



Bits & Pieces

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

At the close of another year, I would like to thank everyone who volunteered and participated in our shows, meetings and clinic. We have a great group of people who work very hard for the Arabian and Half-Arabian horse, whether it be by showing, riding, teaching or volunteering. This club is for YOU, the members. In order to grow, we need ideas and the people to make those ideas a reality. Please, bring your ideas to us and let us make them happen.

USEF is in the process of making our sport safer by starting legislation to require SafeSport and Concussion Protocol training for those involved with youth members. I would encourage all members to visit USEF.org to learn more about this.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the Awards Banquet and throughout the year.

-Beth Lang, MAHA President

SAVE THE DATE!

- **Saturday, January 27:** MAHA Annual Meeting & Awards Banquet at Donatelli's in Lake St. Louis. RSVP to Michelle Werts or on the MAHA FB event page.
- **March 16-18:** Missouri Extravaganza Show at the National Equestrian Center in Lake St. Louis.

PLEASE WELCOME THESE NEW MAHA MEMBERS...

- Deana Tennill, St. Peters
- Kerri Clements, House Springs
- Anne Anthony, Springfield
- Jeannie E. Crosby, Fulton
- Kris Wallace, Columbia
- Grace Routh, Maryland Heights

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MAHA 2018 OFFICERS

During the October 14, 2017, General Membership meeting, the following positions were elected and fulfill the roll of the MAHA Board of Directors:

President—Beth Lang

Vice-President & Show Chairman—Tony Reid

Secretary— Madeline Blackwell

Treasurer & Highpoint Chairperson— Mindi Montgomery

Past President & Youth Chairperson—April Nickelson

Newsletter Editor & Website Chairperson- Michelle Werts

Director at Large - Cindy Crawford

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***Questions for the MAHA leadership?
Feel free to contact any of us!***



SILENT AUCTION ITEMS NEEDED!



MAHA will hold a Silent Auction at the January 27, Annual Meeting and Awards Banquet to benefit the MAHA Youth Program. Any and all donations are welcome!

Please contact Beth Lang if you are interested in donating items or if you would like to be the auctioneer!

MAHA ANNUAL SPRING SHOW



The Extravaganza Show will be held March 16-18, 2018, at the National Equestrian Center in Lake St. Louis.

Judges are: Laura Gault - Main Ring, Dolly Hannon "S" and Caryn Vesperman "r" - Sport Horse and Dressage.



Link to the Premium [HERE](#)

See you there!

CONGRATULATIONS TO TONY REID!

Congratulations to MAHA member Tony Reid for receiving a 2017 Volunteer Service Award from the Arabian Horse Association and Region XI.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

In December, MAHA began a Membership Drive offering one-year free MAHA Membership to existing AHA Members as well as past AHA Members without a club affiliation within the club area. Those lists were generated from AHA and our Region 11 Director, Ann Hammer.

The e-blast and letters were sent to almost 70 people; so far, we have had 5 members contact us and join MAHA!

The deadline to receive a free one-year MAHA Membership is January 31, 2018. If you have a friend interested in joining, please contact Michelle Werts with their information to take advantage of this special.

YOUTH NATIONALS RESULTS



Congratulations to...

**Libby Montgomery and Buy Me A
Toi +//** won 4 Reserve National
Championships this year at Youth
Nationals in Dressage and Dressage
Seat Equitation.

**Ashley Meyer and In The Money
SKF** were Reserve National Champion
in HA Show Hack and Top 10 in Side
Saddle

Ashley Meyer and Brilliant Lee
were National Champion in Arabian
Show Hack and Top 10 in Side Saddle

Kate Lewis and Vitruvian were
National Champion in Arabian Hunter
Select Rider.



SPORT HORSE NATIONALS RESULTS



Congratulations to...

**Rebecca Thornhill &
Claire Nickelson**





HYDRATING YOUR HORSE THIS WINTER

Why? Common complications from inadequate water consumption during cold weather are decreased feed intake and impaction colic.

While your pasture held 60-80% moisture, hay and grain contain <15% moisture, making a water source even more important over the winter. The average horse requires a minimum of 10-12 gallons of water a day.

What you can do:

Water should be kept between 45 and 65 degrees F to maximize consumption. In a study, horses that had water warmed above freezing drank 40% more each day!

Waterers should be cleaned regularly and clean fresh water should always be available. Snow is not an adequate water source. If you are using a tank heater check the water for electrical sensations.

Increasing salt intake will also encourage a horse to drink more. The average horse should consume 1-2 ounces of salt per day.

We hope you and your horses are staying healthy in the cold weather!

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US NATIONALS RESULTS

Congratulations to...

Todd & Michelle Werts on CSP Barbancourt's Top Ten in Arabian Park.



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DATE!**

2018 EVENTS & SHOWS

**MARK YOUR
CALENDAR!**

- January 27—MAHA Annual Banquet & Awards Dinner, Lake St. Louis, MO
- March 16 - 18—THE MISSOURI EXTRAVAGANZA, Lake St Louis, MO
- April 6 - 7—ARABIAN SPRINGFEST I A CONCURRENT, Gifford, IL
- April 21 - 22—IOWA SPRING SHOW A CONCURRENT, Cedar Rapids, IA
- April 27 - 29—BORDER BONANZA A CONCURRENT, Sedalia, MO
- April 30—MAHA High Point Enrollment Deadline
- May 16 - 17—REGION 11 SPORHORSE SHOW, Lake St. Louis, MO
- May 18 - 20—REGION 11 DRESSAGE, HUNTER/JUMPER & SHOW HORSE OFFSITE CHAMPIONSHIP, Lake St. Louis, MO
- May 26 - 27—IOWA MEMORIAL WEEKEND A CONCURRENT, Des Moines, IA
- July 4—REGION 11 PRE SHOW A CONCURRENT, Springfield, IL
- July 5 - 8—REGION 11 CHAMPIONSHIP, Springfield, IL
- September 13 - 15—NATIONAL SHOW HORSE FINALS, Springfield, IL
- November 30—MAHA High Point Submission Deadline



Please send your barn news, pictures and information for the next newsletter to Michelle Werts at michellewerts@hotmail.com by March 15, 2018. Thank you!