

# MOTHER LODGE



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## TAILINGS

### Elections

It's time for all you members to do your part and vote for our 2013 officers and delegates. In this issue of the Tailings you will find resumes for the nominees. The ballots will be mailed out no later than October 30<sup>th</sup> and must be back before the November 20<sup>th</sup> meeting. PLEASE remember to print and sign your name on the back of the return envelope before mailing it back. Unsigned ballots will not be counted!!

## Calendar of Events

OCT.	19-27	Arabian U.S. Nationals - Tulsa, OK
	19-27	Grand National Rodeo & Horse Show - Cow Palace
NOV.	14-17	AHA National Convention - Denver, CO
	20	<b>Mother Lode Board Meeting - 6:00pm</b> Special elections meeting - counting the ballots
DEC.	4	<b>Mother Lode Christmas Party - Loomis</b> <i>Save the date and look for upcoming information on our annual, year end party.</i>

AHA Resolutions are available to view on the AHA website (see National Convention under the Membership heading). Contact your Delegates to voice you opinions and concerns.

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## *Dear Trail Trial Volunteers,*

On behalf of the Mother Lode Arabian Horse Association I want to relay my thanks to all the volunteers who helped at the Trail Trials yesterday in Cool. We had a great turn out considering the many horse events that were going on over the weekend.

A total of 24 riders competed:  
12 Novice Adults, 1 Novice Junior, 8 Open Adults and 3 Open Juniors

I appreciate your willingness to give up your time to help out. It was a great day of camaraderie for the riders and their horses; perfect weather, beautiful trails and challenging (and fun) obstacles. Any comments on your obstacle are welcomed; was it too easy, too hard, needed ? Or suggestions on different obstacles for next year. Results will be posted on our website (<http://www.mlaha.org/>) by the end of the week.

Thanks again, as we could not have done it without all the volunteer help.

Jean Zabriskie  
Chair - Trail Trials 2012

## *Thank You to all the Volunteers*

**We could not have done it without you!**

**Chair** – Jean Zabriskie

**Awards** – Charleene Naughton

**Registration** – Cheryl and Tom Hansen, Linda Siegel  
& Valerie Logsdon

**Parking** – Michael Siegel and Chuck Bloss

**Food/Drinks** – Sue Rich

**Mark Trail** – Mary Jones and Jean Zabriskie

**Out and In Timers** – Pat DeLano and Gerry Alexander

**Judges/Helpers** – Lucinda Elliott, Tom Hansen, Valerie Logsdon, Carol & Chuck Bloss, Charleene Naughton, Diana Giroux, Linda Johnston, Terryl Reed, Bruce Clark, Lauri Winje, Margo Seabourn, Marsha, Marilyn Hunter, Miki Nelsen, Marcy Ames, Kim Thompson, Ponderosa High School Judging Team, Tessa Thompson, and Elizabeth Russell.

**Drag Rider** – Mary Jones



*photo of past Trail Trials exhibitor*

## Prizes Awarded at the 2012 Mother Lode Trail Trials

Aluminum Water Bottles; Double Edged Blade Shedder; DVD Donated by: Charles Wilhelm; DVD Donated by: Jonathan Field; DVD Donated by: Linda Tellington-Jones; DVD Donated by: Stacey Westfall; English Riding Training Guide Donated by: Horse Illustrated; Equidae Feed Donated by: Equidae; Gift Certificate Donated by: American Grill & Pizza, in Cool; Gift Certificate Donated by: Australian Connection; Gift Certificate Donated by: Cool Deli; Gift Certificate Donated by: Lee's Feed; Great Grips Flex Finishing Brushes; Halter/Lead Rope Sets Donated by: Christensen Saddlery; Handkerchiefs with local map on it; Horse Amour Bit Wipes (Peppermint flavor); Horse Hair Bracelet Donated by Debi Kramer; Jolly Balls; Lami Cell Small Pocket Horn Bags; Natural Himalayan Rock Salt with a 36 inch rope; Nylon Western Saddle Covers; Reflectors to attach to saddles; Riding Lesson Donated by: Garn Walker Stables; Riding Lesson Donated by: Lacey Arabian Ranch; Riding Lesson Donated by: Russ Grossman of Cool Hills Ranch; Rio Vista Herb & Oats Shampoo; Shipping Boots; Stable Mix Feed Certificate Donated by: Elk Grove Milling; Sundance Kisses Donated by: Sundance Kisses; Trail Trials Bucket; Triple Crown Feed Certificate Donated by: Triple Crown Nutrition; Wormers Donated by: Farnam

## 2012 MLAHA Trail Trials Results

**Arabian Hi-Point** - Acacia Winje on Kaydin  
**Morgan Hi-Point** - Shelly Morales Alves on Vienna  
**Oldest Horse** - Suzy McMinn on Commanche (24 yrs)  
**Youngest Rider** - Bailey Yee on Dapple  
**Color Breed Hi-Point** - Vickey Epperly on Zip  
**Other Breeds Hi-Point** - David Yee on Jennifer (Mule)  
**Quarter Horse Hi-Point** - Shannon Yee on Zeke

### Division Hi-Points

*photo represents past Trail Trials awards*



#### **Open**

1. Sherry Prince on Danni
2. Debi Kramer on Luke
3. Vickey Epperly on Zip
4. Shannon Yee on Zeke
5. Suzy McMinn on Comanche
6. Kelli Dunn on Mercedes
7. Chris Pauley on Eli
8. Shelly Morales on Vienna
9. David Yee on Jennifer
10. Jan Montana on JD Expectation

#### **Novice**

1. Ellen Page on Bjorna
2. Marty Counts on Shaiaama
3. Kenneth Counts on Moonfire
4. Robin Seck on Andrea
5. Lynn Bidilion on Skout
6. Wendy Lambert on Karahty's Last Dance
7. Melissa Harris on Bailey
8. Sara Patrick on Kuul

#### **Novice Jr.**

1. Shannon Johnston on Just Plain Karl

#### **Open Jr.**

1. Acacia Winge on Kaydin
2. Bailey Yee on Dapple
3. Jani Collins on Aragon

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# Mother Lode Arabian Horse Association

## 2012 Election Slate

To All MLAHA Members:

Pursuant to Article VI of the MLAHA Bylaws, the Board of Directors formed a Nominating Committee in July to prepare a slate of candidates for this year's election. The Committee has prepared the following list of candidates running for the MLAHA Officer and Director positions for 2013, and for the position of Delegate to the Arabian Horse Association Convention.

**President** - Cheryl Hansen

**Vice President** - Sue Rich

**Secretary** - Charleene Naughton

**Treasurer** - Jean Zabriskie

**Delegate** -

Cheryl Hansen

Marilyn Hunter

Jennifer Yeatman

**Directors** - Carol Bloss

Marilyn Hunter

Valerie Logsdon

Linda Siegel, past President (non-elected)

### Resumes for 2012 MLAHA Candidates for Office

#### President

##### Cheryl Black

Please consider my nomination to run for the Office of President and also for Delegate for the upcoming 2012 club elections.

I have been a member of the Mother Lode Arabian Horse Association since the late 80's. During that time, I have served on almost every position as an elected official for Mother Lode. Most recently, I have served as your club Delegate. Additionally, I managed your Fuzzy Wuzzy Horse Show and worked diligently to help the rest of the elected officials put on the yearly Trail Trials. On the Regional Level, I currently serve as a member on the Sport Horse, Dressage, and Convention Planning Committees of which I hope to continue in the years to come with your support for me this coming year as your elected Delegate.

I ask for your support and vote for the office of President and Delegate in the upcoming club elections.

#### Vice President

##### Sue Rich

Last year I was appointed to the Board of Directors to serve out the term of a board member who was unable to continue. This year, I have been nominated to take on the position of Vice President and to work in the area of membership. I have been a member and board member of other clubs in the past, but joined the MLAHA because it is a club that is friendlier. During this year, I have worked on the Sheila Varian get together, the Fuzzy Wuzzy show, the Region 3 booth at Horse Expo & at Trail Trials.

My husband, Steve, and I have been Arabian breeders for 32 years. We have watched the changes in member numbers, breeding numbers and the decline in new people finding interest in our breed. I feel that events, like the Horse Expo, offer an opportunity to reach out to possible Arabian enthusiasts. As a breeder, I have had the opportunity to show at the top level, interact with judges, trainers and with the board of AHA. I have also chaired the Lady Breeders group of about 50 ladies, most working to bring our wonderful horses to the attention of newcomers.

My mission is and has been to include all aspects of our horse owners and to bring back the dynamics of our breed to attract new participants. I feel a welcoming club venue is the first step.

#### Secretary

##### Charleene Naughton

My name is Charleene Naughton, your current Mother Lode Arabian Horse Past-president and running for Secretary a few years away from that position. I've been involved with numerous aspects of the Arabian Horse community for more than 30 years and a member of Mother Lode for at least 25 of those.

I've been involved in various Mother Lode functions, such as, Fuzzy Wuzzy Show, Trail Trials, Secretary, Board Member, and the list goes on.

I still own Arabs even though I think my girls own me for better or worse.

#### Treasurer

##### Jean Zabriskie

I am the current Treasurer of the Mother Lode Arabian Horse Association and I am running for re-election. From my first horse in 1978 to the two I now own, Arabians have been my breed of choice. In 1983 I was hired by Brumarba Arabian Stud and worked for Bruce Clark and Gerry Alexander from 1983 until they sold the ranch in the fall of 1999. During my Brumarba years I had the privilege to be around some of the great stallions of the breed, such as Barich de Washoe and Simeon Shai. I also foaled out the

mares, assisted with the breeding, organized the annual Picnic, traveled to shows (including Spain and France), raised my daughter (adopted from Mexico at age 10), and put lots of NATRC miles on my gelding. As Brumarba closed down I had the opportunity arise to work for the Western States Horse Expo. I have been involved in the running of the first horse expo in 1999 to the current one coming up in June of 2013. Plus, our new Horse Expo Pomona in February 2013. I am the Show Manager and am responsible for many facets of organizing these great events, including handling all the payables and receivables. I am certified in Event Management and have a Business Certificate. I am proficient in Quickbooks, can make up budgets, reconcile bank accounts, prepare accounting reports, etc. I have been involved in Mother Lode as a participant for several years; showing at the Fuzzy Wuzzy and Trail Trials. I was the chair for the Fuzzy Wuzzy in 2011 and for the Trail Trials in 2012. My gelding, Suncatcher SMF and I show in western pleasure, the new western dressage classes and enjoy riding the trails. I also own a 6 year old mare of Brumarba breeding that I need to find riding time for!

The Arabian horse is my passion. I am completely dedicated to promoting the Arabian and will continue to work to that effect if I am re-elected. I feel that I have done a good job as Treasurer this past year and am qualified for the position of Treasurer as stated by my qualifications above.

### Directors

#### Carol Bloss

Arabian horses have been my passion for years since the purchase of my beloved gelding Arimel from Brumarba Arabians. Arimel taught me the language of the Arabian horse, and together we entered the show world, as well as enjoying trail riding. My husband, Chuck, also rides, enjoys the horses, and works with every aspect of their care. We have hounds as our pets also, so literally ride to the hounds! We have resided in Cool for many years, and keep our horses at home with us. I would be my pleasure to serve on the Mother Lode AHA to assist in creating a partnership with our members and their horses.

#### Marilyn Hunter

I would like your vote for Delegate and Board member this year. I've been a member of Mother Lode since 1976. During those years I have had the honor to be elected President, board member or delegate. As a delegate for MLAHA I have served on the Region III Horse Show committee; gone to delegate meetings, 3 or 4 times per year, finding out what is going on in our region that affects MLAHA's members. I also have worked the last 20 years during the week long regional show in Reno. I have managed and also been steward of both competitive and endurance rides for the club and region and National. I have helped to get new members that are trail riders, and show people to join our club. I helped with the MLAHA Trail Trials doing any job necessary. I have run the "Road Kill" food trailer for the Fuzzy Wuzzy Show in the spring. Always fun to find and meet new people in the area, I have been fortunate to have some of these people as good friends. My horses have won "The Special Recognition Award" (1995) Rebel's Raider+// and "The Ambassador Award (2007) ARR Bootlegger+. Last year I was presented "The 2011 Volunteer Service Award/National Level - what an honor.

#### Valerie Logsdon

As an Arabian horse owner for many years, I have been involved in the broader Arabian community by serving as the secretary of MLAHA for the 2012 year; I am willing to work with the membership to insure that the club has its two strong annual events, and many other ways to participate with fellow Arabian horse owners.

My experience as an attorney will be helpful to the club, and, hopefully, it will be balanced by good trail rides scheduled at various times of the year. In 2013, I am running as a general Director. I keep my Arabian horses at home with me, and hope to ride many more trails this year!

### Delegate

Cheryl Hansen & Marilyn Hunter - see above resumes

#### Jennifer Yeatman

I have been active in the Arabian horse community in Northern California for over 35 years. I bought my first Arabian from the Lacey Arabian youth sale when I was 9 years old and have been showing, breeding and loving our breed ever since.

I have at least 4 years experience at the club level. Eleven years ago when we were still living in Danville, I was active as a board member, a delegate and also the treasurer of DAHA. We moved from Danville to Newcastle and after a few years I switched my membership from the DAHA club to Mother Lode. I spent 4 year as the Region III Youth Director and now I am ready to become involved back at the club level. During my time as Youth Director at Region III, I raised funds to put on 3 youth shows per year, funded all of the region youth activities at the regional show each year and had a surplus to add to the region's annual youth scholarship. Every year I was involved, we raised more funds than we spent, sadly this has not always been the case in the years since I left that post.

I am currently a mother of three youths that will be showing in the 2013 season so I have a strong incentive to building the clubs youth following in the years to come.

## Proposed By-Law Amendment

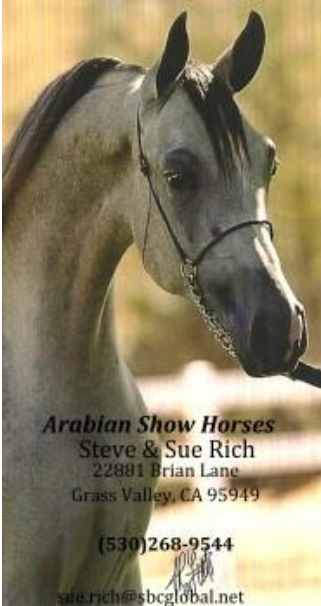
### Article VI Elections

#### 6.4 Term of Office

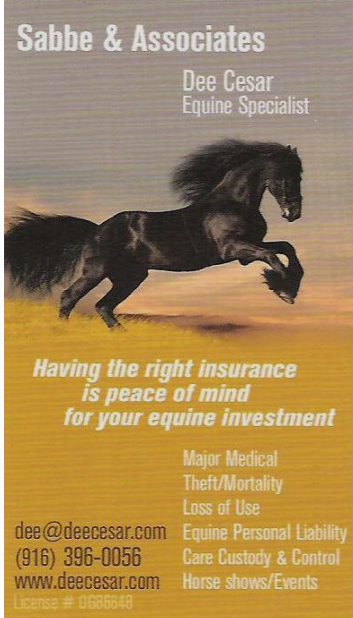
Strike existing language in section b. *"The Officers and Directors, except for the Treasurer, may serve no more than two consecutive elected terms. The Treasurer may serve an unlimited number of consecutive elected terms."*

Replace with the following language: b. "Any member may seek election as an Officer, Director, or Delegate for 5 years in a lifetime. Any two elected positions may be held to be exempt from this provision from year to year as designated by the Nominations Committee. This section shall be active upon passage by the vote of the membership, and not apply retroactively to the 2012 election and previous years, but shall apply to the elected Board members and Officers in 2013 when the clock on the 5-year limit shall begin."


Statement regarding amendment: As the President this year, I value both the contributions of other elected persons who have been in the club, for decades, as well as those newly elected. The current limit of 2 years is too short to allow a person to progress on the Board, but it also allows lifetime service by rotating Board members into delegate and past president positions and then back on the Board. Most non-profit Boards allow at least three years of elected service. We need a healthy balance on the Board of experience and new ideas. This amendment allows several years of service, and an exemption of two elected positions. We have had one or two people running some events for years, whether or not they are elected, and presumably, those people dedicated to a particular aspect of the club will continue to work in that capacity and may be held in an exempt capacity. Any healthy organization will endure regardless of the officers, directors, and delegates that come or go, and will achieve a healthy balance in the Board. Linda Siegel



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