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September 17 . 20, 2015

Jimmy Robertson, Judge

Oregon Horse Center,
Eugene Oregon

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football game in town so get
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Presidents Message

“Celebrating the Past, Riding the Present, Dreaming the Future”

It's been a while since you have heard from me, but I have had a chance to speak with many of you in person at the shows. I did want to highlight a few things that are important to you as NWSA members.

The Far West Championship Horse was held at the beautiful venue in Redmond, Oregon. Our youth group held an event that drew many of the Morgan kids. This provided a chance for NWSA youth to interact with them and talk to them about Saddlebreds.

Friday night just before the Pony Club Social (sponsored by the NWSA with the generous support of ALLMARC Horse Transportation LLC) it was announced that there were sick horses on the grounds. EHV-1 had not been ruled out yet. In what could have been a terrible time to hold a party, exhibitors from all breeds were able to commiserate about what the next few hours may bring. All hors d'oeuvres were enjoyed and the bar had been well stocked. Thanks to the members that made both NWSA events a success. In a tough move to make, but the most responsible action, management cancelled the last day of the show. Fortunately, the illness was determined to be a flu. All horses now are reported well!!

Mark your dates for the Convention! Jill Webberley, our Convention Chairperson, has firmed up our location for the Convention January 29th and 30th. We will be at The Heathman Lodge this year! We hope to announce our speaker very soon. You will not want to miss this. Don't forget we will award our Highpoint saddle for Youth and bridle for Amateurs at that time. One of our members has made a very beneficial step in supporting the NWSA. The company the member works for offers a generous amount for assisting in the efforts of a 501 c 3 non-profit such as the NWSA. Please check with your employer to see if they offer such a program.

I always start this out thinking I will keep it short and then I get so excited about the NWSA it just seems to flow. I hope each of you has had enough fans to help your horses manage through the heat!!

Doug

P.S. Country Classic NWSA exhibitors were up in numbers and Mike and Molly are already looking forward to us for next year!

Deardorff Stable LLC Nursery News



Chestnut filly by Undulata's Nutcracker out of Doubletrees Divine Design

Chestnut filly #1 by Callaway's Guy Park out of Doubletrees Divine Design

Chestnut filly #2 by Callaway's Guy Park out of Doubletrees Divine Design

Chestnut colt by Arrowhead's Once In A Lifetime out of Doubletrees Fancy Lady

Chestnut filly by Doubletrees All Of The Above out of My Lovegame

Chestnut colt by Doubletrees All Of The Above out of Naughty Bisquotti

Chestnut filly by Doubletrees All Of The Above out of Where's The Cat?

Chestnut filly by Doubletrees All Of The Above out of My Pie In The Sky

Chestnut colt by Doubletrees All Of The Above out of Sayin' Grace

In Memory of Tiffany Conover



Tiffany Conover, daughter of Jacquelin White & William Currie died June 9th after a long illness. Tiffany loved American Saddlebreds in general and her own horse *London Times* in particular!

NWSA lost a very dear member. Our condolences to Jacque, Bill and the entire family.

INTERVIEW WITH SHELAH HEIMAN, ENDURANCE RIDING WITH SADDLEBREDS

The American Saddlebred was originally bred as a practical solution to the needs of American settlers, with easy gaits, speed, intelligence and an understanding of the task at hand. Shelah Heiman and her American Saddlebred mare served up a recent example of the breed's heart and versatility by taking second place (out of 34) in their first ever 25 mile race. Shelah discusses her experience and offers encouragement to others wishing to step outside the show ring.

Q: Congratulations! What a stunning accomplishment! I have shared your story with lots of folks in the Saddlebred community all over the country and everyone is very excited about your experience.

Shelah: Thank you.

Q: How did you become interested in long distance racing?

Shelah: I have a couple of horseman acquaintances who have endurance raced quite extensively. I like them and spend quite a bit of time with them. They suggested that I would like it. When there was a race scheduled nearby, my friend Jennifer, who also rides Saddlebreds, and I decided to give it a shot.

Q: So just on a whim, almost?

Shelah: Yes, you could say that.

Q: You frequently ride in the show ring; what did you do to prepare yourself for racing?

Shelah: Well, we started riding a lot and my experienced endurance riding friends gave us some training regimens. There are a number of ways that folks train up to race, just like in the Saddlebred world where there are a number of ways that folks train show horses. My friends gave me some really helpful guidelines on how to leg up my horse and myself.

Q: How long did it take you to get your mare in racing condition?

Shelah: We trained for probably three good months, maybe more like four months.

Q: Did you train every day?

Shelah: No. Training for endurance is different. I started by riding four days a week on the farm. The rule of thumb is that the fitter the horse gets, the longer you ride each time, but you ride less often.

Q: So describe the race you ran. Was it 25 miles over rough ground?

Shelah: Yes, over trail type ground. Race courses vary a lot. This race mostly had pretty good footing but there were a lot of downhill places and rocky spots. We would have to walk especially through the rocky places; plus it was raining hard throughout the race so it was very slippery in spots.

Q: 25 miles is a long way, how did you know where the course was laid?

Shelah: I was really worried about this before we started, I could imagine myself getting lost. However, the course was clearly marked with ribbons especially at places where the trail diverged, so I was very relieved.

Q: Was the race like the Iditarod where there are mandatory layovers for the health of the animals?

Shelah: Yes there is a vet check at 15 miles. The horse's heart rate must first return to 60 beats per minute and from that point in time, there is a required 40 minute break.

Q: What other breeds of horses were there in the race?

Shelah: Well, Arabians pretty much dominate endurance racing and there were several Arabians, there were a few Quarter Horses, a Standard bred, some National Show Horses and several mixed breeds.

Q: You came in second and your horse was awarded a prize for being the best conditioned horse. What breed was the first place horse just out of curiosity?

Shelah: The order of finish is adjusted for the condition of the horse. Time doesn't stop until the horse's heart rate returns to 60 beats per minute. The first horse across the finish line was actually a Saddlebred ridden by my friend Jennifer with whom I trained. I was second and the third horse to finish was actually a Quarter Horse, ridden by a 69 year old woman. However, on the adjusted order of finish, the Quarter Horse was first by a couple of minutes and I was second. That Quarter horse was pressing us for the last 10 miles of the race and every time we thought we had a little breathing room we could hear him galloping to catch up.

Q: Did your horse seem to have as much fun as you did on the course?

Shelah: I think so. She was steady and had her ears forward throughout most of the race.

Q: Did the other riders have any reaction to the fact that you were on Saddlebreds?

Shelah: Not that we noticed. Everyone was friendly. Many of them had camped at the start of the race the night before and were familiar with each other whereas we were new and had hauled in the morning of the race.

Q: Are you planning to continue your racing career?

Shelah: Yes. I will be preparing for another nearby race in September. I would be happy to share the information I have on preparing and conditioning for endurance racing with anyone else who might want to give it a try.

Q: Best of luck in your future competitions be they in the ring or on the trail.

Shelah: Thanks so much.

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**Oregon State Fair
Salem, Oregon
August 28 – September 7, 2015**

Ron Hood, manager of the Horse Show is busy on the show schedule. After Roxanne's sudden passing this spring Ron has continued to work on making this a successful show this year. A class schedule will be out shortly and the announcement of a judge. We will post on the website and through social media as rapidly as possible. As a Silver Circuit show, participation counts towards Year End awards including the Youth High Point Saddle and Adult Show Bridle! We need to support this historical show as strongly as we can!!!

**C-Fair Charity Horse Show
Monroe, Washington
July 29 – August 2, 2015**

Premium Books: www.pacificnorthwestmorganhorseshow.com

**NWSA Fall Classic and Futurity Horse Show
Eugene, Oregon
September 17 – 20, 2015**

Premium Books will be mailed by end of July or go to:
www.nwsaddlebreds.org

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What Is EHV-1? By Tuffy Owens SHR

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