



LEGENDS

May 2002

Hot Topics this Month

- The Spring Fun Show rain date is just around the corner on May 18.
- The Future of the Legacy Futurity
- Look for details on the Driving Clinic coming in the next issue of *Legends*

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President's Report

We've got another busy agenda. I'm always proud to see high membership turnout at Club sponsored events. I'll share my experiences at the recent fun show as well as discuss a few topics that require attention in the near future.

As I entered the Rancho La Rosa grounds on April 13, I was greeted by the sight of a large number of horse trailers, and horses, well, all over the place. As usual, I arrived at our Fun Show with just enough time to get myself organized and headed to the Announcer's booth. From all aspects, the show was an enormous success, at least until the clouds rolled in and the rain started. There's more about the show elsewhere in this newsletter, but let me recognize the number of volun-

teers and the quality of work they have done to get our Fun Show program going. I'm proud to be associated with this group of spirited Club Members. Thanks to each of them for ALL their efforts.

One of the Board of Directors' activities in the past several months has been to conduct a management review of our Futurity Program. As you all know, the Legacy Futurity Program is the longest running futurity program for three-year-old horses in the Region IX area. We have been concerned for some time about the declining number of new entries in the pure bred class over a several year period. What we found was that the initial entries (due the autumn before foaling) has declined from the 80's in the late 1980's to a level

of about 25 for foals which have been or will be born this spring. There could have been many reasons for the gradual decline; the good news is that the numbers renominated for the first three years of the entries life have been generally steady. We're going to look into ways to better publicize the futurity for future years in an effort to reverse the trend for initial entries.

One of the important activities during the summer months is to select our nominees for the annual recognition awards through IAHA. Each year, we can select two members for these awards. We can also select a member for nomination to the Region for a Region level award. I feel that we have an abundance

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A SECOND CHANCE: SPRING FUN SHOW RAIN DATE

For those of you who missed the Spring Fun Show on April 13, you missed another one of Carlene's spectacular events. The halter and English classes went without a hitch. We even added a few additional Novice classes to the list of classes. However, Mother



Nature halted the Western classes by delivering heavy rain and thunder. Thus, the Western folks will have to wait until May 18 for their time in center ring.

Prior to the rain, participants, volunteers and spectators all

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<u>The Arabian Horse Newspaper</u>		www.arabianhorsenewspaper.com
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American Horse Council	202 296-4031	www.horsecouncil.org
USA Equestrian (formerly AHSA)	859 258-2472	www.ahsa.org
Dressage Unlimited		www.DressageUnLtd.com
Internet Horse Search		www.horseclassifieds.com

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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5	6	7	8	9	10	11 <i>trail ride</i>
12	13	14	15	16	17	18 <i>Fun Show</i>
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UPCOMING MEETINGS

The next Board meeting will be held at 7:00 on Wednesday, June 5 at the Ol' South Pancake House on University in Fort Worth. As a reminder, Board meetings are open to all membership. Members are encouraged to attend.

The spring fun show rain date is Saturday, May 18 at Rancho de La Rosa in Alvarado. Please see the show inserts in this newsletter for details.

The Region IX Championships are June 10-16 at the Will Rogers Equestrian Center. Please volunteer your time and if possible your sponsorships. Please contact Larry Nace.

Please plan to attend the General Meeting in August. The exact date and time will be announced in a future issue. This meeting is important as we vote on resolutions and new officers.

THANKS & CONGRATULATIONS TO COLLIN VEITENHEIMER

Larry Nace on behalf of the Board asked Collin to be our delegate to the IAHA Youth Convention. Good news to us all...Collin accepted. The Convention is July 20, the day preceding the Youth Nationals. Collin's acceptance will be officially recognized in the minutes of the April 27, 2002 Board meeting. Those minutes were not ready for publication at the time of this issue of *Legends*. Again, thanks and congratulations to Collin!

Schedule of Events

- **January**—Deadline for LAHC Purebred & Half Arabian Futurity Entries. Contact Penny Nace.
- **February**—Dinner Meeting. Contact Pat Leach.
- **March 14-17**—COWTOWN CLASSIC Horse Show. Contact Larry Nace.
- **April 13**—Spring Fun Show. Contact Carlene Winkles.
- **May 11**—Trail ride at Sunamac Farms in Weatherford. Contact Bud McManus.
- **June**—Region IX Championship Show in Fort Worth, TX.
- **July**—Driving Clinic at Western Cross Ranch in Weatherford, TX.
- **August**—General Meeting with Resolutions vote.
- **September 14**—Fall Fun Show. Contact Carlene Winkles.
- **October**—Open.
- **November**—National Convention in Reno, NV.
- **December**—Annual Christmas Party & Auction.

CLASSIFIEDS

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YOU ARE INVITED!

Barbara Carroll is hosting a Barn Party on Saturday, June 9. Plan to eat, drink, chat, and see Barbara's new barn and foal.

Directions: Barbara's place is 3 miles south of Benbrook Stables on Hwy 377 in Benbrook. From 377, turn onto Tiger Trail (left if you're heading south on Hwy 377) and then turn right onto Twilight Trail. Her address is 4375 Twilight Trail & phone is (817) 249-4978.



A ABOUT NEW MEMBERS...

Laurie Matthews (Cleburne, TX). Laurie is a new Associates member who enjoys trail riding. She and her husband have a Quarter Horse and two registered Galicenos. She is currently purchasing a 7/8 Arabian colt.

Keith Barnett (Brenham, TX). Keith is a new regular member. He joined during the Cowtown Classic.

Kimberly R. Ellis (Hillsboro, TX). Kimberly is presently starting her own farm. She owns nine Russian Arabians. Their bloodlines go back about 150 years. She has been training and showing Arabians for about fifteen years. Kim bought her first Arabians from Bud McManus and bought a few more in California.

Susan M. Paras (Fort Worth, TX). Susan recently moved to Texas from Florida. She met Larry Nace at the Cowtown Classic and expressed a desire to get involved. Susan is a former Board member of the Utah Arabian Horse Club where she ordered ribbon and awards for their Class A shows, playdays and trail rides. She has two Arabians who have moved from Utah to Florida to Texas. Both are Russian out of Muscat.

Patricia (Patty) Manning (Fort Worth, TX). Patty has participated in Legacy functions for the last several years. Many of you have met Patty on trail rides or may recognize her as an office worker at the past few fun shows. Patty is currently looking for a horse.

Welcome to all new members!

President

of candidates for the 2002 awards. That's another sign that our Club volunteer base is really working in the Club's best interests. Everyone should feel a responsibility to let any of our Board members know of your choice(s) for those coveted awards. We should strive to nail down our nominees for the 2002 awards by July 1.

Beyond that, it's approaching the annual IAHA Convention planning season again. If anyone out there has a candidate resolution which they think the Delegates should consider at this Convention (in November), please let me know your thoughts also by July 1. The rules and procedures for this matter are spelled out in Chapter 9 of your IAHA handbook.

While I saw many of you at the April Fun Show, I hope to see all of you at the Trail Ride on May 11 or at the Fun Show on May 18.

Happy Trails

Larry Nace

Spring Trail Ride 2002

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had a great time. As a reminder, our Fun Shows are a great way for green riders and green horses to get inexpensive show ring experience.

While a list of class is included in the newsletter, please take note that we'll feature the Western classes in the morning at the May 18 show. We hope that the weather will cooperate this time. But just in case, we'd like to give the Western riders a chance to beat the rain.

Anyone who paid to ride the Western classes at the April 13 show can par-

ticipate in the Western classes for **free** at the May 18 show. However, anyone wanting to show in the English or Halter classes will have to pay fees to reenter these classes. If this general statement does not answer your question(s), please contact Carlene Winkles who can answer specific questions.

If you would like to volunteer at this show, please contact Carlene Winkles at 817 861-9937.

LEGACY FUTURITY: A Great Place to Start?

How many of you started your foal's show career in the Legacy Futurity? If you began here, would you recommend it? If no, why not? These questions and the future of the long running Legacy Futurity have been in discussion during recent Board meetings.

Let's begin with general observations. Observation shows that initial entries for the Purebred Futurity have significantly decreased since 1990. At the same time, Half Arabian initial entries have remained constant for the periods in which records are still available.

Another observation is that final re-nominations over the same periods for both Purebred and Half Arabians have held steady. These numbers appear to have a direct relationship with the National Economy.

Obviously, the general decline in initial entries *could* lead to declining payout amounts in future years. Reduced payouts *may* further depress the number of entries.

While these numbers are not encouraging, we must keep in mind that one of the Charter Objectives for the Corpora-

tion, reflected in our Bylaws, is to promote the breeding of the Arabian horse. Our Futurity is the key element of this promotion.

The sole, measurable cost to LAHC for the Futurity is in the form of Added Money supplied from our Show Account each year. That amounts to \$100 per class; if a class is not held due to lack of entries, a cost is not accrued.

In any given year, five to ten percent of the LAHC Membership has horses in the Futurity. Furthermore, of the fifty total initial 2002 entries, twenty two were made by LAHC Members.

Termination of the Futurity would penalize those members of the Club who express a "breeder" interest.

Also, we should remember

that when other Club activities draw a five to ten percent Membership participation, we consider the event a success.

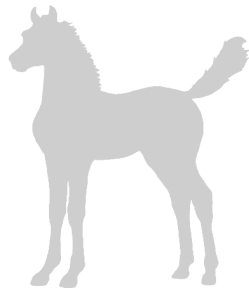
The Board received several member suggestions for improving Futurity participation. One option includes moving the Futurity to a Fun Show

venue. Doing so *may* serve to further decrease entries. On the other hand, a fun show venue *could* increase entries by reducing participation costs.

Another suggestion is to expand our advertising efforts. Over the years, advertising of the Futurity outside the Club newsletter has been limited. There is no current source of funds for this effort. Recently, we have advertised in *The Arabian Horse Newspaper* courtesy of the Cowtown Classic. Perhaps greater public awareness is a way to improve Futurity participation.

As membership can see, the Board needs your input. If you are an active, past or potential Futurity participant, the Board would like to hear from you. We need to know how the venue (Rated versus Fun Show) would affect your decision to participate. Do we need to alter the prize structure to include additional prize money or other rewards?

Now is the time for members with "breeder" interest to voice their concerns and opinions. If you would like to share your Futurity experience, make suggestions or offer ideas, please plan to attend the June 5 Board meeting or the General Meeting in August.



Letter to the Editor

I just wanted to tell the other members of LAHC that they missed a delightful experience and a wonderful meal served in their own home by not attending or bidding on the Mexican Buffet for six at the LAHC Christmas party.

Dick and I, along with our son, our neighbors and my sister, Carolyn, enjoyed our meal a great deal. Carlene Winkles did a marvelous job preparing the Corn Chowder, fresh salsa and guacamole. She also served fajitas with rice and frijoles charros with Sangria and key lime pie for desert. Wow, we were stuffed and still have a refrigerator full of food.

So next year, come to the Christmas party and bid on a meal like this one or offer your services for auction on something you do as well as Carlene cooks! Or if you don't come and bid, we'll gladly snatch this prize again next year!

Dick & Diane Malone



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