

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

Welcome to *The Arabian Horse Society of South Dakota, Inc.* (*TAHSSD*) electronic newsletter! We appreciate any suggestions on our electronic newsletter. Please send your suggestions to marriahacres@msn.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

Greetings *TAHSSD* members,

I hope this finds you well. We are well into summer and put on a couple of fabulous horse shows. The spring show went well...and we had over 100 horses at the open show. Thank you to all that attended or showed. Between working and showing, our members showed support at both! A special thanks to Eric Kobernusz for judging the open show this year. He gave us his day to make the show a success. The show will only continue to grow...we are really on a roll.

In addition to horse shows we had a presence at the horse fair and several of our members are competing in endurance, 4-H and really are exposing our horses to a community that may not otherwise appreciate them for all their versatility and ability. Magoo (my ½ Arabian) and I spent four days in the Black Hills early in June and was I ever impressed! I don't think he even navigated such trails and he did it well. Custer State Park is attempting to design a new ride from Custer Park to Wind Cave....Magoo and I got to go with. We came across the buffalo herd and followed untraveled game trails. My ½ Arabian hung in there better than the seasoned trail horses. He made an impression...It truly is OUR responsibility to show the world what amazing horses we have. Thank you to you all that are effectively showing South Dakota what the Arabian is all about. We will make progress yet!

Thank you for the responses I received regarding our third quarter meeting. Watch e-mail...I will let you know if we have enough interest to take the meeting on location for a trail ride in Newton Hills.

Finally...our Club is strong due to our varied personalities, interests and styles. I certainly enjoyed my time as President and was thrilled to learn more about you all. I know there are different ways to solve a problem and different answers to every question. Please consider whether YOU have the different answers and possibly even different questions and are interested in taking over the Presidency, or any other *TAHSSD* leadership role in 2008. I know January is a long time off, but I truly want you all to consider taking on a leadership position. The work provides an opportunity to learn more about AHA and our membership. Fresh ideas and energy is important...please consider

taking on a leadership position with *TAHSSD*. Let me know if you have any questions regarding the role....Happy 4th of July!!

Good Luck, have fun and be safe at all your horse events as the summer continues!

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MEETING MINUTES

[Click here to view the minutes from the June 10 meeting.](#)

CLUB NEWS

Membership

As of June 30, we have 51 adult members, 26 youth members, and 1 associate member. Thank you to those members renewing their membership and welcome these new members to our Club!

Adult: Sonja Hutcheson, Barbara Jurgens, and Steve Kirby

Youth: Bria Flanagan and Sarah Flanagan

Associate: Lisa Simpson

With Deep Sympathy

Ruby Merry, a long-time member and breeder of Arabian horses, passed away on April 27. Ruby and her husband developed Sun Willow Farm where they pursued their passion for raising and showing their Arabian horses. We extend our condolences to Ruby's family. A thank you note was received from Handi-Riders for the monetary gift received in memory of Ruby. Handi-Riders is a non-profit organization with programs in therapeutic horseback riding located near Sioux Falls. Check out their web site at www.Handi-Riders.com.

Our Condolences

Rico Runge's husband, Darrel "Cork" passed away on June 6. Cork was devoted to his family and enjoyed hunting, fishing, collecting guns and coins, cooking, gardening, and the 4th of July family gatherings. We extend our condolences to Rico and her family. A memorial gift was sent to McCrossan's Boys Ranch; a private non-profit organization dedicated to providing a place for boys between the ages of 10 and 18 who have experienced conflict in their lives to grow into men and is located west of Sioux Falls. Go to their web site at www.mccrossan.org.

Thank you!

I just wanted to say thank you to *TAHSSD* for the scholarship opportunity I was awarded. It's a great start towards college and I really appreciate it. I'm still weighing out my options in regards to my future plans. Thanks again. Sincerely, Kara Larson

Thank you from DoubleHP!

A thank you note was received from DoubleHP for the monetary donation of \$250 from the 2007 Spring Shows profit. DoubleHP is a non-profit organization with programs in horse adoption, education, and rescue based near Sioux Falls. Visit their web site at www.doublehphorses.org.

***TAHSSD* Open Horse Show**

Congratulations to Caitlin Weber for winning the Dianne Skidmore Memorial High Point award at the 7th Annual *TAHSSD* Open Horse Show on Saturday, June 2, 2007 in the Expo Building. Visit www.tahssd.com to read a short story about Dianne and to view a list of previous winners.

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 vanboc1@yahoo.com.

Post your ideas and opinions on the web forums at www.tahssd.com. Let us know if you have any ideas on future forums. Make sure you review the FAQ section on the forum page.

Thank you to everyone who e-mailed photos for the Club's web site! We are always looking for photos! 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

***TAHSSD* Scholarship**

Congratulations to Kara Larson, the 2007 *TAHSSD* \$500 scholarship recipient! To read her essay on the Arabian horse, click [here](#).

Congratulations to the 2006 Regional Youth Team Tournament Winners!

[Click here for a list of the Regional Youth Team Tournament winners for 2006.](#)

Horse Buddies for 2007

[Click here for the 2007 list of Horse Buddies.](#)

Youth Meeting

We are having a meeting at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, July 17 at Kara Larson's home, 27205 467th Ave, Tea, SD. Bring your swimsuits! Food will be provided. For more information, contact Terrie at terrie@larontrucks.com or 605-368-5723.

***TAHSSD* Youth Newsletter**

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

AHA NEWS

The Arabian Horse AssociationSM (AHA) provides an association of like-minded Arabian horse enthusiasts and a focal point for your favorite recreational or competitive activities.

AHA Handbook & Directory

You may view and print the 2007 *AHA Handbook & Directory* online at www.ArabianHorses.org or request a FREE paper copy of the *AHA Handbook*. To request your FREE copy of the *AHA Handbook & Directory*, please visit www.ArabianHorses.org or call (303) 696-4500.

AHA Membership Late Fee

Effective immediately, the AHA \$10 membership late fee has been removed. You may join and renew your memberships online at www.ArabianHorses.org. Remember to select *TAHSSD* as your local Club affiliation.

AHA Web Site

The AHA web site, www.ArabianHorses.org, is a valuable resource. It has a vast amount of information about the history and heritage of the Arabian horse; educational programs such as "*Leg Up*"; a youth section; FREE AHA incentive programs such as *Frequent Rider Program*, *Open Event Incentive Program*, and *Competitive Distance Program*; show results; sweepstakes and futurity programs; registrations; classifieds; event listings; corporate sponsors; etc.

AHA REGION 6 NEWS

The AHA North Central Region - Region 6 includes AHA affiliate clubs in the states of Minnesota, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Wyoming.

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 AHA Convention and the elected officers will take office after the 2008 Convention. The 2007 AHA Convention will be November 14-18 in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Please contact Cindy Krause at myronk@springpsc.com or Claude Clark at mrliifter@hotmail.com if interested in being a Region 6 officer.

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. Take advantage of the FREE advertising on our web site and post an ad. It is EASY! You may also upload photos with your ad. Items do not need to be horse related!

IMPORTANT DATES

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

OTHER HELPFUL *TAHSSD* LINKS

Bylaws

[Click here for the bylaws.](#)

Club History

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Club Procedures

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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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Enjoy the rest of the summer!

Darlene LaBelle

TAHSSD Newsletter Editor