume AAO TR and HA/AA English Pleasure AAO TR 50 and over on Mary Mary++/.

List some of your accomplishments as an amateur in 2023 and tell us how long you have been involved with horses as an amateur exhibitor.

After having 3 major surgeries in the past two years (left shoulder, right and left hip, and carpal tunnel) I was able to get back in the saddle in 2023 at the age of 78 and qualify Mary Mary++/ in Mounted Native Costume and win 2 National Top Ten placings on Shut Up N Dance +/ in HA/AA Country English Pleasure Select AATR and HA/AA Country English Pleasure AATR 60 and Over.

I have been involved showing horses as an amateur since 1990. I started with local shows doing halter with the foals i bred. I rode my Saddlebred mare in country. I took youngsters to the OHAHA shows and the Opportunity classes. I showed a couple at Youngstown Charity and realized to do better I needed a trainer. I became interested in the National Show Horses and registered some of my Half Arabian foals. I put horses with a trainer and began going to NSH Finals only showing in halter. I purchased EC Pure Pressure and began showing english pleasure, three gaited and driving. I must say I rode more by the seat of my pants, but we were successful. Around 2010 things changed with NSH. I decided to go to more AHA shows. I purchased Mary Mary++/ and showed her in halter. I wanted to ride so I changed trainers and the rest is history. I learned and am still learning how to be a better rider able to communicate with my horses.

What are your future plans and goals for competition?

Who knows what the future will bring, but as I turn 79, I plan to keep learning and riding. Hopefully, I will be able to show one or both of the purebreds I purchased or at least see my trainer show them. Lack of saddle time and consistency in riding due to my surgeries have made me think more about the future. I hope the needed repairs will keep me in the saddle. If not, I have had conversations with my trainer about getting a good safe competitive driving horse. There will always be more to learn and accomplish with my horses.

MEGHAN FEDDERS

MATT HERDER

TRAINER or ASSISTANT TRAINER NOMINEES

SHARON BLENDINGER

Which training facility you do you work at or represent?

Stachowski Farm

How many years have you been training horses and what disciplines do you specialize in?

45 years. I train english/country, hunter pleasure and show hack

What achievements have you accomplished personally in 2023, and what are some of the accomplishments of your clients/exhibitors in 2023?

Reserve national champion half Arabian country jr horse, top 10's in English jr horse, open Hunter, half Arabian Hunter futurity, pb AEPA English, Half-Arabian country futurity.

What philosophy guides you as a professional? And, what are some major challenges you experience and how do you overcome them?

To seek respect by working hard and letting my work speak for itself. Consistently turning out well trained and happy horses will get the attention. The biggest challenge as a trainer is having to tell the customer that their horse is not what they wanted it to be. It is really hard to tell them that but I always try to find what the horse is good at and help the customer understand that each horse has a job but it might not be what they hoped for.

What are your future plans as a trainer?

I just hope to keep turning out nice horse and rider combinations as long as I am physically able!

NATACHA LESBURGUERES

Which training facility do you work at or represent?

Stonehurst Riding Center LLC

How many years have you been training horses and what disciplines do you specialize in?

My whole life! I'm a 5th generation in horse training

What achievements have you accomplished personally in 2023, and what are some of the accomplishments of your clients/exhibitors in 2023?

National, regional, class A and open show championships in youth, amateur and open divisions. Thank you to the wonderful horses and clients that helped to achieve that!

What philosophy guides you as professional? And, what are some major challenges you experience and how do you overcome them?

My philosophy would be the same as probably most people you wanna ride from back to front, create a relationship from the ground up with your horse. However, I do believe when a rider and horse are balanced enough that you can be able to pet with your hand on a horse's neck while working the horse under saddle that to me as an ultimate reward that both rider and horse. It's like a serendipity moment of having self-carriage and they are a team together:)

What are your future plans as a trainer?

My future plans is to continue making a dream for people, whether it's somebody wanting to just learn to be around horses or compete on a national scale and enjoy! I do truly love all aspects of the business.

MARY LODEN

Which training facility you do you work at or represent?

I am the Owner and Head Trainer for Legacy Pines Performance Horses in Springfield, OH. How many years have you been training horses and what disciplines do you specialize in?

I have been professionally training horses for 24 years. I specialize in the Sport Horse and Working Western divisions but I am disciplined in many other areas as well.

What achievements have you accomplished personally in 2023, and what are some of the accomplishments of your clients/exhibitors in 2023?

To highlight a couple moments from 2023 is hard as it was a special year for me. This year at SHN I showed three PB yearlings to a National Top 10. Two of which I was blessed to be the owner and breeder of, and all of them being the last foal crop of SAS Sea N Red. I helped a client's horse achieve his first ever multiple sets of Regional Championship and Reserve Championship roses, as well as his first ever National Top 10 at his first SHN.

Everyone always wants to focus on Nationals, but we had great regional and local success as well. I am so blessed by our team here and how we all support and help each other. My clients success is my success. While winning is important to success and growth as a farm or business, the focus for me is if my clients learn and build to make the next ride or run better. The wins are always a moment I'm willing to share with them but I will never let my team feel like they failed if they did not win. I could never list all of the success of each client as I would surely forget someone, but I am so proud of each of them and what they accomplished this year.

What philosophy guides you as professional? And, what are some major challenges you experience and how do you overcome them?

I always put the horse first. I am their advocate to the owner, vet, and chiropractor. I do my best to make sure the horses care and training is top shelf and the best to my available resources. Many will say I live, breathe, and sleep the care of the horses in my barn, even

on my days off and they are correct. I am very cautious to remember each horse is different and they do not all fit into the same training box. This allows me to have a unique relationship with each horse based on its own personality.

I think right now as professionals and owners, we are all experiencing the same hardships. We have seen historic inflation in the last few years on costs of supplies, the cost of fuel, and the costs of show fees and so much more; all the while still asking a client to allow us to show their horse and peruse their passion to show or have their horses be shown.

What are your future plans as a trainer?

I believe that we never stop learning. I will continue to build on my knowledge in all areas I can and I will continue to learn by watching and talking with some of the greatest trainers in our breed and in the open world. I love to breed, promote, and support the Arabian industry and I always try to bring new people in and show them our show world and the versatility of our breed.

PEPPER PROFFIT

Which training facility you do you work at or represent?

Proud Heritage Training Center

How many years have you been training horses and what disciplines do you specialize in?

37 years. I do all main ring disciplines.

What achievements have you accomplished personally in 2023, and what are some of the accomplishments of your clients/exhibitors in 2023?

Proud Heritage had a successful year at regionals and nationals. Winning top tens in English pleasure, and hunter and national champions in halter.

What philosophy guides you as a professional? And, what are some major challenges you experience and how do you overcome them?

To stay true to my values and always keep my horses best interest first and foremost.

What are your future plans as a trainer?

To keep up the good work!

LINNA SEWELL

Which training facility you do you work at or represent?

Silver Knight Equestrian

How many years have you been training horses and what disciplines do you specialize in?

I have been training professionally for 14 years. I would have to say I specialize in the Sport Horse, Dressage, Hunter Pleaser and Equitation Divisions.

What achievements have you accomplished personally in 2023, and what are some of the accomplishments of your clients/exhibitors in 2023?

2023 was an unforgettable year! SKE had our biggest show season to date, competing in many local shows and venturing to new Regional Competitions. SKE made our first trip to the Youth National/Midsummer, with Madeleine Hoffmeyer with her horse CF Jackie O, as well as William Oakley with his horse WM Burberry. This is was Madeleine first National Event coming home with multiple National Top Tens along with a Reserve and National Champion Award. My team also competed at the 2023 Sport Horse National Event. I was privileged to take not only horses for their first trip to a national event but riders as well. David Jones with his horse Vesuvius SRF, Sarah Chervenak with her horse Believe In Promises and William Oakley and WM Burberry. I had the honor of showing these amazing horses for my clients taking them to many National Top Tens or higher. This year was a little extra special for me as I won my first National Championship Title. Taking Vesuvius SRF to Reserve National Champion in HA/AA Sport Horse Junior Horse Under Saddle

Dressage Type. As amazing as that experience was for me, my favorite of the entire year was having my entire team at all the shows supporting and cheering each other on. The laughs and memories made in and out of the show ring.

What philosophy guides you as a professional? And, what are some major challenges you experience and how do you overcome them?

My main philosophy in all my training is very simple. "Always build on confidence and always set your horse up for SUCCESS!!" One of the challenges of training with this philosophy is that it is a slower process, and takes much patience. Knowing that the end results are training habits and foundations are ones that last a lifetime.

What are your future plans as a trainer?

My hope for the future of Silver Knight Equestrian is Growth. Growth of our team, memories and above all KNOWLEDGE!!

SARA DEBOLT-SIEMON

Which training facility do you work at or represent?

Siemon Stables

How many years have you been training horses and what disciplines do you specialize in?

8 years! I'm a little universal!

What achievements have you accomplished personally in 2023, and what are some of the accomplishments of your clients/exhibitors in 2023?

2023 was a great year for us. My personal achievement, overcoming stigmas. Setting my mind to my goals and accomplishing them. It wasn't about competitions, but more about self growth.

For my clients and students, personally I feel that may be their biggest accomplishments as well. Growth. Learning to do and become more than they expected. From 6 year olds to 60 year olds. Watching riders confidence and personal growth is always a great feeling of accomplishment.

What philosophy guides you as professional? And, what are some major challenges you experience and how do you overcome them?

Honesty. Honesty has to be the biggest philosophy. People want the truth but only want to hear the positive truths. I believe in finding a way to communicate strengths and weakness through being honest. Honesty will provide the best training for both horse and rider. Some horses do not possess the talent they were bred for. So find their talent that progresses them the most. Some riders have stars in their eyes for certain disciplines. Honesty is helping them become their best at what they are capable of. The biggest challenge is being honest.

What are your future plans as a trainer?

Business growth. Blossoming as a business for a better future. Making change and moving up the ladder. As a trainer, I plan to create an environment everyone strives in.

TOM THEISEN

Which training facility you do you work at or represent?

Lane Equine

How many years have you been training horses and what disciplines do you specialize in?

42 years. English, hunter, western pleasure, show hack, reining

What achievements have you accomplished personally in 2023, and what are some of the accomplishments of your clients/exhibitors in 2023?

My proudest moment personally was my top ten win in the AEPA half arabian English

pleasure on a horse I love, KT Anheir Of Surprize. Our friend Cindy Crawford catch rode our horse, Everybody's Talken, to a unanimous Region 14 Champion after one practice ride!

What philosophy guides you as a professional? And, what are some major challenges you experience and how do you overcome them?

Honesty and approachability as a professional. Trust, patience, and empathy as a trainer. Relearning the reasons I became a horse trainer in the first place - the love of animals and fun.

What are your future plans as a trainer?

I train at a private farm now. My job is to prepare horses for my boss to show and enjoy. My dream job!

YOUTH NOMINEES

SHELBY BELVILLE

How many years have you been riding and competing with Arabian/Half-Arabian horses?
8 years

What divisions did you compete in for 2023?
Saddle seat, hunt seat, western

What are your achievements in competition for the 2023, in and out of the show ring?

First year walk, trot, canter - 4 Top Tens, 4 Regional Champions and one reserve

What are your extracurricular activities at school? Are you involved in horse club functions? Do you volunteer at horse activities, both riding events and promotional events?

Detroit Polo Club - feeding, grooming, cleaning stalls

What are your future plans in the Arabian horse community and competitive world?

Learn to be an expert trainer and breeder

WALT DAVIS

How many years have you been riding and competing with Arabian/Half-Arabian horses?

2 years

What divisions did you compete in for 2023?

Dressage Intro level, Dressage Walk Trot, Walk Trot Hunt Seat, Walk Trot Hunt Seat Equitation, Sport Horse Walk Trot, and Sport Horse in Hand

What are your achievements in competition for the 2023, in and out of the show ring?

-Region 14 Champion in Intro Dressage with a score of 76.6. Second highest dressage score of the entire show week.

-Region 14, Reserve Champion Sport Horse Walk/Trot

-Bluegrass Horse Show Fall 2023: 1st Place Walk/Trot, 2nd Place Dressage Equitation

-SAHIBA: First Place Walk/Trot Pleasure, First Place Intro Dressage

-Bluegrass Horse Show Spring 2023: First Place Intro Dressage, First Place Intro Dressage, First Place Walk/Trot, First Place Walk/Trot

-Region 14 Tournament Team, the Firelight Sparklers, placing 15th in the country out of all the Regions

What are your extracurricular activities at school? Are you involved in horse club functions? Do you volunteer at horse activities, both riding events and promotional events?

At age 9, extracurricular activities outside of the barn include serving both our church (Highview Baptist) and homeschool community (including Cross Academy), several times a week. Horse club membership and function attendance with BAHA.

What are your future plans in the Arabian horse community and competitive world?

Future plans include growing in knowledge and ability in both caring for and competing with the Arabian breed.

ELLA DUNCAN

How many years have you been riding and competing with Arabian/Half-Arabian horses?

4 years

What divisions did you compete in for 2023?

Sport Horse, Hunter Pleasure, Dressage, In- Hand, and Show Hack

What are your achievements in competition for the 2023, in and out of the show ring?

Region 14 Champion in Dressage, Top 5 in Region 14 Show Hack, Achieved Rider of Honor from AHA, and Advanced to First Level in dressage. Multiple championships at Bluegrass dressage and Sport Horse Value Show, Multiple Championships at BAHA Spring blast, Multiple Championships at SAHIBA, Youth Vice President for BAHA. Elected as Regional Youth Director Region 14 serving in 2024. Principal's List at Saint Michael Academy, CSAA Basketball Champion Runner Up, Horse Painting selected by Churchill Downs to be displayed in art exhibit. Works part time at Firelight Arabians caring for the horses. Volunteered for Arabian Horse Demo at Kentucky horse park, volunteered for shop with a cop, volunteered at Saint Michael ESC, Fish fries, and summer picnic.

What are your extracurricular activities at school? Are you involved in horse club functions? Do you volunteer at horse activities, both riding events and promotional events?

At Saint Michael I play on multiple teams including basketball, flag football, field hockey, and drama club. I participate in BAHA youth activities as well as many volunteer events at my barn Firelight. We have hosted many Girl Scout groups, princess and ponies, where introducing the public to the beautiful Arabian Horse was the primary objective of the event. As mentioned above I have volunteered at several events at the Kentucky Horse Park showing the versatility of the Arabian Horse.

What are your future plans in the Arabian horse community and competitive world?

My ultimate goal is to become an Equine Veterinarian. My short term goal is to return to Youth Nationals this year to compete with my peers. I plan to add additional disciplines including Western Dressage and side saddle. I also plan to broaden my volunteer and competitive aspirations as I represent Region 14 as the youth director. This year I will be volunteering at Breyerfest and continue to work with youth groups such as Girl Scouts to promote the beautiful Arabian Breed.

HALEY WALDSCHMIDT

How many years have you been riding and competing with Arabian/Half-Arabian horses?

I have been showing Arabians for 8 years

What divisions did you compete in for 2023?

HA Show Hack, HA Country and HA Western

What are your achievements in competition for the 2023, in and out of the show ring?

This year I won unanimous National Championships in both HA Show Hack and HA Western Pleasure. This was my first year to ever show western and never would I have imagined it would end with a championship! Equally significant to me this year was winning the Open HA Show Hack at the Buckeye with American Hustle.

What are your extracurricular activities at school? Are you involved in horse club functions? Do you volunteer at horse activities, both riding events and promotional events?

For my high school I play Lacrosse and participate in the KY Youth Assoc Legislative Assembly and the KY United Nations Assembly.

What are your future plans in the Arabian horse community and competitive world?