

The Arabian Horse Society of South Dakota, Inc.
April 2007 Newsletter

Welcome to *The Arabian Horse Society of South Dakota, Inc.* electronic newsletter!

We appreciate any suggestions on our electronic newsletter. Please send your suggestions to marriahacres@msn.com or vanboc1@yahoo.com. If you no longer want to receive an electronic version of the newsletter but want to receive a paper copy, please e-mail marriahacres@msn.com.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greeting from Pierre!!

I am so sorry we missed our spring meeting. Leave it to South Dakota weather to mess things up! I spoke with several of you that weekend, however, and it sounded as if your horses all survived the snow. I will find a date to meet early spring. I know spring is bad with horse shows and other spring obligations-----however, even if we don't have a quorum, those that can come should. It is always good to gather and touch base (and see friends!)

I hope you have all been on the website. It is awesome!! Darlene has been working SO HARD to make it as user friendly and professional as possible. Also, she is working hard to make it a showcase for our horses...please send her pictures. Please pay particular attention to the "forum." We are asking for your ideas on several items.

Specifically we want your ideas on:

- 1) 1) The website...what can we do to make it better?
- 2) 2) The annual banquet...what should we do this year? The Club cannot subsidize the cost nearly as much this year due to other increasing costs. It will cost up to \$25 per person. Do we want to go to a restaurant? OR have a potluck? I would host a potluck at my house-----but that would be an awfully long drive for you all to get to Pierre! Please think about the banquet and let me know your ideas.
- 3) 3) Our summer meeting----I really want to have a trail ride, cookout, meeting event the end of the summer. Please respond in the forum regarding dates and your ideas.

- • I understand the Horse Fair was a success...thank you to all that worked it!! We always make an impression. Your enthusiasm and love of the Arabian is evident.
- • The Spring Show is quickly approaching...Heather is set for another big show. Thanks for your work Heather!
- • The Open Show...The Fair.....and lots of good times with horses in between!!

Please check the calendar of events and the classifieds-----remember you can advertise for free! Please use the website....it is a great tool.

Darlene and I will find a date and place for a spring meeting...please watch your e-mail regarding the date. Please keep up all your good work in promoting our horses. They are a treasure and everyone else should know.

See you all soon,

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MEETING MINUTES

The Board of Directors, General, and Spring Shows Committee meetings scheduled for March 3rd were cancelled due to the weather.

CLUB NEWS

Membership

As of March 31, we have 53 adult members, 24 youth members, and 0 associate members. Thank you to those members renewing their membership and welcome these new members to our Club!

Adult: Rebecca Mattern, Julie Reif, Garrick Solberg, and Serah Volden

Youth: Spencer Kurtz, Angie Noyes, Tominee Sorenson, and Samantha Stoel

Thank you!

Thanks to all who helped make the SD Horse Fair a huge success for the *TAHSSD* Youth! What a great way to start off our show season. It is parents, youth, and members of our adult club that help to make our club a huge success!

Condolences

A thank you note was received from DoubleHP for the gift in memory of Virginia Leuck, Kathy Duerksen's mother. We extend our condolences to Kathy and her family.

DoubleHP is a non-profit organization with programs in horse adoption, education, and rescue based near Sioux Falls. Check out their web site at www.doublehphorses.org.

SD Spring Arabian Horse Shows

Don't miss the 38th Annual SD Spring Arabian Horse Shows on April 26-29, Expo Building, W.H. Lyon Fairgrounds, Sioux Falls! There is something for everyone ... whether showing your Arabian horse or being a spectator. In addition to the regular classes, this year the National Show Horse classes will be on Thursday and Friday while the Sport Horse classes will be on Saturday. The Youth Lounge will be available all four days for all youth participating at the Shows and *TAHSSD* youth members. Check out

the great items available at the Silent Auction on Saturday afternoon. There will be items you can not live without! Join us for pizza and watch the youth perform in the Talent Show after the last class on Saturday night. Of course, there will be vendors available too. Come and enjoy the Shows!

For more information, please visit www.tahssd.com or contact Heather Swanson at 605-743-2745 or e-mail grandviewfarms@svtv.com.

***TAHSSD* Open Horse Show**

The 7th Annual *TAHSSD* Open Horse Show will be on Saturday, June 2 in the Expo Building. Enjoy showing your horse in the Sioux Empire's premiere indoor facility ... compete against some of the best in the area for beautiful prizes including an overall high point award. All ages and horses are welcome!

For a copy of the class schedule, please visit www.tahssd.com or contact Kara Van Bockern at 605-212-1442 or e-mail vanboc1@yahoo.com.

Sioux Empire Fair Class 'A' Arabian Horse Show

I know we all love a horse show....I also know we all love a fair. I can taste the corn dogs and funnel cakes now!! Combine the two and what do you get? THE SIOUX EMPIRE FAIR ARABIAN HORSE SHOW !!! The Sioux Empire Fair show is rich in history and tradition. In addition, it is held in the wonderful Expo Building and is a Class A qualifying show. Come support the Fair, qualify for Regionals, and enjoy showing off for all the Fair spectators on August 7. Call Kara Van Bockern 605-212-1442 for additional details or visit www.tahssd.com for a copy of the class schedule.

***TAHSSD* High Point**

Remember to sign up for the High Point program! The forms are available at www.tahssd.com.

***TAHSSD* Web Site**

What do you want to see on the web site? Any suggestions? Let's make our web site a valuable resource but we need your help to do this!

Please send your comments to marriahacres@msn.com or terrie@larontrucks.com.

Web Forums

Look for a forum on the 2007 SD Spring Arabian Horse Shows at the end of April! Let us know if you have any ideas on future forums. Make sure you review the FAQ section on the forum page.

Web Calendar and Classifieds

Check out the calendar and ads on the web site! Take advantage of the FREE advertising and post an ad or list an event on the web site!

Web Photo Galleries

We are looking for photos of your kid enjoying their Arabian horse companion, your Arabian and Half-Arabian foals, your Arabian horses at play or at rest, versatility of Arabian horses, Club activities, etc. for the web site. Please send your photos to marriahacres@msn.com and vanboc1@yahoo.com. Remember to include a brief caption for your photos.

MEMBER NEWS

[Click here for the farm/member news.](#)

YOUTH NEWS

Regional Youth Team Tournament

It is show time again and along with that comes the forming of our Regional Youth Tournament Teams.

If you would like to be included on a Team, please provide me with this information **by April 15, 2007**:

- Two Divisions you wish to compete in.
- Horses' Name and Registration Number (if choosing a Pleasure Division) you do not need to designate a horse for the Equitation or Showmanship Division.
- If registering for Class A and Open division
- Your AHA Membership Number

Remember if you want to be a part of this contest **YOU** must complete the tally form at each show and have the form signed by the show secretary. Please do not sign up for this contest if you are not going to turn in your tally forms.

Please e-mail to me the information at denise.haertel@cnaSurety.com.

Thanks everyone and if you have any questions please let me know. Denise

Youth Meeting

Our informal meeting will be at the Youth Lounge during the lunch break on Saturday, April 28 of the Spring Shows. Prizes will be given for attending the meeting! For more information, contact Terrie at terrie@larsonstrucks.com or 605-368-5723.

Silent Auction

Start thinking of an auction item you would like to donate for the auction to be held at the Spring Shows on April 28. Each youth member is asked to donate one item. A \$20 minimum bid will be placed on each item. The auction will be held on the Saturday of the Spring Shows. We will set up at the Saturday am break. We will take any donation. This should be fun to see how much money we can raise! Even if you are not a youth and would like to donate an item we will take it! Please contact Terrie Larson at

terrie@laronstrucks.com for more information or bring items to Terrie Larson or Denise Haertel at the Performance Plus Arabians stalls by Friday, April 27.

Talent Show

Our 2nd annual Youth Talent Contest will be Saturday, April 28, 2007 following the last class of the evening session at the SD Spring Arabian Horse Shows. Whatever your talent is, we invite you to share it with us. It is FREE! Awards to all participants!

[Click here for the Talent Show form.](#)

Youth Lounge

The Youth Lounge will be available to all youth participating at the Spring Shows and *TAHSSD* youth members. Free lunch daily. All day free pop and snacks. Hang out with friends, watch movies, play videos. A great place to come and relax. Sponsorships are \$50 or \$100. Sponsors are announced several times a day and will receive attractive signage displayed in the youth lounge. Contact Terrie Larson if you have any questions at terrie@laronstrucks.com.

***TAHSSD* Youth Newsletter**

[Click here for the Youth Newsletter.](#)

AHA NEWS

AHA Arabian Horse History

Did you know that the Arabian Horse Association, Inc. (AHA) web site has a vast amount of information about the history and heritage of the Arabian horse? Visit www.ArabianHorses.org or [click here for more details.](#)

AHA “Leg Up” Program

AHA has another excellent educational program titled “*Leg Up*”. This program is excellent to test your own knowledge of the Arabian horse or for youth groups! Every “*Leg Up*” lesson is free of charge and includes a comprehensive lecture outline, Arabian horse trivia, games, and visual aids.

[Click here for more details.](#)

AHA Frequent Rider Program

AHA sponsors an online frequent rider program. There is NO additional cost to sign up for current *TAHSSD* adult and youth members.

You just need to log in hours spent on recreational riding or driving with an Arabian, Half-Arabian or Anglo-Arabian horse. This can include training under saddle, lessons, trail rides, parades, ranch work, demonstrations, pleasure riding or driving, etc. ... just NO competition riding or driving. You will receive awards at various levels, i.e. 25 hours, 100 hours, 250 hours, etc.

If interested, [click here for more information.](#)

AHA REGION 6 NEWS

Scholarship/Promotion Fund

At the 2006 Convention, \$4000 was budgeted for the Region 6 Clubs to apply for to put on shows or events for the promotion of the Arabian breed in our Region. June 1 is the deadline to apply for this money. The completion verification deadline is 30 days after completion of the event. The application is on the Region 6 web site at www.aharegion6.com.

2007 Region 6 Championship Show

The Region 6 Pre-Show will be June 20 and the Championships will be June 21-24 at the Swiftel Center in Brookings. A change this year is that the Sport Horse Championships will be on Sunday, June 24 with the Trail Horse classes. The Regional meeting will be after the last class on Thursday night. For more details, please visit the Region 6 web site.

Regional Directory

Nikki Stoffel and Heather Swanson will coordinate the Region 6 directory. More details will be coming in the future!

Election of Officers

This year is the election of Region 6 officers (President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer). The election will be at the 2007 Convention and the elected officers will take office after the 2008 Convention. If interested, please contact Cindy Krause at myronk@springpsc.com or Claude Clark at mrflifter@hotmail.com.

Region 6 Newsletter

For more Region 6 news, click [here](#).

CLASSIFIED ADS

Check out the classifieds at www.tahssd.com for a detailed list of ads. Advertising on the web is FREE! You may also upload photos with your ad.

IMPORTANT DATES

Take a look at the calendar at www.tahssd.com for a detailed list of events! To list an event on the web calendar, send detailed information to marriahacres@msn.com. It is FREE!

OTHER HELPFUL *TAHSSD* LINKS

Bylaws

[Click here for the bylaws.](#)

Club History

[Click here for the Club's history.](#)

Contact Us

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High Point Forms

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Membership Form

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Scholarship Application

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Video List

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Hope you have a very successful year!

Darlene LaBelle

TAHSSD Newsletter Editor