



## SYVAHA Newsletter

Summer 2010

Hopefully all of you are enjoying a wonderful summer with your beautiful horses. Our club members have done us all proud at the shows so far this season—check out Katie Russell’s horse show report inside this issue. Earlier this spring, our valley hosted many visitors for the Arabian Horse Breeders Celebration Open House; despite the inclement weather, the presentations were well received and further cemented the reputation of Santa Ynez Valley as *the* place to find the finest Arabian horses in the world.

**Please mark Sunday September 12<sup>th</sup> on your calendars for our “Casablanca” theme Summer Party**, to be held at the home of Ron & Mila Hart. Details included with this newsletter. We hope you will join us for an exotic, fun-filled evening and support a worthy cause. We have chosen to postpone our Summer Photography Workshop, but hopefully will be able to do it later this year or next spring.

**As long promised, we are putting together a new SYVAHA Ranch Directory!** We hope you will join in supporting our local Arabian owners, breeders and ranch owners by advertising in the 2010-2011 Ranch Directory. Our Directory is our primary annual fundraiser, and supports our local club activities, AHA Convention Representation and charitable endeavors, among them the Therapeutic Riding Program based right here in Santa Ynez Valley. **Ad Submissions by August 30<sup>th</sup> !**

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Kelly Elm & Janina Merz will be representing us at the AHA Convention in Florida this fall; we will be in touch with all of you via email with a synopsis of the key issues; we welcome and request your feedback. Have a terrific summer!

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## NEWS

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### COMPETITIVE TRAIL RIDE

The Sage Hill ride is scheduled for November 5-7, 2010.

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### Henry Logan:

Henry Logan, long time SYVAHA, NATRC and AERC member, proponent and advocate passed away on the evening of July 15<sup>th</sup>. Henry was a huge supporter of NATRC and was legal counsel for many years. He and his wife Helen earned many National awards as well as completing the grueling 100 mile Tevis Cup Ride a combined total of 18 times (13 for Helen and 5 for Henry).

Henry was blessed to have his family with him when he passed. He will be truly missed.

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### CALENDAR:

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| July 23                       | CCRHA #2, SY Equestrian Center, <a href="http://www.syvea.org">www.syvea.org</a>                |
| July 24                       | Sorting Series #4, SY Equestrian Center, <a href="http://www.syvea.org">www.syvea.org</a>       |
| July 24-31                    | Youth Nationals, Albuquerque, NM  |
| August 16-21                  | Canadian Nationals, Regina  |
| <b>August 30<sup>th</sup></b> | <b><u>DEADLINE for SYVAHA Directory Advertising Materials</u></b>                               |
| <b>September 12th</b>         | <b><u>"Casablanca "Theme Party @ Ron &amp; Mila Hart's</u></b>                                  |
| September 22-25               | Sport Horse Nationals   |
| October 16 <sup>th</sup>      | Oktoberfest Celebration, SY Equestrian Center, <a href="http://www.syvea.org">www.syvea.org</a> |
| October 22-30                 | US Nationals, Tulsa, OK   |
| <b>November 5-7</b>           | <b>Sage Hill Competitive Trail Ride</b>   |
| December 10-12                | World Championships, Paris  |
| December 13 <sup>th</sup>     | SYVEA Yr End Awards Banquet, <a href="http://www.syvea.org">www.syvea.org</a>                   |
| <b>December</b>               | <b>SYVAHA Christmas Party</b>   |
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“Here’s Looking at you kid!”

Please support Therapeutic Riding in Santa Ynez

And join us for

The SYVAHA Summer Party

**“CASABLANCA”**

At

*Windhorse Farm*

1490 Dove Meadow Rd

Solvang, CA 93463

Sunday, September 12<sup>th</sup>

6:00pm

*Please dress for the occasion!! WWII-era, exotic Middle-Eastern/Arabian Nights, movie theme etc--creativity encouraged!!*

Moroccan style main dishes donated & prepared by Mila Hart

Entertainment donated by Judeen & the Yeni Duna Dance Company of Santa Ynez

Please bring an appetizer or dessert, a bottle of your preferred beverage and a donation to Therapeutic Riding of \$10+/person.

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## Horse Show Happenings

*By Katie Russell*

Time sure does fly right by, I can't believe that it is already summer. And, so much has happened since my last report. Let me fill you in on some of our local SYVAHA member's show ring successes. Our club members have been busy trailering around California and Arizona showing off their very fancy Arabians – doesn't that just put a big smile on your face? Makes me proud!

So, here goes...

### ARABIAN BREEDER'S 2010 World Cup – Las Vegas:

***Om El Arab International*** was a huge winner in the incredibly competitive World Cup Show. Kudos to them for really bringing home the trophies – they are breeding exquisitely gorgeous Arabians. They brought home SEVEN World Cup Championships! ***Om El Excella*** was Champion 3&4 Year Old Amateur Mare, Supreme Champion Amateur mare and Bronze Champion Jr. Mare. ***OM EL BELADEENA*** was Champion 4 & 5 Yr. Old Mare. ***OM EL AL AZEEM*** was Champion 4 & 5 Yr. Old Stallion, Champion 3 & 4 Yr. Old Amateur Stallion and Supreme Champion Amateur Champion. (Did ***Sigi and Janina*** have to rent another trailer to haul their loot back home??)

***Evergreen Arabians'*** beautiful mare ***EVG GHISLENNE*** went World Cup Reserve Champion 4 & 5 Yr. Old Mare; ***Manny Lawrence's JadeCreek Arabians*** also won World Cup Reserve Champion Jr. Mares ATH with ***BRIANON BEY JCA***.

### Region 7 Championships:

***Cynthia Burkman*** and her wildly successful ***Burkman Centre*** brought home ELEVEN championships, NINE Reserve Championships and SIX Top Fives. Cynthia won the PB Country English Championship on ***TRISTINA CB*** and she also won the H/A English Show Hack Championship with ***THE BIG DANCE***.

Yours truly here [*ed. note: CONGRATULATIONS Katie!!*] went Champion H/A Stock Hunter AOTH with ***ROHARA AMERICAN LEGACY*** (RuPaul) and we also went Reserve Champion in H/A Hunter Pl. AAOTR 40 & Over and Top Five H/A Hunter Pl. Jr. Horse with "RuPaul."

**Pacific Slope Championships – Santa Barbara:**



The multi-talented **Claire Hanssen** won Pacific Slope Reserve Champion in the PB Hunter Pleasure AAOTR on her beautiful Om El Aziz Dream (So glad to see your smiling face again in the winner's circle, Claire!)

**Kathy Stegman** won Sport Horse in Hand in both Mares and Open with **Senorita**.

**Harold Green** and **EVG Seneca** were named Pacific Slope Champion Hunter Pleasure AOTR and Harold also went Champion with **EVG MEGYN** in the Pacific Slope Western Pleasure AOTR and Reserve Champion Western Pl. ATR with

**EVG Monaco**. Way to go, Harold!!!

**Jenn Trickey** and **EVG Julieon** won the Pacific Slope Amateur to Ride Hunter Pleasure Championship.

**David JCA**, owned by the lovely **Ann Pejsa**, won 1<sup>st</sup> Place in the pre-show Hunter Pleasure ATR.

Congrats to all – great results, great horses, great FUN!

One last newsworthy story to report to you...and, it is a very impressive one. **Om El Arab** recently sold a horse to the **KING OF MOROCCO**. **Sigi and Janina** bought **SHAWAN** in Germany as a weanling; they loved his type and thought he would bring a nice infusion of straight Egyptian blood into their phenomenally successful breeding program. Last year, **Dr. Lahsen Fdail**, the Director of the Royal Stud of Bouznika in Morocco, came to SY in search of a straight Egyptian stallion for the royal breeding program. He fell in love with **SHAWAN** and bought him a few weeks later. **Janina Merz** flew with him to Amsterdam where he was then picked up and trucked to Spain and then ferried across to Morocco. Wow – what a story! Congrats to Sigi and Janina.

That's all from the show world for now. Please send me your results when you can. I know that there were many more of you locals competing at the various shows; if I missed you, please, please send me a quick note and I will put you in next time. I love to boast about our successful SYVAHA residents and their spectacular Arabians.

Peace and GOOD LUCK,

*Katie*

## THE END OF THE TRAIL



### *IN MEMORIAM: MONIETS STAR*

- (NAZKARO X MONIETS PRINCESS) Arabian Gelding #0337644

4/14/1985 to 6/1/2010

By Nancy Keele

After an 8 month battle with laminitis, founder, and Cushing's disease, Star was humanely euthanized on Mon. June 1, 2010. The last foal of Moniets Princess, I chose Star to be my pleasure horse, as I prepared to move on from the business of breeding and training Arabian horses in 1989.

Star was born on my mother, Eva's, birthday, 4/14/85. From the beginning, he was the smartest foal I'd ever worked with, learning to be lead in just one lesson. He was fearless!! He was shown for the first three years of his life, his show career culminating in his biggest win – First place in the 3 Year Old, Egyptian-Bred Futurity. He was gelded later that year, and the ranch was sold. His training began after our move to Royal Egyptian Arabians, where he again proved his ability to learn quickly, and fearlessly. Many happy days were spent riding the foothills in Santa Barbara.

His biggest challenge came in the form of the Painted Cave Fire in 1991. He survived, but was badly wounded emotionally. He was afraid of everything, and a danger to everyone around him. It took a year of patience, and hard work to regain his trust, and be able to start his re-training. We finally returned to riding the trails, however, he was never quite the same horse – now on edge, and more easily frightened. We persisted, however, and he made big strides becoming close to the horse he had once been. (Just don't ride when it's windy or smoky!!).

The last couple of years in Santa Barbara brought 2 more fires, and 2 evacuations, the latest being in July '09. It was only two months after the last fire that he came down with laminitis and mild founder. With the help and guidance of my great vet, Steve Goss, we brought him through the first attack. It appeared, from the blood tests, that he might have EMS. However, it turned out to be Cushing's disease (he was eventually put on Pergolide). Just as we were about to move him back on a regular exercise program, he suffered another attack of laminitis in December. We decided to give him 3 months, and re-assess. He progressed well, and, again, just as we were about to start the exercise again, he had a bout of colic. Even though it wasn't life ending, it was only a matter of days before I realized that, now at 25 years of age, he was not going to return to the healthy horse he'd been, and that it was best to have him put down before he had another emergency causing him more suffering.

With the passing of MONIETS STAR, comes an end my involvement with the horses I bred, raised, and enjoyed over a period of 45 years. My two basic brood mares, NAFINA (RAKAFIX X PATRICIA) and MONIETS PRINCESS (\*IBN MONIET EL NEFOUS X FARZETTE) and their offspring, brought 32 foals into this world at NANCY'S ARABIANS (previously Richardson's Arabians). I've come to The End of This Trail. Many happy years, many wonderful memories of the horses, and the friends I've made along the way. Thank you to all who have touched my life.



Nancy Keele with her beloved Moniet's Star



Kathy Stegman's Senorita won all her Sport Horse in hand classes at Pacific Slopes!



Claire Hanssen & Om El Aziz Dream winning Reserve Champion @ Pacific Slopes



The Las Vegas World Cup was a very successful show for the Om El Arab team!



**Member Horse Listing Form**

**SYVAHA 2010-2011 Directory**

***Please list your farm name/contact information as you would like it to appear in the Directory:***

Farm Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Member[s] Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**Horse Listings:**

*All members receive 3 free horse listings; \$20/each thereafter*

**Horse Name:                  Sire:                          Dam:                                  Birth Year: Sex: Color:**

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**@ = standing at stud                  \$ = for sale**

**# of horses listed: \_\_\_\_\_**

**# of extra horses [beyond 3] @ \$20/each: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Total enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Mail form & check to Kelly Elm, 1559 Edison St, Santa Ynez, CA 93460**

# Santa Ynez Valley Arabian Horse Association



## Directory Advertising Order Form for *Member Ranch Ads*

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### *I wish to place an ad in the 2010-2011 SYVAHA Directory.*

Ranch Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

**Full Page: \$300      Two Pages: \$ 575      Three Pages: \$ 850**

Number of Pages \_\_\_\_\_ Total Cost: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Deadline for ad copy for the 2010-2011 Directory is August 30th.** Please deliver order form and ad copy to Kelly Elm. Please include a check payable to SYVAHA for your ad.

Kelly Elm c/o AYM Arroyo Arabians, 1559 Edison Street, Santa Ynez, CA 93460

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**All members receive three free horse listings in the membership roster section; additional horse listings are \$20/each. If you wish to have your horses listed, be sure to return the attached listing form to us by August 30<sup>th</sup>. No listings will be automatically carried over from the previous directory!**

**Don't forget to list or relist your farm, stallions or classifieds on [www.syvaha.com](http://www.syvaha.com); all SYVAHA members receive a free listing in the "Business" section of the SYVAHA website.**

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