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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Claire Hanssen

We've started out with a bang this year and after our first board meeting have some interesting things to work on and share with the club membership. It's a challenging job to keep it all organized between the Competitive Trail Riders, Show folk, breeders and social members and the learning curve is a tad steep for me as there are all kinds of intricacies yet to unfold with different regional issues, meetings, acronyms a mile long and so on and so forth. Long story short we're off and running to a good start.

I hope you've all received or seen a copy of our beautiful new directory...or should I say new to you...as the directory was a little longer in arriving than planned. We're going to work on a more accurate and timely printing for the January arrival of our 2008 Directory. Thanks to Bob Sweeney for Coordinating and orchestrating our beautiful new directory....it is beautifully printed and reflects positively on our club. It will be at several booths at the Scottsdale Show, such as the lovely Om El Arab booth with Jay and Sigi at the helm, and hopefully the SYVAHA Directory will bring some further recognition to our beautiful valley and the horses in it. Many thanks to those who placed such lovely ads in support of the club. For those of you who may have missed the opportunity to have an ad in the new directory please feel free to contact either me or Bob Sweeney and we'll make sure that you get into the upcoming directory. More details regarding prices and deadlines later in the year. We'll keep you posted.

Speaking of Scottsdale!! I strongly encourage those of you participating at the Scottsdale horse show to please inform us of your wins, conquests, sales and purchases of interest and any other events that you feel are noteworthy from the Scottsdale Show. It is something that we'd like to feature in the next newsletter so by all means feel free to send results and news to : Claire Hanssen at e-mail [Claireh@syv.com](mailto:Claireh@syv.com) . We care and want to hear about the successes of our constituency.



Remember to support our programs and for those of you planning on attending our very warm and wonderful St. Patrick's Day Dinner Meeting we will have a great surprise and rewarding evening. PLEASE PLAN ON ATTENDING AND WE RESPECTFULLY ASK THAT YOU REMEMBER TO RSVP TO HENRY LOGAN WHO IS GENEROUSLY DONATING HIS TIME AND EFFORT TO PROVIDE A WONDERFUL EVENING FOR US ALL. Plan on it!

Off to Scottsdale with Arroyo's and the other Valley Equestrians for another adventure in the horse show world. Wish us luck and hope to see some of you down there. It is a show that really shouldn't be missed as it is really a great venue for the Arabian Horse Breed to showcase it's versatility and very spectator friendly...there is an event for all interests, great shopping, restaurants, weather and too, too many beautiful Arabian Horses ...after all that is what we're all about.

Wishing all of you many blessings, good health and prosperity in 2007,  
Claire Hanssen, President, SYVAHA

# ENDURANCE RIDE RESULTS

Susan Miller of Buellton riding La Femme Nakita (aka Niki) won the Best Condition for the Warner Springs 25 mile LD Endurance Race in early January. This horse and rider team have only competed once previously in endurance and that was two years ago at the same ride.

"Best Condition" is the only award given for the 90 horses that began the ride, but the horse has to finish in the top

ten to be considered. This coveted award (a monogrammed horse blanket) is a testament to both the rider's skill and the horse's condition. Niki is supported by nutritional supplements from Grand Meadows whose co-owner, Angela Slater, is also a Valley resident and avid horse-woman. Khnight To Remember (aka Remy), born and raised in the Santa Ynez Valley, is also sponsored by Grand Meadows and he won more endurance races last year than any other horse in the Pacific South Region. He's ridden by Peter Claydon, also of Buellton.



BEFORE THE RIDE ... AND AFTER!



## ST. PATRICKS DAY DINNER & GENERAL MEETING MARCH 15TH

St. Patricks Day Dinner and General Club Meeting at Rose and Dorothy Mari's on Baseline hosted by the Mari Sisters and Henry Logan. Thursday March 15th at 6 PM. Mari's 4369 Baseline Ave. SY. Bring either appetizer or desert... Club provides meat, and vegetables. BYOL.

PLEASE RVSP BY MARCH 1ST

RSVP Claire Hanessen 686 1532 & leave a message.

## HELEN'S RIVER ROMP COMPETITIVE TRAIL RIDE -- DATE CHANGE!!

The ride is returning to its original month and will be in April again! Please mark your calendars for the weekend of April 28, 2007. If you can't ride, we are always in need of volunteers. We will be holding a Silent Auction again and donations are appreciated. If you have any questions, please contact Kathy Stegman at [kkstegman@cs.com](mailto:kkstegman@cs.com) or Sylvia Beverly at [dbeverly4@aol.com](mailto:dbeverly4@aol.com) or call (805) 688-2000. Hope to see you there!

## RESULTS FROM BILL PORCHER PLEASURE HORSES ~ 2007 WHITTIER LIONS SHOW:

1st Place & Res-Champion HA Open Western - Flash White  
1st Place & Res-Champion AAOTR PB 40 & over - HR El Kareem+/- and Lori Cantero  
Res-Champion AAOTR HA 40 and over - Gold Jewell and Joyce Kelner  
1st place in Walk/Jog Western Pleasur - Sacred Torch+ and Lauren Porcher  
1st place in Walk/Jog Western Seat Equitation - Sacred Torch+ and Lauren Porcher  
1st place and Champion in PB JTR 13 and under - Sacred Torch+ and Alexandra Vinck

Other horses and riders "in the ribbons" Psyclone EA and Kim Grant, Adamas Goldilocs and Margo Minissian and Flash White and Lyn Standish.

LIST THE YOUR HORSES FOR SALE OR STALLIONS  
IN YOUR BARN ON THE SYVAHA WEBSITE!  
The club will be doing a website releases  
through [arabhorse.com](http://arabhorse.com) that goes out to 38,000  
Arabian enthusiasts around the world along with a listing  
in the AHA Magazine. Email Kelly Elm for details at:  
[kelly@arroyoarabians.com](mailto:kelly@arroyoarabians.com).

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Welcome to New Member/Trainers Barney and Alisha Skelton of Skelton Performance Horses @ Rock Front Ranch in north county pictured here demonstrating the versatility of the Arabian breed crossing the river on Sheila Varian's "Jubilation V", one of her personal favorites, a gelding who is currently in training on cattle work with Skelton. Om El Aziz, bred by Om El Arab and owned by Jo Franklin, is another Skelton trained Arabian horse who is currently doing Working Cow Horse and riding the trails like a pro...all the while looking like a fabulously beautiful arabian. Skelton Performance Horses offers complete training for people who love to ride their arabians starting with colt breaking, arena work specializing in reining and cutting, as well as a healthy amount of outside work on the trails in a natural setting. For further information Skelton Performance Horses can be reached at [Barnisha@starband.net](mailto:Barnisha@starband.net) or (805)478-9395

# SYVAHA 2007 Membership Application

Name \_\_\_\_\_ (DOB J-r's \_\_\_\_\_)

SS# \_\_\_\_\_ AHA# \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's Name (for Married Couple Membership) \_\_\_\_\_

SS# \_\_\_\_\_ AHA# \_\_\_\_\_

Junior Member Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State & Zip \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Ranch name \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*\*Please note: AHA has changed their membership structure, please choose from the options listed below.**

Regular Voting Member (includes SYVAHA, AHA, Region 2, and Pacific Slopes memberships AND Competition Card for AHA sanctioned competitions):

|                 |                   |
|-----------------|-------------------|
| <b>One Year</b> | <b>Three Year</b> |
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Single \$60.00 \$175.00

Married Couple \$110.00 \$320.00

Youth \$30.00 not available  
(Age 18 or under as of December 1, 2006)

Non-Competition AHA Membership (Provides full voting rights in both the AHA and SYVAHA, as well as affiliate memberships in Region 2 and the Pacific Slopes.):

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|-----------------|-------------------|
| <b>One Year</b> | <b>Three Year</b> |
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Single \$40.00 \$115.00

Married Couple \$70.00 \$200.00

Youth \$20.00 not available  
(Age 18 or under as of December 1, 2006)

SYVAHA Social Membership (this type of membership supports SYVAHA programs, but allows no voting rights in either AHA or the SYVAHA, nor affiliate memberships in the AHA, Region 2, Pacific Slopes.):

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| <b>One Year</b> | <b>Three Year</b> |
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Single \$20.00 not available

Married Couple \$30.00 not available

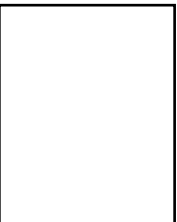
Late Fees - Please add a \$10 late fee for each 2007 member renewing after their anniversary renewal date. Check with AHA to determine this date if you have any questions. New members, and renewing social members will not be charged a late fee.

Checks made out to SYVAHA, and membership application may be sent to our membership chair:

Alison Crutchfield  
PO Box 150  
Los Olivos, CA 93441



PO Box 306,  
Santa Ynez, CA 93460



## LIST OF OFFICERS & IMPORTANT CONTACTS

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[www.CALIFORNIAFUTURITY.ORG](http://www.CALIFORNIAFUTURITY.ORG)

2007 DEFERRED RENOMINATION DEADLINE  
MARCH 31, 2007

### USEFUL WEBSITES

[www.usef.org](http://www.usef.org)      [www.ArabianHorses.org](http://www.ArabianHorses.org)  
[www.region2iaha.com](http://www.region2iaha.com)      [www.syvaha.com](http://www.syvaha.com)



## NEXT MEETING

March 6th ~ 6:30 PM  
at Om El Arab

## UPCOMING EVENTS ...

### February 2007

16-25 Scottsdale Arabian Horse Show

### March 2007

6 Om El Arab SYVAHA Board of Directors  
Meeting at 6:30pm

15 St. Patricks Day Dinner and General Club Meeting at  
Rose and Dorothy Mari's on Baseline hosted by the Mari  
Sisters and Henry Logan.

### A MESSAGE FROM OUR NEW MEMBERSHIP CHAIR:

Hello Everyone!

After quite a few years of devoted service, our faithful Membership Chair Katie Fisher, has moved on to busier pastures at her job - and so I've volunteered to take her place. And although no one could replace, I'll do my best to succeed her in the position.

So, if you have any questions about your membership, please feel free to call me or email me. And remember, it is always quicker (and easier) to renew your AHA membership on-line at AHA's website [www.Arabianhorses.org](http://www.Arabianhorses.org). Not only is the process instantaneous, but your AHA membership competition card arrives in your mailbox in just a few days. When it is time to renew AHA sends your renewal notice in the U.S. Mail, and via email if you've provided them with your email address. Your renewal date now depends on the anniversary date of your last renewal - and no longer on the calendar year.

And for all of our Social Members, feel free to use the renewal form on the back of each month's newsletter and mail it to me. Your renewal date is still the calendar year, and we much appreciate your support.

Have a great 2007!  
Alison Keleher, Ph.D.

**SHARE YOUR NEWS**  
IN THE SYVAHA NEWSLETTER

Send your win to  
[jennifer.trickey@verizon.net](mailto:jennifer.trickey@verizon.net)  
We'll get it in!