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Following our Board Meeting, September 2, 2015, I can report that we are well on our way preparing for our **Fall Show, Sunday, October 4, at Galway Downs**. Vandi and I did the best we could to get the word out that the prize list was coming soon. "Save the date" e-blasts went out the last week of August to Region 1 and 2 reminding them to check our website: www.rcaha.org for the prize list on September 1. Many of you have already committed to volunteer at the show and we really appreciate that. It takes a lot of people working together to run a successful show and especially using 3 rings at once! Sponsorships are going in to Tamara Tozer-Wald (sponsor form also on the website). Chris Cullen has been contacting potential Vendors and Demo riders as well. So our main focus right now is to get lots of entries and sponsors so talk about it to your fellow "Arabian folks" and people you do business with so we can get the support we need for a great show.

On a sad note, I report Ryan Melendez, Bill's son, has been diagnosed with Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia. This is a very aggressive type of leukemia requiring intense and immediate treatment. They have set up a "Go Fund Me" account for donations. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers at this difficult time.

On a personal note, I spent a week in Abu Dhabi at ADIHEX (Abu Dhabi International Hunting and Equestrian Expo) while representing the U.S. Arabian Jockey Club in their booth,. See my report elsewhere in this issue.

Leslie Smith, President

Membership

According to Jenny Morgan, our Membership Chair, as of September 1, 2015 we had 115 Adult voting Members, 2 Associate Members and 18 Youth Members. Please check your cards to see when your memberships are due. Jenny is always willing to help if you have trouble with your renewals.

Schedule of Events

October 2015

- 4 RCAHA Fall Show
Galway Downs, Temecula
www.rcaha.org for Premium
- 7 RCAHA Board of Directors Meeting
- 23 - 31 US Nationals
Tulsa, OK AHA 303-696-4500

November 2015

- 6 - 8 American Cup Championship A and B
Scottsdale, AZ
Mary Kanaga 623-334-5219
- 14 Lead/Follow 30/50/75 Mile Endurance
McDowell Mountain Park, AZ
Jodie Dukerich 602-579-0130

Brags!



Somehow we missed this! Denise Nelson-Finster coached Paige Browning and Mags Gambler to the **National Championship in Training Level and First Level Dressage** at the 2014 Youth Nationals. Congrats!



RCAHA Dinner Meeting

At our September 15th General Membership Dinner Meeting at Richie's Dinner in Murrieta, HARMONY, HEALING & SUCCESS THROUGH ALTERNATIVE METHODS was presented by Melissa Strain. She provided handouts. Melissa explained the different methods she uses to help owners and trainers have a better, more successful relationship with their horses. She encourages relaxation and exercise to help people de-stress first of all. She believes this is most important for good overall health. When you are calm and feeling your best you can improve your performance as well as that of your horse. Melissa explained she is not a psychic and that animal communication is a learned skill. She does intuitive coaching and teaches that positive feelings produce positive results. Melissa talked about the benefits of massage for people and our equine friends, benefits of meditation, foot reflexology and essential oils among many other things.

We had about 20 people attended the dinner meeting. Door prizes were won by Stephen Moss, Kimberly Ver Hage, Chris Cullen, Margaret Rich, Marsha Bustin, Janie Sutton, Barbara DuBois and the young man, Brandon.

Melissa Strain during her presentation at the RCAHA Dinner Meeting September 15th



Bragging Rights!

Cindy BeVier Hodges is excited to report Nughats Amir (Nughat VF x Alada Flamin Fortune) her 2015 grey colt won the **Gold Novice In Hand Trail Yearling Class** at the Arabian Foal Festival at the Los Olivos/Santa Ynez Valley Arabian Horse Association Club Show. They also came home with the **Bronze Championship in Yearling Halter** and **Bronze Championship in Small Breeder** of the show.



My Trip to Abu Dhabi

by Leslie Smith

I recently spent 7 days in Abu Dhabi for ADIHEX (Abu Dhabi International Hunting and Equestrian Expo). I was there representing the US Arabian Jockey Club. I have been involved in Arabian racing for almost 25 years now. It's a 16+ hour flight almost straight north and over the Arctic Circle and back down over England, Norway, Western Russia and into the Middle East. There is an time

difference so by the time I got adjusted, I was coming home again. Abu Dhabi is an odd combination of ancient history and customs with new and modern ideas. It was first known for the pearl industry until oil was discovered in the 1960's and, with the help of the British, it brought new found wealth to the area. Gas powered vehicles came into use, wealthy families sent their children to universities in the U.K. and U.S. and the Arab people learned about supply and demand for oil in a big hurry. When Sheikh Zayed organized the United Arab Emirates (UAE), that area began to really thrive and grow. The Arab people, at least in the major cities, are quite diverse in their dress from the extreme coverage to very modern dress. Freeways and SUVs are plentiful, the city is clean, well maintained and with high security, but there is still a lot of desert, heat and sand. Architecture and art work are very exotic and beautiful. The people I met were very friendly and eager to talk with me. There was a big section at the Expo on conservation and ecology. There are desalinization plants for water and conservation efforts to save endangered species just like here. I was mostly in the Equestrian area of the Expo where there were booths from the U.K., France, Germany, Netherlands and many regions. It is always interesting to talk Arabian horses with fellow enthusiasts. The Arab food is quite different but in the Expo, they also had Starbucks, Subway and Krispy Kreme to name a few. The hotel food was really good with everything from sushi and other Asian dishes, local type food and steak and potatoes too. Lots of fresh juices, yogurts, dates and fancy little desserts.

(More photos on the following page.)



Photos from Abu Dhabi



Exhibition Hall in Abu Dhabi



Silk Tapistry on display at Expo



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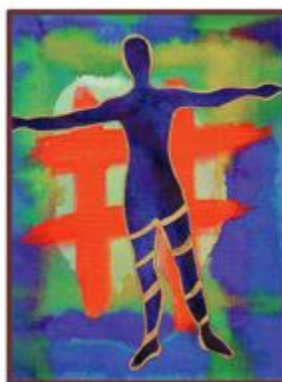
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A photograph of a woman in a blue riding jacket and dark pants, holding a lead rope attached to a dark horse. The horse is wearing a red and white decorative collar. The background is dark green with a subtle pattern.

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Denise Nelson-Finster also reported Rococo Chanel shown above came in 3rd out of 15 in Training Level at 2015 Scottsdale with Denise up.



Denise also reported Rahall Shai, owned by Jim and Geri Knuse went **Reserve Champion** in Western Dressage at the 2015 Region One show.



Congratulations to Saylor Weidauer and CSP Worthy Wager+! Saylor has earned the "**Rider of Excellence Champion 2015**" award through the Arabian Horse Association. Previously she earned the "**Rider of Honor Champion 2013**" and "**Rider of Supreme Honor Champion 2014**" awards. Saylor's mare, CSP Worthy Wager+ recently earned the "**Legion of Honor 2015**" award also through the Arabian Horse Association. Keep up the good work Saylor and Worthy!





Rancho California Arabian Horse Association

29th Annual Fall Horse Show

Sunday, October 4th

Galway Downs, Temecula Ca

Region One Qualifier

2015 U.S. NATIONALS QUALIFYING SHOW!

SPONSOR A CLASS FOR A CHANCE TO WIN A PRIZE!

Join the team, be a sponsor and be recognized. All Class Sponsorship announcements will be made throughout the day as the classes perform, or you may specify a particular class for your sponsorship. (RCAHA is a non-profit organization)

Name: _____

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Class Requested (1st and 2nd choice): _____

Announcement: _____



**At the end of the show RCAHA will be raffling off a
MYSTERY PRIZE! Enter to win the drawing by
sponsoring a class!**



Championship Class Sponsorship

**\$30 gets you 2 tickets to enter to
win the Mystery Prize.**



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win the Mystery Prize.**

You do not need to be present to win.

Class sponsorships will be taken anytime up to the show date. Contact Tamara Tozer Wald
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