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The July RCAHA BBQ at Green Acres Ranch was a great success. We had many club members, new and old friends, for a very nice evening. Diana Bein did a great job hiring the caterer and getting it all organized. The night before, Diana was admitted to the hospital with a blood clot in her leg so she was not able to come. Diana is still recovering with some complications so we sent her best wishes for a speedy recovery. Special thanks to Paul Bein for stepping up to fill in along with Marsha Bustin and Joan Darrin. The food was very good, we had lots of raffle prizes and great music by Bill and Ryan Melendez.

September 14 is our next Dinner Meeting: 6-8:30 pm, Richie's Dinner, Murrieta. Guest speaker is Jeanne Brooks Abernathy, Equine Director at Cal Poly Pomona's Kellogg Arabian Horse Center. RSVP to DebraGMoss@msn.com by September 12.

Preparation for the Fall Show, October 2 at Galway Downs is under way. We will be presenting Horses: Head to Hoof worked into the show schedule. Weather permitting, we are planning for a large turnout of the public to see our show and demos, and a nice group of vendors to check out.. Watch your email for Sponsor and Vender forms coming soon. If you are able to volunteer for the HH2H committee, please contact Vandi Reeves at vandi.reeves@yahoo.com.

Denise Nelson-Finster resigned as Vice President in July and the Board approved Debbie Moss to move up from Director to VP for the balance of this year. Christian Cullen resigned as "Treasurer/Board member in August and yours truly (Leslie Smith) was approved to be Treasurer for the balance of this year. Margaret Rich returned to the BOD as Past President.

Mark your calendar for the Christmas Party, December 10, Glen Oaks Community Center. **(continued on Page 2)**

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Lynn Chevallier is chairing this committee so if you can help please contact Lynne at: costume-lady@prodigy.net to volunteer. We need set up, decorating and tear down. Details after the Fall Show.

CONGRATULATIONS TO KATHERINE AND TYLER ELZIG ON THE ARRIVAL OF THEIR LITTLE GIRL IRELAND ELZIG, AUGUST 4TH. MARGARET IS NOW A GRANDMA!

Leslie Smith, Past President
filling in for Bill Melendez, President

Schedule of Events

September

- 21 - 25 Sport Horse Nationals
Nampa, Idaho
- 22 - 25 AHA National Distance Championships
Vinita, OK

October

- 2 RCAHA Fall Show
Galway Downs, Temecula
- 5 RCAHA Board Meeting
Green Acres Ranch, Temecula 7 PM
- 21 - 29 US Nationals
Tulsa, OK

November

- 2 RCAHA Board Meeting
Green Acres Ranch, Temecula 7 PM
- 16 - 19 AHA Convention
Denver Marriott Tech Center
Denver, CO

December

- 7 RCAHA Board Meeting
Green Acres Ranch, Temecula 7 PM
- 10 RCAHA Christmas Party
Glen Oaks Community Center
Temecula, CA



Bragging Rights



A very proud Debbie Moss reported that her mare, Witch and Famous++ was the 2015 Reserve Champion Region One Zone Horse of the Year in Hunter Pleasure with Katherine Rich-Elzig and AOTR with Debbie. She was also third in Open Hunter Pleasure for Region 2 with Katherine.

Congratulations Debbie!

Elections

Each year at the annual Christmas Party, we hold elections for our 1-year Officers (President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer) and 2 of our 4 Directors positions (2 years each) and Delegates. If you are interested in being a part of the organization, we can use your help. If you have any questions about what each position entails, please call or write to: lesliesmith@wildblue.net or 951- 767-0282. We'd love to have you!



JANOW PODLASKI, Poland (AP) Poland's right-wing government is facing a test of its reputation at - of all places - a horse auction at a 199-year-old stud farm.

The state run farm in **Janow Podlaski**, set among lush meadows near the border with Belarus, has for decades drawn film directors and rock stars, Arab sheikhs and other millionaires for its yearly Pride of Poland auction, a sale of some of the world's finest Arabian horses.

The reputation of the state breeding program, which is considered a national treasure, faced a setback earlier this year when the new conservative government purged three top managers who had worked in the program for many years, in one case for four decades.

One notable person absent this year after more than two decades of buying horses from Janow Podlaski is British breeder Shirley Watts, wife of Rolling Stones drummer Charlie Watts. Two mares that she had loaned to the farm died after the management changes earlier this year and she is currently in a legal dispute with the farm. In a sign of how Janow Podlaski's new manager, Slawomir Pietrzak, is trying to clean up the stud farm's image, he said that he had apologized to Shirley Watt and hoped to restore good ties with such an important client. Pietrzak took over in June, replacing a very short-lived manager who had no previous experience with horses, but said on his appointment he hoped to make horses his new hobby.

Poland's government accused the fired managers of financial wrong-doing. The three insist they are innocent and are the victims of a personal vendetta. They were among scores of civil servants who were fired after Law and Justice took power last November. It's a usual practice in Poland when power changes hands, but this purge was deeper and faster than most, leading critics to accuse the government of a willingness to harm the country's vital interests for political reasons.

The most objective test of success will come in the prices at which the horses will sell, which is key to the financial survival of the state enterprise. Last year was a record year with 4.6 million euros raised and one mare, Pepita, selling for 1.4 million euros alone. Potential buyers ahead of the auction of 30 mares and one stallion had mixed opinions on the horses, which were presented at a show and were also available for inspection to potential buyers in the classical 19th century stables on the farm's grounds. But many raved that the horses seemed as graceful as ever.

"The event is brilliant and the horses look very nice." said Amy Dutkowski Southworth, a breeder from Poulton-le-Fylde in Lancashire, England, who planned to place some bids. Dutkowski-Southworth said there had been some discussion among international breeders to possibly boycott the auction in solidarity with the managers who lost their jobs, who were well known to many buyers in the small and intimate world of Arabian horse breeding. But the many people sitting in the VIP section under a white tent attested to the fact that the event remains a huge draw.

Faisad Al o Taibe, an owner and breeder from Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, who hoped to return home with two or three new mares, said that this year the quality of the organization, food and everything else was much better in the past, "but the quality of the horses at the auction had dropped." Fahad Al-Zaydi, a breeder from Mecca, Saudi Arabia, said the auction, which he described as a "very important" event for breeders "is going well. The quality of the broodmares seems to be the same," he said. "But I suppose we will see in 5 or 10 years if there is a difference or not."

The farm's attraction comes from the fine horses it breeds, but it also enjoys a romantic allure because of its storied history. Russian Czar Alexander I started the breeding operation in 1817 because Russia needed to replenish a cavalry depleted by the Napoleonic Wars. The farm suffered through a history of uprisings and war with WWII almost finishing the farm off. The Nazis took some Arabians but most were killed in the fighting. After the war, stable owners managed to rebuild by leasing Polish Arabian stallions around the world for breeding. Despite the communist's hatred of aristocracy, they worked to rebuild the bloodlines of these horses.

(editors note: "And Miles to Go" by Linell Smith is the story of WWII and Witez II, rescued by General Patton's army, selected by General Patton himself, shipped to the US Army Remount at the Kellogg Ranch in Pomona - now Cal Poly Pomona - auctioned in Oklahoma when the Remount was disbanded and purchased by Earle & Francis Hurlbutt of Calarabia Ranch. He spent the last years of his life here in Southern California.)



**Rancho California
Arabian Horse Association**

30th Annual Class A Arabian Horse Show

Sunday, October 2nd

Galway Downs, Temecula Ca

Region One Qualifier

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Rancho California Arabian Horse Association Presents



a celebration of horses - all breeds & creeds

SUNDAY, OCT 2ND, 2016 8AM-5PM

Location: **Galway Downs**

38801 Los Corralitos Rd in Temecula CA

Vendor Registration

Organization or Business: _____

Contact Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ Website: _____

Description of Product(s) or Organization: _____

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Non-profit Organization or Club (fee exempt)

Scan & email form to: vandi.reeves@yahoo.com

***Please arrive at Galway Downs no earlier than 7am, Sunday Oct 2nd and plan to stay until 5pm.
Electricity will not be available.***

RCAHA is a nonprofit organization that continues to grow through the generous support of its members, associates, and sponsors.
If you are interested in donating a raffle/auction item, or financially sponsoring this event your support is greatly appreciated (and its tax deductible!).
If you are available to volunteer your time and/or expertise for this event in any capacity we welcome you to contact us and join in on the fun!

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Sunday, Oct 2nd, 10AM-3PM

Location: **Galway Downs**

38801 Los Corralitos Rd in Temecula CA

••• THIS IS A FREE EVENT THAT IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC •••

Hosted by RCAHA, with the intention of celebrating

THE AMAZING WORLD OF ALL THINGS HORSES

We hope to encourage unity and camaraderie between the local horse clubs, horse ranches and horse people, regardless of preferred breed or discipline. The beauty of the horse transcends all labels and preferences. Behind every horse person lies the child that simply fell in love with a horse.

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