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# CAHC At A Glance

## Your Club Officers and Board of Directors

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Horse Judging Leader

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# Upcoming Events & Shows



Join us! All breeds,  
all riders—  
everyone's welcome  
at this fun and  
inclusive event!

**CAHC**  
  
**FALL SHOW**



## **CAHC Fall AVS & All Breed Show**

September 19 - 21, 2025  
Douglas County Fairgrounds • Castle Rock, CO  
*Judge: Kathy Callahan Smith*

**Added prize money and jackpot classes!**

🔥 Pleasure 🔥 Halter 🔥 Ranch 🔥 Trail 🔥 Reining 🔥 Equitation 🔥 Reined & Working Cow Classes

Visit  
[www.coloradoarabianhorseclub.org](http://www.coloradoarabianhorseclub.org)  
for prize list and entries.



**Colorado Arabian Horse Club**

**2025 Election Ballot**

Voting Member AHA # \_\_\_\_\_

**Club Officers – Vote for One (1)**

**President**

- ☐ Jerry Martinez  
☐ \_\_\_\_\_

**Vice-President**

- ☐ Stephen Bishop  
☐ \_\_\_\_\_

**Secretary**

- ☐ Eri Hook  
☐ \_\_\_\_\_

**Treasurer**

- ☐ Cheryl McMahon  
☐ \_\_\_\_\_

**Directors – Vote for Three (3)**

- ☐ Jim Hitt  
☐ Grace Rushing  
☐ Kelly Meyer

- ☐ \_\_\_\_\_  
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CAHC Adult members in good standing with CAHC and AHA may vote. Voting by proxy is not permitted. Membership will be verified by AHA number. Youth and Honorary members are not entitled to vote.

You may mail your ballot to the Membership Chairperson at:

**Michelle Taylor, 11318 Quivas Way, Westminster, CO 80234**

Or

Submit your ballot in person in the Show Office at the CAHC Fall Show Sept 19-20.

**Voting closes on September 20, 2025 at 4:00 PM.**

## **President's Letter**

**Hi friends,**

**By all the reports, the Labor Day Arabian horse shows are in the books. The One Day Show at Latigo had good attendance and was a success thanks to the hard work of the Southern Division staff. The dressage and sport horse \ classes had good entries and there were a couple of youngsters entered and shown in the CABA classes. Thanks to Liz and Simone and the rest of the of crew for yet another good Latigo Show. The AHA Ranch Horse Championships held at the Ranch in Loveland didn't have a huge number of horses, however the exhibitors that came showed their horses in lots of classes and had a great time! Congratulations to Jim Hitt of the Gambel Oaks Equestrian Center and his good group of awesome horses and riders on a successful show.**

**Coming right up on September 19-21 is the CAHC Fall Show at the Douglas County Fairgrounds in Castle Rock. We will have a full slate of Arabian and Half-Arabian classes. Out of necessity we added Open halter and performance classes a couple of years ago and the addition of the open classes has boosted our numbers to make the show a success. Cow Horse Classes as well as halter and performance classes for Arabians as well as the Open classes are really popular especially Trail and the Ranch Horse classes. Our local trainers always bring their Nationals contenders for a tune up just before heading to US Nationals so our show is usually well attended. Sierra Vista Arabians will host an exhibitor dinner on Saturday afternoon in the barn with everyone invited. The dinner is free and will feature pulled pork BarBQ, baked beans, chips, drinks and cookies. There will be fun and games so come and win cash prizes! The cash prizes and added Jackpot monies are generously donated by our great Show Announcer, Grace Rushing so be sure to thank her when you see her! The CAHC club officer elections will be held so come vote in the show office for officers and directors for the next 2 year term. Board Director Gary Martinez has moved to Florida and will not run for a board position this year. Big thanks to Gary for his years of service to the CAHC and time as a club officer. There are a couple of new faces running for director positions so be sure to send in your ballots or vote in the show office. Voting ends at 4 PM on Saturday. Sept 20.**

**We look forward to seeing everybody and your good horses at the Fall Show! We typically have great weather so cross your fingers and hope the weather holds! See you soon!**

**Jerry Martinez**

**President-Colorado Arabian Horse Club**

# Southern Division

New Officers are:

President/Treasurer	Liz Wheeler
Vice-President	Mary Jo <b>Hoepner</b>
Directors:	Kea Kerchival Lauren <b>Payne</b> Kathy <b>Scott</b>
Latigo Show Co-managers Lauren Payne & Liz Wheeler	

## Southern Division:

The One Day Value Show at LATIGO is a wrap!!!The comments today made it a big success “thanks for an awesome show” “we had sooo much fun”.

Thanks to an incredible staff of volunteers, Kathy Scott, Kea Kerchival, Lauren Payne, Steve Payne, Mary Jo Hoepner, Holly Reuter and Kim Grove. Everyone loved our Judge, Dolly Hannon with her helpful suggestions and her right hand scribe, Trisha Swift.

Of course our super talented, efficient Secretary Simone Windeler kept us all in line and things running efficiently!

Two beautiful CABA babies were a big hit: Weanling Anthony JA (Carrie Vehrs Jacobucci) and Yearling Marked By Fire (Jennifer and Matthew Deasaro). \$350 payback each!

Most of all, thanks to a fantastic bunch of Exhibitors who took home \$1700 and more prizes and trophies than any show ever!!!

I am blessed to have Managed the Show surrounded by such special people. Horse people are the very best.

Liz

## In Loving Memory of JoAnne Read

The Colorado Arabian Horse Club is deeply saddened to share the passing of our longtime member and dear friend, JoAnne Read.

JoAnne was a cherished part of the CAHC family for decades, serving as Show Secretary for countless CAHC events, Region 8, and the Latigo Show. Her warm presence—always accompanied by her unmistakable English accent—welcomed exhibitors in show offices across the region and became a comforting constant for horse show exhibitors.

Beyond her dedication to the Arabian horse community, JoAnne was a passionate animal lover who cared deeply for her beloved dogs, cats, chickens, and, of course, her beautiful Arabian horses.

She now joins her beloved husband, John, and leaves behind a legacy of kindness, service, and friendship that has touched so many. Our lives and our club are better because JoAnne was part of them. She will be profoundly missed.

We extend our heartfelt condolences to all who knew and loved JoAnne. May she rest in peace, pain free, and forever remembered.

With love and gratitude,  
The Colorado Arabian Horse Club





*Junior*

## Colorado Arabian Horse Club News

September 2025

**The Jr CAHC will be holding a Silent Auction at the Fall Show to raise money for the Jr CAHC high point awards. Basket and other donations can be dropped off at the show office. Please email Angela Mannick at [Hockeyandhorsemom@gmail.com](mailto:Hockeyandhorsemom@gmail.com) if you need to make other arrangements for donations. We appreciate every item!**

### 2024 Youth High Point Winners

Showmanship 11-13 &  
Hunter Pleasure 11-13

*\*Hayden Thompson\**

Western Pleasure 14-18 &  
Equitation 14-18

*\*Lauren Koperski\**

Working Western – Overall

*\*Hailey Mannick\**

Sport Horse – Overall

*\*Lucille Deasaro\**



# Scholarship Opportunities

- **Arabian Horse Foundation**

In a convenient one-stop shopping approach, the Arabian Horse Foundation allows students to fill out a single application that automatically makes them eligible for all memorial and regional scholarships. The [Arabian Horse Foundation Scholarship Application](#) deadline is April 1 of each year.

- **National Arabian Horse Judging Contest**

Contestants in the National Arabian Horse Judging Contest at U.S. Nationals in October have the opportunity to win \$7,000 in total individual and team scholarship awards across the three divisions: 4-H/FFA, Junior AHA, and Senior AHA/Collegiate.

- **Burr Betts Memorial College Scholarship**

Two scholarships of \$1,000 each to be awarded to two incoming college Freshmen or current undergraduate or graduate students, or to incoming or current students at a trade school or other post high school educational program of at least one year in length. Applicant must be a member of an AHA Region 8 affiliated club. Applicant must have completed at least 8 hours of volunteer service to Region 8, the affiliated club, or other equine organization in the year prior to application. **Deadline is May 1.**

- **Rise Up and Ride On**

Interested in attending youth nationals for the first time? Apply for our grant to help cover your entry fees! Offered through Region 9's Youth page, entries are **due by May 8th.**

## Silent Auction to benefit Youth Programs April 10-13 at the Nor Fills Classic Horse Show

JCAHC YOUTH SILENT AUCTION  
**We Need Donations**



**We are looking for silent auction donations to benefit youth activities and year-end High Point Awards!**



# YOUTH FUNDRAISER

HATS JACKETS HOODIES T-SHIRTS

Apparel items are made to order and can be purchased throughout the entire year.

Complete orders are shipped directly to you and orders are typically completed in 10-14 days.

The youth fundraiser is "powered by laughing llama"

**SHOP NOW**



## EASY ONLINE ORDERING



**All proceeds benefit Jr CAHC  
end of the year high point awards**

QUESTIONS REGARDING ORDERS - [SALES@LAUGHING-LLAMA.NET](mailto:SALES@LAUGHING-LLAMA.NET)



# Membership Application

*For faster and more efficient Affiliate Membership processing, you can join Online at [www.arabianhorses.org](http://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: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO CAHC AND MAIL TO:** Cheryl  
McMahon, 21710 E. Heritage Parkway, Aurora, CO 80016 (303)  
881-7203

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## The Arabian Horse Association

Arabian horses go quite a ways back in American history. The first notable example is in 1873. General US Grant was taking a tour of the Middle East. In Turkey, Sultan Abdul Hammond II presented the General Grant two Arabian horses, one of which he renamed Egypt and became one of his favorite horses. Although Ronald Reagan was known to ride his horse at Camp David on a regular basis, Gen. Grant and Thomas Jefferson are the two presidents who are noteworthy in regards to their equestrian skills. Randolph Huntington imported two Arabian mares and two stallions in 1888 from England, beginning the first purebred Arabian breeding program in the United States. In 1893 at the Chicago world's fair, the Turkish exhibition presented 45 Arabian horses. Two of those Arabians became the foundation for the Arabian Horse Stud book of America. Homer Davenport imported more Arabians for breeding in 1906 shortly before the advent of the Arabian Horse Registry of America in 1908. Teddy Roosevelt was president at the time of the founding of the Arabian Horse Registry of America in 1908. Pres. Roosevelt was a noted equestrian including his famous charge up San Juan Hill on horseback. However it is unknown if he ever rode an Arabian purebred or not.

Due to the increased interest and importation of Arabian horses to America at the turn-of-the-century, the Arabian horse Registry of America was founded in 1908 in New York State under the auspices of the Arabian Horse Club of America. One year later the horse club published its stud book formally recognized by the United States Department of Agriculture in 1909. In 1939 the registry moved from New York to Chicago. In 1950 the registry title was changed to the Arabian Horse Club Registry of America in the same year that the International Arabian horse Association was founded. The IAHA was founded as an offshoot of the Registry in order to develop and sanction competitions specifically aimed at the Arabian horse. In 1969 the Registry title was renamed to the Arabian Horse Registry of America at which time the organization moved from Chicago to Colorado. In 1984 the registry formally moved to the new Arabian Horse Center in Westminster Colorado. Some years later in 2003, the Registry re-united and merged with the International Arabian Horse Association to form what is now the Arabian Horse Association. The AHA moved its' offices to Greenwood Village from Aurora a few years ago, at which time the Registry relocated to the new campus from Westminster.

In 2002, an offshoot of the Arabian Horse Registry of America split off into its' own Purebred Arabian Trust. Since that time, the AHA and the PAT have been involved in a number of court hearings regarding the ownership and management of the registry software.

"The Purebred Arabian Trust (PAT) and the Arabian Horse Association (AHA) have been involved in a legal dispute primarily focused on the ownership and management of the technology and systems used for registering purebred Arabian horses. The dispute between the Purebred Arabian Trust (PAT) and the Arabian Horse Association (AHA) centers on the purebred Arabian horse registration system. PAT, formed in 2002 to protect purebred Arabian horse registration, retained ownership of the

registration technology and database in 2003 and licensed its use to AHA.

The core conflict involves the ownership and operation of an updated registration system used by AHA since 2011. Following ransomware attacks on AHA in 2021 that impacted registration services, PAT claimed the registry was inoperable and demanded its return, citing a breach of the license agreement. AHA disputed this and refused, leading PAT to file a lawsuit in July 2021.

Prior litigation established that AHA was required to develop a functional registration system (PARS) that PAT would own and could use if AHA could not provide reliable services. PAT claims PARS is not functional, while AHA asserts the registry is operational. For further details on the ongoing legal proceedings, you can refer to updates provided by Purebred Arabian Trust [purebredarabiantrust.org](https://purebredarabiantrust.org). " (Google Search)

The AHA offers about 300 sanctioned competitions in the United States and Canada every year. The AHA has 15,000 members with more than 1 million registered Arabian, Half-Arabian, and Anglo-Arabian horses.

## **Med/Vet: West Nile Virus**

**Stephen J Bishop MD, Michael Scott DVM**

The West Nile virus curiously affects only two species of mammals which are humans and horses. Lots of mammals can be infected with the West Nile virus but none really show the clinical syndrome that we see in humans and horses. There is a commercially available vaccine for horses which is probably a good idea since infection with this virus can cause up to 40% mortality. Humans that are infected can have up to 10% mortality usually is a result of developing encephalitis that is uncommon but can be very deadly. The **Orthoflavivirus** is an RNA virus that includes a number of well-known tropical diseases including Zika, dengue fever, and yellow fever. The "flavi" in the virus name is Latin for yellow as in yellow fever. The yellow in this case comes from the jaundiced skin of victims of the yellow fever. Unfortunately, there is no human vaccine for the West Nile virus and there is no vaccine apparent on the horizon. The West Nile fever can include a variety of gastrointestinal, biliary, and even respiratory symptoms. However the most dangerous symptoms for humans and horses is when the disease progresses into encephalitis. Large numbers of mammals are infected with the West Nile virus but relatively few come down with obvious symptoms. Even some reptiles like alligators can be infected but do not show much of a clinical syndrome.

Many species of birds are prone to catching the West Nile virus. Crows in particular are susceptible. Birds are the primary reservoir of the virus in animals. Birds are not just carriers. They also come down with very serious symptoms and often die from the virus itself. The usual mode of transmission to mammals is a mosquito picking up the virus from an infected bird and then moving on to a mammal. There are many different species of mosquito that can transmit the virus. For humans, the best prevention is preventing the spread of mosquitoes by draining pools of water and applying generous amounts of insect repellent with long sleeves and long pants to prevent mosquito bites. Treatment for horses and humans who have come down with the syndrome is mostly palliative. Again, the equine vaccines for West Nile virus is a very good idea. Since transmission is by mosquito, the West Nile fever is seasonal with peak months during the summer. The West Nile virus can be found in all parts of the world since mosquitoes and birds populate most of the continents of the world with the exception of Antarctica.

In humans there are case examples of human to human transmission via blood transfusions or organ transplants. Fetuses can even contract the West Nile virus via intrauterine exposure. Babies can even contract the West Nile virus from breast-feeding. Humans are most susceptible to the virus at the extremes of age such as preschoolers and the elderly. Since we equestrians spend a lot of time in the outdoors, we probably are somewhat more susceptible than the average urban dweller. Certain conditions also predispose to the West Nile virus such as male gender, high blood pressure, and diabetes. There is even a genetic susceptibility to the West Nile virus though it is fairly uncommon. If a human or horse comes down with the syndrome, it is a relatively long convalescence. Unlike most common upper respiratory syndromes, the West Nile virus often takes several months to recover. Again, there is no specific treatment for the West Nile syndrome except supportive measures.

The Latigo Show





We are saddened to share the passing of longtime CAHC member and dear friend, Ron Harden. Ron's service, kindness, friendship, and love for the Arabian horse community touched us all.

Our hearts are with his family during this difficult time. His full obituary is included below, and the family would love to see CAHC members at Ron's service.

Rest easy, Ron—you will be deeply missed.

-CAHC

Ron was raised on farms in Washington and Morgan counties by his mother and uncle Randall Simpson. He attended and played football for Akron High School, where his mother was county superintendent of schools, graduating there in 1958. With the diligent assistance of his high school business teacher, who identified his sharp mind for numbers, he was admitted to the University of Denver, where he was a member of the Theta Chi fraternity and graduated from the School of Hotel and Restaurant Management in 1963. He spent his first career as a restaurant equipment salesman, beginning at Carsons, Inc., in downtown Denver. He built his own sales business, Ron Harden & Associates, from the basement of the family home, with "associates" wife Johanna taking sales orders and children Denise and Tyler learning from a young age how to properly answer the business phone. Having built a sales territory spanning from Billings, Montana, west to Salt Lake City, Utah, and south to El Paso, Texas, as well as much of Colorado, he was recruited to represent the Hobart Corporation, where he was a top national salesman for many years. After retiring from Hobart in 2000, Ron taught himself database programming, and developed a horse show management and scoring programs for the Colorado Arabian Horse Club, for which he served as treasurer for many years. His software applications have been used by horse shows across the country, including the Arabian Horse Association U.S. Nationals Show, Scottsdale Arabian Horse Show, and National Western Stock Show.

At the same time, he tinkered with solving a commercial kitchen design issue that had plagued numerous clients over the years, ultimately filing patents for a proprietary magnet system to pull flatware out of dishwasher systems, saving clients tens of thousands of dollars a unit in repair and replacement of damaged disposal systems.

A funeral service will be held at 1:30 pm on Saturday, August 23, at St. Philip in the Field Episcopal Church, followed immediately by burial in the adjacent Bear Cañon Cemetery, both located at 397 North Perry Park Road in Sedalia, Colorado.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donation in his memory to the University of Denver Daniels College of Business Undergraduate Scholarship Fund (<https://daniels.du.edu/invest-in-daniels/>).

Respectfully,

Denise Harden