

NEWSLETTER



Presidents Message

It is very hard to believe that we are now in the month of August. I was so hoping that summer would last forever. I hope that each of you has taken time away from the hectic business of daily living and found those fun times for yourselves. The days are still long and the sun has been shining, so let your hair down and walk on the beach, go for a trail ride or just meet with friends for some laughter and a great glass of wine.

Our All Breed Dressage Show in June was a wonderful success. Very well attended and the best part is, we made some money. I would like to thank Michael Caruana and his hard working volunteers for their tireless efforts to make this show so successful. I would also like to personally thank all those that sponsored classes. Your sponsorships provide us the funds to do so many good things for our club.

I am so pleased to announce that Scott Benjamin will speak to our Region III members on October 13, 2010. (See page 3 for more information). Scott has been named AHF Ambassador and this position could not have been given to a better individual. Scott's experience as an Internationally known Arabian horse judge, show manager, breeder, author and clinician secured his appointment as the Foundation's first Ambassador.

I encourage each of you to mark this date on your calendar; you will come away from this experience with accurate information and a renewed enthusiasm for our Arabian horse.

AHA Convention is right around the corner. If any of our members have suggestions as to what you would like your delegates to talk about, do not hesitate to let us know. This year's convention will be held in Florida.

I wish each of you the happiest of days as summer turns to fall. Remember, you are all part of GGAHA and we welcome you to our meetings and would enjoy your feedback and/or suggestions of anything we can do to continue with the positive growth of GGAHA.

God Bless!

Sandy Markoff
President

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BOARD MEETINGS

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AMBASSADOR FOR THE ARABIAN HORSE FOUNDATION**

SCOTT BENJAMIN

OCTOBER 13, 2010 - 7:00PM

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The Golden Gate Arabian Horse Association is proud to have Scott Benjamin as their keynote speaker for their October meeting and they are very excited to share Scott with all of Region III. Scott needs no introduction to those of us who have been fortunate enough to hear him speak. For those who have been less fortunate, you will know immediately that your decision to come and hear Scott was the right choice. Scott presents his vast knowledge and love for the Arabian horse in a manner that is exciting, colorful and honest. Be assured he will leave his listeners wanting more and more. The following is a brief background on Scott and perhaps a small reason as to why he has so much to offer this industry.

SCOTT BENJAMIN NAMED ARABIAN HORSE FOUNDATION'S FIRST AMBASSADOR

The Arabian Horse Foundation's president, Larry Kinneer stated, "Scott brings to this position a wide knowledge about the Arabian horse. He will serve as a representative of the Foundation, interacting with individuals and organizations that are potential supporters of the Foundation.

Scott has been actively involved with the Arabian horse for over 30 years. He earned a Bachelor's Degree in Equine Management and Animal Breeding/Genetics from Michigan State University. He continued his love for the Arabian horse by involving himself with Arabian events in the U.S., Canada, the Middle East, Australia, South America, Africa and most of Europe as director, judge, manager, trainer, steward, clinician, coach and speaker. Scott has also authored articles on genetics and genetic disorders.

Scott and Beth Minnich, chair of the AHA Task Force, co-authored an article on Lavender Foal Syndrome (LFS) and Cerebellar Abiotrophy (CA), which was published in the January 2010 issue of the Arabian Horse World Magazine. They re-enforced the importance of the Arabian horse community being proactive in testing, disclosure and making informed breeding decisions. Scott and Beth have worked cooperatively on other projects involving genetic disorders.

Scott Benjamin is clearly the ideal person for this new position with the foundation. He has an extensive hands on background within the Arabian breed and he has been formally trained in animal sciences and genetics. With his unique background and the fact that he is a highly respected horseman both in the U.S. and abroad, proves that he is a tremendous asset to the foundation.

Scott's list of credits include being a judge for the recent Scottsdale Arabian and Half-Arabian show, he was the keynote speaker at the 2009 Arabian Horse Association annual convention. He is a member of the AHA Market Development and Promotion Committee. He is director of Benjamin Equine, an Equine Consultancy based in Calgary, Alberta, Canada. In addition to his professional and judging responsibilities, he currently serves on the organizing committees for the Arabian Breeders World Cup in Las Vegas as well as for Polish Arabian Horse Days in Poland.

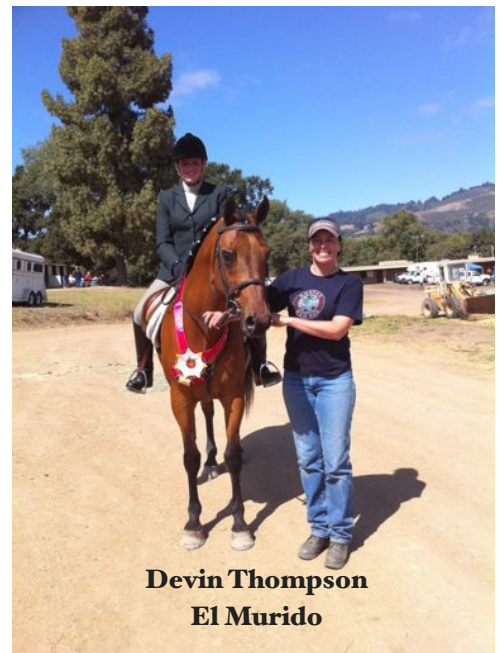
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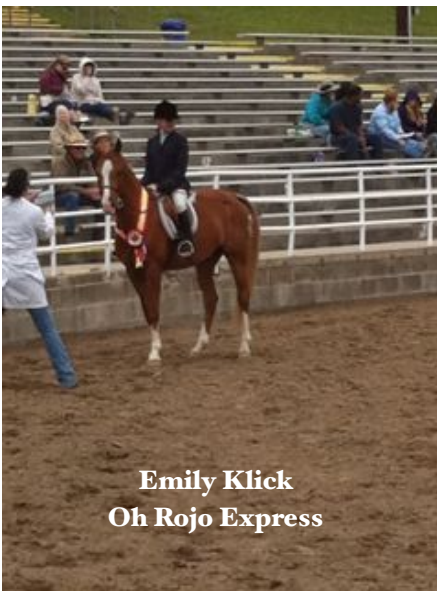
Congratulations to **PJB Arabians** Youth Riders, *Karli, Devin, Emily, Hannah* and *Laurynn* on a successful show at the Gold Coast Double Header in Watsonville. They did an awesome job winning 3 Reserve Championships, 8 firsts, 6 seconds, 15 thirds, 10 fourths, 4 fifths, 4 sixths and 1 seventh. You have all improved by leaps and bounds over the past year! Keep up the good work!



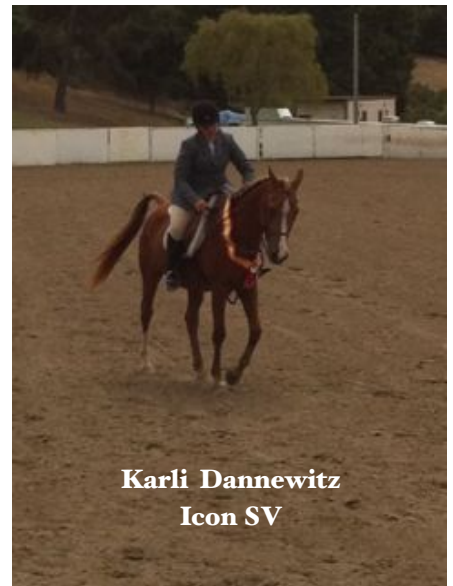
Devin Thompson
El Murido

We would also like to thank our riders *Giulianna, Tatjana, Laurynn* and *Patti* for donating their time and horses to participate in a demonstration at the Petaluma Art and Equestrian Festival which benefited Mentor Me Petaluma and the Petaluma Rotary Club.

Congratulations also goes out to Youth Rider *Tatjana Ziemer* on her finish at the Woodside Horse Trials 3 Day Event with her horse Summer. Tatjana finished 8th in her division on her first 3 Day Event!



Emily Klick
Oh Rojo Express



Karli Dannewitz
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GGAHA NOMINATIONS

Sandy Markoff has appointed a Nominating Committee at our last meeting:

SandyMarkoff, Roberta Dixon, Kelly Kenneally,

Debbie Wiegmann, Jan Brutocao.

If anyone is interested in running for a board position please contact one of us.



Hannah Saitone
El Murido



Tatjana Ziemer
Summer

CLUB WEBSITE NEWS

Golden Gate has a newly redesigned Web Site.

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Our new website is being maintained by Tammara Morgan of www.spinninghorsesdesigns.com If you would like to submit anything for the site or have any ideas please email them to me at Debwiegmann@comcast.net

Golden Gate is now on Twitter and Facebook. Look for the links at www.Goldengatearabians.com and follow us for News, Events, Classifieds, Etc.



The image shows the Facebook logo, which consists of a blue rectangular background with the word "facebook" written in white, lowercase, sans-serif font.

2010 ClubTrail Ride Schedule

For Information on any of these rides please contact Robin Everett at Robin_Everett@yahoo.com

September – 18th & 19th (Sat & Sun) at Pt. Reyes, Stewart Horse Ranch, camp out and/or barbecue, Olema

October – 17th (Sunday) at Skyline Park, Napa

November – 13th (Saturday) at Lake Sonoma, Geyserville

December – 11th (Saturday) at Pt. Reyes, Five Brooks, Olema



June 2010 Dressage Show Report

The June dressage show went off with very little problems and was very successful for a one day show. We had to turn away two or three riders due to over subscription to the event and in some cases we had to reduce the number of rides any single rider could take. Some were not happy about this, but it is testimony to the popularity of the event for dressage riders. We should continue this show and perhaps expand it when the economy gets better.

We made approximately \$1200 profit on this event. If the entire club could get behind this show, we could get a lot more sponsors and make it profitable enough to turn it into a two day show even without including Sport Horse events. If we want to keep attracting people to our club and riders to our show we should consider some changes. This can be done if we form a show committee now and work on suggestions at a meeting or two. Times are changing we need to change too.

“Thank you”, to all those who volunteered and worked on this show. I would name each individual but I am afraid of forgetting to name someone, when so many did such a great job in working with me to make the show a success. You all know who you are and thanks for making this club event a success.

Michel Caruana

Ps comment from our judge: [Your show was a lovely show and I'm so glad I could judge for you.](#) Lynette was especially gracious. Thank you for inviting me.

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MEMBERS NEWS

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Congratulations Hannah

Youth rider and GGAHA member, Hannah Feldman and her PB Hunter Malieka+/, Unanimous National Champions at Youth!

It was an exciting day on July 29th at Expo New Mexico when Hannah and Malieka+ were awarded unanimous National Champions in Hunter Pleasure Walk/Trot 10 and under. The eliminations started with 28 entries and was then narrowed down to the final 16 -- then the top 10 and finally the announcement of Reserve and Champion. Not only was it such an honor for Hannah to be National Champion among such talented horses and riders but to be chosen unanimous was an even bigger thrill! Congratulations Hannah! This is a wonderful accomplishment - for you, for your club and for Region 3!

GREAT JOB HANNAH!!!!!!



Congratulations AppleCreek Training and Lesson Center Riders

Congratulations to GGAHA youth member Briana Marcott Region 3 Champion First level and Training Level Dressage JTR. Holly Hay GGAHA youth member Region 3 Top Five Training Level Dressage.

Congratulations Kristen Reeder, Region 3 Reserve Champion First Level Dressage and Top 5 Training Level Dressage with 19 riders in the class. **Congratulations** Carol Fricke Region 3 Top 5 Second Level Dressage.

Lori Cook Training Show Results

Congratulations to The Williams Family on their Region 3 Championship Sporthorse Top 5 2-year old Gelding Torenzo Treasure who was shown by Rufus Vidrio of Alexandra Arabians.

Congratulations to Lori Cook owner of Kool Jett+ and his Region 3 Sporthorse in Hand Purebred Gelding Championship, Kool Jett+ was shown by Rufus Vidrio of Alexandra Arabians.

Great Job Rufus!!!!!!

Congratulations to Lori Cook and Kool Jett+ for their Top 5 3rd Level Dressage at the Region 3 Sporthorse Championship Show

Congratulations to Mikayla Espindola riding Ho Hermano Choy(Hombre) went Regional Sporthorse Top 5 in Training Level 13 and under. Excellent job for Mikayla as this was her first year of showing at Class A Shows.

Congratulations to Sandy Markoff's gelding Really Phinominaal he did an awesome job in the Large Open Training Level Class. He did not make Top 5, but we are really proud of him as this is his first year under saddle and he qualified with 11pt for Nationals.

Congratulations to Michelle Meyers who rode FF Vermillion at the August 8th Fairwind Show and won 1st and 3rd. This was Michelle's first time showing 1st Level. Great job Michelle.

Congratulations to Mikayla and Ho Hermano Choy (Hombre) they also showed at the Fairwind show and came home with a blue ribbon.

Next up Lori and Kool Jett+ are heading to the Sporthorse US Nationals in Nampa, Idaho.

Good Luck Lori & Kook Jett+

GGAHA Trail Report

Summer 2010 – Trotting Down the Trail!

This summer has certainly had its ups and downs – geographically speaking. The rain continued forever, which made serious conditioning difficult. In May, I hauled Stormer down to Joseph Grant Park, in the hills east of San Jose, to do the Shine and Shine III ride, which had more hills than I had remembered. I hooked up with a new friend – a woman from Livermore riding her 5 year old on his first 50 – and we rode together. I wasn't happy with Stormer at the lunch break – he wasn't eating or drinking well – so Lauren and I agreed to slow down. We wound up slowing down too much! We had to swing through the ridecamp and go back out for a last 3 mile loop and had only 30 minutes to complete that! Everyone was off of the trail except the riders in the 75 mile ride. This was an easy loop, and Lauren's horse led most of the way. A woman was waiting for us at the finish line and yelled to us that we had only one minute. We finished with 52 seconds to spare in our 12 hour time limit. That's called getting your money's worth! But both horses were fine, and "To Finish Is To Win!"

On June 12th I hauled up to Cooley Ranch (you drive through the Lake Sonoma park to get to it). Now that ride has some hills! I wish I had had my camera. From the top of one hill, I could see the horses in front of me trotting down the hill, and other horses trotting up the next one. Quite a spectacular scene! This ride can be hot, but because of all the rain this year, there was a lot of water on the trail. I had camped next to Barbara White, and asked her if I could ride with her and see if our horses went together well. She was riding her mare, Canadian Brooke, to see if this big, relatively heavy-muscled horse could be managed in hot weather and would be a good candidate for Tevis. As it turned out, Barbara did take Brooke to Tevis in July and completed that ride for her 30th Tevis buckle, a feat that had never before been accomplished. I was privileged to be at the finish line and see her cross at about 4 in the morning, both she and the horse looking great. At Cooley Ranch, Barbara and I rode with sponges in hand, stopping at every little creek crossing to put water on the horses and cool them off. The horses finished well, although Stormer threatened to cramp up behind as I started to take him to the final vet out. He was fine, although I thought he was more tired than I would have liked.

Cooley Ranch was a two day ride, so I started out again on Sunday, riding with Barbara still. This day was even hotter than Saturday had been. While the first loop was good, the second loop had much less water, and what there was was mostly mud puddles – not very good for cooling horses. We slowed down on the relentless hills. Here I made an tactical error – I gave Stormer a full dose of electrolytes at a creek crossing, using a brand that is easy to carry on the trail, but which he does not tolerate very well. He quit drinking. We got into the 38 mile vet check with Stormer's heart rate at 52, which is good. However, he didn't eat, and didn't continue to recover. The vet hadn't liked his gut sounds and had asked me to check back with him before going back out. I had already decided that Stormer had had enough. When I went back for my recheck, his heart rate was 60. I was allowed to call it a Rider Option pull. Barbara went on without us and completed without difficulty. When our "ambulance" ride was ready to take Stormer and me back to camp, I walked him over to this strange trailer, with a high step up, threw the rope over his back and asked him if he wanted to get in. He whinnied and jumped in. That's an experienced endurance horse for you! He knows when he's got a pass on the rest of the day! Back at camp, he drowsed in the shade until his buddy, Brooke, got back. That excited him and he started exhibiting some signs of muscle spasm. But the vets said he was doing fine and he walked out of them. Still, I'm tweaking his supplements and being very careful with his electrolyte protocol. A horses' metabolism seems to change a bit once they pass the age of 15, and Stormer is 16 now.

I met my Livermore friend, Lauren, again at the Fireworks Ride at Santa Cruz on August 7th. Her husband came to crew and it was great to have someone there to hand me a blanket when we came into the very foggy vet check. The fog didn't burn off until 2:30, so it was perfect riding weather. Lauren and I completed in a bit over 8 hours of riding, and both horses looked good. We're hoping to get in a few more rides this season. Stormer now has a record of 2,445 miles. I'd like to get him to 3,000 before retiring him from endurance. This is my ninth year of riding this horse, and Casey, now age 3, is waiting anxiously to turn 5 so he can start doing some rides.

I hope you are all having a great ride season!

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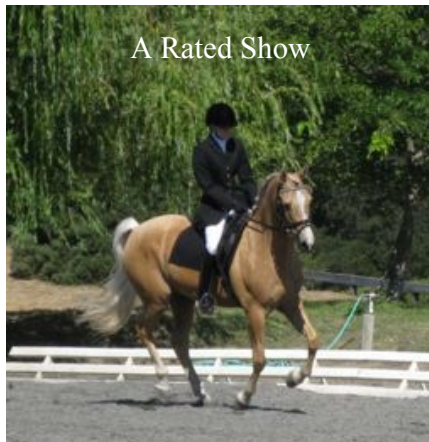
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TEAM WORK

**Congratulations to Youth Member Taylor Kyse and Spunn Honey on winning 2 Top 10's at Canadian Nationals !!
Good Job Taylor!!!**



Dream comes true for youth rider Bailey Sheets.

Bailey has been riding Arabian horses since she was five years old. Having a grandmother that breeds purebred Arabian horses it was only natural that she took her riding to the show ring. There, Bailey has always had a very strong passion to work hard to be her best. By the time Bailey turned ten, her grandma Delores had a beautiful champion halter gelding named Ritz Carlton. Ritz was only three at the time, Bailey had already ridden her mare, Dos Vidonya to multiple Hunter seat Championships, but Ritz had the Western look that Bailey desired. The challenge ahead took a special kind of talent to succeed. Bailey and Jesse Saldana began a friendship of a true journeyman with his young apprentice.

This year Bailey was given a great opportunity to perform at the Royal Red Championship show in Regina Canada. Competing in two classes; Bailey first placed top ten (3rd on the judges' cards) in 14-17 JTR. Then Bailey went in for one her best rides ever and took the top honor of Canadian National Champion 14-17 JOTR.

Congratulations to Bailey and Ritz and a sincerest thank you to all at the Jesse Saldana Training Center.



CLUB INFO:

Anyone who has an email address and would like to be kept current of GGAHA and other activities, please email your email address to Debwiegmann@comcast.net so that I can put you on the list.

Also join the GGAHA Yahoo User Group at www.groups.yahoo.com/group/ggaha?yguid=73940820

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The potluck usually starts around dusk, with cooking starting a bit before that. We need volunteers to bring barbecues and to cook the meat, so please let us know if you would like to do that! The club provides some chicken and everything else is brought to share, including drinks and tableware. Just contribute what you want! Campfire entertainers are always welcome, so bring your guitar or your favorite stories. Please do RSVP if you're coming so we know how much chicken to buy and how many campsites to try to stake out.

For more information or to RSVP, contact Robin Everett at robin_everett@yahoo.com.

We're hoping for a big crowd of people and horses!

GGAHA Board Meeting Minutes

June 9, 2010

Star Restaurant

Board Members Present: Sandy Markoff, Kelly Kenneally, Debbie Wiegmann, Lynette Erlach, Roberta Dixon, George Logvy, Margaret Shepherd, Lori Cook, Jesse Saldana, Patti Belanger, Nancy Heilbron, Jacqui Haber

Guests: Duane Scudder, Julie & Hannah Feldman, Devin & Dawn Thompson, Michael Caruana

Minutes were read and approved.

Treasurers Report: Bank made an error of .44 cents. Accepted by Lori and 2nd by Debbie

Jr Report: Patti has a summer camp going on Sounds like Fun!.She has also invited the board to her Christmas Party. Details to follow.

The Dressage show is coming along fine. The court will be set up on Friday at 1pm. Lori, Debbie and Sandy will come to help Michael as well as Nancy. Thank you.

Convention this year is a Non-Host. We (Golden Gate) agreed to pay for an \$500 Sponsorship.

Sandy pinned down Scott Benjamin to come and talk at a General Membership meeting which will be open to all of Region 3 members on Oct. 13, 2010. Roberta will make reservations at the Sheraton. Start time 7PM to 9PM. We will do an Ad in the Equestrian Connection and maybe the Press Democrat. We will also have a Donation Jar for a Local Rescue Group so people can make donations.

There was motion made to spend money for Debbie's I-contact Mailing List.

There is 1 position to fill for the new board for 2011. Nancy Heilbron will be leaving.

The rotary is putting on an Art & Equestrian Affair at the Sonoma Horse Park on July 25th.

Meeting adjourned 8:20pm.

Submitted by Lori Cook

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