



RENO-TAHOE EQUESTRIAN CENTRE NEWSLETTER

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TEAM SPOTLIGHT

MANUEL AGUILAR

Manuel has been with RTEC for over three years and continues to take care of our precious horses with attention to detail, consistency and efficiency. Manuel's daughter, Dania has a particular fondness for several of the horses and is participating in the Riding Academy. Each evening it is fun to watch Manuel and Dania bring in the retired national champions together.

RTEC is proud to have Manuel on our team and to have Dania in our Riding Academy program.



2nd ANNUAL REGION 3 MINI CONVENTION

Arabian enthusiasts, delegates and club members all convened in Vacaville, Ca January 26 and 27 to share and learn about Region 3 business and the promotion of the Arabian horse, while enjoying each others company.

Trainings this year included the TAIL program, an overview of AHA Scoring Systems, a Judge's Forum and a Volunteer Training for our Western States Horse Expo Volunteers. Each was well attended and participants all valued the experience and information learned.

Delegates provided an array of reports during the business meeting and voted on the slate of officers for 2008-2009. Elected were Deborah Johnson, Director; Steve Freeman, Vice Director and Sharon Richards, Treasurer.

Everyone attended the dinner and awards presentations where club volun-

teers from Vintage, Terri Moody, Comstock, Mark Harker Golden Gate, Synda Davenport and Melissa Purcell were recognized as well as Regional Volunteer Award Winners Pam Bingham and Sharon Richards.

Awards were presented to the following clubs based on their percentage of increase in membership growth in 2006. Carson Valley AHA with 38%, Red Bluff with 35% and CNASHA with 31% growth.

Special thank you's were given to the 2006 committee chairs from Director, Deborah Johnson. Special thanks to Steve Freeman, Laura Doran and Pam Bingham for organizing this increasingly popular event. Stay in touch to the Region 3 website at www.arabianhorses3.org for information regarding the 2008 event.



Vintage President-Richard Whitaker
 Vintage Club Volunteer Recipient- Terri Moody



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Our Mission:

To make equestrian sport an entertainment venue for adults and children.

Our Vision:

To promote the enjoyment and pleasure of Arabian horses

Our Values: Our work is a collection of our beliefs.

In our experience, a truly successful equestrian center combines the following elements:

Purpose: We are all motivated to excellence from passion. We believe to be successful at any level of equestrian sport the foundation needs to be built on purpose, passion and integrity.

Focus. Greatness depends upon having a simple and clear focus. We believe a razor-sharp focus on your goals - enjoyment, growth and skills is essential in today's equestrian world.

Plan. We assist in bringing purpose and focus to life by constructing a plan that will guide day-to-day activities in your equestrian endeavors. With honesty and trust in development and execution of a plan you and your horse will be happy and successful. A horse and rider without a plan is like a buggy without a horse.

Measurement. Keeping a finger on the development of all riders to ensure their goals are being met. We align the plan with realistic measurements that monitor the plan's implementation and end results.

Balance. Our work life impacts our personal life, our family life and our community. We help guide owners and riders to build their future in the equestrian sport to achieve a more balanced and rewarding life positively impacting those around us.



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Feb 16-25 Scottsdale Arabian Show (7) - Scottsdale, AZ
- March 30-Apr 1—Golden Gate Show (3) - Santa Rosa, CA
- April 6—8pm Region 3 Delegate Meeting-Vacaville, CA
- April 12-15—AHANC Show (3) - Rancho Murietta, CA
- April 19-22 AHBAO (4) Salem, OR
- April 24-29 ASHO4U and Reg. 7 Champs—Scottsdale, AZ
- April 29—ACS Sagebrush I—Reno
- May 3-6 Red Bluff Show—(3) - Red Bluff, CA
- May 10-13—Treasure Valley Classic (3/4) - Nampa, ID
- May 17-20 DAHA- (3)—Elk Grove, CA
- May 17-20 HACO (4) -Salem, OR
- May 19—ACS Sagebrush II—Reno
- May 26-27 Comstock Spring (3) - Carson City, NV
- May 31-June 1—Region 1 Championships—Del Mar, CA
- June 1-2 CNASHA Sport Horse (3) CA
- June 8-10 Western States Horse Expo—Sacramento, CA
- June 9— ACS Sagebrush III—Reno
- June 9-10—National Endurance Ride-Ashland, MT
- June 20-24—Region 2 Pre Show and Champs— City of Industry, CA
- June 16-17 Golden Gate SH and Pacific Slope SH—Santa Rosa, CA
- June 16-24—Region 4 Pre Show and Champs—Salem, OR
- July 8-14 Region 3 Champs—Reno, NV
- July 28-Aug 4 Youth National Champs—Albuquerque, NM
- July 29—ACS Sagebrush IV—Reno
- Aug. 3-5 Gold Coast Youth/Amateur (3) —Watsonville, CA
- Aug 11-12 AHBAN Summer (7) Carson City, NV
- Aug 17-19 Region 3 Sport Horse Champs—Elk Grove, CA
- Aug. 20-25—Canadian National Champs—Regina, SASK, CANADA
- Sept 7-9 PRAC (4) -Central Point, OR
- Sept 8-9 CAA Youth Amateur Show (3) - Carson City, NV
- Sept 12-14-AHA Fun Trail Ride-Fort Robinson, Crawford, NE
- Sept 15-16 AHBAN Fall (7) Carson City, NV
- Sept 21—8pm Region 3 Delegate Meeting—Vacaville, CA
- Sept 26-30—Sport Horse Nationals-Lexington, VA
- Sept 26-30-AHA Fun Trail Ride, V6 Park, Parkfield, CA
- Sept 28-30—DAHA (3) - Elk Grove, CA
- Oct 18-27—US Nationals—Albuquerque, Ferguson, NC
- Nov. 14-18 Convention—Tulsa, OK

RTEC WINTER WONDERLAND OF FUN

RTEC Students had a great time at the barn on Christmas Eve. Sporting their Santa Hats and executing drill team work, the show riders had a fabulous time on each of their English and Country English horses. Trainers, Deborah and Meghan, joined in on the fun as well.



Plans are underway for the RTEC competition calendar for 2007. We are planning on attending US Nationals, Canadian Nationals, Scottsdale, Regions 3 and 4, Nor-Cal, Treasure Valley Classic, Comstock

Desert Spring, AHBAN Summer and Fall and the Western States Horse Expo. Please come and join us for social time, conversation and promotion of the Arabian horse.

RIDING ACADEMY

Packages are available at RTEC for riding academy students. Classes are held Mondays, Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays. Classes are grouped by age and ability and are available for private (1), semi-private (2), and group (3-4). Students may utilize RTEC's outstanding school horses or they may bring one of their own. Pony, Ribbon, Tri-Color and Trophy Series are available and each of these offer significant savings ranging from 4% to 10%. RTEC is also offering Wolf Pack rates for University of Nevada students enrolled in the spring semester.



BREED PROMOTION MATCHING FUNDS

Region 3 clubs need to check out the region 3 website to get an application. Region 3 is giving back to our clubs with the potential for a \$500 matching fund award for a breed promotion event or activity. The application is online—have your club apply as this program may only be around in 2007.

RTEC HAPPENINGS

Show riders are anxiously getting ready for Scottsdale and the Riding Academy students are enjoying the calm sunny weather. Everyone is anticipating our move to our luxurious showcase facility in March 2007.

RTEC finally is seeing the light at the end of the building tunnel. The steel buildings are finished, the electric is almost done, the fire sprinkler system is almost installed, the stalls are going in Feb. 1 and the office space will be completed in February.

Our facility has 32 wonderful stalls that have a heating system overhead, automatic waterers and two stalls set up with sliding centers to make for oversize foaling stalls. There are 6 ready bays—2 for washing and 4 for tacking. All of these have overhead heat as well. There are two oversized tackrooms set up with lockers for each and every student. RTEC has a fabulous inventory room where we can store products, blankets, and anything necessary for the success of RTEC and its clients.

Our stalls are filling up fast with both show horses and riding academy horses. If you would like to reserve your training horse spot or have a potential horse for donation to the riding academy please let us know.

RTEC SALES HORSES

RTEC has two outstanding horses listed for sale at this time.



ALISTAIR X+ - 9 year old, purebred, sweepstakes nominated, chestnut gelding.. This horse is destined to be a national champion AOTR in both country pleasure and show hack.

TA REMARKABLEY BEY—a 12 year



old, purebred flashy bay mare with exceptional hunter pleasure movement. Marky is ready to make her splash on the national show scene and bring home roses in Junior or Amateur divisions.

LEASING VS OWNING

Many times we are asked about the differences between leasing a horse or owning/purchasing a horse. RTEC has a few guidelines to help the parent make the right choice.

Often times youngsters are horse crazy and continue to work on their parents to buy a horse. While this can be exciting, RTEC encourages most parents to try leasing for a period of time prior to purchasing. The child often does not know what type of horse would be appropriate or what discipline of riding they would like to pursue. The parent, of course, always wonders if this is a passing fancy or a real long term activity. For all of these reasons, a parent should seek out a solid lesson program or facility with great horses to lease. This way, the child can learn in a safe way and the parent does not have to make a large financial investment until the time is right.

A lessee typically pays for the horse's board and training which may be a percentage if the horse is co-leased. Depending on the situation, leasees may pay for farrier bills, veterinary bills and lesson fees. Lessors may opt to pay for regular vet care or board depending on the agreement. The primary goal is to make sure that contractually everything is out in the open regarding payment. Be sure to discuss all details regarding what is expected of both parties well in advance of signing the contract. Communication is key to the success of any lease agreement.

Often the lease agreement is set up with an option to buy. This is a great set-up in order to get to know the horse before you actually purchase.

Good luck with your decision making and enjoy the process of deciding to lease or purchase while enjoying your child learn responsibility with horses.