

The Arabian Horse Society of South Dakota, Inc.
October 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 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. Check out our web site at www.tahssd.com!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings *TAHSSD* Club members;

Hope you all had a good summer...lots of shows...lots of trail rides...lots of stalls to pick and fences to fix. Season changes are fun...we now have fuzzy horses...frozen water buckets...and a little time for our horses to enjoy their winter vacations. While horses rest up, I suggest we all consider what next year will and can bring.

- • What can you contribute to the club?
- • What can you contribute to our *TAHSSD* events?
- • What new event can you help organize?
- • Who can you introduce to an Arabian?

There is always room for involvement and always room for breed marketing. Let's start by a full room at our annual banquet. We will hold the annual banquet on January 5, 2008 at Minerva's Restaurant downtown Sioux Falls at 11:30 a.m. The banquet is the perfect opportunity for us to share basic horsey friendship, good food, stories of 2007 and plans for 2008. Along with the food and talk comes election of officers for the coming year. I will not be running for president again. I have had my two years with the role, and now believe it is in the club's best interest for new leadership, new ideas and fresh enthusiasm. Please consider a leadership role if you have ideas to share.

I hope to see you all in January at our annual banquet...good luck to those headed to Convention. We trust you will represent the best interests of the club, the region, and the breed.

Sincerely,

Kara Semmler
TAHSSD President
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MEETING MINUTES

Please review the minutes from the October 29, 2006; December 2, 2006; June 10, 2007; and August 11, 2007 meetings. These minutes will be approved at the next meeting.

[Click here to view these minutes.](#)

CLUB NEWS

***TAHSSD* Membership**

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

Youth: Ashley Fritz

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 *The Arabian Horse Society of SD (TAHSSD)* as your local Club affiliation.

Congratulations!

Kara Van Bockern and Aaron Semmler were married on February 4, 2007 in Sioux Falls and currently live in Fort Pierre. They own Great Plains Landscaping and Kara works for the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission as an attorney. Kara is a great asset to our Club! She has been the President for the past two years, a Board of Director, and Open Horse Show Manager for the past three years to name just a few of her many contributions to our Club. Kara is also the Region 6 Public Relations Network Representative. We wish them the best in their future!

Congratulations!

Jennifer Carlson and Casey Kursave were married on May 19, 2007 in an outdoor ceremony at his Dad's ranch in Hermosa, SD. Casey is a Corporal with the United States Marines and stationed in 29 Palms, California. Jen is training and giving riding lessons at Candlewood Stables in Pioneertown, California. Jen has been enjoying meeting new horse people and California! We wish them well in their future together!

Get Well!

Kirsten and Kelsey Kimbler, *TAHSSD* youth members from Aberdeen, were in a car accident in mid-August. We hope they have a speedy recovery!

Mark your Calendars!

We will be meeting to discuss the AHA resolutions at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 7, 2007 at the Roll'n Pin Restaurant, 3015 West Russell Street, Sioux Falls, SD. Please bring your ideas on the Spring Shows with you too! For more information, contact Leigh at rlriepma@sio.midco.net or 605-336-9476.

Save this date!

The annual meeting and high point awards banquet will be at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, January 5, 2008 at Minerva's, 301 South Phillips Avenue, Sioux Falls, SD. For more information, contact Kara at vanboc1@yahoo.com or 605-212-1442.

An Opportunity for You!

Do you want to become more active in *your* Club? Here is your chance to be more active and be a *TAHSSD* officer! Several positions are available this year and will be elected or appointed at the annual meeting in January. Available positions include President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Board of Directors, Newsletter Editor, Web Site Editor, Youth Coordinator, and High Point Chair. If interested in any of these positions, please contact Kara at vanboc1@yahoo.com or any of the Club officers listed under the "Contact Us" page at www.tahssd.com.

***TAHSSD* High Point**

Remember to submit your points 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! Send your comments to marriahacres@msn.com or vanboc1@yahoo.com.

MEMBER NEWS

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

TAHSSD* YOUTH NEWS*Youth Meeting**

We are having a meeting at 11 a.m. on Saturday, November 3, 2007 at Godfathers, 12th Street and Kiwanis Avenue, Sioux Falls, SD. Agenda will include election of officers and a craft. For more information, contact Terrie at terrie@laronstrucks.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. Check out their web site at www.ArabianHorses.org!

AHA Annual Convention

The 2007 AHA Convention will be November 14-18 in Tulsa, Oklahoma. This year marks the 100th Anniversary of our breed and the Convention theme is "A Centennial Celebration: Advancing the breed for the next 100 years". This Convention will also provide the opportunity to visit the site of our 2008 U.S. National Show at the Tulsa Expo Center on Friday night.

Top 100 Votes

What horses, people, events and innovations do you think have shaped the Arabian horse and the Arabian horse community during the past 100 years since the Arabian Horse Club of America was founded in 1908?

Email your best opinions on what has made the Arabian horse and the Arabian horse industry what it is today to Top100@ArabianHorses.org. Voting deadline is October 31, 2007.

Then, in the December/January issue of *Modern Arabian Horse* and continuing throughout 2008, the Top 100 most influential and significant horses, people, events and innovations as submitted by you - the members of AHA will be counted down. The ranking will be solely based on your votes with an outside auditor compiling the list.

Nominate Your Favorite Groom!

Do you know a groom who deserves special recognition for outstanding work? If so, nominate him or her for the 2007 *Modern Arabian Horse* Groomer of the Year Award. All you have to do is write a letter between 250-300 words explaining why the groom is deserving of this honor. Include your and the groom's name, address, and contact information. All grooms nominated will receive a certificate of excellence, and all finalists will also receive an embroidered *Modern Arabian Horse* jacket. You can e-mail your nomination letter to magazine@arabianhorses.org, fax it to 303-696-4599, or mail it to the Arabian Horse Association, c/o Groomer of the Year, 10805 East Bethany Drive, Aurora, CO 80014. Deadline for all nominations is December 31, 2007.

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. Visit their web site at www.aharegion6.com!

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 mrlifter@hotmail.com if interested in being a Region 6 officer.

Region 6 Newsletters

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!

Horsey Halloween

Performance Plus Arabians is having their annual open house on Saturday, November 3, 2007 from 5 pm to 8 pm. They are located about 5 miles west of the Empire Mall on 41st Street. Their farm is on the north side of the road. They will be offering horse rides, food, games, and a costume contest so come dressed in your Halloween finest! There will be a \$2 admission. For more information, call 605-361-3334.

Endurance Riding Clinic

This is a clinic designed for both “newbies” to the sport and for the seasoned competitors as well. We will have experienced riders, trainers, veterinarians and farriers on hand for questions, advice and camaraderie. Join us for an introduction to this exciting equestrian sport! This clinic will be at the Animal Science Arena, SDSU Campus, Brookings, SD on Saturday November 17, 2007 from 1 pm to 5 pm. Cost is \$5.00 if pre-registered at www.ahilio.com or by phone at 605-874-2293 or \$10.00 at the door. Discounts are available for 4-H, FFA, breed Youth Club and college students. For more information, [click here](#).

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Club History

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Club Procedures

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Wishing you and your horse(s) the very best of health! Remember to give your horse(s) a hug!

Darlene LaBelle

TAHSSD Newsletter Editor