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- Aug. 10-13 Beat the Heat Summer Horse Show in Flagstaff, AZ
- Sept. 2nd, Mini Circuit show at P&MArena, 6pm

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AHA President's Bulletin

I am pleased to report to you that the Arabian Horse Association now has a new Executive Vice President. Gary Zimmerman, 46, a resident of Denver, assumed his duties May 17. He held his first staff meeting and is busy learning about our Association. The hiring of Gary is a significant step forward for our Association as Gary exemplifies the qualities we have been seeking in an executive leader. The Executive Committee and the Board of Directors offered him the position after intensive interviews May 11 and 12. I think it is important for you to know that the selection of Gary as our new Executive Vice President was unanimous by both the Executive Committee and the Board.

What's Next? Our Future
The hiring of a new Executive Vice President is an important step in assuring that we operate AHA more as a business with measurement tools and a sound

plan of action geared to making our Association the best that it can be. Ultimately, you, as members, will reap the benefits of our efforts. We've recently gone through a re-organization at AHA. There are now four Senior Directors and departments. We have our Business Deployment Plan that was updated at the Board meeting. We know where we are going and how we are going to get there. Now we have an administrative leader to guide us in becoming the best breed association in the equine world.

Your Support is Appreciated
The past six months have been extremely busy for our Association and for me personally. As you know, I have been a "full-time" President and in the absence of an executive leader our staff has performed at a high level as we have moved toward reaching our goals, and I very much appreciate that. I want to thank Janet Holloway, a long-time staff

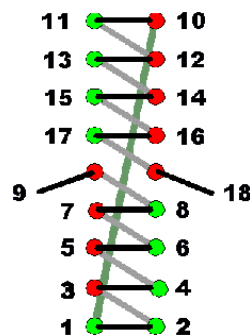
member of AHA, for assuming the day-to-day management leadership of our Association. Indeed, we are at an important crossroad. We have accomplished something in the past six months that we have long needed, a whole new fresh approach to running our organization. When you voted for others and me on the Executive Committee, you gave us the green light to move forward with change. We've done that. I appreciate the hard work of the Board and Executive Committee. We could not have done it without your encouragement and support. You have my personal thanks for this. I also believe I speak for the Executive Committee and the Board when I say how much we appreciate your faith in our actions.

Thank you, and God bless,

Sincerely,

Myron Krause
For full story, view AHA E-News.

How to Lace Your Field Boots



As you can see from the dia-

gram, we lace the boots from both sides to the middle. This diagram shows how to lace our 9 eyelet Field Boots and our Bal-Patrol Boots. For our 7 eyelet Field Boots, just subtract one from the top, and one from the bottom.

Start by inserting lace at

eyelet number 1 and exiting at number 10. With the two ends of equal length, proceed through the eyelets as numbered (1-9 then 10-18). The ends will meet in the middle. The lace passes from outside to inside on the eyelets colored GREEN in the diagram and from inside to outside on the eyelets colored RED in the diagram.

Horses hitched up to a rail at Groom Creek in Prescott, AZ



Annual Groom Creek Trail Ride

The annual Groom Creek Trail Ride over Memorial Weekend this year was a tremendous hit! All of the campers had a terrific time, even with some of the mishaps that occurred.

One camper decided to ride his wife's unruly horse and ended up with a black eye.

Another camper was trailering their horses home at the end of the ride and had two flat tires before arriv-

ing back in the Valley. The views were spectacular, the weather wonderful and the company was great.

Because of this year's huge success, EVAHA has announced another trail ride scheduled for July 21-23, 2006. If you are interested in reserving one of the five camp sites, contact [Barb Patterson](#) as soon as possible as they are filling up quickly.

Of course, as always, our annual Groom Creek Trail Ride over Memorial Weekend will occur again next year. Let us know if you would like to reserve a spot early for next year's ride.



AHYA clinics are free and open to all youth exhibitors.

Learn from Top Trainers such as Kim Potts and Andy Sellman.

Learn From Top Trainers at Youth Nationals



The Arabian Professional and Amateur Horse Association (APAHA) will host its Annual Youth National Clinics on Saturday, July 22, from 2-4 p.m. in the Dairy

Barn Arena. Clinicians include Kim Potts and Andy Sellman (in-hand/2-3 p.m.) and Lori Conway and Larry Hoffman (hunter pleasure/3-4 p.m.)

Each clinic is free and open to all youth exhibitors. Six youth participants and their horses may participate in each clinic and must sign up at the show office prior to the clinic presentation.

Youth Programs are hopping! Get the scoop at the Youth Nationals by entering the Journalism Contest! Then gear up for the AHYA Convention July 21-22 in Albuquerque. You can drop in or become a delegate. Contact your club or region for details

Wild Horse Stuff

www.wildhorsestuff.com

We are located in sunny Santa Clarita, California. We spend a lot of time around horses and our company mission is to bring fun into the world of horses whenever and wherever we can! Since we started making these fun masks it has been CRAZY!!

We have received emails and orders from all over the world!!! We have new designs coming in the near future and we have new products coming too!! Thanks to all of the people who have sent us thank you notes, emails, pictures, etc. It is an absolute PLEASURE

selling products to people who are so passionate about their animals. THANK YOU FOR MAKING THIS FUN!



2006 US Nationals Unveils Special Activities

Louisville 2006

One Last Time.

**October 12 - 21, 2006
Kentucky Fair &
Expo Center
Louisville, Kentucky**

Join us for a historic U.S. Nationals as we celebrate 30 years of memories in Louisville.

Check out these Commemora-

tive Activities, or [Click Here](#) for more information.

- Arabian & Half-Arabian National Championship Horse Show
- Walk of Memories: *Louisville's Greatest Moments*
- Past Champions Live Collection
- "Arabian Nights" Road Show featuring Walter Farley's Black Stallion (courtesy of [Black Stallion Literacy Project](#) and [Ara-](#)

[bian Nights Dinner Theatre](#)-- Kissimmee, FL)

- Barn Party Series
- Equestrian Fashion Show
- Shopping Expo

Don't forget! Be sure to buy tickets well in advance, the final year in Louisville is anticipated to sell out Freedom Hall- especially the last weekend of the show. For more information, visit [ArabianHorses.org/USN](#).

Triple Crown Update

Unlike in 2005 when Dianne Waldron's TH Richie swept the Arabian Racing Cup's Triple Crown, there will be no such victor this year.

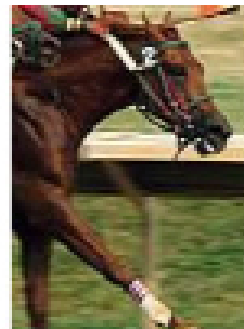
Frynge Benefit (also owned by Waldron) won the first leg, the \$100,000 Drinkers of the Wind Derby (G1). However, he finished third behind Southern Arabian Racing's Tour De France in the Texas Six Shooter (G3). These two will likely see if one could win 2 out of 3 when the Triple Crown wraps up in the Bob Magness Derby (G2) at

Delaware Park in July.

On the feminine side, a slight injury kept Daughters of the Desert Oaks (G1) heroine Love Me Dew out of the second leg, the Texas Yellow Rose (G3). Instead, it was Bill and Cathy Waldron's Darley Champion Filly Cath who surged to victory. This was the undefeated filly's first start of the year. The fillies will finish their Triple Crown campaign with the Cre Run Oaks (G2) also at Delaware Park.

To follow all the excitement Arabian racing has to offer, check out [ArabianRacing-Cup.com](#).

We'll see you at the races!



To follow all the excitement Arabian racing has to offer, check out the ARC website!

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Educate, Encourage and Promote

Upcoming 2006 AHA Dates and Deadlines



- July 1** - 2nd payment of \$200 due for Performance Futurity Nominations
- July 21** - AHYA Board of Directors Meeting, Albuquerque, NM
- July 21-22** - AHYA Convention, Expo New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM
- July 22-29** - Youth Nationals, Expo New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM
- August 1** - 3rd & final payment of \$200 due for Performance Futurity Nominations
- August 11-12** - Board of Directors meeting, Aurora, CO
- August 15** - Club Excellence Awards, awarded at AHA Convention, entries due
- August 17** - Convention resolutions submission deadline
- August 21-26** - Canadian Nationals, Regina, Saskatchewan
- August 31** - Regional Volunteer Service Award nominations due to Regional Director
- September 1** - Youth of the Year nomination due
- September 1** - List of certified convention delegates and alternates for AHA Convention due from affiliate clubs
- September 1** - Deadline for submission of nominations for the Ambassador Award for Arabian, Half-Arabian or Anglo-Arabian horses
- September 15** - Nominations for AHA Convention-elected positions deadline (candidates & resume)
- September 15** - Club level Volunteer Service Award nominations due from affiliate clubs
- September 15** - Early bird registration discount for AHA Convention
- September 20-24** - Sport Horse Nationals, Nampa, ID
- September 22** - Arab Horse Youth Judging Contest held @ U.S. Nationals entry deadline
- September 27-October 1** - AHA Annual Trail Ride, Fort Robinson, NE

Arabian Horse History and Heritage

From the ancient deserts of the Middle East evolved the oldest known breed of riding horse, the Arabian. Now one of the most popular breeds in America, the Arabians' incredible energy, intelligence and gentle disposition allow riders to excel in most equine sports and activities. Today, Arabian horses spend as much time on the trail as they do at horse shows and other competitive events.

For thousands of years, Arabians lived among the desert tribes of the Arabian peninsula, bred by the Bedouins as war mounts for long treks and quick forays into enemy camps. In these harsh desert conditions evolved the Arabian with its large lung capacity and incredible endurance.

Historical figures like Genghis Khan, Napoleon, Alexander The Great and George Washington rode Arabians. Even today, one finds descendants from the earliest Arabian horses of

antiquity. Then, a man's wealth was measured in his holdings of these fine animals. Given that the Arabian was the original source of quality and speed, and remains foremost in the fields of endurance and soundness, he still either directly or indirectly contributed to the formation of virtually all the modern breeds of horses.

The prophet Mohammed, in the seventh century AD, was instrumental in spreading the Arabian's influence around the world. He instructed his followers to look after Arabians and treat them with kindness. He instructed that special attentions should be paid to the mares because they insure the continuity of the breed. He also proclaimed that Allah had created the Arabian, and that those who treated the horse well would be rewarded in the afterlife.

The severe climate required the nomads to share food and water, and

sometimes even their tents with their horses. As a result, Arabians developed a close affinity to man and a high intelligence.

Over the centuries, the Bedouin tribes zealously maintained the purity of the breed. Because of their limited resources, breeding practices were extremely selective. Such practices, which eventually helped the Arabian become a prized possession throughout the world, have led to the beautiful athletic breed we know today, which is marked by a distinctive dished profile; large, lustrous, wide-set eyes on a broad forehead; small, curved ears; and large, efficient nostrils.

Even today the purebred Arabian is virtually the same as that ridden in ancient Arabia. Arabians now display their athletic talents in a variety of disciplines from English to Western, with the Arabian positioned as the undisputed champion of endurance events.

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