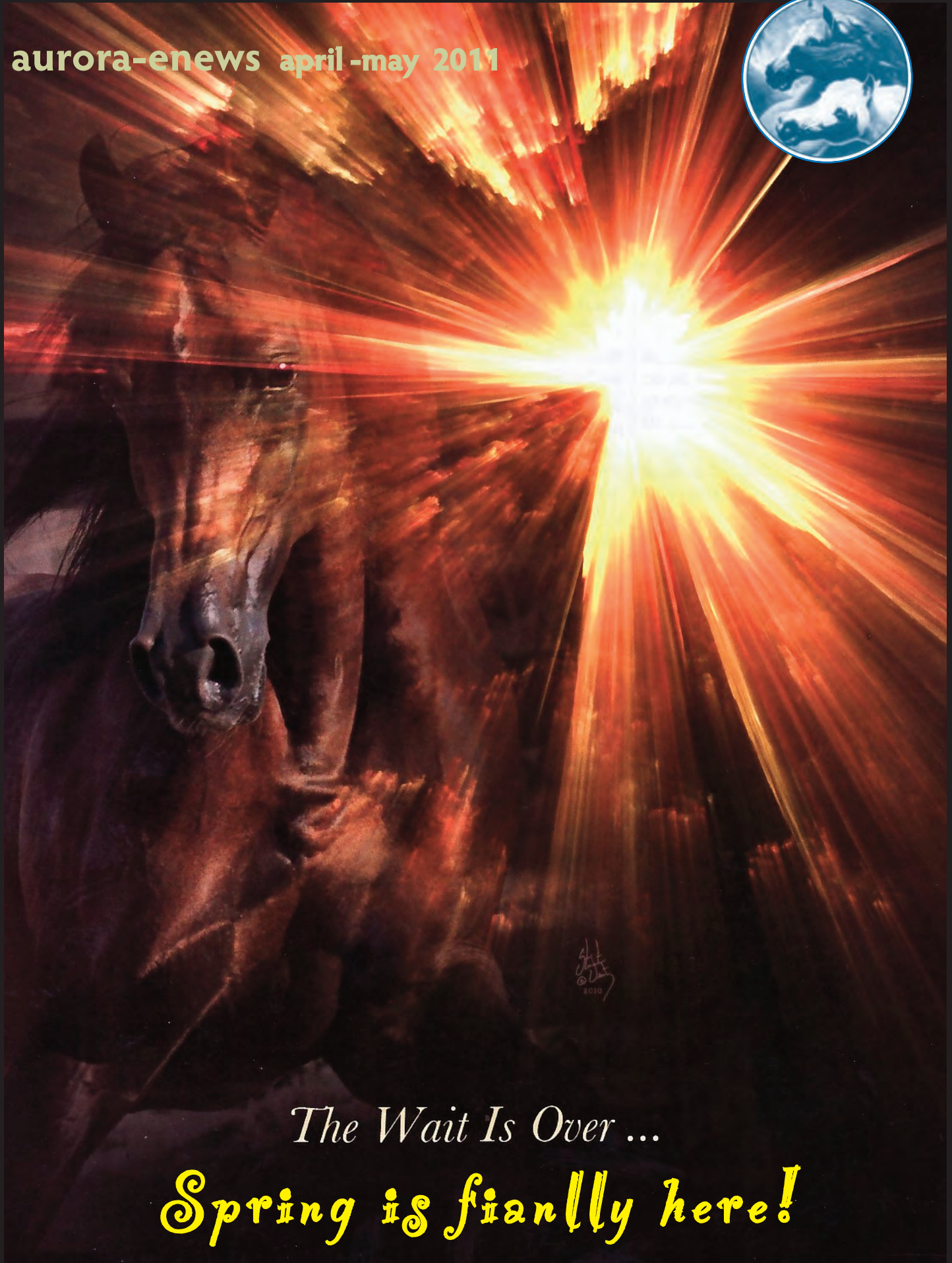


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*The Wait Is Over ...*

*Spring is finally here!*

**Aurora Arabian Horse Association  
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## Important Dates

### May Meeting

May 9, 2011

**7:00 Nisku Inn**

Everyone is welcome!

## Volunteers required for the Aurora Summer Horse Show

If you can help contact  
**Dawn Hopkin**  
[ashbren@albertacom.com](mailto:ashbren@albertacom.com)

**Friday:**

Ribbons-main ring-morning & afternoon  
Trail set up/Tear down-late afternoon  
Sport Horse In-Hand Scribes(2) & scorers(2)-  
morning  
Ringmaster for Sport horse under saddle  
classes-outside ring-late morning/early after noon  
Jump course set up/tear down-afternoon  
Ribbons-outside ring-morning & afternoon

**Saturday:**

Ribbons-main ring-morning, afternoon & evening  
Halter runner-morning  
Halter scorer-morning  
Dressage scribe-morning & afternoon

**Sunday:**

Hitching Ring- morning & afternoon  
Ribbons-main ring-morning & afternoon  
Sport Horse In-hand scribe-morning  
Sport Horse In-hand scorer-morning  
Dressage scribe-afternoon

## **aurora enews** the newsletter for aurora members

Welcome to the **AURORA news**, Aurora's newsletter. For information about the happenings within the club, within the region, within AHA and within the horse world, this **news** will attempt to keep you informed and up-to-date about the Arabian horse industry, what others are doing to enjoy their horses and handy tips to keep you learning and growing.

**We want to hear from you.** Please send us your comments, pictures and news ...

**Barn Talk information required...** let us know what's hapening around your barn

**Advertising :** The **news** will be distributed to every Aurora member and to the presidents of all other Arabian clubs within Region 17 **via email and a printed version**, for who

Advertising rates are as follows :

**Classified section where members can advertise for free.**

Full page ads - \$20.00 (plus GST) per edition

Half page ads - \$12.00 (plus GST) per edition

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- ads should be supplied as pdf files



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Submissions for the newsletter should be in by the 20th of each month.

For more information on the Aurora e-news or to contribute, please contact Gary Millar (780-499-9219) or email [gary@millarcom.com](mailto:gary@millarcom.com)



# March Minutes



## Aurora March Meeting

**Called to Order:** 7:15pm

Motion to adopt minutes as read made by Diane, Corinne seconded

**Membership Report** – Jill Bromley

Adult 1 year: 103  
Adult 3 year: 32  
Lifetime members: 2  
Youth 1 year: 20

**Treasurer's Report** – Kim Keleman

US and Canadian Account balances given

**Youth Report** – Terri Martin

Clinic: Food and drinks will be available (bring travel mugs)  
Fun and Furry: May 1 @ Cadence Creek, no judge yet but will be in place  
Vet Clinic Tour: Being offered free to all members at Delaney Vet Clinic (Fri, Mar 25 at 6:30pm)  
Photo session: With Linda Finstad (\$45 for youth, \$85 normally), date to be determined

**Advertising/Promotion** – Lorie Fisher

Calendars out, big success! Gary Millar donated postage.  
Plan to have next calendar ready to bring to AHA convention  
"Newcomers" page on Aurora website highlights members with services to offer to new members. Discussed club promotion of member endeavors. Advertisers must be members and ad will then be approved by club executive  
Trade Fairs considered: Sherwood Park- April 8-10 – Could share table with Gary's Reading Program, Horse Showcase at the end of May (27<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup>) (Fultonvale), Aurora Summer Show?  
Discussed signage, will look into costs.

**Annual Review**

Rick Maitland and Marg Jubinville did the book. Big thanks!!  
Recommendations: Anyone attending conventions/Meetings please give all receipts relating to meeting (just to prove attendance)  
Society's annual return has been filed.

**Clinic**

16 spots filled, arrangements in place for clinicians, etc.

**Show**

All judges have been confirmed and prize lists are being put together.  
Discussed Morgan Horse association sponsoring their own classes  
Fun classes - \$5 winner takes all

**Club Sponsorships**

In the past, Aurora has sponsored \$250 for Region 17. Cam motioned to increase that to \$500. Melissa seconded. Vote: 12 in favor, 5 opposed. Motion passed, Aurora will sponsor for \$500.

In the past, Aurora has sponsored \$300 for Nationals. Karen motioned to accept this. Cam motioned to amend this amount to \$450 to show support for Canadian Nationals (in light of competing show being held in the Eastern United States at same time).

Motion to table issue until next meeting (Corinne). Jill seconded.

**Region 17 Budget Committee**

Region 17 will be voting on budget committee. Aurora will nominate Melissa MacLellan. Members to attend meeting will be Cam, Karen and Carla.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05. Next meeting APRIL 11, 2011, location tba (most likely Salisbury Greenhouses).

## **totally tops!**

### TOTALLY TOPS

The Arabian Horse World magazine has calculated its Totally Tops winners for the 2010 show year. Congratulations to the Aurora members who are Totally Tops. Points are awarded as follows – Champion – 10, Reserve Champion – 7, Top 10 – 4.

#### Multi Discipline Division

Reserve – Todd Ehret with 97 points

#### Hunter Pleasure

Top 10 – Todd Ehret with 32 points

#### Show Hack

Top 10 - Todd Ehret with 14 points

#### Dressage

Top 10 – Todd Ehret with 22 points

#### Amateur

Top 10 – Lorraine Prowse with 60 points

Congratulations also go to Region 17 members that placed as well. –

Brenda Driediger (Multi Discipline 67 points, Halter 51 points, Show Hack 10 points)

Nicki Muller (Show Hack 10 points)

Laura Wolsey (Reserve Champion Amateur 64 points)

Marilyn Robinson (Amateur 58 points) and

Christina Passey (Amateur 55 points)



# NEW WEBSITE

Aurora Arabian Horse Association – <http://www.auroraarabian.com/>

July 28, 2010

aurora arabian horse association  
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**WELCOME MESSAGE**

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The objects of the Association are:

- do any and all things necessary to enjoy the Arabian horse.
- promote, encourage and stimulate popular interest in the outstanding versatile qualities of the Arabian horse.
- formulate publicity and educational programs and other activities in the interest of the Arabian horse owners, associations, clubs and enthusiasts.

**UPCOMING MEETINGS**  
Attend our monthly meetings. Everyone is welcome.

**GARE, FEED & HEALTH**  
Check out our articles, and frequently asked questions.

**FOR THE FUN OF IT**  
Humour, games and lots of kids stuff too.

**SHOWS/EVENTS**  
Mark these dates on your calendar. Volunteers are welcome.

**SPONSORS**  
Become a sponsor. Important role in the success of the organization.

**PHOTO GALLERY**  
Stories, poems and our "Photo of the Month".

Our goal is to develop an innovative, highly interactive and user-friendly website that will provide up to date information and resources to ultimately “INCITE YOUR PASSION” for the Arabian Horse. This site is to provide ample resource including:

- Care, Feed and Health.
- Humour, Games and Kids Stuff.
- Shows/Events and Results.
- “Ask our Experts”.
- Photo of the Month.
- Poems and Stories.

... and much more.

Please be sure to check out the new website and if possible, circulate the above link to your network of contacts. Every month it will continue to grow with each members support. Tell us what you would like to see added.

Feedback, articles, photos call be forwarded to our Webmaster, | ...

Lorie Fisher  
[info@auroraarabian.com](mailto:info@auroraarabian.com)

## new helmet rule

Effective Date: March 1, 2011 with USEF and May 1, 2011 with EC

*Dressage Canada is about to enact a rule requiring that all riders in Fourth Level and below wear ASTM/SEI or BSI approved headgear. Also all riders mounted on a non-competing horse at a show must wear the same. This is a higher standard of safety than A905 demands in that adults are included in the rule even though they are not jumping. In terms of the safety standard of headgear required, dressage is exactly the same. DC plans to implement the new rule on May 1st and the announcement is imminent.*

### Approved helmets. With USEF

#### CHAPTER AR - ARABIAN, HALF ARABIAN AND ANGLO-ARABIAN DIVISION

**AR156 Dressage Classes.** [Chapter AR. Arabian Division. Subchapter AR-12 Dressage Section]

#### 010-11, effective 3/1/11:

Dressage classes held in the Arabian Division to be conducted in accordance with Dressage Chapter DR, except as stated herein:

1. When cross entry **by rider or horse/rider combination** is permitted between Dressage and other Arabian classes at a competition, **DR120 and DR121** applies **apply** only to the designated Dressage warm-up and competition areas, or when exhibitor is actually warming-up for Dressage class.

## Another Legion of Honour Horse in 2010

MJ Dot Com, owned by Lorne Robertson earned his Legion of Honour in 2010.



## April and May is Horse Count 2011 in Strathcona County.

### Horse Count 2011 will focus on the horse industry

- the huge economic impact of horses on our local economy
- the quality of life issues the horse industry serves
- attract NEW people ... involvement with horses is an excellent activity providing recreation, exercise and work ethic. AND it is good for the whole family!

Surveys online April 1, 2011 [www.discoverhorses.org](http://www.discoverhorses.org)

Aurora offers condolences to Bob and Pam Zimmerman on the loss of Bob's mom, Vivian.

Vivian Zimmerman passed away on March 21 at the age of 89.

Vivian was a highly respected dog show judge and a wonderful lady.

She will be missed.

## barn talk

### Courier Park

Steve Rother Clinic July 30 – August 2. Information and Registration can be found at  
Linda Finstad Photography Workshop – July 9 – Information and Registration can be found at

[Steve Rother Horsemanship Clinic](#)

Steve is the two time Mane Event Horse Trainer Challenge winner. He will be in Ardrossan, AB for a four day clinic this summer. More information and registration may be found at

Horse owners interested in methods that get results will find a wealth of information available from Steve. Through horsemanship clinics, training videos, and demonstrations at major equine expos and fairs, Steve works to help educate horse owners on how to be more effective with their horses. Steve Rother began his own training at a young age, and has since further developed his unique ability to teach horses and people in a way that both can understand. It is not enough for a clinician to only be an accomplished horse hand – to truly be effective, they must also be able to teach their students. It is Steve's ability to communicate with both horse and rider that has allowed him to show thousands of horse owners the difference his methods can make.

### OPEN TO ALL HORSES AND DISCIPLINES

Many people ask if Steve's methods work on warmbloods, gaited horses, Arabians, ponies, draft horses, barrel racers, jumpers, sport horses, dressage horses, etc... The truth is Steve's methods are for any breed of horse and any discipline. No matter how old your horse is, or how long you've owned it – and no matter what you like to do with your horse – put in the effort, and you will accomplish your goals with Steve's methods. Owning a horse is not just going for a ride. It's a commitment to yourself and another living being – one that depends on you for leadership, care and comfort. Every time you are around your horse, you are teaching him something. Are they the things that you want.

[Photography clinic with Linda Finstad](#)

This is a fun "Hands On" workshop For budding Photographers of all skill levels and ages. If you love Horses and Love to take pictures of them, but are frustrated by the results of your picture taking efforts, then this afternoon workshop is for you. You will Learn • How to pose both horse and rider for beautiful portraits • How to capture the "Jump Shot" at just the right moment ( every time) • You will learn how to recognize "The right place and the right time" • Equine photographer Linda Finstad will explain how you too can "See the light" • Linda will share easy tricks for artistic effects • Freestyle and action shots made easy Linda shares all her down and dirty trade secrets - stuff teh other Pro's dont want you to know She promises to improve the your chances of getting "The Shot" by 100% Cost of clinic and workbook - \$89

### Western Show Saddle for Sale

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Superior leathers, Montana Silver, 16" seat, gently used, appraised value \$8000, asking \$4800

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- Watch a class with an **EXPERT** and ask questions. Learn about what the Judge is looking for. See the differences in tack and clothing from one class to the next.

## AURORA SUMMER HORSE SHOW

Saturday, June 11, 2011

*We also invite the public to attend entertainment over the lunch hour, including a horse demonstration. More details will be published as they become available.*

### Amberlea Meadows, Edmonton

(approximately 15 minutes South and 5 minutes West driving distance from the South Side of Edmonton)

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Aurora Arabian Horse Association would like to invite your youth group or family to spend some time with us at the Aurora Summer Horse Show. To make an appointment for your group, please contact Lorie Fisher at 780.916.6375.

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PROGRAM

## Canadian Nationals leaves Regina

# Arabian horse show packing up for good?

By Bruce Johnstone, Leader-Post March 17, 2011

After a 22-year run, the Canadian National Arabian and Half-Arabian Championship Horse Show -better known as the Royal Red -appears to be riding off into the sunset due to a contract dispute with its Regina landlord.

"We have a dispute on our hands," said Mark Allan, president and CEO of Evraz Place, which has hosted the event since 1988.

"We're trying to bring it to some resolution and I don't know where it will go," Allan said in an interview following a conference call with representatives of the Arabian Horse Association Wednesday.

But the association, which is based in Aurora, Colo., said the Royal Red is, for all intents and purposes, done in Regina, including this year's event, which was scheduled for Aug. 15-20.

"We were told (the show was over). This is not a decision we made," Lance Walters, president and CEO of the Arabian Horse Association, said from his office near Syracuse, N.Y.

The AHA is now looking for other venues in Canada and the U.S. to hold the show, which the association estimates brings \$8 million to \$10 million in economic activity to the Regina region every year.

"When there were some financial issues, I certainly did say, 'You need to have a back-up plan'," Walters said.

"Thank God, we did some sniffing (around) a little bit. Otherwise we'd be standing here with six months . to go for a national championship show and no place to go. . So we're scrambling."

Walters said the AHA has been negotiating with Evraz Place management for about a year and had paid \$454,000 US for use of the facilities for the 2010 show.

But the negotiations broke down over payment of an outstanding \$12,000, which the association believed was not part of its written agreement with Evraz Place.

"After having already paid for this past year's show over \$450,000 in US funds, we're arguing over \$12,000?" said Glenn Petty, executive vice-president of the AHA, who also took part in the conference call.

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## 2011 Region 17 Spring Meeting – Victoria, BC March 19/2011

The 2011 Region 17 Spring meeting was held in Victoria, BC on March 19. It was nice to have a mini break from the cold and snow and see what green grass and flowers look like since we won't see them here for another two months.

The meeting agenda was very long and it was a full day of discussions. The biggest discussion involved the budget for Region 17. Several areas were looked at to cut costs to save money. The Youth were asked to come up with some ideas as fund raisers for their costs. Some of their expenses include \$1000.00 for the Youth Team Tournament prizes, \$500.00 for an educational fund, and \$1500.00 for the yearly scholarship and \$3000.00 for the Youth Directors budget. There was discussion as to how much of that should actually come out of the general fund and how much the youth should be responsible for. Aurora has had some Youth teams in the past and they should get involved again. The youth teams that are in BC are very competitive in AHA. Region 17 supplies the prizes for those teams. It would be nice to have an Alberta team be able to benefit from that program. It was suggested that the youth help/volunteer at the Regional show to cover some of the jobs that require volunteers, ex: hitching ring, checking off entry numbers and at the out gate. They also want to have a more successful silent auction at the show and it wouldn't be hard for each youth member collect a couple of items for the auction to help raise money. The show is the biggest money earner for the Region. The show also looked at making some cuts to save money. They are eliminating the pre show. That typically had very few entries and it cost more money to put on than it brought in. (Judges fees, airfare, hotel, ribbons, etc) Most horses were already qualified by the time they got to the Regional show, so the Region didn't usually gain very many extra horses. People will have to make sure that they have all their qualifications before the Regional show. This might encourage more entries at the club's shows as the Region won't be competing with them for entries. They have moved the schedule up to start the Regional show one day earlier in place of the pre show, which will mean the show, will end on Saturday night instead of Sunday afternoon. This will save one day of facility rental costs and will give the people and horses that are continuing on to Nationals, an extra day off between the shows.

The Directory had a profit of \$4357.05 with a total of 55 ads. There was some discussion about discontinuing the 50 reprints with the full page ads. Most people said they didn't use them for anything. They asked if instead of printing so many directories to take to different places, if there could be a small booklet with just the clubs information and the ads. Some people were concerned with their addresses and email addresses being given out. Although no one has had a complaint about their personal information being compromised, the "idea that it could be" was out there. The cost of this will be looked into and reported at the fall meeting.

The High Points were awarded. Congratulations to the Aurora members who won awards. Lorraine Prowse and Sur Teddy's Magna+// - Reserve Champion Purebred and Reserve Champion Adult Amateur. Diane McLaughlin & Billy Bob – Top 5 Purebred, Brandon Leubner & CA Prom Queen – Top 5 Half Arabian and Top 5 Junior, and Brandon with Mista Poco Mon – Top 5 Junior and Sydney Young & City Dance – Top 5 Junior. All the winners are listed on the Region 17 web site. There was discussion about the High Point program. Someone asked if there could be High Points by division since it is always dominated by the Sport Horses. A person with an English or Country English Horse and for that matter, Western or strictly Hunter pleasure horses can't compete against the number of classes that the Sport horses have. The "main ring" horses have fewer classes to compete in to earn points than the Sport horses. The sport horses can go in the sport horse classes, dressage, jumping and main ring classes. An English horse might go in two classes at a show where the sport horse can go in 20. The English people simply weren't entering their horses for the High Point awards because they didn't stand a chance in the numbers game with the sport horses. The discussion was if the awards should be by division to be more equitable to all. For example, the English and Country horses would compete in their own division, Western, Hunter and Sport horses would have their own. Some people liked this and others didn't. They felt that it wasn't a true "high point" if it was separated by division. Others suggested that it could be by division and then have one overall High Point horse. In the end, it was voted (not unanimously) to leave the High Points program the way it currently is. This may come up for discussion again at the fall meeting. So if you would like to see the program changed to be by discipline division, discuss it with others and lobby to the delegates to have it changed.

Gerald McDonald updated the delegates with the Canadian Nationals situation. There was a lot that he wasn't able to say due to confidentiality issues, but he did address some of the rumors that people had put on Face Book and other networking sites. As usual, many people were jumping to conclusions before they knew the truth of the situation. Several of them had not shown at Canadian Nationals in years, but of course had an opinion. AHA will send out an eblast when the contract dispute is

settled. Gerald did say there WILL be a Canadian National show in 2011. I have been asked to do the sponsorships for the show again (and I am also doing the Region 17 show) so I am asking people to contact me with a sponsorship before I call you, because I WILL be calling you and asking for one.

A hot topic of discussion was the revamped Sweepstakes program. Several people were very disappointed that AHA is not awarding any Sweepstakes money at the Canadian Nationals when it was originally stated there would be money available. Members were encouraged to write a letter to their club president to be forwarded to our Regional Director to take to the April Board of Directors meeting.

The 2011 AHA Convention was discussed. Region 17 is hosting it so we are asking for some volunteers, and sponsorships. Doug Archibald from the AAHA of BC is heading up the volunteers. The Region is looking for monetary sponsorships, (to cover the coffee breaks and wine for the banquet) but is also looking for items to go in the delegate's bags and door prizes. More information is on the Region 17 web site or you can contact the Director Terry Johnson.

If you have any questions about the meeting, please call or email me.

Karen Caughell

### **Region 17 Spring Meeting    Victoria, BC    March 18-19, 2011**

There are some places in Canada that do not have snow in March and fortunately Victoria was one. The Vancouver Island Horse Association welcomed all delegates to their land of green and daffodils. Director Terry Johnson chaired the meeting with approximately 30 people in attendance.

The agenda took the entire day to work through with a lot of emphasis on bringing forward a balanced budget. Lorne Robertson did an excellent job reviewing the 2010 budget and preparing a budget for 2011. Efforts by all were made to look at areas to reduce costs and yet to continue promoting the Arabian breed.

Budget cuts included reducing the length of the Regional show.

There will not be a pre-show, which will be different for many exhibitors. The show will therefore move forward one day and run from August 2-6, 2011. Once again the calendar year has Region 17 very close to Canadian Nationals dates. The show shifting forward will allow one extra day of preparation for Nationals.

There are concerns with the location of the Canadian Nationals in 2011. AHA and Evraz Place in Regina, Saskatchewan are working on resolving the issues. The details are unknown to all at this point. AHA will notify members as soon as decision has been finalized.

The Region 17 Directory is in circulation. This coil bound phone book and advertising tool will be available at the AHA convention later this year, as well as a number of Regions, and all three Nationals. A lot of work goes into the compilation of this booklet. A comment regarding the number of individual ad copies printed was discussed. Many people thought it was in excess. Delegates suggested ads could go into a separate booklet to be distributed as promotional material. Karen Caughell and Gary Miller are to be commended a job very well done.

A report on the AHA Sweepstakes was presented. They are considering a number of changes. For a complete revision visit the AHA website.

The Sweepstakes in the past few years has two parts to the program. The "Point" pay out was said to be approximately \$11.69 for 2010. As of 2011 the points will pay out a set amount of \$10.00. The second part of the program is focused on the "breeders". For 2011 there idea is to put greatest emphasis on the young horses. Several halter and junior horse classes will be paid out at US Nationals. The consensus from Region 17 delegates was the program is too heavily weighted in favor of the US Nationals. People were encouraged to write letters addressing concerns to the allocation of AHA Sweepstake monies. Please check the website for an understanding into the new distribution of prize money. All correspondence should be sent to the Regional Director Terry Johnson.

Katie Johnson provided us with a youth report. Discussion was had on how much funding should come from the general account for youth activities. The youth have a number of expenses including the yearly scholarship of \$1500.00, tournament prizes, and youth directors travel costs. The youth club runs the silent auction at the Region 17 show. This is one of their biggest fund-raisers. It was acknowledged that the youth are our future leaders and participants and we must work together to keep them enthusiastic and active.

The Region 17 high point awards were presented. There was discussion on creating awards in the English and Western categories. With finances and budget cuts being the focus of much of the meeting, the delegates voted against the addition of more high point awards.

AHA Convention will be held at the Hyatt Regency in Vancouver, BC November 16-20, 2011. This is a great opportunity for all people to attend. You do not have to be a delegate. This convention is in our area. As hosts of the event everyone is working hard to make it a memorable occasion.

The Region 17 meeting was an enjoyable experience. There was a lot of valuable information exchanged. We have a diligent group of people working together promoting the Arabian. Thank you for the opportunity to represent the Aurora Arabian Horse Club.

submitted by Carla Jackson



### **The Seven Stages of Aging on Horseback**

Stage 1: Fall off pony. Bounce. Laugh. Climb back on. Repeat.

Stage 2: Fall off horse. Run after horse, cussing. Climb back on by shimmying up horse's neck. Ride until sundown.

Stage 3: Fall off horse. Use sleeve of shirt to stanch bleeding. Have friend help you get back on horse. Take two Advil and apply ice packs when you get home. Ride next day.

Stage 4: Fall off horse. Refuse advice to call ambulance; drive self to urgent care clinic. Entertain nursing staff with tales of previous daredevil stunts on horseback. Back to riding before cast comes off.

Stage 5: Fall off horse. Temporarily forget name of horse and name of husband. Flirt shamelessly with paramedics when they arrive. Spend week in hospital while titanium pins are screwed in place. Start riding again before doctor gives official okay.

Stage 6: Fall off horse. Fail to see any humor when hunky paramedic says, "You again?" Gain firsthand knowledge of advances in medical technology thanks to stint in ICU. Convince self that permanent limp isn't that noticeable. Promise husband you'll give up riding. One week later purchase older, slower, shorter horse.

Stage 7: Slip off horse. Relieved when artificial joints and implanted medical devices seem unaffected. Tell husband that scrapes and bruises are due to gardening accident. Pretend you don't see husband roll his eyes and mutter as he walks away. Give apple to horse

### **Pregnant and must sell**

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