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First and Foremost I must apologize for being late on getting a President's Message out. Being in this new position is new to me, so it will take some getting used to.

With that said, I am so pleased at the continued enthusiasm of the Rancho California Board of Directors. Just last night, we went off the agenda and had great discussions about the state of the Arabian horse world. It occurred to me that open conversations such as this are so positive to our thought processes and I couldn't help but think that with the club such as ours that is so diverse, there could be so much shared between all of us. In my first President's Message I asked that if anybody had any suggestions as to how our club could better serve its members I was open to hearing anything. I just want everybody to know that I still am.

Our spring horse show was financially more successful than last year's. The numbers were slightly up, but we would still like to see them up more. Just this year alone, we've lost two Region 1 horse shows. If we continue to improve our schedule and make our show as exhibitor friendly as possible, I feel that we can grow our numbers even more. Once again, I look to our members for any suggestions that they may have to make this an excellent exhibitor experience.

Our next club activity is the barbecue held on July 9. Diana Bein has organized an excellent caterer for this event. I truly hope that we can make it just that, an "event." This is a great forum to talk about where our industry is and where it's headed. I hope that you all will attend. Thank you!

Bill Melendez
President

Schedule of Events

May 2016

- 1 May Day Dressage One Day Show
Pepperglen Farm, Norco, CA
- 4 RCAHA Board Meeting
- 18-19 Region 1 Preshow
Del Mar Fairgrounds, Del Mar, CA
- 20-22 Region 1 Championships
Del Mar Fairgrounds, Del Mar, CA

June 2016

- 1 RCAHA Board Meeting
- 6 Youth National Entries due
- 15 AHYA Officer Candidate applications due
- 21 Canadian National Entries Due

July 2016

- 6 RCAHA Board Meeting

Bragging Rights

Our members have been really busy this past two months and there are lots of things to brag about!



This is Debbie Moss and Witch and Famous with their top 5 ribbon for Sport Horse Under Saddle ATR at the Region 2 Championships.



This is Debbie Moss with the ribbons from Region 2 for Witch and Famous. She was Region 2 Champion Sport Horse in Hand ATH, Reserve Champion Sport Horse Mare Open and Region 2 Top 5 Sport Horse Under Saddle ATR.



Howard Wedertz and his wonderful gelding, JB Shaken Not Stirred with ribbons from First Level Dressage Open and Amateur. He won 3 large classes with the help of his trainer Denise Nelson-Finster at LAEC RCAHA Spring Show.

Bragging Rights

The United States Equestrian Federation (USEF) congratulates Saylor Weidauer for her exceptional accomplishments in 2015 in both National and Regional Horse of the Year divisions and are pleased to have her among their roster of champions for the "2015 United States Equestrian Federation National Horse of the Year Awards." This prestigious program recognizes excellence across nearly all of the USEF Recognized Breeds and Disciplines, and is regarded as an ensign of achievement within the equestrian community.

To commemorate Saylor's achievements, the USEF will recognize all National, Regional and Zone Champions in the special "Horse of the Year" issue of Equestrian magazine in March 2016.



Derby Day Garden Party

Join your friends at Cal Poly Pomona in your Derby finest to celebrate the "Run for the Roses." You can enjoy mint juleps and southern specialties, along with a sneak preview of the Gladys Brown Edwards' collection from the W. K. Kellogg Arabian Horse Library and some of the 2016 foals from the W. K. Kellogg Arabian Horse Center. Tickets are \$45 until April 25, \$65 after that. For questions, contact arabianhorse@cpp.edu or call 909-869-4988.

Date: Sunday, May 7th, 2016

Location: W. K. Kellogg Arabian Horse Center
Cal Poly, Pomona, CA

for more info: www.derbyday-epp.eventbrite.com



Darley Awards

The 2016 Darley Awards were presented at the Dolby Theater in Hollywood on April 6, 2016, sponsored by the HH Sheikh Mansoor Bin Zayed Al Nahayan Global Arabian Horse Flat Racing Festival.

Paddy's Day topped off an outstanding season in 2015 by winning the coveted Horse of the Year trophy as well as

4-year-old Colt. In other awards, Easter Man claimed the 3-year-old-Colt/Gelding and Jewel AA the 3-year-old Filly for owner Joe and Betty Gillis. Rosebrook Farm LLC's RB Frynch Broad was named Champion 4-year-old Filly. So Big is Better won Champion Older Horse at age 11 and DC Willey's Song took home Champion Older Mare.

Jockeys Mike Smith (Zenyatta) and Victor Espinoza (California Chrome) were guests at the Gala Dinner on April 3rd. Victor Espinoza was given a special Darley Award for California Chrome winning the Dubai World Cup in March.

Other winners from the United States were Deb Mihaloff, Best Owner; Lynn Ashby, Best Trainer; and Kelsi Purcell, Best Professional Jockey. Joe and Betty Gillis, who have been in the Arabian racing business for 24 years, picked up the Darley Trophies for both Outstanding Owner and Breeder. Deb Mihaloff was also recognized with the HH Sheikh Fatima Bint Mubarak Darley Awards Outstanding Owner Award in recognition of her many years of racing successful horses with her husband, Alan Kirshner and Cre Run Farm.

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