

Fall Spooktacular Recap and Photos



November 2018 Newsletter



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Upcoming Events

11/15/18: LAST CHANCE to
submit points for Year End
Awards

1/3/19: Reservations Due for
Banquet

1/13/19: Year End Awards
Banquet & Installation of
Officers, Harmony Lodge,
Chepachet, RI

Reminders

- Check YEA eligibility
- Sponsor an award
- Join a Committee
- Submit your FRP hours
- Submit YEA show reports
- Share your photos with us
- Have an idea? Contact a club officer.

Join Us January 13 To Celebrate 2018 Achievements

Rhode Island Arabian Horse Association invites you, your family, friends and barn mates, to join us for a celebratory afternoon on Sunday, January 13, 2019 to honor the achievements of our members at the 2018 year end awards banquet and installation of officers. We are excited to return to Harmony Lodge (formerly Chester's Restaurant) in Harmony, RI.

Festivities will kick off at 12:30 PM with cocktail hour followed by a sit down dinner, installation of 2019 officers and then presentations to recognize the outstanding efforts of our members over the past year. The year end awards banquet will showcase the accomplishments of our members in the show ring in 15 divisions, plus our high point awards.

In addition, we will also formally recognize the milestones achieved by those participating in the Frequent Rider Program, the efforts of our outstanding volunteers and other highlights throughout year.

Our popular raffle and silent auction will also return, so be ready to buy those tickets. If you have an item you'd like to donate, please contact rebecca.eddy781@gmail.com.

Reservations are due by January 3. Forms and additional information will be mailed but can be found online after November 20 at www.riarabianhorseassociation.com/events

In Search of Sponsors

RIAHA is in need of sponsors for the year end awards banquet, including our High Point Awards for Arabian, Half-Arabian, Open Breed and Rider of the Year. Division sponsors and raffle/silent auction donations are also being accepted. Please contact Rebecca Murphy at rebecca.eddy781@gmail.com for more information.



Time is Running Out...

The last chance to submit points for year end awards is Thursday, November 15, 2018. Late points will NOT be accepted.



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RIAHA Fall Spooktacular Horse Show

Sunny skies, apple cider, and ghosts and goblins were the the name of the game at the RIAHA Fall Spooktacular on Sunday, November 4, 2018 at PondView Equestrian Center in Pascoag, RI. After the resounding success of our Summer Fun show the board decided to hold one more fun day - this time with a Halloween theme and we couldn't be more thrilled with how exhibitors embraced it.

After one of the wettest falls on record, we couldn't have asked for a nicer day and our robust attendance was certainly a reflection of that. We had a wicked good time with many familiar faces and many new ones too. It's so fantastic to see everyone support one another, cheer on their fellow riders and pitch in to lend a hand when needed.

Thank you to our judge, Charlene Perry, who kept it fun while really testing everyone's skills; our ringmaster, Julia Eddy, for keeping classes running smoothly and safely; and Lucille Guilbault for the generous use of her facility, having everything ready to go and being our announcer.

When classes were over with horses untacked and safely on the trailer or in their stall, everyone enjoyed a fantastic lunch of chili, chicken soup, homemade macaroni and cheese, apple crisp and apple cider. A big thank you to Cindy Downs, April Lemire, PJ Harden, Nancy Russell and Rebecca Murphy for providing the wonderful food and drinks for all to enjoy.

Our raffle was a big success with a table full of wonderful items and the efforts of Nancy Russell to ensure that everyone had a chance to buy a ticket or 12!

A few special awards were also presented to recognize our Horsemanship and Sportsmanship winners. All exhibitors were automatically eligible and chosen at the judges discretion. Congratulations to our Horsemanship award winner, Ava Lemire and to Aimie Silvia who received the Sportsmanship award. Lastly, THANK YOU to our exhibitors, families and friends who came out to support this event. We can't do it without your participation and look forward to seeing you in 2019.

Show results online at www.RIArabianHorseAssociation.com

Thank you Tina Marie Haddad for the beautiful photos!



AHA Volunteer Service Club Level Award

President Chris Picardi presented Rebecca Murphy with the Arabian Horse Association (AHA) Volunteer Service Club Level award on November 4 during the quarterly meeting at the conclusion of the Fall Spooktacular show.

2018 Club Highlights

- Hosted our first Summer Fun Show and ice cream social in July with strong attendance and healthy profit for the club
- Organized our fifth annual sold out dressage clinic with Renee Surprenant in August
- Increased participation in the year-end awards program by 80%
- Established the Frequent Rider Program to reward time spent in the saddle outside of competition with more than 225 hours logged
- Published a monthly newsletter updating members and friends of events, programs, and member news
- Shared more than 50 "Member Moment" photographs in the monthly newsletter
- Redesigned and regularly updated our website with more than 9,000 visitors
- Created online registration forms and payments making event attendance easier than ever
- Held a Potluck quarterly meeting with the option for members to bring their own horse to ride
- Submitted our first ever entry for the Arabian Horse Association's Club Excellence awards in the Club Project category and were named a semi-finalist

Frequent Rider Program Update

Our Frequent Rider Program (FRP) participants have been racking up the hours in the saddle in a variety of ways from lessons and schooling rides to clinics and trail rides.

We love seeing the different activities that you partake in with your horses - this is a great way to be recognized for those hours.

Remember, any RIAHA member can enroll at any time to start accruing hours which are cumulative and roll over from year to year towards milestone awards. You do not need to have an Arabian or Half-Arabian to participate, and can ride an unlimited number of horses.

Sign up now to start accruing your hours: \$20 one-year, \$30 two-years, \$40 unlimited*.

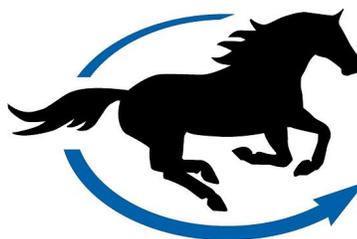
*Unlimited enrollment provided you maintain RIAHA membership.

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