

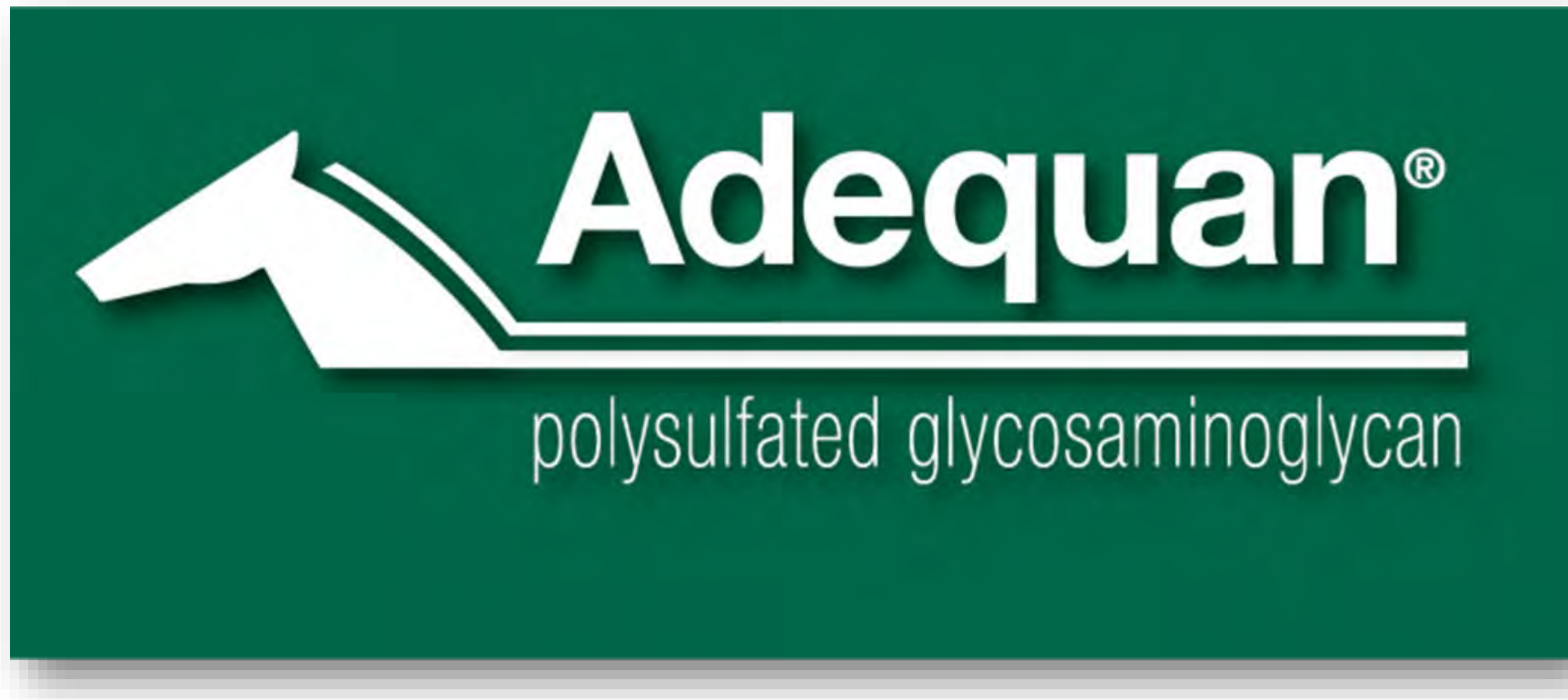
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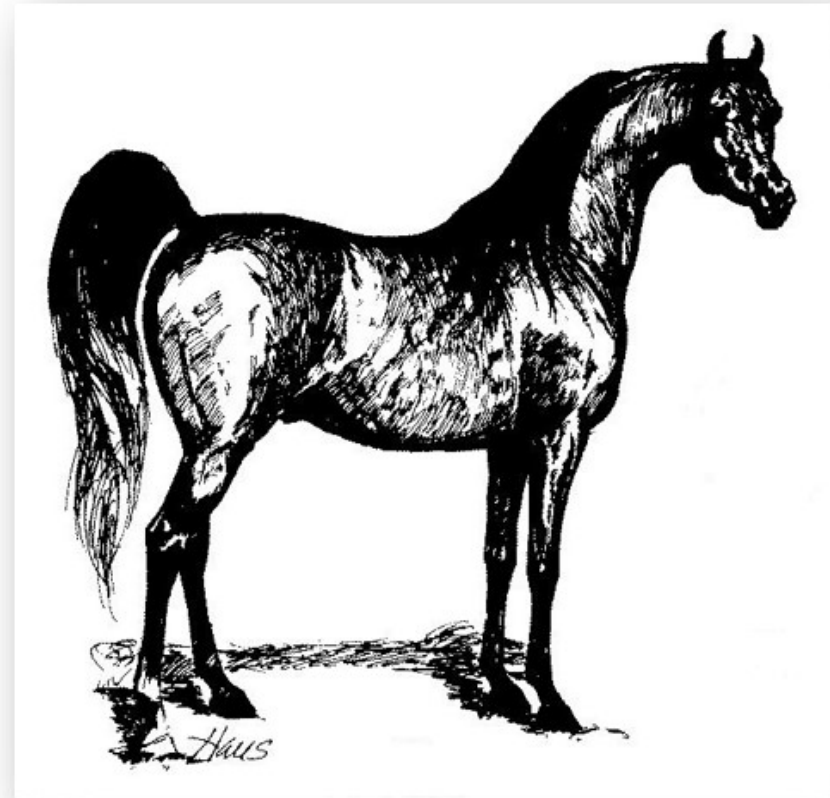


Club Level Recipients



Club Volunteer Recipient – Rachel Harze

Rachel has shown a great desire to learn all things related to horse show management. Her enthusiasm and willingness to learn is greatly appreciated – **Cricket Gates, Pennsylvania AHA**



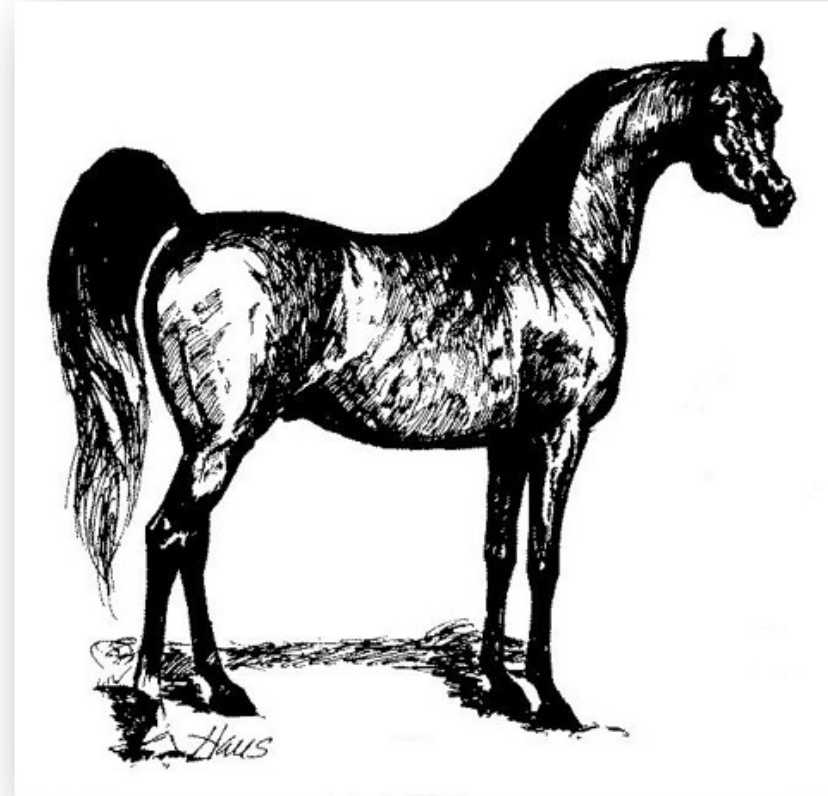
Club Volunteer Recipient – Penny MARRS

Penny has stepped into club leadership in many roles. She has given freely of her time as Committee Chair, Club Director and many hours of service at club horse shows – **Diane Wishart, Diablo AHA**



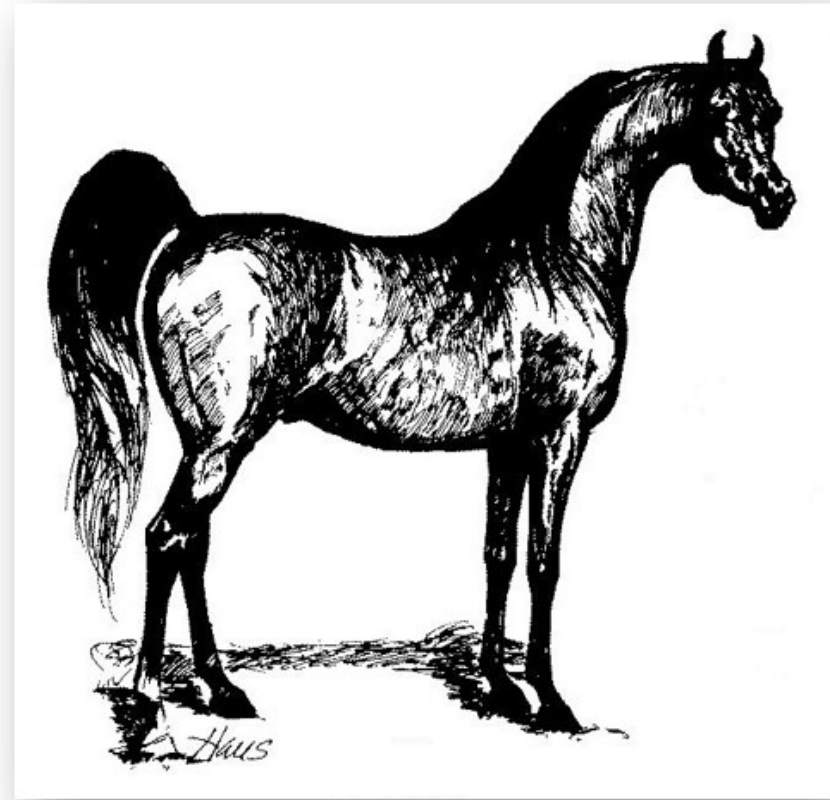
Club Volunteer Recipient – Robert Brannan

Bob is deathly afraid of horses but that has not stopped him from being very active as a volunteer for our Arabian horse club. The club has been very busy this year and Bob has been right there for most of our events. We started the year with a day of painting trail poles that the club has. Bob was right there brining the paint, sawhorses, and muscle to complete the job. While painting, he heard that our club was going to supply these obstacles for another club's show and Bob immediately volunteered to transport them to the show which is an hour and a half away. When he got to the show, he unloaded and helped with set up. In addition, he reset them after each horse went through the course. He also brought the poles back a second day when he found the club needed them again, setting the course and resetting the poles after each horse went through. When our club had a booth at the county fair, Bob came with tools in hand to help set up. In addition, he helped with the tear down. His help has been invaluable, and we want to show our appreciation in this club award – **Laurie Tibbs, Emerald Empire AHC**



Club Volunteer Recipient – Lisa Walker

Lisa had been a tremendous help with our horse shows. She has volunteered numerous hours at each show and recruited additional volunteers to make our show run smoothly and efficiently. She also serves on our Board of Directors and attends our monthly board meetings – **Diane Wishart, Diablo AHA**



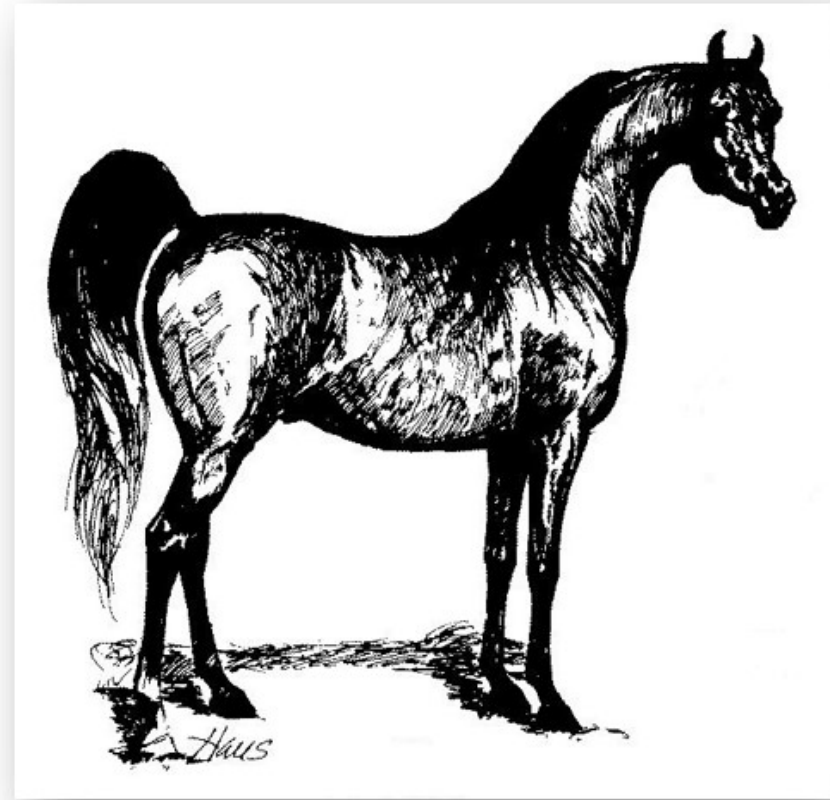
Club Volunteer Recipient – Danielle Schmidt

Danielle was integral in the success of our local club's spring show. We added a few fun classes this year and she was out recruiting exhibitors. She always is seeking sponsorships and thinking of innovative ways to raise funds to offset costs for the club. A perfect example was a cute raffle with a local business that raised the funds to purchase our show secretary program, Gaitkeeper. Danielle owns a boarding/training facility and is dedicated to the best care for all horses but has been part of the AHA for years. Danielle is the "face" of the club, actively shows her own horses with her daughter and is a true advocate for the Arabian horse and the breed – **Nancy Rohde, Montana AHA**



Club Volunteer Recipient – Crystal Knode

Crystal is a dedicated Gold Coast Board member, and secretary of our club. She provided detailed professional minutes for many years. In my history, she has nearly been present for every meeting. Crystal also works behind the scenes at every schooling show and A show, filling in where necessary and supporting riders at her barn. Crystal has a smile on her face that always brings a sense of strength and wisdom to whom to whom ever she encounters. We all appreciate her very much! – **Todd Azevedo, Gold Coast AHA**



Club Volunteer Recipient – Jessica George

Jessica is a longtime board member, and she always attends our monthly meetings and all club events. She is quick to volunteer and lend a hand whenever needed. She has introduced new people to the breed through her training program and as a result several of her clients have become club members. She provides sound advice to the board on how to better promote the club and our breed. She brings excellent ideas for club events that keep our members active in the community. This year Jessica took charge and led the Ranch Riding clinic hosted by SDAHA. She also competed at U.S. Nationals and was Reserve Champion Trail English PB Open – **Rich Whitley, San Diego AHA**



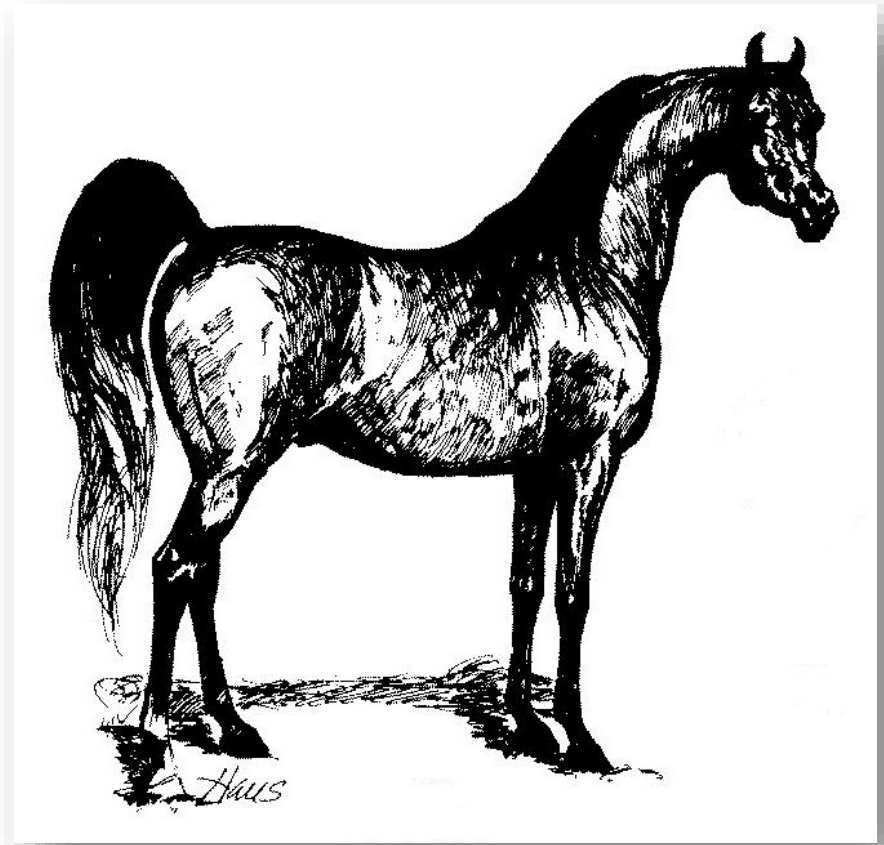
Club Volunteer Recipient – Debbie Orr Price

Debbie has been a great asset to our club in many ways. She has been a delegate, club officer, and has organized many events to attract new members and teach the public. We are nominating Debbie for all her hard work, but especially for the drive and dedication she has shown towards keeping our Fall Show going. She rallied the members and organized a new show committee, as well as scouting venues when our old venues were no longer an option. Debbie's tireless dedication to the AHASC Fall Show has brought her to light for this award – **Janet Stevenson, AHA of Southern California**



Club Volunteer Recipient – Virginia Harze

Virginia “Ginny” has been instrumental in her daughter Rachel’s success. Ginny jumps in to help where needed for Rachel. She has been our Open Show Secretary for fifteen (15) years and even was the Secretary for her first Value Show this year – **Cricket Gates, Pennsylvania AHA**



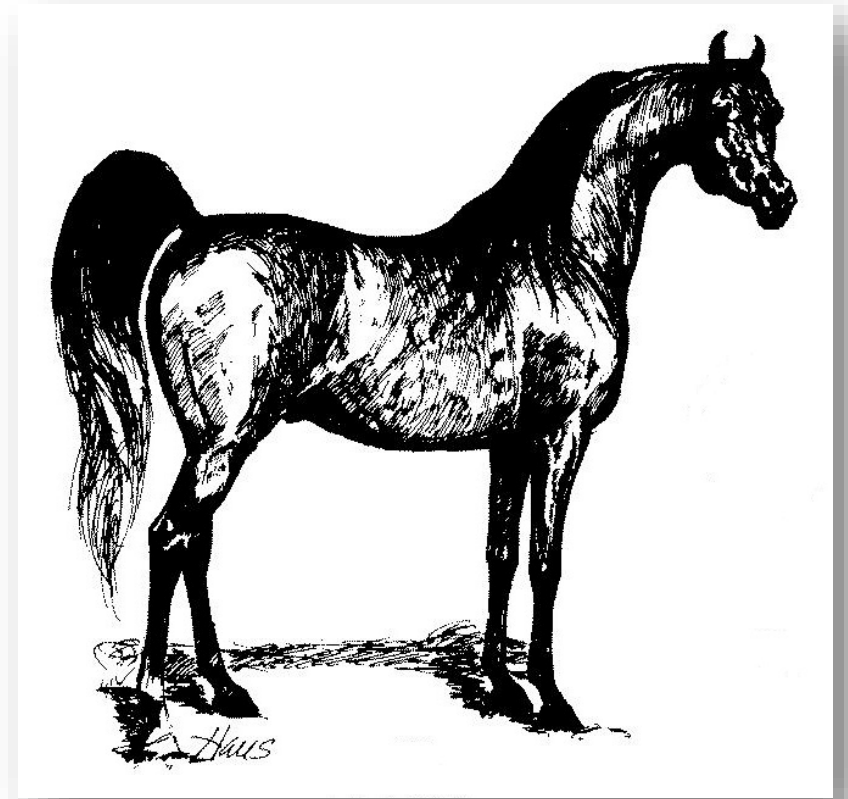
Club Volunteer Recipient – Carol Helton

Carol has been an active member of our club for many years. She regularly attends meetings. She has chaired our scholarship committee. She volunteers her time and finances to help the club promote the Arabian horse. The AHBAO club holds an annual spring show. This year Carol volunteered to go through our storage space prior to the show. When she found enough trophies to award a trophy to each championship winner at our show. She had plaques added to each to commemorate the event and the exhibitors were thrilled with the “swag”. This year we lost a special member of our community, Irwin Schimmel. Our club decided to design and award a perpetual trophy in his memory. Carol helped with the design and did all the “running around” before and after the show to make sure it got to the right place and people at the right time. Carol routinely goes above and beyond in service to the club and the Arabian horse – **Cassie Richard, Arabian Horse Breeders Assoc. of Oregon**



Club Volunteer Recipient – Lorri Hop

Lorri is an amazing volunteer. She runs both our website and our Facebook page. She has taken on this task to do in her own time. This helps promote our shows, youth activities, and general updates. We all truly appreciate her time, effort, energy, and enthusiasm she puts into helping the club. And, not to mention all the emails she deals with from all of us -
Samantha Kella, West Michigan AHA



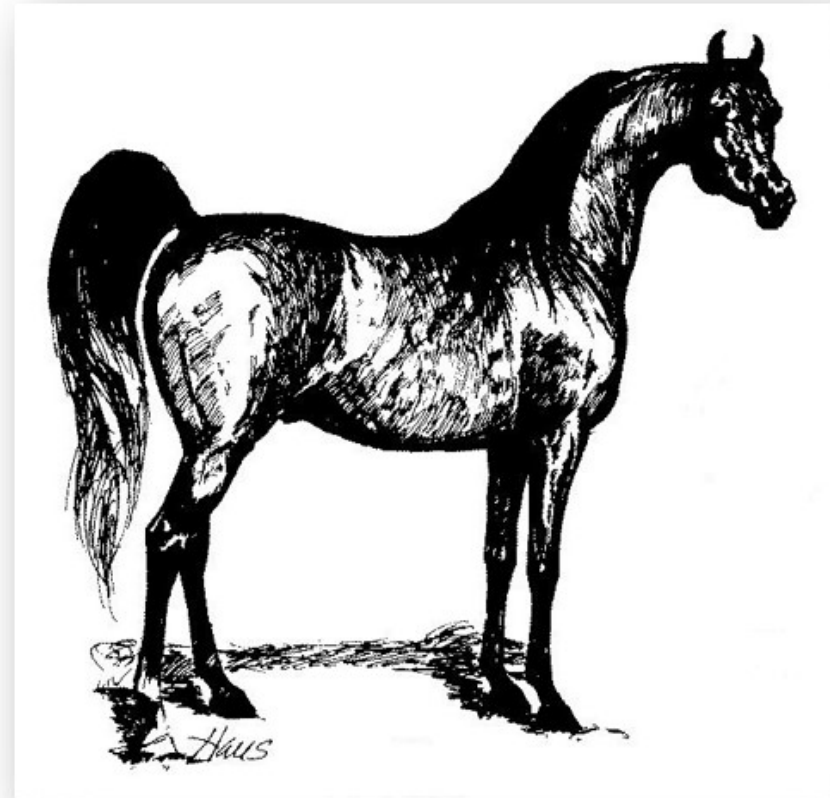
Club Volunteer Recipient – Brad Yancy

This member has been in the background helping his family with their participation at the various Arabian shows in Wisconsin as well as coming forward when help is needed at the various shows. He recently came forward to help several of the shows as we were getting back into the swing of things after having 202 pretty much being cancelled due to the pandemic. At these shows, he undertook many roles, including those of barn manager, ring master, ring steward, gate keeper and announcer. He was also a big help when it came to making sure exhibitors obtained additional shavings after the show began and he also played chauffeur to one of the judges and getting her to the airport in time for her flight back home. If he saw something that needed to be done, he was the first one there to offer to help. This type of person helps to make shows run smoothly for all involved – **Board of Directors of the Wisconsin Desert Horse Association**



Club Volunteer Recipient – Linda Laufer

Linda is a retired schoolteacher and is involved with our club. She works the gates at almost every show in our region along with showing her Half-Arabian, National Show Horse mare in halter – **Dave Daugherty, Ohio Half-Arabian Horse Association**



Club Volunteer Recipient – Margo Hoagland

Margo is one of our founding members. She is on the Board, and is always available to volunteer for all our events – **Debbie Wiegmann, Wine Country AHA**



Club Volunteer Recipient – Lluvia Sommer

I am proud to nominate Lluvia for the Club Level Service Award. Lluvia has offered her considerable artistic time and gain when asked, creating websites, advertisements, and flyers. She also spends an enormous amount of her free time sharing her horse, Stewey, with new people. She takes him to farmer's markets, local events, and parades. Both she and Stewey are true ambassadors to the breed. She is extremely deserving of this award – **Laurie Salmi, AHA of Florida and Region 12 Director**



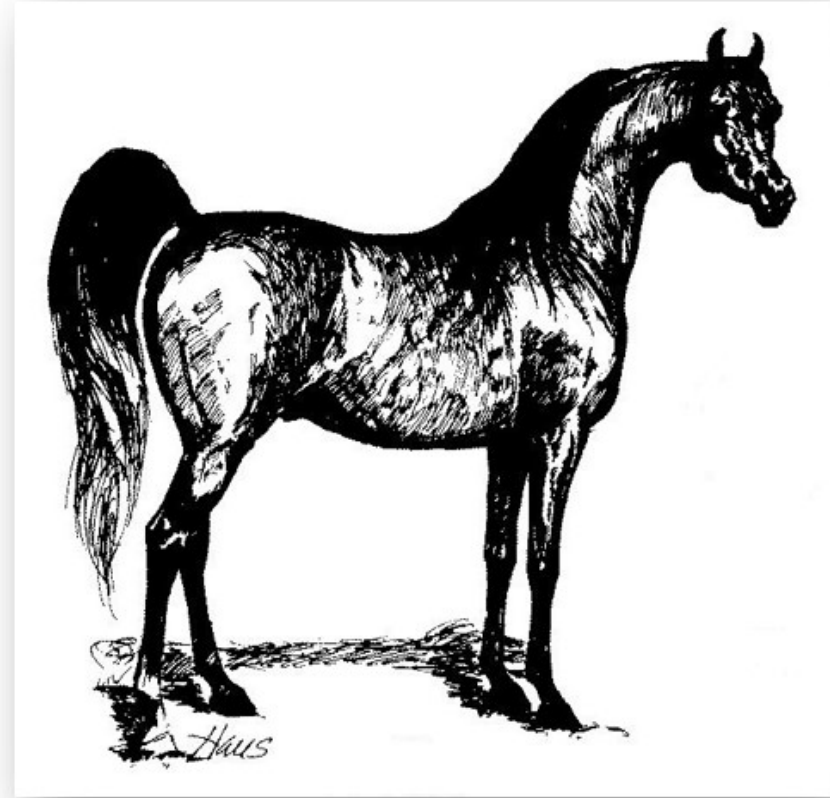
Club Volunteer Recipient – Ron Hall

Ron dedicates his time to our club, knows the bylaws, rules, regulations, and is a tremendous help to our club. Ron dedicates his time helping set up, take down, and put on our shows. Ron does a fantastic job helping all our new members feel welcome to our group and board. We are truly blessed to have him – **Samantha Kella, West Michigan AHA**



Club Volunteer Recipient – Pam Kittredge

Pam has run our Fall Classic horse show for over twenty (20) years, hired all the staff, gathered volunteers, obtained vendors and sponsors, and has accomplished most of this by herself. I would like to nominate Pam for this award as a thank you for her many years of service to our club, and hopefully, more years to come! - **Samantha Kella, West Michigan AHA**



Club Volunteer Recipient – Marsha Bustin

Marsha has been a longstanding member of RCAHA. She quietly goes about her business, we never need to worry about renting tables and chairs for events, purchasing plates, cups or utensils, printing score sheets for the shows, obtaining awards or raffle prizes, etc. They just magically appear without us even having to think about it! We truly appreciate Masha! – **Debbie Moss, Rancho California AHA**



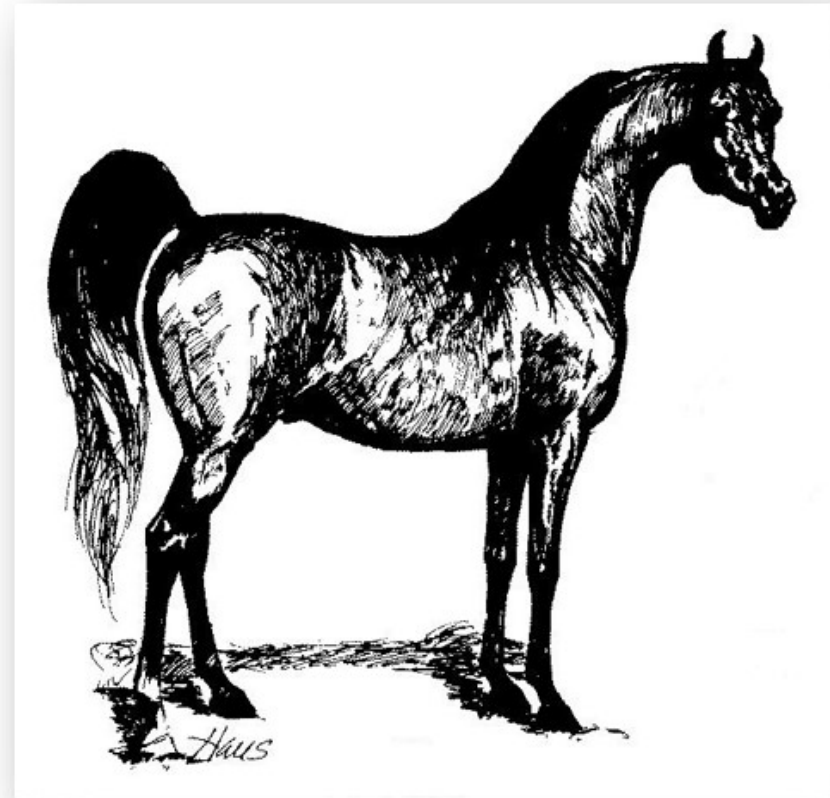
Club Volunteer Recipient – Jeremiah Van Meter

Jeremiah is a hardworking individual. He and his family have been long time members. Jeremiah has been a RBAHA Board member helping with the club decisions. At the RBAHA club show he has worked the gate calls and set up chores. In fact, his three sons and wife have also worked the show. Jeremiah has represented the RBAHA club at the Region 3 Championship working the back gate. Jeremiah and his family have rescued an Arabian horse which was mistreated in Oregon, bringing the horse back to his ranch in California where he has been able to show him. Jeremiah is a very nice fellow, and we are proud to have him in the RBAHA! – **Pam Bingham, Red Bluff AHA**



Club Volunteer Recipient – Laura Ebles

Laura is our Club Treasurer, and she does amazing book work keeping our club on track. On top of that huge responsibility, Laura volunteers at all our shows and has for twenty (20) plus years. Laura is always cheerful and has helped so many in our industry. This is my first year as President, and Laura has reached out and helped me get to know and understand my responsibilities. Laura truly deserves to be recognized for all her hard work and dedication - **Samantha Kella, West Michigan AHA**



Club Volunteer Recipient – Ginny Charnesky

Ginny is the person you go to for questions and or help. She is always willing to help no matter what it is. She volunteers to work the show office no matter the show, from a class “A” show to a Value show or Pony Express –
Lisa Richman, Eastern Kansas AHA



Regional Level Recipients



Robert & Margie Insko – Region 1

- These two Region 1 members are a tag team package and volunteer to work our gate every year at our Regional Championship Horse Show. They also work tirelessly at promoting Competitive Trail Riding. Their support and work with the North American Trail Riding Conference (NATRC) organization to promote our breed is deserving of our respect and thanks! – **Kathy Callahan-Smith, Region 1 Director**



Stephanie Bennett – Region 2

- Stephanie has volunteered as our manager of our storage unit. This includes delivery and pick up of all the awards, ribbons, decorations and files. Even when called at the last minute that more ribbons and awards are needed from storage, she is quick to go and get them. In addition, she drives them to us wherever the event is being held! When the storage unit was too large, she took it upon herself to get a new one and moved everything over. She is always a phone call away to do what ever is needed, she is greatly appreciated! – **Nancy Goertzen, Region 2 Director**



Katie Russell – Region 2

- Katie is a valuable part of the Region 2 family. She has never ending energy and is always first to volunteer. When we needed sponsors, she was the first one to say, “I can do that”! In addition, she revived our Regional newsletter. She has helped with the awards for the Region 2 show. Katie has participated in the Rose Parade and Equifest event, promoting the Arabian horse. Katie always has a smile on her face and has great insight on the matters at hand – **Nancy Goertzen, Region 2 Director**



Marti Ginder – Region 3

- Marti has been a member of AHA for years. She started out having her daughter in the show ring. She joined Red Bluff AHA (RBAHA) upon retiring from teaching. She has been on the Board as both the Secretary and Membership Director. In addition, she has been a delegate for AHA conventions. Marti has served on the RBAHA show committee and volunteered at the show as well. We enjoy hearing her many experiences in the horse world. Marti has worked at the Region 3 Championship in hospitality and awards. We congratulate her as a Region 3 volunteer of 2021 – **Cheryl Hansen, Region 3 Director**



Margo Seabourn – Region 3

- Margo is currently the Secretary of the California-Nevada Arabian Sport Horse Association and on the show committee for the Region 3 Sport Horse Championship Show. She solicits and manages all of our volunteers – as many know that’s a tough job! Margo has done this for years without recognition for how difficult this job is, no how expertly she handles it. She does it with grace and a smile! Plus, Margo is always there at the show volunteering her help in addition to managing the rest of the volunteers – **Cheryl Hansen, Region 3 Director**



Noel Collins – Region 4

- Noel is one of the unsung heroes of Region 4. For years she has donated her time to the Region 4 Championship Show. She not only volunteers with the stick horse contest each year, she along with her mother, Laura Venne, run the awards room. Noel can be seen organizing awards, running the out gate in Working Western ring and spending time training other volunteers. She also rounds up help to hand out ribbons and run the out gate in the main ring. Her willingness to always help is what makes her a deserving recipient of this award! - **Julie Hedden, Region 4 Director**



Gayla Cushman-Pike – Region 4

- When I hear the word “volunteer”, what would come to mind in the dictionary is the name Gayla Cushman Pike. Anytime the word goes out for volunteers, Gayla is the first one to step up to the plate. Not only does she hold the office of Secretary and Membership Chair for the Arabian & Half-Arabian Club of Oregon, she donates countless hours to other clubs in Region 4. She has helped cater clinics for the Arabian Breeders Association of Oregon and she put on an amazing exhibitor's dinner for all at the recent Region 4 Sport Horse Championship Show. She gives of herself time and time again and that is why she is the recipient of this award - **Julie Hedden, Region 4 Director**



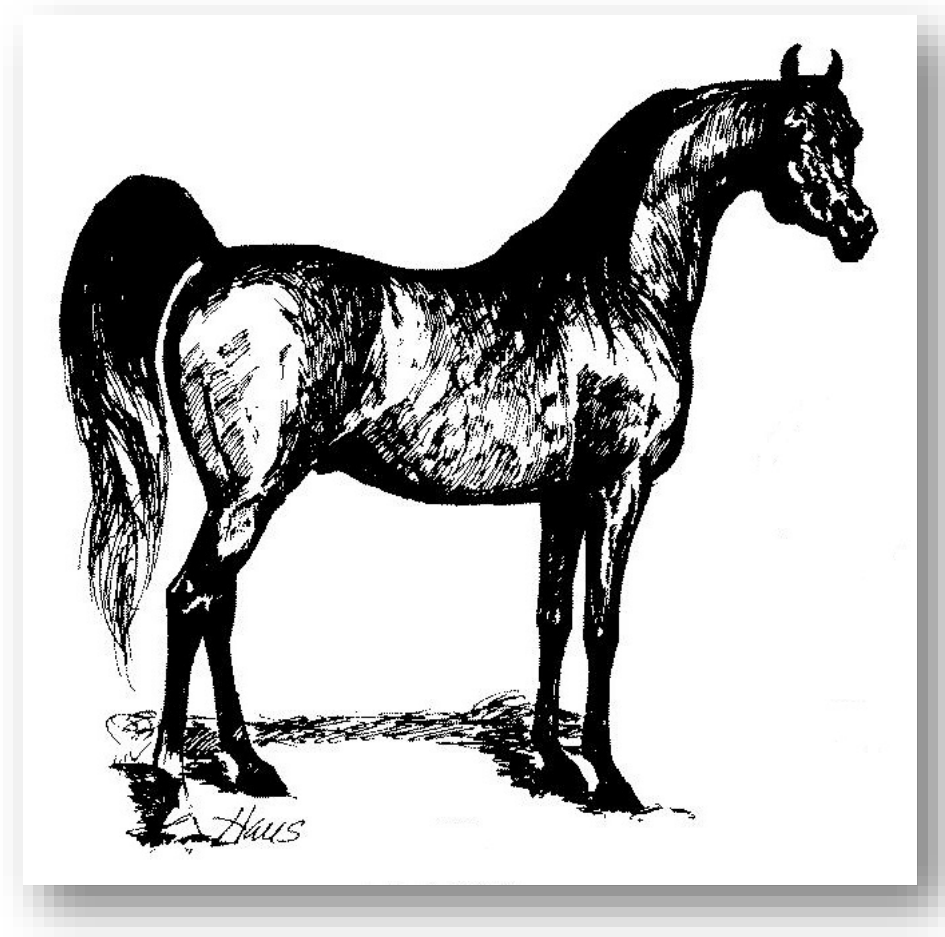
Denise Cummings – Region 5

- Denise states that she volunteers for the love of the Arabian horse and their owners. She started the year by serving as Vice president of the Emerald Empire AHC as well as being the delegate for the club. She is actively serving on several committees for this group. In addition, Denise supports the local 4-H judging contest by graciously supplying her gelding and showing it both in halter and showmanship. She traveled an hour and a half to do so. Denise was a great help to the Inland Empire AHC during their horse show. She worked the gate, scribed for both trail and ranch riding and was their announcer for the second arena. At the Region 5 Championship Show and Region 4 Sport Horse and main-ring Championship she volunteered and held several positions. This submission was an easy choice given everything Denise does! - **Carrie Olson, Region 5 Director**



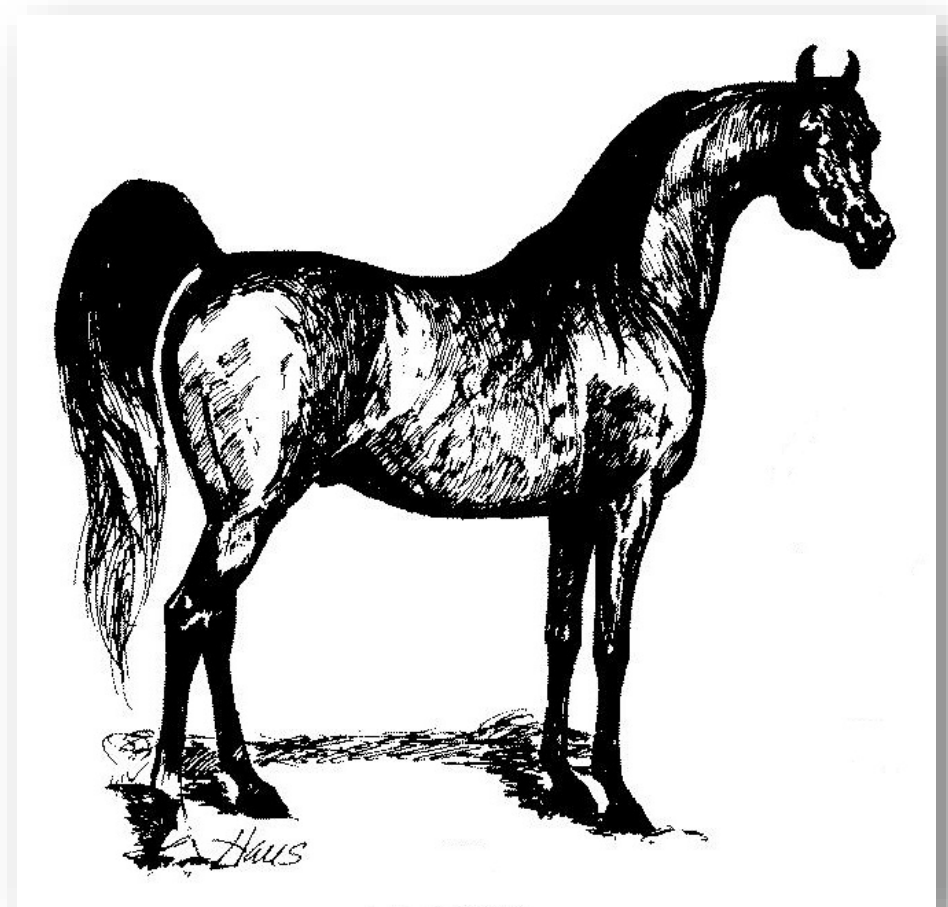
Richard Galarza – Region 5

- Richard has been instrumental over the past 2 years in getting the 501.c.3 implemented in Region 5. He was spent tireless hours working with the attorneys and fine tuning the new by-laws. He also finds time to put on four horse shows in Region 5, one being the Region 5 sport horse champ show. He is a very valuable person to our Region, and we couldn't make it work without Richard!- **Carrie Olson, Region 5 Director**



Claude Clark – Region 6

- Claude is a major contributor to the success of the Region 6 Championship show. Claude is on the facility grounds assisting with setup of work areas, preparing stalls, getting arenas ready and setting up the dressage arena. Throughout the show, Claude is the go-to person to make sure every aspect of the show is running smoothly. He also takes on being the announcer when needed. Claude has a wonderful personality always making sure our exhibitors' needs are taken care and is a true ambassador for the show and the breed - **Nancy Rohde, Region 6 Director**



Stephen (Steve) Hugus— Region 6

- Steve is a tremendous asset at AHA and Region 6. Steve's help at the regional show helps make the show run smoothly and provides a great showing experience for our exhibitors. Steve is the electronics man making sure the sound system is operating correctly in both arenas and the paddock areas. He is always there to be the ring steward and scribe, working beside the judge through the long days. Steve is just an all-around great personality, again adding to the fun atmosphere of what the Region 6 Championship Show is! - **Nancy Rohde, Region 6 Director**



Carolyn McDonald – Region 7

- Carolyn is our Youth Coordinator and actively solicits and mentors our Region 7 Youth Association Board. I, and all of Region 7 appreciate all the work that Carolyn puts in to make our youth members successful!-
Marilou Balloun, Region 7 Director



Judie Mitten – Region 7

- Judie is our Region 7 hostess that is definitely the most! She brings a ray of sunshine into people's lives with her infectious smile and laugh. She definitely is one of the reasons our Region 7 Championship show is successful- **Marilou Balloun, Region 7 Director**



Ginny Charnesky – Region 8

- Ginny has been a member of AHA for over twenty-five years and an active member of the Eastern Kansas AHA (EKAHA) for more than fifteen years. She has been an active show mom and has served on various board positions. She volunteers at the EKAHA “fun” show and serves in various positions for other club shows. She has always made herself available to help with and promote any event EKAHA has organized. She was instrumental in the organization of the partnership between the Greater Kansas City AHA and the EKAHA and later in the drafting of the “MOU” between the clubs for their annual show. It is with great honor and enthusiasm that I nominate Ginny! – **John Simmons, Region 8 Director**



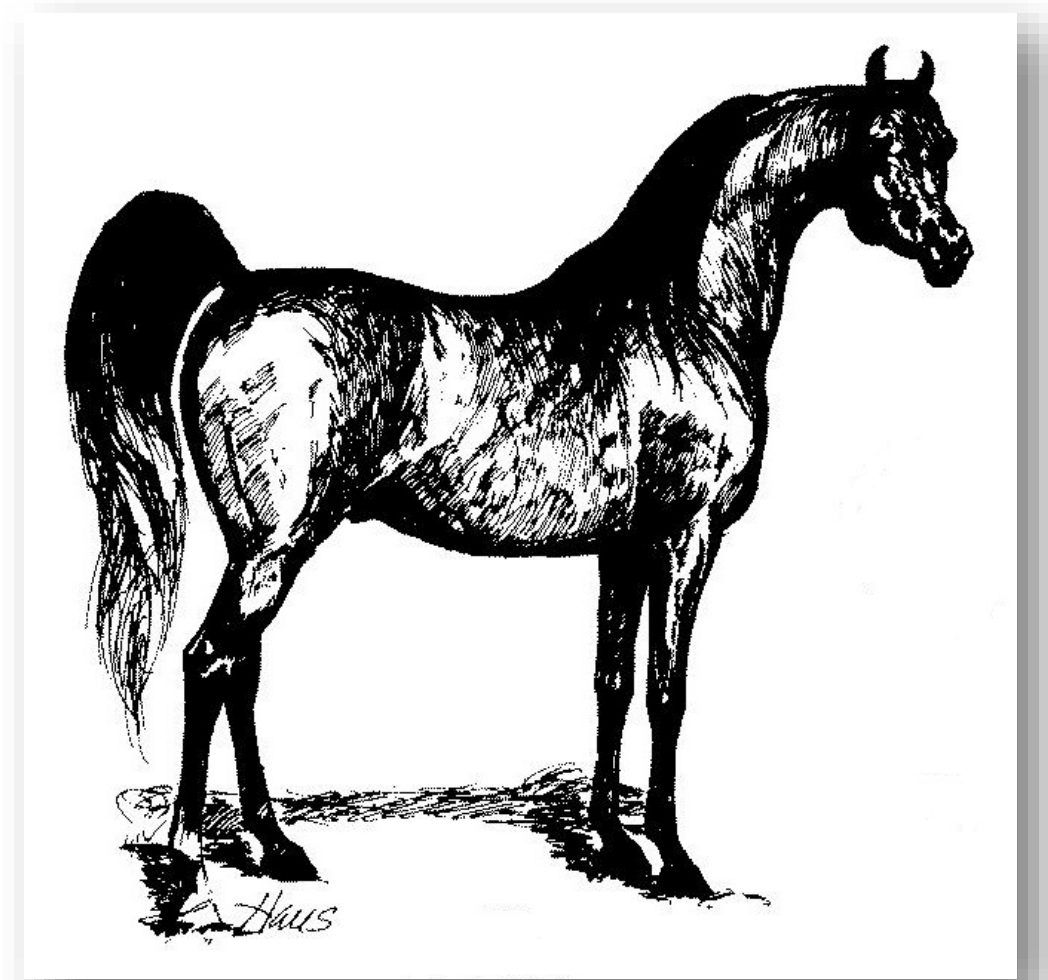
Mary Trekell – Region 9

- Mary is a delegate for the Arabian Working Cow Horse Association and has worked at the Region 9 Championship Show for several years. This year she worked at the Youth National Championship Show and will be working at the U.S. National Championship Show. Additionally, she is a significant volunteer for all the shows that the Green Country AHA Sponsors (a total of 4) – **Pat Barton, Region 9 Director**



Cicely Smith – Region 9

- Cicely is the Vice-President of the Green Country AHA and has worked at the Region 9 Championship Show for the last 3 years. She also worked at the Youth National Championship Show this year. She is always willing to give of her time to our Arabian breed – always courteous to everyone and always smiling! She is a longtime member of AHA. Additionally, she has been a delegate for several years and is a significant volunteer for all the shows that the Green Country AHA Sponsors (a total of 4) – **Pat Barton, Region 9 Director**



Debra Duick – Region 10

- Deb was chosen for the Regional Level Volunteer Service Award because of the many valued years as treasurer for Region 10. She has also been a volunteer at the Region 10 Championship show for many years. We appreciate Debra's service to the breed!—
Mary Smith, Region 10 Director



Teresa Lefever – Region 10

- Teresa works tirelessly each year as manager/co-manage of the Minnesota Arabian Horse Association (MAHA) shows. She also serves as the superintendent for the horse events at the Minnesota State Fair. We appreciate Teresa's service to the breed!– **Mary Smith, Region 10 Director**



Laurie Kern – Region 11

- Laurie has been a huge asset to her local club and to the region for many years. She has volunteered her time and efforts to make the Region 11 Sport Horse Championship Show a huge success every year. She has represented her club as a Delegate for many years and has always been an active participant at Regional meetings. In addition to her volunteer work, Laurie has been a long-time exhibitor on the local, regional and national levels. Always a pleasant, welcoming person to everyone, Laurie is a wonderful example of what everyone in the breed should aspire to be – **Ryan Chambers, Region 11 Director**



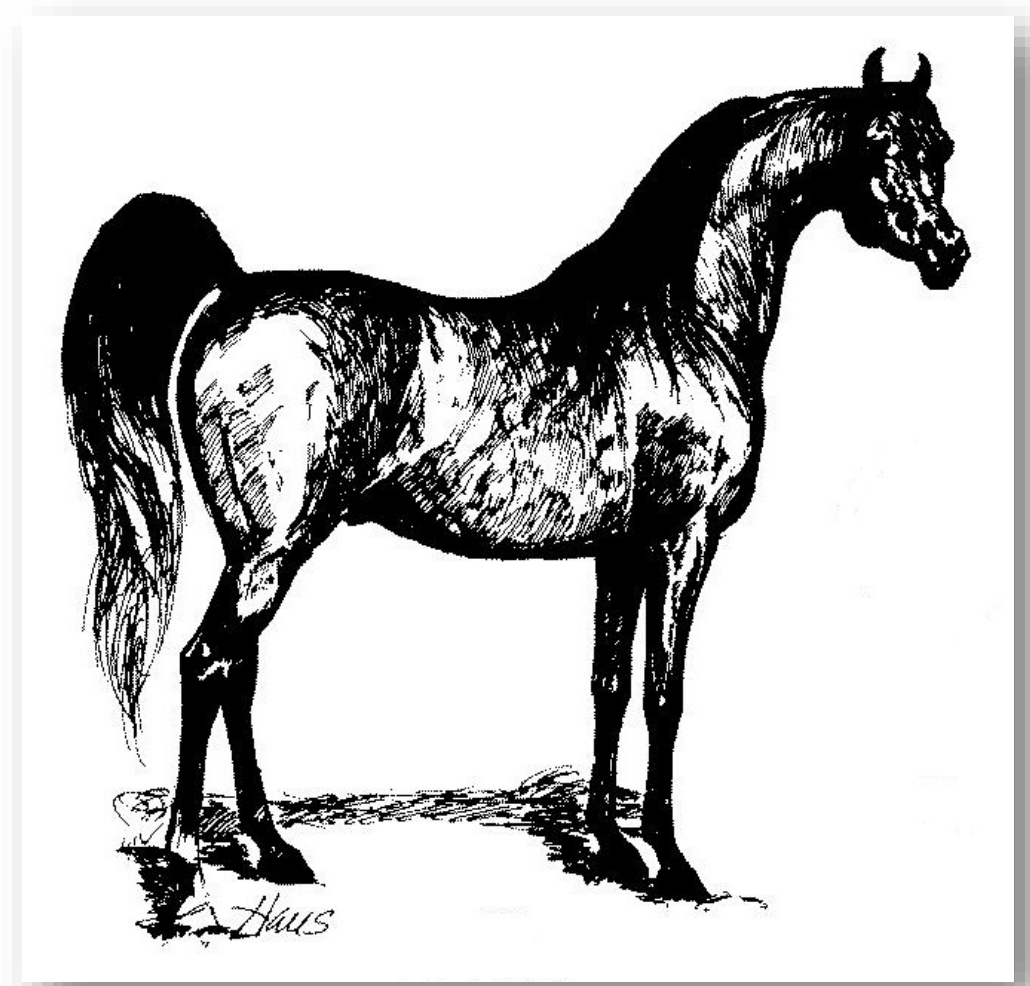
Tracey Clement – Region 12

- Tracey is the ultimate Show Mom. Not only does she help her daughter manage their three Arabian show horses at home and at shows, but Tracey also oversees the Region 12 Youth Board. At every show, Tracey can always be found helping out whenever possible. She helps run silent auctions, youth activities as well as assisting show staff with whatever needs to be done. In her free time (LOL) she is a 4-H Leader, works full time and is involved in several other philanthropic activities. Tracy is the volunteer we all wish we had at all times! – **Laurie Salmi, Region 12 Director**



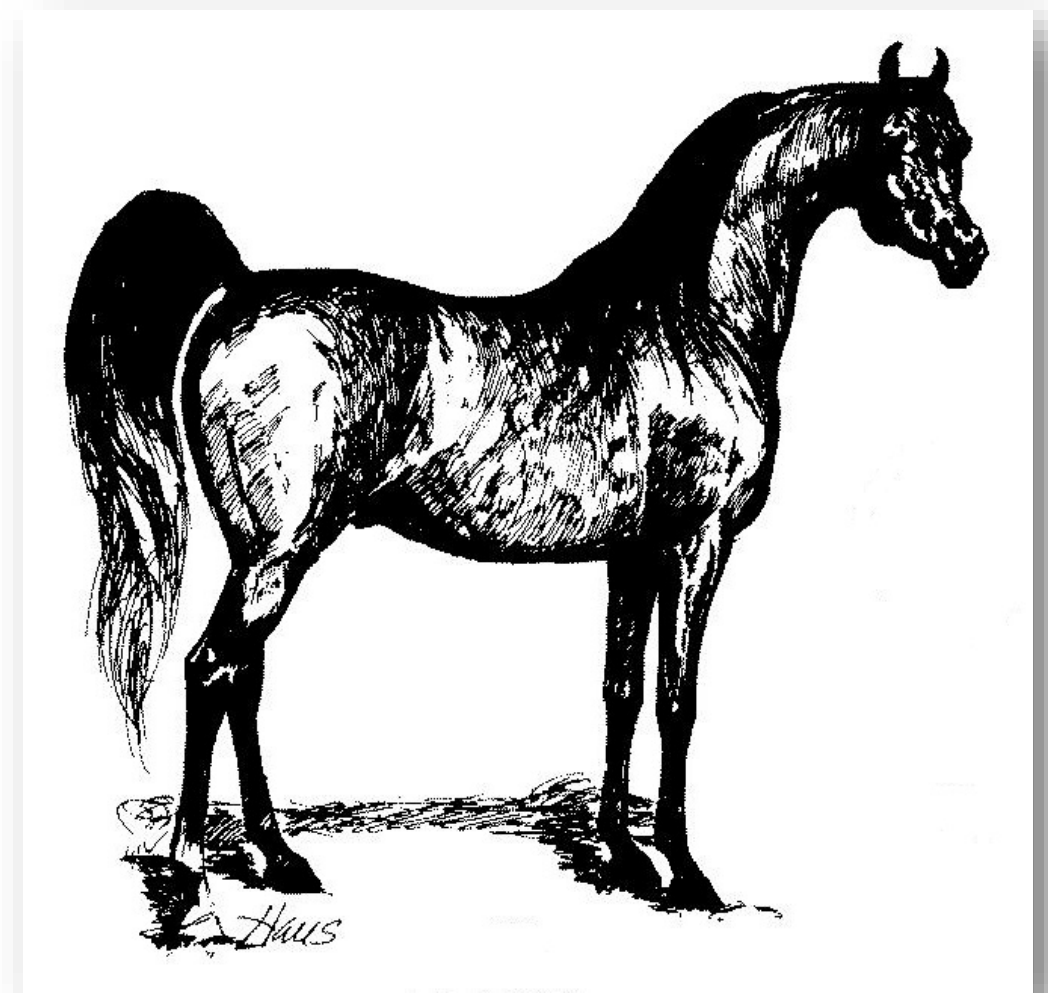
Jacqueline Smith – Region 13

- Long time member and secretary of the Indiana Half AHC. Jackie has volunteered at club events for many, many years. She has been a huge asset to our club and our shows, willing to take on whatever tasks are needed with a smile! She is a devoted equestrian and Arabian enthusiast and promotes the Arabian horses at the local and regional levels – **Ann Knoop, Region 13 Director**



Linda Laufer – Region 14

- Linda has been involved with Arabians and Half-Arabians all her life. She has shown her horses at all levels, for 4-H to the national level. She has served on multiple club boards and volunteered at her club and regional level for many years. She has volunteered at many promotional events for our horses and put together clinics for the public trying to bring in new people. Linda has even been a 4-H advisor and worked hard to involve kids in Arabians whenever possible. You will recognize Linda on almost every out gate at our shows in Region 14. Linda recently retired as a teacher, so we hope for her to be even more involved! – **Jeff Caldwell, Region 14 Director**



Kathy Hetrick & Cheryl Schmitt – Region 15

- Best friends make the best show volunteers! Kathy and Cheryl come to the show as a team and don't leave until everything is done. From set up to tear down and everything in between, you name it, and they get it done. They are also quite active in the Pennsylvania AHA, where they help at their club sponsored events as well as the East Coast Championship. They have been values members of our regional staff for over 4 years. Thank you very much ladies and see you again next year! – **Kim Dickenson, Region 15 Director**



Rebecca Murphy – Region 16

- Rebecca has devoted a tremendous amount of time, expertise, energy, resources, and enthusiasm to our region, yielding results that have been recognized across the association. Though her main formal charge has been leading the Social Media & Web Committee as Committee Chair, she has contributed a wealth of value to our region's strategic thinking and outreach. One of her first main goals was to initiate some cost saving measures by setting up and managing our own website, instead of paying a third-party vendor. Rebecca is also our social media account manager, and she has used this opportunity to create exciting and engaging campaigns that have performed better than anything we've had in the past. These are just some of the numerous things she has done to support our region, Rebecca is a real asset to the breed! – **Cheryl Lane-Caron, Region 16 Director**



Karen Caughell – Region 17

- Every Region should have a volunteer like this. Karen has given of her time and energies for so many years. She is probably the most recognized volunteer in Region 17. She continues to work fastidiously as Treasurer of the region, organizes the regional high point awards program, develops the regional director and secures sponsorships for it, works countless hours at the regional show and pitches in wherever she can to help—**Rob Calnan, Region 17 Director**



Emma Dybka – Region 17

- Two years ago, Emma took over the role of sponsorship for the regional show. Since that time, she has not only transformed the program but has energized it, developed new key partnerships and has re-engaged former participants. Her ability to acknowledge and let others know that they are appreciated for their sponsorships is unparalleled. Through her hard efforts the Regional Show has not only recognized higher profits from the show, but a higher level of engagement and interest in our show – **Rob Calnan, Region 17 Director**



Becky Nickle – Region 18

- Becky stepped up to assist as Show Secretary for our Region 18 Championship Show when Covid had our show committee working hard to find a facility and dates. She is an Accountant so was able to help with budgets and the necessary excel spreadsheets. Her help was invaluable to us! – **Janet Henderson, Region 18 Director**



Jonathan Lambert – Region 18

- Jonathan has been very active in promoting the Arabian horse in the last year in the province of Quebec. He has organized demonstrations at local events, virtual shows and a local futurity. His group has grown to 85 members! I convinced Jonathan to become an AHA member and with plans for a great Region 18 Championship Show in 2022. We are convinced many of his group will join AHA so they may come compete at the show – **Janet Henderson, Region 18 Director**



National Level Recipients



Kathy Callahan-Smith – Region 1

- Kathy is most deserving of the National Volunteer Award. Kathy currently serves as Director of Region 1 and Chair of the USEF Arabian Rules Committee as well serving on the Education/Evaluation Commission and the Competitions Advisory Committee. Kathy's attention to detail and thoughtful input is appreciated by every group she has served. Over the years, Kathy has been a Delegate from 1993 and an AHA judge from 1986 and is a USEF "R" C2 Steward. In addition, she has been vice chair of the Equitation and Showmanship Committee and the Judges and Stewards Steering Committee. At Cal Poly University she has been on the Kellogg Arabian Horse Unit Staff as both Instructor and Trainer. AHA is lucky to have such a dedicated volunteer – **Nancy Harvey**



Nancy Harvey – Region 1

- Nancy has been a force for the Arabian Horse Association for decades. As immediate past President, she continues to support, promote and elevate the Association tirelessly. Her involvement and work with the AHYA, Judging Contests, Budget & Finance, Executive Board, Emergency Response Team and a long time Arabian Horse Judge & USEF Steward, is deserving of this National Volunteer Award - **Kathy Callahan- Smith**



Cheryl Hansen – Region 3

- Cheryl is the retiring Region 3 Director and for the past 4 years her presentation at the meetings has been excellent. Starting out with onsite meetings, she has brought in speakers of interest and supplied dinners at the meetings. She has spent many hours setting up the information for each meeting. When Covid took away our onsite meetings, Cheryl used Zoom for meetings, helping members learn the technology. Cheryl has served on committees at the national level. She has been the Chair of Convention Planning and also served as Board liaison. At the local level she has been manager of her club show which has been very successful. She has been a part of the Region 3 Championship and has served on the planning committee and worked as the center ring scorer. At U.S. Nationals, she has worked in the Working Western arena. She is a pleasant and hardworking individual, someone to be counted on. Congratulations to a most deserving member of AHA - **Pam Bingham**



Dave Corning – Region 4

- Dave continues to demonstrate tremendous contributions and dedication of service to the Arabian Horse Association. Dave attends show commission meetings and each committee meeting that has financial responsibility. His first term as Treasurer was from November 2009-November 2013 and he returned as Treasurer in November of 2018 with the intense goal of improving AHA's financial health. Dave and his family have bred over 50 Arabians and Half-Arabians since 2002 and normally breed 2-3 horses per year as well as compete at the national level. We are lucky to have Dave with his tremendous financial acumen working tirelessly for the Arabian Horse Association – **Lance Walters**



Jim Hitt – Region 8

- Jim was instrumental in the passage of the qualification system which will be in place for the 2022 competition year. As Chair of Competition Advisory Committee (CAC), he and his fellow committee members worked on a “participation” method of qualifying. This concept was passed by the Board of Directors at their November 2020 meeting. Further work went into this model and when it was presented for comment at the Board’s March 2021 meeting, some changes were requested by the Board. Social media reviewed the proposed changes and felt that qualifications should be placed on hold, done away with altogether or felt that participation was taxation. Jim worked tirelessly trying to modify the system through member input and created a “first through sixth model” which was well received by some, however, there was still push back by others. Seeking out and listening to several of his fellow members, he then worked on a compromise to combine the “participation” and “first through sixth” models. All these changes were vetted by the CAC members along the way and a final model was presented to the Board at their September 2021 meeting. One last change was requested at the meeting and the revised model was passed. Jim exemplifies true leadership of the CAC by seeking solutions, listening to others, and working to a compromised solution – **Duane Esser**



Katie Harvey – Region 9

- This year Kathy Harvey as chair of the Amateur Committee Katie navigated a very large group of people all with passion and commitment to the Arabian horse in several meetings. Katie's leadership was instrumental in propelling ideas forward and for thoughtful conversation that ultimately led to positive outcomes as our members navigate the current environment.
- “I have known Katie and her family for the better part of 40 yrs. Katie's father was head trainer for one of if not the most successful Egyptian breeding farms in history. Katie and her family have been and continue to be the Arabian horse biggest advocate. This award is just a small token of our appreciation to a lady and a family full of history with the Arabian horse” – **Stan Morey**



Nancy Miller – Region 10

- Nancy has been the mainstay for Region 10 for many years, in numerous capacities. When her son Mike became involved with horses, she became a “horse Show mom” and eventually had a family-run boarding barn along with her husband, Paul. This was on top of her position as assistant dean at the University of Wisconsin, Madison. When Mike went off to college, Nancy continued her involvement by being a show manager and club officer for WAHA and for Region 10. Her involvement at the national level includes being a past member of the Judges & Stewards Selection Committee and continuing to serve as Vice Chair of the Credentials Workforce. Nancy is very deserving of a national Level Volunteer Service Award – **Mary Smith**



Dave Daughtery – Region 14

- Our nominee is someone you all know. Whether in Canada, Oklahoma City, Tulsa or Wilmington Ohio this person is there to help. A Life member of AHA, past Board of Director of AHA (for Region 14), commission member at U.S. and Canadian Nationals, volunteer at Youth and Sport Horse Nationals, and also longtime President of the Ohio Half Arabian Horse Association. He is also always available at the local shows, is Assistant Manager of the Region 14 Championship Show, and two other local shows. It is evident he enjoys what he does, and we are thankful for his wife, Annge, sharing him with all of us. We cannot think of a more deserving individual for the AHA National Volunteer Award – **Jeff Caldwell**



Rebecca Murphy – Region 15

- Rebecca is so deserving of this recognition. She gives 100% of herself to this organization and truly lives and breathes the lifestyle. She manages to lend her time and efforts in addition to her full-time job and working with her own horses as an amateur member. Beyond her contributions (some of which were mentioned under the Regional Level Award), which are really too numerous to fully express here, she is just a genuine, friendly, welcoming individual who consistently attracts people with her positive energy and enthusiasm. She is a wonderful asset to our organization and embodies everything that you want in a member of the Arabian Horse Association – **Cheryl Lane-Caron**



Jill Barton – Region 18

- We salute Jill Barton for her unwavering love and support of the Arabian horse in Canada and the US. Jill has been a strong champion, leader, well rounded judge in many divisions and breeds, successful trainer and exhibitor of this breed and has always had a seat at the table with her more than 53 years of consistent and ongoing support to her club, the Arabian Horse Association of Eastern Canada. Whether it be our education for Judges on the EEC, her leadership in various roles with Equestrian Canada including the selection of leadership, Stewarding Canadian Nationals, Regional Show Manager or Trail Designer for our national events. Jill has done it well and excelled at everything she has ever done. She's been a driving force behind our Sport Horse Nationals, serving as the Vice-Chair of this commission and has been a strong contributor to the growth of these divisions and our events. Her service to this breed is truly iconic and we appreciate all of Jill's dedication in the past and future as she assists at continuing to develop her local club and Region 18 after serving for 53 years on the board for AHAE and assisting with succession planning for the future. Jill, words do not express how grateful this breed is to you for your love and support. The bar is high because of you - **Josh Schildroth**



Allan Ehrlick – Region 18

- We thank Allan for his service to our AHAEC Club as President, Region 18 and our entire AHA family for which we all belong sitting on both the US National & Canadian National Commission. He is truly invaluable with his vast knowledge, extreme passion and love for the Arabian Horse Industry and has a strong history of success in the show ring, as a Judge, Exhibitor and Show Management and is always giving back to the community he loves. Allan has an extremely positive attitude and prides himself on making sure things are done correctly and in a way that will benefit our members and the horses that we all love so very much. He is an excellent horseman, all around guy, mentor, model citizen and a great friend. We thank Allan for his lifelong commitment to this breed and especially for the great work we know he will play in our 2022 Canadian Nationals for which he is elated about!! Thank you, Allan – **Josh Schildroth**



Janet Henderson – Region 18

- We value Janet and appreciate all the hard work that she has put into her role as the Region 18 Director and for the great service she has given to the Arabian Horse Association. Janet has been leading her team to set up the Region 18 2021 and 2022 shows for success and the 2022 effort will represent wonderful collaboration from an extraordinary group of Region 18 members. Janet has been instrumental at leading the growth of our Sport Horse and Dressage divisions in Canada and the U.S. and we are forever grateful for her attention to detail and elevating the Arabian horse in these areas. Janet is passionate about the growth of our breed and the success of our members. She is a respected Judge, Trainer, Mentor to many long serving members and represents the epitome of excellence for Region 18 and our Arabian Horse system! Thank you, Janet for all you do and will do in the future! – **Josh Schildroth**



Club Excellence Winners



Breed Promotion

- **Gold Coast AHA**



Membership and Retention

- **Wine Country AHA**



Project and Promotion

- **Diablo AHA**




*Diablo Arabian Horse
Association*
Presents the
**52nd Annual All Arabian & Half-Arabian
Spring Horse Show**
May 20-23, 2021
Brookside Show Park, Elk Grove, CA
Main Ring Judge – Bridget Fitzpatrick
Working Western – Trevor Miller
Dressage – Debbie Riehl-Rodriguez & Lynn McEnespy
Sport Horse in Hand (Open) & Sport Horse under Saddle – tba
Sport Horse in Hand (ATH) – Lynn McEnespy
Western Dressage – Debbie Riehl-Rodriguez
Theme - A Tribute to "Star Wars"
"May the Horse Be With You" (Arabian Horse of Course)
\$1,500 - Costume Class

*Welcome Taco Party Wednesday night
Free Pizza Party Thursday night
Progressive Barn Party Friday night
Fettucine Dinner Saturday night
Free Mimosa's Sunday morning
Free Ice Cream Social Sunday afternoon*

Premium list available on line: diabloaha.org (coming soon)

Contact: Coke Swift, Show Manager 209 992-9696 for a printed premium
Email: wilowjewelfarm@yahoo.com
Melanni Hershberger, Show Secretary 480 443-3372 Email: DAHEntries@gmail.com



Various Award Photos



2020 Adult Amateur High Point Achievement Award Winner

Abby Tymchak



Sport Horse Nationals 2021



2021 Distance Nationals HA/AA 50 mile CH & PB 100 mile CH



Cameron Holzer and FORTYSHADESOFBAY CH and CH FANCY FINESSE

2020 Youth Amateur High Point Achievement Winner



Arabella Ferris

2020 Horse Achievement Winner High Point



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2021 Distance Nationals HA/AA 100 Champion



Timothy Worden and DANIS FINAL MAGIC

2021 Distance Nationals PB 50 mile Champion



Kelley Brough and SH HESA NOBLE WARRIOR