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The 2017 Arabian Professional & Amateur Horseman’s Association Award Winners Announced

(27-FEB-2018) AURORA, COLO. — Congratulations to the Arabian Professional & Amateur Horseman’s Association (APAHA) 2017 Award Winners. The APAHA Awards recognize individuals and horses in the Arabian horse industry.

People Awards:

HORSEMAN OF THE YEAR
Rob Bick

HORSEWOMAN OF THE YEAR
Caralyn Schroter

BREEDER OF THE YEAR
Tim & Marty Shea

AMATEUR OF THE YEAR
Michelle Pease Paulsen

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE
Pepper Proffit

INSTRUCTOR OF THE YEAR
Jessica Bein

PROFESSIONAL WESTERN
Rob Bick

AMATEUR WESTERN
Rod Powell

YOUTH WESTERN
Tabitha Bell

PROFESSIONAL ENGLISH
Jessica Clinton DeSoto

AMATEUR ENGLISH
Lara Ames

YOUTH ENGLISH
Rex White

PROFESSIONAL HUNTER/SHOW HACK
Liz Bentley

AMATEUR HUNTER/SHOW HACK
Peggy Weems

YOUTH HUNTER/SHOW HACK
Peyton Randle

YOUTH WORKING WESTERN
Wyatt Potts

RISING STAR
Josh Shino
PROFESSIONAL HALTER
Grant Krohn

YOUTH/ADULT AMATEUR HALTER
Lara Ames

Horse Awards

OVERALL LEADING SIRE OF THE YEAR
Sundance Kid V – owned by James Frank and Sara Chisholm

PUREBRED HALTER HORSE OF THE YEAR
Hariry Al Shaqab – owned by Al Shaqab

HALF-ARABIAN HALTER HORSE OF THE YEAR
VSH Dominic – owned by Texie Lowery

PUREBRED SADDLE SEAT HORSE OF THE YEAR
Inception – owned by Maroon Fire Arabians, Inc.

HALF-ARABIAN SADDLE SEAT HORSE OF THE YEAR
CF Jimmy Neutron – owned by Burrline LLC

PUREBRED HUNTER HORSE OF THE YEAR
TS Virtuoso – owned by Terra Sano Ventures LLC

HALF-ARABIAN HUNTER HORSE OF THE YEAR
Lightning McQueen – owned by Katie and Joe Russell

PUREBRED WESTERN HORSE OF THE YEAR
Diesel Smoke CBA – owned by Timberidge Family LLP

HALF-ARABIAN WESTERN HORSE OF THE YEAR
Caliente Virtuoso – owned by Robin Porter

PUREBRED SPECIALTY HORSE OF THE YEAR
(Driving, Side Saddle, Show Hack, Native Costume)
Noble at Midnight – owned by Burrline LLC

HALF-ARABIAN SPECIALTY HORSE OF THE YEAR
(Driving, Side Saddle, Show Hack, Native Costume)
Nutcracker Sweet PF – owned by Juliette Dell

PUREBRED WORKING WESTERN HORSE OF THE YEAR
TA Khalil – owned by Buckshot Farms

HALF-ARABIAN WORKING WESTERN HORSE OF THE YEAR
Whoa Dam It – owned by Myranda or Athena North

According to the APAHA website, it is an organization that is “committed to expanding the popularity of our breed by broadening the public’s awareness and appreciation of the Arabian horse, and to bring new enthusiasts to the sport of owning and showing Arabian horses. Our efforts are driven by the desire
to make our breed known as the pinnacle of the horse show world, and our championship events premier public entertainment that reward participants and spectators in every way."

To view the APAHA nomination criteria and process or to learn more about the organization, please visit apaha.com.

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AHA is a major equine association serving 84,000 Arabian, Half-Arabian and Anglo-Arabian horse owners across North America. AHA registers and maintains a database of more than one million Arabian, Half-Arabian and Anglo-Arabian horses. AHA produces championship events, recognizes over 400 Arabian horse shows and distance rides and provides activities, education, and programs that promote breeding and ownership.