

#### 2018 Officers

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### **Upcoming Events**

3/24/18: Region 16 Clinic with Nicole Reed, Herbst Arabians, Wallingford, CT

3/30/18: Equine Nutrition & Liability, Pleasant View Farms, Somers, CT

4/7/18: BSTRA's Annual Tack Sale, Uxbridge, MA

4/8/18: RIAHA Quarterly Meeting & Mental Prep for Riding Discussion, Location TBD

5/11-13/18: Hudson Valley Arabian Horse Show, W. Springfield, MA

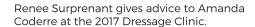
5/20/18: PHTA Cross Town Ride, Pomfret, CT

7/8/18: RIAHA Quarterly Meeting & Pot Luck Ride, Woodstock, CT

8/19/18: RIAHA Dressage Clinic, PondView Equestrian Center, Pascoag, RI

# March 2018 Newsletter







Renee Surprenant aboard Touch of Rum, 2017 USDF All Breed Fourth Level Champion.

### **Mark Your Calendar**

## **Dressage Clinic with Renee Surprenant**

RIAHA is pleased to announce the return of USDF Bronze & Silver Medalist, Renee Surprenant, as clinician for our annual dressage clinic to be held on Sunday, August 19, 2018 at PondView Equestrian Center in Pascoag, RI. Thank you Lu Guilbault for graciously allowing us to use your facility. Renee's list of accomplishments is extensive, but it's her ability to communicate with riders that is truly impressive. She distinguishes herself as a trainer by employing the same sensitivity she possesses as a rider in her role as a trainer and coach. She has a wonderful eye for the minute changes her students can make to get superior results and become correct and fluid riders.

The clinic is open to all levels of horse and riders. Those new to dressage are encouraged to participate. Registration will be available by June 15 on the website.

# Renew Membership Now AHA Rate Increase April 1

Per the motion voted on at the 2016 AHA Convention, the Arabian Horse Association will be increasing Adult membership fees as of April 1. Even if your membership isn't set to expire, renew now to save \$\$! By renewing early, you will extend your membership. For example, if your membership expires June 2018, renew now and it will be good through June 2019.



# AHA Frequent Rider Program Log Your Time in the Saddle

AHA has many Incentive Awards Programs however the Frequent Rider Program (FRP) is one of the most popular among those who do not compete. The FRP recognizes and rewards riders for every hour that they spend riding or driving an Arabian or

Half-Arabian/Anglo-Arabian horse in non-competitive activities.

The best part of the FRP is that the type of riding doesn't matter - trail rides, ranch work, parades, riding lessons, training, or pleasure - you can be rewarded for what you love most. Learn more or sign up at www.arabianhorses.org.



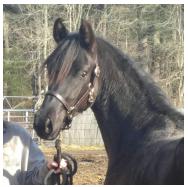
#### Luck of the Irish

Pictured above is Irish Emerald (Alazizat Zarife x Maali Marou Maraa), owned by Cindy Downs, just days before her 35th birthday on March 17. Happy Birthday, Irish!



### Reminders

- Renew Your Membership
- Sign Up for 2018 Year-End Awards
- Submit a Scholarship & Grant Application by June 1
- Join a Committee
- Mark Your Calendar with RIAHA Event Dates



### **New Member Welcome**

We extend a warm welcome to new member Candace Grande of South Kingstown, RI. Candace has been around horses her entire life and fell in love with Arabians at 13 years old. She competed successfully as a youth rider at local and rated Arabian shows before taking a few years off. Earlier this year she fell in love with a 2-year-old Arabian colt, Magnet (Etyk x FA Afires Flame (shown at let) and purchased him from Jack Baklazar of Silver Eagle Arabians in Ohio. Candace plans to show him in hand this year and looks forward to what the future holds. Welcome Candace!

Want to share your news in the monthly newsletter? Send it to rebecca.eddy781@gmail.com by the 5th of the month to be included.



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