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CAHC At A Glance

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Upcoming Events & Show

CAHC Fall Show

Castle Rock CO

Sept 20-22



Photo: Kathy Troxler & Sharon Lujan

**More Information & Entry Forms Can Be Found On coloradoarabianhorseclub.org*

Greetings friends,

Fall is just around the corner and we are looking forward to seeing you at the CAHC One Day Value Show & Sport Horse Show at Latigo on August 31st and the CAHC Fall Concurrent AVS and All Breed Show at the Douglas County Fairgrounds Sept 19-21. The Latigo Show will feature Arabian, Half-Arabian and All-Breed Sport Horse In-hand and Under saddle classes as well as Classical and Western Dressage and the CABA Halter classes. The Judge for this event is Julie Haugen and the CAHC Southern Division sponsors the show.

The CAHC Fall Show features Cow Horse and Herd Work classes as well as main ring performance and halter classes. The Cow Horse show is on Friday morning 9/20 and is a concurrent show with Sheri Odom and Gary Martinez judging those shows. The halter and performance classes will be judged by Ms. Odom only. Both Latigo and the Fall Show will have added money Jackpot classes and the Fall Show will also have several Bonus Buck classes where one lucky exhibitor whose name is drawn by the announcer, will win a \$50 cash prize.

The CAHC Fall Show is also the location for the 2024 Election for three Director positions up for election. I would like to express my thanks to Board members Mark Helmick and Tracy Dowson for their service to our Club. Neither will run for re-election but have served several terms on the Board. There is still an open position on the ballot so if you are so inclined to run for a Director position or know someone to nominate, please do so and we will add their name to the ballot. The election notice and ballot can be found in this issue of the Newsletter. The BOD meets on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7 PM and the Conference Call meetings usually last no longer than one hour.

New for this year at the Fall Show will be All Breed classes including All Breed All Ages Walk Trot classes! We will have a Sloppy Joe Supper in the barn area on Saturday between the afternoon and evening sessions. We are grateful to our Snow Sponsors, Grace Rushing and her Golden Aspen Micro Winery for her generous donation of the Jackpot money and also the Bonus Buck Cash! Sierra Vista Arabians and Kelly Meyer Performance Horses are the gracious sponsors and hosts for the free Sloppy Joe Supper open to exhibitors and guests of the show! Many others are generous sponsors and volunteers that make these show possible for our members! Come join the fun....we hope to see you in September!!

Jerry Martinez

President-Colorado Arabian Horse Club

Southern Division

New Officers are: President/Treasurer Liz Wheeler
Vice-President Mary Jo **Hoepner**
Directors: Kea Kerchival
Lauren **Payne**
Kathy **Scott**
Latigo Show Co-managers Lauren Payne & Liz Wheeler

What a beautiful day for a horse show", that's what everyone at the One Day Value Show at Latigo was saying. The exhibitors all were in great moods and happy, having fun together. THANK YOU ALL FOR SUPPORTING THE SHOW!! The Show Manager (Liz) received a beautiful surprise floral arrangement hand delivered by Lady Bug Floral in Falcon. We had a spunky little Lucille Desaro show her horse in Sport Horse in Hand and Sport Horse Under Saddle 10 and under class. She won the hearts of every one there. We had two FIRST TIME Western Dressage Riders, totally welcomed by everyone: Sally Randle and Debbie Helmick did their great debut!!

The \$500.00 Jackpot class winners were: Sandra Blake - 1st Place, Julie Providenti - 2nd Place and Calista Boyer - 3rd Place. Congratulations!!!!

The class was sponsored by JoAnne Read. Thank you JoAnne!

Exhibitors were honored by our many other sponsors who were so generous: Murdocks - Parker \$50 Gift Card - Great Moves Physical Therapy -CoSpring - Gift Certificates for 1 hour Massage and one Stretch Class.

Dover Saddlery in Parker - 5 - \$40 Gift Certificates!!

Big R Store - Falcon \$25 Gift Card and Soft Sided Grooming Bag with tools

Tractor Supply - Monument - 3 Big Pool Floats with Cup holders

Unknown Doner - 2 decorative bird houses.

Mary Jo Hoepner - Cash Doner

THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR GENEROSITY. OUR EXHIBITORS WERE SO EXCITED TO GET THEIR GIFTS AS 1ST PLACE CLASS WINNERS.

The day wouldn't be complete without thanking my wonderful, hard working staff. Our Judge- Sharron Sarchet, Show Secretary Simone Windeler, Assistant Manager - Lauren Payne (and husband Steve/ trailer hauler)Scribe - Trisha Swift, Paddock Manager - Debbie Pickens, Awards and flyer - Holly Reuter, Ribbons - Kea Kerchival, Kim Grove -Test Runner, Mary Jo Hoepner - Dressage Ring and Sport Horse Triangle Designer and all around technical advisor and Stacey - our super office helper. Kerry and Eri Hook who helped tear down and load the ring into the trailer. Simone, Mary Jo, Kea, Lauren and Steve worked efficiently and quickly to get the ring set up on Friday and our ring was "dressed up" by the beautiful flower arrangements made by Kathy Scott. I feel so very Blessed to have so many wonderful, happy people around me to help with anything I need. THANK YOU EVERYONE FOR MAKING THE ONE DAY VALUE SHOW AT LATIGO A GREAT EXPERIENCE FOR ALL.

Liz

Some Photos from the One Day Show at Latigo



Youth Nationals





Membership Application

For faster and more efficient Affiliate Membership processing, you can join Online at www.arabianhorses.org Please be sure to mark CAHC (Club #8033) as your Affiliate Club.

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____ AHA #: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Tel: _____ Email: _____

(Very important to receive club information, news and updates)

CAHC/AHA AFFILIATE MEMBERSHIP – Affiliate Individual Membership (AHA Member with AHA, Region 8 and CAHC Benefits to include Voting Privilege in each)

Base Affiliate Membership without Competition Card

Adult 1 Year @ \$75.00 \$ _____

Adult 3 Year @ \$205.00 \$ _____

Youth 1 Year @ \$25.00 \$ _____

YOUTH BIRTHDATE: _____

Base AHA/CAHC Affiliate Membership with Competition Card & Insurance

Adult 1 Year @ \$110.00 \$ _____

Adult 3 Year @ \$310.00 \$ _____

Youth 1 Year @ \$50.00 \$ _____

CAHC ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP – Associate Individual Membership (Not an AHA member, or does not have AHA affiliation through CAHC: all benefits of membership except those specific to AHA and Region 8; no voting privilege in any organization). **Associate memberships expire 12/31 of each year.**

Adult 1 Year @ \$25.00 \$ _____

Adult 3 Year @ \$70.00 \$ _____

Youth 1 Year @ \$5.00 \$ _____

TOTAL: \$ _____

DIVISION INTEREST (Check all that apply): MAIN CLUB NORTHERN SOUTHERN YOUTH

Areas of Interest:

Club Officer Director _____
Activities _____
Awards Committee _____
Youth _____

Horse Shows _____
Show Manager _____
Show Secretary _____
Barn Manager _____
Gates Manager _____
Hospitality _____

Other (List any area you would like involvement with: _____

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO CAHC AND MAIL TO: Cheryl
McMahon, 21710 E. Heritage Parkway, Aurora, CO 80016 (303)
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In Depth: CAHC Fall Show

The Fall Show of the Colorado Arabian Horse Club has gone on for over 50 years continuously. The locations have varied including Estes Park, the Adams County Fairgrounds, the PENROSE facility in Colorado Springs, the national Western complex, and more recently the Douglas County Fairgrounds in Castle Rock. Douglas County has hosted our Fall Show for 13 years. Karen Kerrick had been the show manager for many years but eventually moved to North Carolina. Since then, our CAHC President, Jerry Martinez, has been the show manager with the assistance of his son Gary Martinez. This year we will have two judges: Sheri Odom from Lake Havasu and Gary Martinez from our own CAHC. The format of the show has changed quite a bit over the years. Back in 1970 the show hosted a number of halter classes and Futurity classes that included a generous Jackpot and payback. Those classes included two and three-year-old weanlings. Jerry has seen the enthusiasm for breeding decline dramatically over the past 50 years. We still will have a number of halter and performance halter classes, but not as many as in years past. Decades ago we even had a number of youths breed and then show at our Fall Show. The decline in breeding has many factors. Economics is probably the biggest driving factor. Our CAHC membership has also declined quite a bit over the years. The cow horse classes have increased dramatically in popularity though. That and working Western classes. Jerry told me that the Fall Show used to include cutting. He thought that was a little too specialized and so the interest in that declined. However the cow classes with herd work have dramatically increased in popularity. Now we have a large number of women competing in the cow classes.

Jerry and Gary always have some amount of stress, wear and tear in renting the herd for the Fall Show. Last year they had not one but two vendors bailout very close to the day before that the herd was needed in Castle Rock. Heroically, they both prevailed and got the herd down to the Fairgrounds just-in-time.

The Douglas County Fairgrounds has made quite a few improvements over the years. At this time, it is the best facility for cow horse classes in the metropolitan area. Jerry told me a fascinating story that occurred about 15 years ago. The national Western complex is not so well equipped for cow classes. One of the cows literally escaped its pen at the national Western complex. It gave about 10 of our horse club members and five Denver squad cars a merry chase all over the metropolitan area including a couple of interstates. Lo and behold, no one happened to have a lasso.. That made the containment of the errant cow all the more challenging. As I understand, when the vendor took this particular . animal back home, it escaped its home ranch never to be seen again.

The Fall Show includes many of the equestrian classes that we all expect. We have included Ranch Riding for the fourth year now. Jerry has spiced things up for our horse club members with a pancake breakfast or sloppy Joe dinner in the past. The Fall Show is also the occasion for our annual election of officers and board members.

Med/Vet
Stephen J Bishop MD
Michael Scott DVM-- Veterinarian for the NWSS since
1999 and North Denver Animal Clinic

Strangles, otherwise known as equine distemper, is a very serious and highly contagious bacterial disease in horses. When a facility insists on a health certificate for a horse, this is one of the primary conditions the health certificate is screening for. *Strangles* is literally a strep throat for horses. The infection is caused by *Streptococcus Equi*, whereas strep throat in humans is caused by *Streptococcus Pyogenes*. The human form of strep is also known as group A beta hemolytic *Streptococcus*. At one time, strep throat in humans could be deadly without antibiotics. However it is probably more famous for its postinfection autoimmune diseases. Human strep throat can stimulate the body to attack itself in conditions such as rheumatic fever, rheumatic heart disease, kidney disease, rashes (Scarlet Fever) and neurological conditions such as Sydenham's Chorea. Chorea is Latin for dance. Pre-antibiotic strep throat victims could develop a compulsive, writhing, dance like movements that could last for months or years. These autoimmune conditions have largely disappeared with the advent of strep testing and antibiotics. The strep bacteria can cause visible pockets of infection in the tonsils called exudates. These rarely develop into true abscesses. Horses, on the other hand, are much more prone to deadly abscesses caused by the *Streptococcus Equi*. The condition is characterized by fever, fatigue, yellow or green nasal discharge, enlarged and abscessed lymph nodes, depressed behavior. *Strangles* is a reportable disease in the United States since 2017. Up to 40% of horses can be carriers of the *Streptococcus Equi*. About 8% of horses with *Strangles* succumb to the illness. Consequently, it is one of the deadliest illnesses that horses are prone to. Due to the abscesses and lymph node enlargement, pressure on the esophagus and trachea can prevent horses from taking in water and calories. Most horses with *Strangles* have very obvious signs and symptoms. However there is a small minority that are carriers without obvious signs of the disease. Transmission of this *Streptococcus* can be from direct horse to horse touching of their noses. The disease can be spread by fomites such as caretaker gloves and utensils. The purulence can be so abundant that a horse can aspirate the pus causing pneumonia. The *Streptococcus* can stimulate clotting factors in the blood (hyperfibrinogenemia) which can lead to thrombosis. The illness can progress into what is known as *Bastard Strangles* which is a disseminated form of the illness where the bacteria spreads and grows throughout the horses body.

As a result, abscesses may also form in the brain, abdomen, and lungs. The incubation period for Strangles is 3 to 14 days.

Treatment of Strangles varies quite a bit depending on how quickly the infection is spotted by caretakers. Antibiotics are most effective very early on. Once the abscesses form, the antibiotics are less effective. The abscesses often reach the skin and will literally drain. Once that occurs, the pus pockets can be irrigated with an iodine wash. Hot packs to the areas affected by abscesses can help the localized infection progress and drain. If the infection is allowed to progress to Bastard Strangles, the rate of mortality goes up dramatically.

The best prevention of Strangles is to isolate any horse coming into stables from a stables that is not well known. Quarantine for a couple of week can usually flush out any cases before allowing contact with the rest of the herd. Young horses are most susceptible to Strangles. Since the *Streptococcus Equi* is so ubiquitous, most older horses have had some exposure and therefore some immunity to the disease. There is a Strangles vaccine which appears to be about 50% effective. Most horses develop some immunity once they have contracted the illness. However this immunity is not complete, and horses can come down with Strangles more than once.



From: SpringhillEquine.com

CAHC ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Election of Directors for the Colorado Arabian Horse Club will be held at the CAHC Fall Show on Saturday, September 21, 2024. Nominations are now open for three Director positions which are for two-year terms, commencing November 2024. Adult members of AHA and CAHC in good standing, shall be eligible to be an Officer of the Club. The CAHC Board of Directors meets at 7:00 PM on the 2nd Wednesday of each month and most meetings are telephone conference call meetings. Election Ballots can be submitted via mail or email to the Nomination Chairman, Michelle Taylor or you can vote in person in the Show Office at the CAHC Fall Show at the Douglas County Fairgrounds, up to 4:00 PM on Saturday, September 21, 2024. Please submit your nominations for Director and/or your completed ballots to: Michelle Taylor at Sammiesmom@msn.com or mail to 11318 Quivas Way, Westminster, Colorado 80234. 2024 Election Ballots will be available in the September 2024 CAHC newsletter, in the show office at the Fall Show and will be sent out via an eblast.



2024 CAHC Election Ballot

Voting Member AHA Number: _____

Position of Director
Vote for three:

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Bliss Hancock

☐

Carrie Jacobucci

☐

The 2024 CAHC Election will be held on Saturday, September 21, 2024 at the CAHC Fall Show. Vote in person at the CAHC Fall Show in the show office by 4:00 PM on September 21, 2024, or mail your ballot to nomination chairman Michelle Taylor at 11318 Quivas Way, Westminster, CO 80234. Ballots must be mailed no later than September 12, 2024. All votes will be verified as eligible CAHC voting members. Do not put your name on the envelope but write your AHA number on the ballot.