



# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Claire Hanssen

It is my very great pleasure and honor to have been elected President of our wonderful Santa Ynez Valley Arabian Horse Association. The Santa Ynez Valley is home to a significant number of the finest Arabian breeding and training facilities in the world. I feel a tremendous responsibility to broadcast that message to the entire global Arabian community as well as to potential newcomers hovering on the fringes, who are considering the possibility of adding the wonders of the Arabian Horse to their life.

I would like to thank Jay Constanti for presiding over our Christmas Party this year. He was, as always, gracious and eloquent—as only Jay can be—and fun was had by all. Next year our Christmas Party will be created at a different venue.... the fabulous home of Ron and Mila Hart. The new Windhorse Farm has been offered by the Harts for a tremendous buffet and holiday gala, details to be disclosed later this year....but thank you in advance to Ron and Mila for your spirit of camaraderie and hospitality.

I invite the membership to offer suggestions and commentary regarding what club members would like to see in terms of activities sponsored by our organization. At some point we will incorporate a questionnaire of sorts into the newsletter in hopes of getting an honest and thorough consensus from the troops. The open farm meetings have been well received and a great success; we thank those farm members for their continued generosity and the efforts they make to provide great social events as well as opportunities to view fabulous horses.

My first order of business is to get clear feedback from our local members, breeders and trainers regarding the most effective way to represent our club at the Convention/Delegate level. It is important that we be responsive to the needs of the people who have already made a substantial commitment to the showing and breeding of Arabians, while also keeping the interests of smaller farm owners and pleasure riders in mind.

Owning Arabian horses is truly a pleasure and lifelong passion, however for many of us it is also an expensive proposition—an investment, perhaps also a business—and certainly a way of life that needs to be nurtured and promoted properly. I believe the SYVAHA should act to provide a supportive venue to assist its members in achieving ever higher levels of success in an incredibly competitive industry. I believe our organization has a responsibility to support our local trainers and breeders by contributing to the promotion and camaraderie offered by the Arabian Horse Association. I also believe that it is crucial that we as a club deliver the appropriate message at the Convention, where the major decisions for our breed's future are made.

I have always wondered why the Santa Ynez Valley—home to an incredibly influential conglomerate of Arabian Horse owners, breeders and trainers—has no major Arabian horse show or event? My goal: Sooner rather than later, we will have a significant Arabian Horse Event sponsored and hosted by our club, right here in the Santa Ynez Valley. Several of our members have discussed this concept, but haven't really had the time to focus on actually getting it off the ground. Hopefully, this will be the year!

In closing, let me say that I'm glad to be back on board, so to speak, and looking forward to getting to work with my fellow board members. We look forward to providing a strong level of support for our membership and planning interesting, worthwhile events in the year to come....

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



# THE SAGE HILL RIDE...HAPPY TRAILS!

The Sage Hill Ride was once again a great ride for everyone involved. Mother Nature was very accommodating and we had no rain during the event. The mornings were brisk and the afternoons were pleasant, and were enjoyed by both horse and rider. With the time change the week before we were all grumbling about getting up that extra hour earlier, but it was worth it once you got out on the trail.

This ride took you through the San Fernando Re Ranch and once again our Trailmaster, Doug Beverly, did a great job providing trails that were challenging for both the horses and the riders, while at the same time being very picturesque. We had several new trails that have not been used for years and the views took your breath away. The trail took you past a bald eagle nest (that was occupied) and there were other wild life sightings of wild turkeys, pigs and deer. The judges got very inventive in utilizing the terrain and came up with several challenging obstacles for both horse and rider (they can only use what nature provides – nothing can be set up).

We had over 78 register riders (which is up 22% from last year) with 14 1<sup>st</sup> time riders and over 30 Jr. riders!! All did an awesome job and the competition was very good. The 1<sup>st</sup> time and junior riders where awesome and all did a tremendous job. We buddied up a lot of the 1<sup>st</sup> time riders with seasoned competitors and they really found it helpful and make for a more enjoyable experience. Some of the 1<sup>st</sup> time riders even placed in their divisions. Om El Arabians had some of their young horses there and Om El Bernini Dream and Om El Dreamsaar placed 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> in their division. All you local ranches out there – this is a great way to get your horses trained to a different environment and make them a good well-rounded horse.

Once again we had a magnificent group of volunteers that helped out all weekend. We cannot thank them enough. There were even some volunteers who can't wait to get a horse and compete next time around.

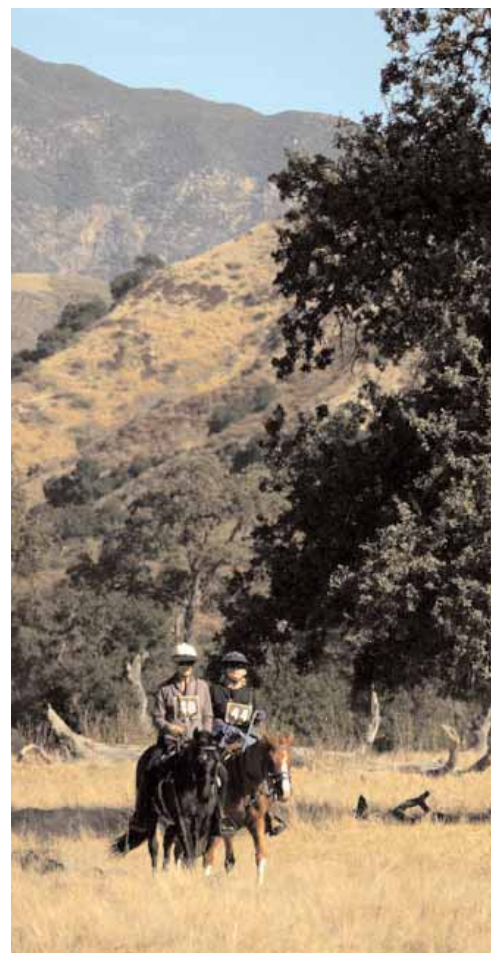
Mark your calendars for June 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, and 10<sup>th</sup> 2007 and come join us for the Helen Logan River Romp ride.

Happy Trails!



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 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.

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San Luis Obispo to  
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any SYVAHA club events.

**SHARE YOUR NEWS**  
IN THE SYVAHA NEWSLETTER

Send your win to  
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We'll get it in!

# 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):

One Year Three Year

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.):

One Year Three Year

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.):

One Year Three Year

Single \$20.00 not available

Married Couple \$30.00 not available

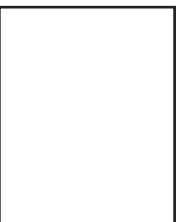
Late Fees - Please add a \$10 late fee for each 2007 member renewing after their anniversary renewal date. Check with AHA to determine this date if you have any questions. New members, and renewing social members will not be charged a late fee.

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

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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

January 23rd ~ 6 PM  
at Claire's house  
[claireh@syv.com](mailto:claireh@syv.com)

## UPCOMING EVENTS ...

### January 2007

13-14 Dressage Clinic at High Star Farms  
Tammy Bowles, 805-868-8755

### February 2007

16-25 Scottsdale Arabian Horse Show

### P.S. - FROM THE PRESIDENT

I would like to remind all the membership to be sure and read their Region 2 Newsletter which discusses some important changes in the judging system.....i.e. 3 Judge system a'la Scottsdale as opposed to what they've been using at National Level and the Approval of the Modified European Judging system for some Halter Classes.....and very important that they've now made, yet again, another change to the qualifications for Senior Stallion and Senior Mare....they no longer will require a performance point.

~ Claire



Dressage clinic with Margarethe Broekman (German Licensed Dressage Trainer, FN) to be held January 13 & 14 at High Star Farms in Los Alamos. Bring your horse for an unforgettable lesson or just come and audit. Call Tammy Bowles for ride times and prices: (805) 868-8755