



Happy New Year!

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peaceful and calm**

**Enjoy your horse experiences in
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The vision and mission of Aurora Arabian Horse Association:

"To incite a passion to own and enjoy the Arabian horse by bringing a rich, life long experience to members through involvement with Arabians and Part Arabians and to encourage members to fully experience and enjoy Arabian and Part Arabian horses for recreation, sport and companionship"

Aurora Arabian Horse Association

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No Meeting in February

The deadline for submitting your ABSweepstakes inutero entries nominations has been extended.

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RBC Show Horses

March 12 & 13

Full details online at

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NOTE: Spots still available for riders and spectators MUST purchase passes in advance

DON'T DELAY Go to the Aurora website and print/mail in your entry forms to ride OR to spectate at our 2011 clinic!

DEADLINE February 20th for all riders and spectators to have their forms and payments in.

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 ...

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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



presidents message

AAHA January Presidents Message

I feel lucky to have had such an awesome Holiday season surrounded by family, friends and furry animals. I know not all people are as fortunate. Great memories are to be cherished, always.

My thoughts came to setting some goals not just 2011, but the future. This is what came to mind.

Firstly, I hope to visit with family, friends and fellow horsemen and share stories.

Secondly, I want to learn more. Take the time to listen to people and not be in such a hurry all the time.

And finally, I want to be around people with good energy. Because when we surround ourselves with good energy our bodies are healthier. A healthy attitude can carry one a long way.

The Aurora directors and executive are taking their tasks seriously. They are making plans to make the year exciting and fun. Hope you are all ready to share in the enthusiasm.

Carla Jackson
President AAHA



december meeting minutes

Aurora Arabian Meeting December 13th 2010

Meeting called to order at 7:08pm. 15 people in attendance

Minutes were adopted as read by Dianne Dyck and seconded by Karen Caughell.

Membership report given by Jill Bromley. 110 Adult 1 yr, 31 Adult 3 yr, 1 Lifetime Membership, 17 youth 1 yr.

Treasurers' report given by Kim Kelemen. \$47,308.68 in the Canadian Account. \$9,462.05 in the US account.

Youth report given by Terri Martin. They had a meeting in December where they watched standards of excellence video. They discussed their want for fun classes, pizza party, and hi-point awards at the horse show. An idea was brought up about having chocolate with wrappers that would have youth promotion on them at the show.

Club Promotion Committee was given by Lorie Fisher. Currently waiting for advertisements for the postcards and calendars. Please send in information if you want to advertise. \$135/calendar. \$89.00/postcards. Suggestions were given to add the show dates. Photo of the month contest is still continuing.

Old Business

Convention Reports in newsletter. Couple of interesting items at the convention were shared by Karen. i. Select definitions have changed. You can be a select national rider but not be at regionals. See AHA website for more information. Still no cross entry at

Nationals with select classes. ii. Sport horse classes may be split into types in 2012. iii. Top 10's will continue at Nationals.

Awards Night. Made between \$500-600. It was a lot of fun and 80 people attended. Recommendations for next year: earlier start, labels on the desserts, different way of ticket collection, and a game for the youth. A discussion took place about the Trophy, it will need to be replaced next year or a new innovative way to keep the trophy going will need to take place, as all the spots are filled. Karen will look into.

Clinic report given by Dana Leadbeater. Clinic will be given by Rob Bick and Carolyn Schroter on March 12 & 13, at Cadence Creek. There will be one hour sessions with 2 riders per session. A vote took place, prices were set as follows. \$250.00 for members, and \$350.00 for Non-members.

New Business

Budget 2010 – presented by Kim Kelemen. A breakdown of expenses to the club was shown. A discussion occurred about the income and expenses of the club and where we should head to the new year, what we want to put money into and what we want to generate income. Do we want to be on a list to host breeders in the next few years?

Show – The Aurora show will include a Reg 5/17 concurrent show, a Reg 17 qualifier, Reg 6 Sport horse qualifer, and Reg 6 Sport Horse Championships as well as Morgan classes and fun classes. Discussions occurred about the facility and if there was still a chance to find a new facility. Camrose might still be a possibility and someone suggested looking into the Ponoka facility, as it is was finished.

Meeting adjourned at 8:48

Next meeting on January 10 @ the Nisku Inn

AHA Convention 2011

Vancouver, BC

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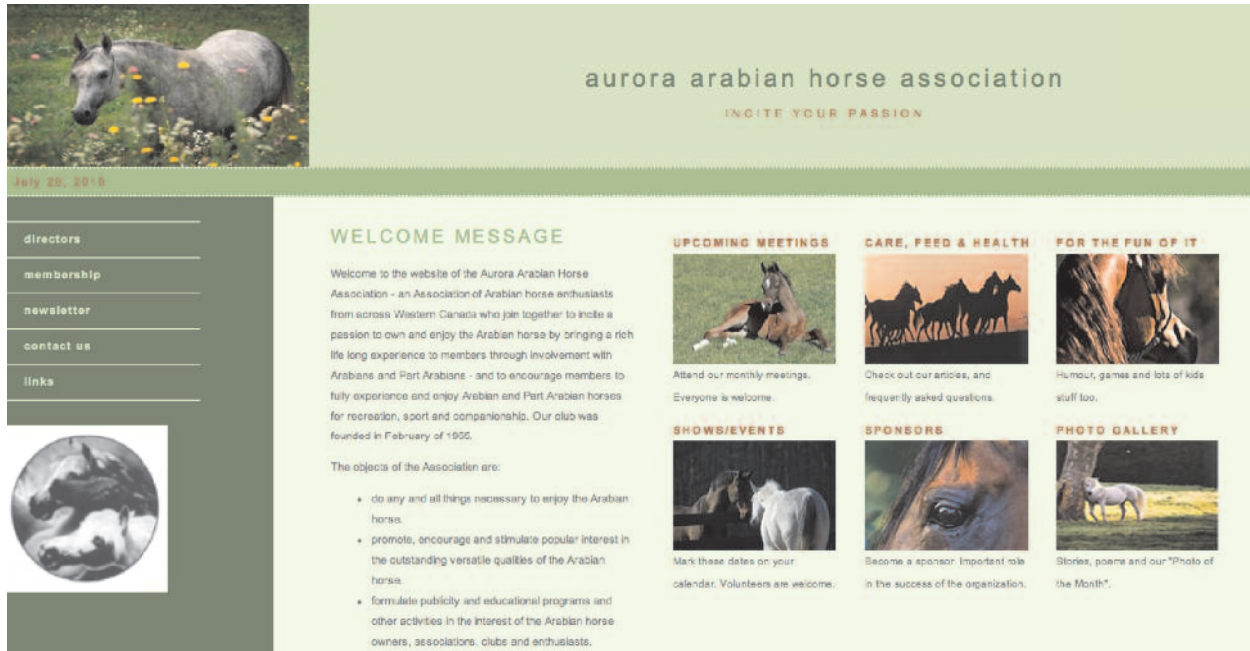
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AURORA news

NEW WEBSITE

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



The screenshot shows the homepage of the Aurora Arabian Horse Association website. At the top left is a photo of a grey Arabian horse in a field. The main header features the text "aurora arabian horse association" and the tagline "INCITE YOUR PASSION". Below the header is a navigation menu with links for "directors", "membership", "newsletter", "contact us", and "links". A circular image of a horse's head is also visible. The main content area is divided into several sections: "WELCOME MESSAGE" with a paragraph about the association's purpose and a list of its objects; "UPCOMING MEETINGS" with a photo of a horse and the text "Attend our monthly meetings. Everyone is welcome."; "CARE, FEED & HEALTH" with a photo of horses and the text "Check out our articles, and frequently asked questions."; "FOR THE FUN OF IT" with a photo of a horse and the text "Humour, games and lots of kids stuff too."; "SHOWS/EVENTS" with a photo of horses and the text "Mark these dates on your calendar. Volunteers are welcome."; "SPONSORS" with a photo of a horse and the text "Become a sponsor! Important role in the success of the organization."; and "PHOTO GALLERY" with a photo of a horse and the text "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
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New Aurora Members ...

Welcome to our club

Jessica Antonsen
Buffy McLeod
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Dennis Wishnowski



Dave Barry on Horses

"You Take The Horse..."

Recently a woman I know named Michelle came into the newspaper office with a big ugly wound on her upper arm. Realizing that she might be self-conscious about it, I said: "Michelle, what's that big ugly wound on your upper arm?" Sensitivity is the cornerstone of good journalism.

It turned out that Michelle had been bitten by a horse. It was her own horse, and it bit her while she was trying to feed him.

This is a typical horse maneuver. Horses are the opposite of dogs, gratitude-wise. You give a dog something totally wretched to eat, such as a dead toad or a wad of pre-chewed Dentyne, and the dog will henceforth view you as the Supreme Being.

It will gaze on you for hours with rapt adoration and lick the ground you walk on, and try to kill the pizza-delivery person if he comes anywhere near you.

Whereas if you spend hours grooming a horse and lugging its hay and water to it, the horse will be thinking: "Should I chomp on this person's arm now or wait? Or should I just blow a couple quarts of horse snot into his hair?"

I don't trust horses. "Never trust an animal with feet made from the same material as bowling balls" is one of my mottoes. I never believed those scenes in Western movies when bad guys would tie the hero up, and his horse would trot over and untie the knots with his teeth. A real horse would size up the situation and stomp on the hero's feet.

I don't blame horses for being hostile. I myself would feel cranky about anybody who kept sitting on me and yanking on my lips. But what I really don't get is, how come they're so popular? Especially with female people?

Now, you're probably saying: "Dave, you're just bitter because in fifth grade you had an intense crush on Susan Cartoun, and you wrote 'Sue' on your notebook inside a heart, but the name inside the heart on her notebook was 'Frosty,' an imaginary horse that she loved much more than you, despite the fact that, if Frosty ever had the chance, it would have blown imaginary snot in her hair."

Yes, it's true that I am a little bitter about that. Also, I have not forgotten my first experience with a horse. I was 9 years old, at a friend's farm, and I attempted to ride a pony.

"Pony" is a misunderstood word. Many young people, having grown up watching the "My Little Pony" cartoon show, believe that a pony is a cute little pastel-colored critter with a perky voice and a nurturing personality and a 1973 Farrah Fawcett hair style. Whereas, in fact, a typical pony is the same weight as an Oldsmobile Cutlass Supreme but with no controls or moral code.

Anyway, following my sister's directions, I put my foot in the metal thing hanging down from the pony (technically, the "stirrup"), and

instantly the pony, not wishing to be boarded at that time, took off like a shot, with just my left foot thrust into the hanging thing.

I attempted to keep up by bouncing next to it on my other leg, like that famous Western movie star, Hopalong, then finally, in a feat of astonishing equestrian skill, I fell backward and got dragged across the field with my head bouncing merrily amongst the cow piles.

I could tell the pony enjoyed this immensely. He couldn't wait to get back to the stable and tell the other horses: "You should have seen this guy!" snorted the pony. "He'll need to shampoo with industrial solvents!"

Anyway, I stayed off horses altogether until 20 years later, when I was courting my wife. We were in the Rocky Mountains, and they had rental horses, and she thought we should go for a romantic trail ride.

Naturally. She loves horses. As a child, she used to ride a neighbor's horse bareback, an experience she remembers fondly even though she later admitted the horse would regularly try to decapitate her by galloping under low tree limbs at 30 miles an hour.

I don't want to sound like a broken record here, but why is it that a woman will forgive homicidal behavior in a horse, yet be highly critical of a man for leaving the toilet seat up?

But I was in Raging Hormone Courting Mode then, meaning I would have wrestled a giant snake to impress my wife-to-be, so I let her talk me into getting on this Colorado hack stable horse.

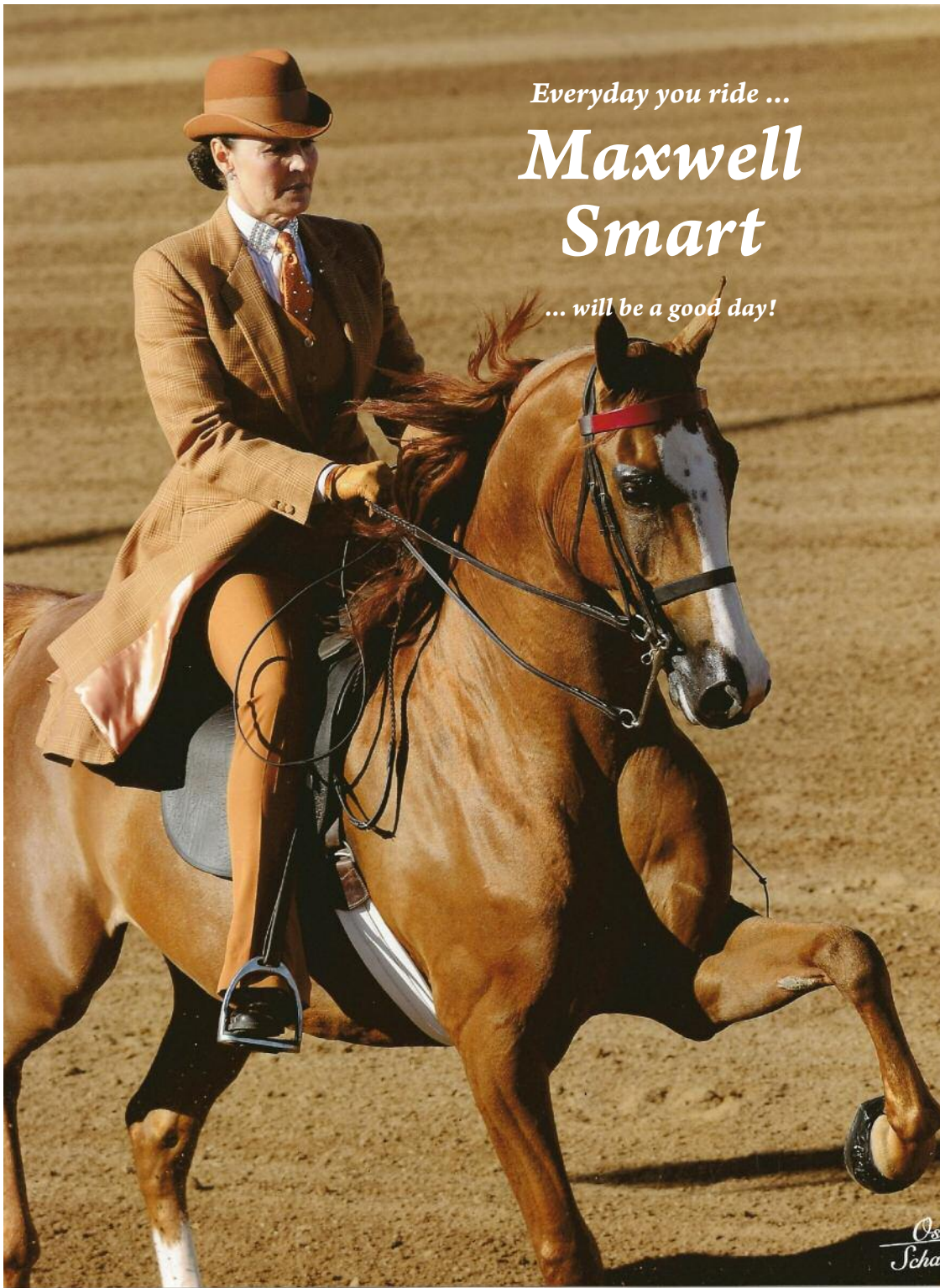
It turned its head around and looked at me with one of those horse eyes the size of a mature grapefruit, and I knew instantly it was sizing me up... coming to the conclusion I was a rank novice who would be easy to dump.

So while my wife's horse trotted off into the scenery, probably looking for low branches to run under, my horse just stood there, eating and pooping, waiting for me to put one leg on the ground so it could suddenly take off and drag me to Oregon.

So I sat very still, like one of those long-dead statue War generals, only more rigid. We might have moved, maybe, 11 feet in two hours. While that was a break for me, I felt gipped moneywise. Fortunately, my wife's horse was unable to kill her, and we got married and lived happily ever after— except that she keeps saying that she wants us to go riding again.

I don't know what to do. I think maybe tonight I'll fix her a candlelight dinner, turn the lights low, give her some wine, and put on some romantic music. Then, when the moment is just right, I will softly nicker and bite her upper arm.

Dave



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a lifestyle
for the whole family!



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- Join our club!
- Yes, we have a youth program.
- Volunteer at any of our events.
- Enjoy a Show even if you don't own a horse.
- Visit a local Arabian farm in your area.
- Ask questions.

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who

- Rob Bick and Caralyn Schroter of RBC Show Horses.

when

- Saturday, March 12th and Sunday, March 13th, 2011.

what

- Western, Hunter, Hal-ter, English, Country.

where

- Cadence Creek Equine at 52152 - RR 224 in Sherwood Park, Alberta. Heated facility owned by Rob and Caitlyn Smith.

cost

- Aurora Members \$250.00 + GST.
- Non-Members \$350.00 + GST.

how

- Open to a maximum of 18 horses.
- Haul in on Friday, March 11th after 6 pm. Arena/facility open until 9 pm for practice riding that evening.
- There will be 2 horses/riders per 1 hour session.
- One hour ride on Saturday and a one hour ride on Sunday.
- Stalls are available from 6 pm on Friday until 6 pm on Sunday. There is no additional fee for your stall.
- Water and bedding are provided by the facility as well as wheelbarrows/shovels. You are responsible for cleaning your own stalls daily as well as completely emptying the stalls before you depart on Sunday.
- You must provide your own feed and are responsible for feeding your own horse.
- There is parking for your horse trailer for the weekend if you have to leave it there.
- One free spectator pass for Saturday and Sunday is included with each horse entered.
- Spectator passes can be purchased for Saturday or Sunday at a cost of \$5.00 per day. These passes **MUST** be purchased in advance and will only be available in limited numbers due to the space we have.
- A small concession will be open as well as a full lunch offered on both days. There will be a cost to this, with all proceeds going to Aurora Youth Association.

INCITE YOUR PASSION



For more information or if you have any further questions, please contact:

DANA at dana@herbersvet.ca

Deadline for Aurora Members is February 1st. If spots are still open after February 1st, we will allow non-members to sign up until February 20th.

Check out how you can become a Aurora Member and participate in these wonderful events.

Entry form for Horses/Riders and Spectators can be found on our website at:

auroraarabian.com

**SIGN UP NOW
ONLY 18
SPOTS
AVAILABLE**



AAHA 2011 CLINIC ENTRY FORM

NAME:	
ADDRESS:	
PHONE #:	
EMAIL:	
HORSE NAME:	
DISCIPLINE:	

REQUIRE TRAILER PARKING? (NO EXTRA FEE)	YES	OR	NO
REQUIRE STALL? (NO EXTRA FEE)	YES	OR	NO
HORSE ALREADY RESIDES AT CADENCE CREEK?	YES	OR	NO

ONE SPECTATOR PASS FOR BOTH DAYS IS INCLUDED FOR RIDER:			
REQUIRE ADDITIONAL PASSES?	YES	OR	NO
IF YES, HOW MANY ON SATURDAY?			#
IF YES, HOW MANY ON SUNDAY?			#
NAME OF SPECTATOR(S) ON SAT:	NAME OF SPECTATOR(S) ON SUN:		

COST	HORSE	\$250.00 +
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SUB TOTAL COST	\$
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TOTAL NUMBER ON SATURDAY:	#	X \$5	=	\$
TOTAL NUMBER ON SUNDAY:	#	X \$5	=	\$

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+ GST 5%	\$
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2011 Aurora Summer Horse Show

Location:

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June 10, 2011

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June 10,11 & 12, 2011

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June 11 & 12, 2011

Region 6 Sport Horse Off-Site Championships

Any chance you can help out as a volunteer?

AHA Annual Convention Report
Submitted by: Lorne Robertson

Convention 2010 will largely be remembered for Gary Millar's impersonation of an RCMP Officer! Well it was very funny! For those not in the know this was in reference to Region 17's invitation to the convention delegates to attend the 2011 Convention in Vancouver, BC! Gary donned an RCMP Officer uniform and formally invited all delegates to Vancouver. His presentation was interrupted by a bunch of crazy hockey fans (All Region 17 and 18 delegates) and great hoopla ensued culminating in awarding the US Team a silver medal!!! This was followed by an excellent video of Vancouver and many of Canada's most noted horses were also highlighted. Banter continued with Lance Walters even trying to claim Sidney Crosby as one of their own! This was a great conclusion to a productive four days in Florida, where once again, although small in number the Canadian delegates were well received and our input appreciated and respected!

Committee Reports:

This was an overwhelming theme this year at convention which I think most Committees were struggling with. How do we encourage participation and provide classes that allow for the development of riders and horses. Good questions and one that we all need to be looking at for all of our events.

Working Western

Working Western was one of the busiest committees and as usual there was the opportunity to break into small working groups.

Coming out of the Trail Sub Committee was the need to find ways to support the development of young horses. Originally supporting the concept of a Junior Horse Class being added to Nationals, this was reconsidered and it is now proposed that a Green Trail Horse Class be added. The Open Western Division has a category for a Green Trail Horse as being one in their first year of showing Trail. The working group felt that for the Arabian Division a Two year window similar to the Working Hunter Division be proposed. The Committee is hopeful that we will be able to get this added and potentially have it added to Nationals in 2011 as a class where qualifications are not needed.

Other Working Western classes were added for Working Cow classes all designed to encourage early participation of horses and riders.

New rules were developed for Open and Amateur Reining which will see statuses added based on moneys won or like Select rider, Championships won. Essentially in addition to the Open or Amateur status and individual rider can also be classed as Intermediate or Limited and as such can have their ride count towards multiple awards! Exhibitors enter the regular class but can also add an entry for the limited or intermediate class. They do not ride any additional rides just their scores count toward wins or awards in both. I suggest if interested please review the AHA Web site. Show Committees will need to be aware of this rule change for 2012, including Regional Championship Shows I imagine. Not all shows are required to do it but it should be considered.

Western Seat Equitation has been added to the class list by resolution this year. Although through the Equitation Committee this was supported by working western as a starting point to developing Western Horsemanship and Reining Seat Equitation exhibitors.

Sport Horse

The Sport Horse Committee has been very active working on defining Hunter and Dressage type sport horses. As a member of the sub-committee tasked with the responsibility to prepare the resolution that would allow classes to be split by type, it was great to see this process be completed. This was three to four years to get done from inception to success! Last year the Committee was not supportive of the definition as it was presented and as such the resolution was referred back to committee. Well this year, it received overwhelming support from the Committee and as such passed on the convention floor. Sport Horse is one of the fastest growing disciplines in the Industry. When most shows across the country were seeing reduced participation SHN's increased its participation from 2008, when last held in Boise ID, by close to 15%. Further many shows were reporting that entries were up in Dressage, under saddle and in hand classes. This bodes well for this section of the Arabian Industry. Further a number Regions are relooking at class schedules, Facilities, etc to see if it

is possible to host one championship show and re-incorporate their Sport Horse Regional's with their regular show. Region 17 is a very good example where this format works well.

Hunter/Jumper Committee

The Hunter Jumper Committee supported the adding of a number of classes again designed to support the growth of the sport. The division added was the Modified Division at a height of 2'6" – 2'9". This is a class open to horses that are no longer Green or being ridden by Amateurs or Juniors. Currently the Open class is 3'. This should help promote participation. The other recommendation was to combine the small hunter (ponies) division so that purebreds can compete with Half Arabians. This will see this class be added to the list of classes that can be point earners even if combined consistent with Dressage as an example where Purebreds and Half Arabians compete together. Cross Rail classes were added but problems exist with the definitions as approved. The changes were done outside of Committee and as such most of us were caught off guard when it came to the convention floor with a new revision. As such I am addressing these concerns within the Committee and I assume the AHA Board will address before the rules are finalized.

Dressage Committee

The Dressage continues to grow and we are seeing more and more horses competing at higher levels. The Dressage Committee is proposing changes to their Rider Achievement Awards. It is still being defined so stay tuned. The awards are very pretty and something for riders in Dressage to consider if you are not already enrolled. The achievements are based on scores achieved at different levels. Check the AHA web site for more information. Dressage Seat Equitation has been added to the class rosters and we will when offering a Dressage section to our shows be required to offer the Dressage Seat Equitation and Dressage Seat Equitation Medal. This is consistent with the way in which Hunt Seat Equitation Over Fences is managed. This can also be offered for adults and as this division is largely amateur focused it is hoped that it will grow as it has at open Dressage Competitions.

Sport Horse Nationals Show Commission

Commission members were confirmed, and Bill Pennington was renewed as Chair and Cheryl Smith Ehrlick as Vice Chair. Jill Barton, Commission Member and Cheryl are both from the Toronto area. The good news from this group was very much the recognition of the potential for this show to return to Boise in 2012!!! This would be fantastic for Aurora and Region 17 members as many participated at the show in Boise in 2010 with fantastic results. The process for the Supreme Championship classes were also discussed and was being referred to the joint National Commission Working Group (NEOPS) for discussion as there is the need to ensure consistency across all shows. This is the same with trophies and the inclusion of non national classes. Clarity is needed as to what is an exhibition class and what is a non qualifying class but receives a trophy. There was an issue this year when the Commission decided not to award trophies in the 2 year old classes. This impacted a number of Canadians. It has been rectified for 2010 and trophies have been awarded, however NEOPS has been asked to address and ensure that there is consistent application across all National Events. This could impact all Futurity, Jackpot, and Maturity classes at all National Shows.

Futurity Commission

I attended the Futurity Commission out of interest. I think it would be nice to see performance futurities and maturities added to Canadian Nationals as time permits etc. I indicated this to the commission and we will see where it goes. Otherwise I think there is still overwhelming support for the direction they are going and the Maturities were a tremendous success at US Nationals this year.

US National Show Commission

The Professional Horseman's Committee that liaises with the National Show Commissions were very supportive of the changes the show has made since moving to Tulsa. Although other sites are being considered most were still very supportive of Tulsa and in fact the PHC was discouraging any changes at this time. Christine Ryan has taken on the responsibility of decorating the Ford Arena to try and give it more of a championship feel. The Breeding classes continue to be a challenge but a number of changes were made this year which people felt were positive but they missed the score board so it continues!

Arabian Breeders Sweepstakes Commission

Sweepstakes was interesting! Lots of discussion about challenges with the existing program and the pros and cons of a number of changes, including the stallion service auction. I was asked to submit a summary of suggestions for consideration, which I am in the process of preparing. We are fortunate in that we have Gary Millar on the commission so if you have suggestions tell him about them. This is an important program and I firmly believe we need to support this program especially as it continues to change and evolve.

Canadian National Show Commission

Due to conflicts I did not attend the Commission meeting but I always know we are well supported through Aurora members Karen and Tony Caughell. I did talk at length with Alan Ehrlick and it is hoped that additional Sport Horse Classes will be added in 2011 for Amateur Handlers. It is also hoped that more hunter classes such as the Modified classes could be added. The new arena is great but time pressures keep mounting.

Other:

One Day Shows: The AHA Board has been working a provision for a qualifying show to be run that does not have to have all of the required classes such as medals, or in hand, but where the classes can be localized. Shows would also not have to have a Steward and would be encouraged to use "r" judges. It is hoped that these shows could be used to encourage the participation and development of new owners etc. These shows would not require individuals to be members of USEF and potentially EC although that is being discussed as EC changed its membership program to allow for a lower cost membership at the Bronze level for this very reason. USEF does not have such a program. These shows can only be held independently and not in conjunction with any other show, one day or not! For instance you cannot have two one day shows on a weekend under this special approval. If you do the shows must meet the Regular Qualifying approvals, requirements and memberships! As I work with Terry Johnson on clarifying how this will be rolled out in Canada I will keep you all informed.

Resolutions.

Most resolutions are refined and developed in Committee so by the time they hit the convention floor they are either supported or withdrawn. This year was no exception BUT there are always a few interesting ones. There were essentially five resolutions that were dealt with outside of the committee's. They dealt with, Procedure for adding classes to shows, the use of ear plugs, the Select Amateur definition, using non USEF/EC judges for specialty classes and foreign judges for in breeding and in hand classes, and the halter scoring system.

Resolution 13-10 – Adding Classes. This will now allow us to add classes other than what is on our TBA list. This resolution was amended to preserve our current process of having a TBA list based on feedback provided at convention to the USEF/EC Rules Committee.

Resolution 14-10 – Ear Plugs. Once adopted by EC and USEF Ear plugs will not be considered an artificial appliance

Resolution 17-10 - The Select Amateur definition: As I had predicted and reported to the club at our previous meetings the Professional and Amateur Horseman's Association had been working on this for sometime but had neglected to get a resolution submitted. However they were able to edit a presented resolution and add a new definition for a National Select Rider versus a Regional Select Rider.

A National Select Rider will be defined as someone who has not won any of the following:

One (1) AHA National Champion, Reserve Champion or Top Ten; in that particular section in which they are shown. As an example Western Pleasure, Hunter Pleasure, Country English Pleasure, English Pleasure and Breeding/In-Hand are each separate sections.

One (1) AHA National Champion or Reserve Champion in a Select class in that particular section in which they are shown.

Three (3) AHA National Top Ten in a Select class in which they are shown.

One (1) AHA Regional Champion, Reserve Champion or three (3) Top Fives in that particular section in which they are shown.

Qualifying and Regional Championship classes are open to a rider/driver/handler that has not won any of the following:

One (1) AHA National Champion or Reserve Champion or Top Ten in that particular section in which they are shown.

One (1) AHA National Champion or Reserve Champion in a Select class in that particular section in which they are shown.

Three (3) AHA National Top Tens in a Select class in that particular section in which they are shown.

One (1) AHA Regional Champion, Reserve Champion or three (3) Top Fives in that particular section in which they are shown.

Two (2) AHA Regional Champion in a Select Class in that particular section in which they are shown.

National and Regional Classes with 2 or less entries will not effect Select rider status.

I believe the bullet regarding a Regional Champion, Reserve Champion or three (3) Top Fives in that particular section in which they are shown, refers to the Non Select classes within a section but this needs to be clarified. I have sent the question to Jan Decker – USEF/EC Rules Committee for clarification.

Resolution 41-10 – Specialty Judges Program – This resolution was brought forward largely to deal with a USEF rule regarding “Guest Carding non USEF Officials” In the US, USEF does not allow someone who although knowledgeable but is not a USEF Official in the respective division to adjudicate at a USEF show more than three times in their life! This was an issue for NRHA (Reining) judges. Although many are getting their Reining cards with USEF as a result of Reining now being an FEI discipline it was still an issue for this division. It also effected Trail as at Nationals we often use an AQHA Trail and Reining judge on the Working Western panel. To a lesser impact was cutting and Working Cow Horse but the potential was there. Further, as part of this initiative, the Judges and Stewards Commissioner and the Education and Evaluation Committee wanted to address suggestions from the Breeding Community to enable respected and knowledgeable breeders from around the world to be used to adjudicate Breeding classes at Nationals and other shows. As such this rule got complicated very quickly. The Sport Horse, and Dressage Committees, as these are sections of our division where the judges must be licensed in their respective divisions, as adamantly opposed to the resolution in its original form. As such I worked closely with Jim Hitt and the committee to revise the resolution and it was then supported by the Sport Horse and Dressage Committees and passed accordingly.

The resolution re the Breeding and In hand Scoring Systems was defeated. Once again there is always a group that wants to do away with the new score card. This one was interesting as it came from the Treasurer of AHA and ha some merit in allowing other systems. However its Achilles heal was the fact that it would have no longer made it mandatory for Qualifying Shows to use the Score Card and this was resoundly defeated. It was not able to even get the support of all of the halter trainers through Professional Horseman’s. I am sure we have not heard the end of it but at least we continue to support and adopt the new system and the Judges and Stewards Commission is continuing to work hard to improve the procedures to ensure the success of the breed and the importance of these classes.

Once again thank you for allowing me to be your delegate again. I always work to represent firstly the Arabian Horse and secondly, you. If you have any questions, comments or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

And Lastly ...

Horseman’s Awards

Congratulations to two Aurora members who have been nominated for the APAHA Horseman’s Awards. Todd Ehret has been nominated for Show Hack Trainer of the Year and Brandon Leubner has been nominated for the Junior Western Pleasure rider. Congratulations also go to Calgary’s Allison Mostowich for being nominated for the Amateur Working Western category. They will be awarded in Scottsdale.

Winners are chosen by voting on the APAHA web site.

