



Presidents Report

Spring is right around the corner, as well as the horse show season. Our first show, The Badger Show AVS, in May is right around the corner and the premium book should be out shortly. More information on The Badger Show is in the newsletter.

In April, we have several of our members participating along with WAHA and Spirit of the Arabian Horse clubs at Midwest Horse Fair in the Arabian breed demo on for Saturday and Sunday afternoon. We also have hippology contests going as well in our booth. The Midwest Horse Fair is one of the largest horse fairs in the country and well worth visiting.

We are also finishing up and finalizing all the plans and details for our show on Labor Day weekend in Oshkosh. For more information on any and all of these items you can check out our Facebook page, our website and our newsletter, along with other events and happenings and information on WDHA.

To have our events successful, we need you as members, to participate, volunteer, attend and support them. I am grateful to see several new members that we have on board on our committees this past year, but we can always use more, as this is your Club and we need your feedback and help to make it successful.

Looking forward to seeing everybody out at the shows and events coming up!

Polly Popelars,
 WDHA President

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2023 WDHA Officers, BODs, Delegates (l-r)

Lory Kohls, Ashley Hoffman, Shelly Lehman, Maureen Becraft
 Forrest Nutter, Polly Popelars, Kathy Filen, Marie Schickowski



Check out our website and Facebook pages for addl. information and updates

Website
www.wdhaarabian.com

Facebook
[Facebook.com/Wisconsin-Desert-Horse-Association](https://www.facebook.com/Wisconsin-Desert-Horse-Association)



2022 High Point Results

<https://fb.watch/jy6NerhUVF/>
Amanda Wilson / High Point Chairperson

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TOP FIVE	CBS Watusi	TOP FIVE	NTC Kasandra Bey
PB/HA SADDLESEAT		TOP FIVE	Matonsk
GRAND	Riding Solo	PB/HA SHUS	
RESERVE	Black Opzz	GRAND	Fames Harley Girl
PB HUNTER RATED		PB/HA SH SHOWMANSHIP	
GRAND	MC Jaspoure	GRAND	HF Its Miller Thyme
PB HUNTER OPEN		PB VERSATILITY	
GRAND	Billionheir	GRAND	HF Its Miller Thyme
PB/HA SHOW HACK		RESERVE	Black Opzz
GRAND	Fames Harley Girl	JR EXHIBITOR	
RESERVE	Black Opzz	GRAND	Logan Wilson
PB/HA DRESSAGE		RESERVE	Tegan Schickowski
GRAND	Fames Harley Girl	SR EXHIBITOR	
RESERVE	Billionheir	GRAND	Ashley Hoffman
TOP FIVE	Matonsk	SR SR EXHIBITOR	
PB/HA COSTUME		GRAND	Amanda Wilson
GRAND	Black Opzz	SR SR SR EXHIBITOR	
JACK BENNY WALK/TROT		GRAND	Stephanie Eckelkamp
GRAND	CBS Watusi	RESERVE	Shelly Lehman
RESERVE	Billionheir	TOP FIVE	Lory Kohls
PB MARES		TOP FIVE	Terri Gellin
GRAND	HF Its Miller Thyme	TOP FIVE	Dennis Grubba
RESERVE	Khalaesi DHA		
PB GELDING			
GRAND	MC Jaspoure		
RESERVE	Astraea Malik		
TOP FIVE	Black Opzz		
HA MARES			
GRAND	Follow That Dream		
RESERVE	NTC Kasandra Bey		



2022 High Point Special and Club Recognition Awards



~~~~~WDHA Legion of Merit Recipients~~~~~

**Fames Harley Girl +++++//**  
Owned by Stephanie Eckelkamp

**HF Its Miller Thyme**  
Owned by Ashley Hoffman

**Riding Solo**  
Owned by Shelly Lehman



**Black Opzz ++/**  
**All Around Gelding/Colts/Stallions**  
Owned by Carol Derus or Terri Gellin

**HF Its Miller Thyme**  
**Horse Ambassador Award**  
Owned by Ashley Hoffman

**Marie Schickowski**  
**AHA Volunteer Service Award**



**Thank-You Award**  
**Shelly Lehman**

**Presidents Award**  
**Kristin Urban**



**High Point  
Nomination Form  
on Pg 8**



**\$500 Highpoint Incentive  
for 2023**

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\$500 will be divided equally between  
High Point nominated horses to be  
used toward the High Point Award

To nominate your horse go to  
<https://wdhaarabian.com/wdha-high-point-awards>



***The Badger  
Show AVS  
May 19-21, 2023  
Ozaukee Horse Facility,  
Cedarburg, WI***

***New & Improved  
Classes for***

*Dressage, Western Dressage, SHIH  
SHUS, Halter, Huntseat, Country,  
English, Western, Open. ACT/Academy,  
& other, Payback Championship Classes*

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***AHA Regional/National Qualifying Show  
Double points for WDHA High Point***

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***\*\*\*\* Show book posted at \*\*\*\****

***[www.wdhaarabian.com](http://www.wdhaarabian.com)***

***Show Secretary: Leesa Berhow  
(715) 643-2494 / [lrberhowhss@gmail.com](mailto:lrberhowhss@gmail.com)***

***Pre-Entries must be postmarked by May 1, 2023***

***Negative Coggins original copy for current year &  
Equine Influenza & Herpes Virus Vaccine documentation within last 6 Months:***



### WDHA FUTURITY/MATURITY PROGRAM

The WDHA Futurity/Maturity Program has completed the first step of the program year: the nomination of in-utero foals and renomination of horses already in the program.

Those of you wise enough to gamble on your breeding programs are in luck for the 2023 competition year: This year's WDHA Banquet raffles and Silent Auction netted \$961 to be divided among the entries at the 2023 WDHA Festival show. What happens: the total number of ENTRIES in the club Futurity and Maturity classes is divided into the added sum (\$961). If there are a total of 10 entries in all those classes, then each entry is worth an additional \$96.10. If there are two entries in the Maturity HA Western Pleasure class, then, in addition to the nomination fees (\$50 each horse), an additional \$192.20 is available for payback. That means a total of \$292.20 is divided 60/40 between the two horses competing in that class. The first place horse in such a class will take home over \$175.

The Futurity classes fare just as well, even though the nomination fee is substantially less, since WDHA adds an additional \$100 to each futurity class. Therefore, if my 3 year old gelding is competing in a class of 3 (X 96.10), the total amount distributed would be slightly less than \$500. Divided 50/30/20, the first place horse could win as much as \$250 as well as its fancy ribbon.

Such sums aren't as impressive (obviously!) as the thousand dollar awards paid out at the Minnesota Fall Fest or Gold Star (if it's still in existence) or the U.S. National year old Futurity classes....but you didn't have to pay an expensive stud fee or haul across several states to compete, either.

When I first figured out that there actually was money to be won by planning not only the breeding but the competition schedule for a decently put-together horse, there were a large number of opportunities for futurity money. Basically, there were two types of futurities: OPEN and RESTRICTED. The WDHA Futurity is an OPEN futurity, i.e., any registered horse can compete, regardless of parentage. You nominate the in-utero foal and renominate each year to maintain competitive status. The U.S. National Futurity Program is similar: You nominate an unborn foal, maintain the nomination for yearling, two-year-old, and three year old years, then compete at the U.S. Nationals for Champion, Reserve, and Top Ten as a 3 year old....and a whole lot of money. I sent one filly to the U.S. National Futurity classes. It probably goes without saying that we weren't among the Top Ten, either. However, there was an unrestricted futurity program with a fairly substantial nomination fee (\$500) where foals competed as yearlings at designated shows within each region. One of my unplaced 3 year olds at regionals and nationals did win a yearling class in that program....and we walked away with \$2000.

The RESTRICTED futurity programs are usually also stallion promotion programs....whereby foals sired by stallions within the program compete for pretty substantial sums of money. The Minnesota Fall Fest falls under that umbrella. I once did buy a stallion service through that program, though I didn't compete the resulting foal as I knew he wasn't handsome enough (read "typey") to be competitive. Since the animal went on to win a U.S. National Championship in a couple of over fences classes, I won't complain about the experience. Another national RESTRICTED program is the AHA Sweepstakes. Stallions must be nominated and the foals also nominated. AHA Sweepstakes offers classes for nominated yearlings and later on, for performance winners. Sweepstakes keeps changing the classes that pay back, depending upon participation at various levels and in various divisions. I've had horses compete in Sweepstakes classes, but have yet to win any Sweepstakes money.

Where I won money...and quite a bit of it....over the years was in the MidAmerica Arabian Breeders program. The money came from the stallion service auction and paid out to Top Ten in the yearling halter class. MAAB also promoted performance....and a little grey driving mare I was showing won her performance class three years in a row and won \$500 each year, after which she had to be retired from that competition. I had some yearlings that fared well...we never won top money, but I don't think I ever had a foal unplaced. Since the MAAB classes were held at the same show as the WDHA Futurity classes, any horse I had competing came away with several hundred dollars. Those winnings did not come easily....the first Arabian Futurity Festival featured 17 fillies in the WDHA yearling class....and paid out only to fifth place. I had a friend tell me that she counted on her competitive gelding providing hay money every year from his winnings from the MAAB classes.

Most of those programs have disappeared with the economic downturns in the national scene. The inflated prices for breedings and horses from the 1980's don't exist any more....though there still are some regional and national programs for people who can afford to spend the money on travel and trainers. The MAAB program folded at least



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10 years ago. The Wisconsin Arabian Horse Association dropped their open futurity program even longer ago. But WDHA has managed to work a little financial magic with its raffles, silent auction, and assignment of unclaimed futurity money and reward those who still like a little green reward along with the blue/red/gold ribbons. This year's Futurity Festival will offer over \$2500 in payouts to participants in the club's Futurity and Maturity classes. And there are a couple of contestants who like to bring their young horses to test the competition waters in a laid back show with classes that cater to baby minds ....and reward them with enough money to pay for their being there.

Back when I first became involved with WDHA and its many rewarding programs, the futurity classes were sort of second cousins. In order to provide enough money to encourage participation, nomination fees were staggered in payments due several times a year. And the total paid up to competition might well add up to \$500. So if you could hang in there, there might be a chunk of change available. However, there wasn't much ceremony or glitz involved. The classes were sandwiched into the regular class list or added at inconvenient times. That changed when WDHA joined forces with the MidAmerican Arabian Breeders and the two groups combined to host an extravaganza, a weekend of beautiful horses beautifully presented. It didn't cost an arm and a leg to be involved; the quality of animal was good; and the money was nice. There were a number of nationally famous stallions that got their breeding start in the MidAmerica program, stallions such as Eternity.

We can lament the loss of some of the magic that accompanied those moneyed times....but I congratulate WDHA on standing by its inclusive focus, on rewarding persistence, on catering to the new owner, the amateur, on welcoming all those who love the breed. WDHA still rewards the breeder. The club is aware of and provides classes that encourage the young (witness the addition of a lot of ACT classes), the aging (look for some of those walk/trot classes), and the growing divisions (check out all those Sport Horse in-Hand and Sport Horse Under Saddle classes). And pay attention to those Futurity classes. Next year's "dark horse" may well be in the line up.

**Kristin Urban, Futurity/Maturity Chairperson**

**Happy Birthday  
Wishes to**

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|-----------------|--------|
| Linda Pawlowski | Mar 3  |
| Renee Kramer    | Mar 5  |
| Bevra Cole      | Mar 9  |
| Rebecca Ream    | Mar 24 |
| Dale Hempel     | Mar 25 |
| Polly Popelars  | Mar 31 |
| Marilyn Lentz   | Apr 8  |
| Kenna Dart      | Apr 21 |
| Roger Odegard   | Apr 24 |



~~~~~ Congratulations to ~~~~~



HF Its Miller Thyme
Arabian Sport Horse Alliance
2022 High Point Program
Champion - SHIH All Breed
Top 10 Breed Restricted SHIH
(6th nationally)



~~~~~ **AHA Insider News** ~~~~~  
[enews@arabianhorses.org](mailto:enews@arabianhorses.org)

Date email received & topic

3/24 Updated USEF Combined Ownership Rules: USEF AR110.4 – Combined ownership rules.

3/22 Look for practice judging videos on the AHA YouTube Channel

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zj\\_DwZF0xZM&list=PLjOJd--XjZ2e9SrWNCdNJ6NsWdIegTfla](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zj_DwZF0xZM&list=PLjOJd--XjZ2e9SrWNCdNJ6NsWdIegTfla)

3/17 The Arabian Horse Foundation would like to get input from the membership about what research projects would be of most interest to you as a horse owner, trainer, or breeder.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/65CLBMR>

3/13 Regional Scoring Certification Become certified to score in 2023. Learn how to use MOS, Best Mess, and more!

[https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0545a5ab23a2f49-scorer2#/#/](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0545a5ab23a2f49-scorer2#/)

3/01 The Arabian Horse Association is moving! Beginning on March 1, 2023, please send all mail intended for the Arabian Horse Association to our new address:

Arabian Horse Association  
6030 Greenwood Plaza Blvd  
Suite 100  
Greenwood Village, CO 80111



**WDHA  
Officers & BODs**

**President** - Polly Popelars  
**Vice-President** - Maureen Becraft  
**Secretary** - Marie Schickowski  
**Treasurer** : Shelly Lehman

**BODs**  
Kathy Filen  
Lory Kohls  
Ashley Hoffman-Riehl

**Newsletter Submissions:**  
Submissions for the WDHA  
Newsletter should be sent to  
Shelly Lehman at  
[wdhaarabian@gmail.com](mailto:wdhaarabian@gmail.com)



**WDHA High Point Nomination Form**

One (1) Horse Per Form \ Entry Fee Per Division: \$15.00

Include copy of registration papers

Horse: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: \_\_\_\_\_

Registration #: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Owner: \_\_\_\_\_ Exhibitor:  Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Membership: [ New  Renewal] Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Owner: \_\_\_\_\_ Exhibitor:  Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Membership: [ New  Renewal] Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Exhibitor: \_\_\_\_\_ Membership: [ New  Renewal] Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Exhibitor: \_\_\_\_\_ Membership: [ New  Renewal] Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Exhibitor: \_\_\_\_\_ Membership: [ New  Renewal] Date: \_\_\_\_\_

| Division#                                              | Division Name | Fee \$\$  |          |
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| Exhibitor Name (If competing in an Exhibitor Division) | Age           | Division# | Fee \$\$ |
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**Legion Of Merit**                       Nomination [Fee \$50.00]                       Re-nomination [\$40.00]

**Supreme Legion Of Merit**                       Nomination [Fee \$65.00]                       Re-nomination [\$55.00]

**TOTAL PAYMENT ENCLOSED**..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

<<<<<<<<<< **Mail To:** >>>>>>>>>>

~ High Point Nomination Form ~  
Amanda Wilson  
216 Caroline Street  
Neenah, WI 54956

~ Membership Form ~  
Marie Schickowski  
1629 Bond Ct.  
Green Bay, WI 54303





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**Wisconsin Desert Horse Association**

An Affiliate Club of the Arabian Horse Association

(Please note your application cannot be processed without complete information)

For Office Use:

Name (A) \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name (B) \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (H) \_\_\_\_\_

Farm Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (C) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Membership Type: New \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal \_\_\_\_\_

*Level 1 and 2 memberships include AHA membership. WDHA will process your AHA membership on your behalf. Please allow up to two (2) weeks for processing. \$15 of the Adult membership fee are WDHA club dues.*

**Level 1 (AHA & WDHA Membership)**

*Adult membership consists of AHA Membership and WDHA voting and club privileges, including the WDHA value-added programs (High Point, Futurity/Maturity, etc.) Youth 18 years and under*

|            |                     |                          | <b>Fees</b> |       |
|------------|---------------------|--------------------------|-------------|-------|
| Youth 1 yr | Date of Birth _____ | Current AHA Number _____ | \$ 20       | _____ |
| Adult 1 yr | Date of Birth _____ | Current AHA Number _____ | \$ 65       | _____ |
| Adult 3 yr | Date of Birth _____ | Current AHA Number _____ | \$180       | _____ |

**Level 2 (AHA & WDHA Membership + competition card)**

*Consists of everything listed in Level 1 plus Competition Card. Youth (18 & under)*

|            |                     |                          |        |       |
|------------|---------------------|--------------------------|--------|-------|
| Youth 1 yr | Date of Birth _____ | Current AHA Number _____ | \$ 50  | _____ |
| Adult 1 yr | Date of Birth _____ | Current AHA Number _____ | \$ 105 | _____ |
| Adult 3 yr | Date of Birth _____ | Current AHA Number _____ | \$ 300 | _____ |

*Subtotal* \_\_\_\_\_

\$3 Administrative Fee per \$100 \_\_\_\_\_

**Total** \_\_\_\_\_

**Associate Membership**

*Associate membership is offered to a rider/trainer/handler and/or non-owners only. Club privileges are not included.*

*Associate membership run Jan 1 - December 31st*

|             |                         |                         |       |       |
|-------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------|-------|
| Youth 1 yr  | Date of Birth _____     |                         | \$ 10 | _____ |
| Adult 1 yr  | Date of Birth _____     |                         | \$ 25 | _____ |
| Family of 2 | Date of Birth (A) _____ | Date of Birth (B) _____ | \$ 40 | _____ |

**Total** \_\_\_\_\_

**Make Checks Payable to WDHA and Mail to: Marie Schickowski  
1629 Bond Ct.  
Green Bay, WI 54303  
Phone: 920-676-3689**

