

News From GAHA

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Georgia-Arabian Website has News and Updates

The General Election and Awards meeting was held in Conyers at the International Horse Park on February 28, 2015. One of the first objectives that came out of that meeting was the need to

signers around to setting up a site which met the needs of the club within simple design boundaries that represented the functional groups that the club needed. Last year the Club contracted with BC Web Services LLC to set up a website that proved simple yet functional.

priority. Since that time GAHA Leadership has worked closely with BC Web Services to add content to pages that were established initially and to add new pages for Youth, News and Meetings and Events and Show.



Tracy Lord Receives the Overall High Point Award from Pagan Gilman

However, the timing on the initial development was aggravated by the timing of our Annual Summer Classic Horse Show.

Georgia-Arabian has pages for our local trainers and farms, Items for Sale, Membership, and High Point information as well as the history of the Georgia Arabian Horse Association.

make Our Club website functional once again. There had been several attempts to establish a digital hoof print on the web but we could not bring the web de-

At the February meeting in Conyers the exiting officers, the newly elected offers, and the club membership who attended held a discussion forum related to the 2015 direction for GAHA. Bringing the website up to a functional state was one of the actions that was set with a high

We will also begin attaching our Newsletters to the website for quick reference. Please make the Georgia-Arabian site a regular stop on your visits to the internet and let us hear your comments on the website and use it for your Items for Sale.

GAHA Has a New Logo

You may have noticed at the top of this newsletter page there is a new look to the logo we are suing to identify our club. This was another action that was adopted at the February meeting in Conyers.. From Mid March until Mid April the GAHA Leadership Forum kept the email lines flowing as we began work to adopt a new club logo.

Missy Snyder introduced Marty Mahone to the forum. Marty is a graphic designer who listened to what the group was saying and submitted four preliminary designs. The forum then narrowed the group to two designs. Over then next week Marty tweaked both designs with minor adjustments and the result is what you see at the top of this newsletter.

The New logo has already been put to use. The club has ordered two banners to display at events, set the design onto our Georgia-Arabian website and ordered beverage cups with our new HAGA logo along with the Region 12 logo. These cups will be available at the Region 12 Show in Perry.

Special points of interest:

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- > GAHA Website Update
- > GAHA Has a new Logo
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- > Region 12
- > Silent Auction Fundraiser

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GAHA Award winners show their beautiful ribbons and awards at the meeting in Conyers



Annual Election and Awards Meeting in Conyers—Feb 28

Approximately forty members attended the annual GAHA Election and Awards meeting in Conyers on February 28. The sun was shining, the temperatures were moderate and there was a horse show going on under the Pavilion so it made for a perfect day.

Our meeting began by recognizing our GAHA high point winners for 2014. Markel Insurance and Lisa Segar's Insurance and Pagan Gilman donated beautiful silver trays for our Overall High Point winners.

Following the awards the mem-

bership got down to the business of electing the officers for 2015. Robin Ginn, Connie Green, Beth Ellenburg and Nancy Klembus were elected as Directors and Mike Moak was elected GAHA President

Kathy Hedgepeth and Nancy Klembus had done a great job organizing a silent auction and pot luck lunch for the meeting. As usual with our Pot Luck lunches each member who attended came through with a special dish or dessert.

Between the Awards and Election

we took a break to let everyone claim their first bis on the items for the Silent Auction.

During the Pot Luck Lunch everyone was keeping a close eye on anyone who was stalking the Auction tables so they could keep their bids safe.

Right after Lunch the Club continued to discuss the direction and actions for 2015. There was really great interaction from all of the members present. Clearly our GAHA membership recognized that the club had stumbled but there was great resolve in the end to work in a collective spirit on the actions that were noted.

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Silent Auction Benefits GAHA

The February meeting in Conyers was a non stop event....Awards, Election, Pot Luck Lunch, and Silent Auction.

Thanks to the generosity of a host of members there were bid items galore—from jewelry and bling to artwork and craft work to Stallion Services and Lesson packages. What a selection!

Everyone got into the spirit early and tagged their picks then defended them against higher bids. A couple of items were really attracting the attention of multiple bidders. Of course for all of the fun that was had the real winner in the end was GAHA. The Silent Auction made a major step in bringing the club into a posi-

tion to be able to keep the lights on and continue to bring members events, programs and benefits through 2015.

I am sure that each and every member of GAHA appreciates all of the support from every one who donated items and to everyone who opened their hearts with their generous bids.

GAHA Youth

We can all agree that our biggest asset is our Youth members and exhibitors.

Our GAHA Youth Director, Carolyn Duncan, along with assistance from Pagan Gilman are working on programs to bring focus back to the youth inside of GAHA.

Part of that focus will be a re-

newed presence at the Region 12 Youth Jamboree.

Be sure to look for the GAHA banner and Carolyn and Pagan at the jamboree.

Take a look at Raven Gropp and Emerson Blanchard, a couple of our Award winners at the Award meeting in Conyers this year.



Message From the GAHA President — Mike Moak

What does the Georgia Arabian Horse Association and soccer have in common? My son is head coach for the local high school girls' varsity soccer team and I have had the pleasure of watching many of their contests this season. I see young people off the field that would not draw attention in a crowd but then play the game with complete passion with their team-mates. Who does that sound like? GAHA and Soccer are indeed two parallel worlds.

2015 has allowed GAHA leadership to step back and assess our position. The business of the club is still run by the elected Officers and Directors but the GAHA "leadership team" has expanded. Several other GAHA members have been asked to be part of the Leadership Forum who meets on a regular basis, presently prescribed as a con-

ference call on the second Thursday of each month. What has this brought to GAHA? This last week our forum adopted a new logo for the club and re-established our traditional color purple as the club color. The forum has established a get well prescription for the website and it is well on its way to recovery. This newsletter is a product of the leadership forum. One of our next steps will be to reach out to establish other membership forums to support the interests of our GAHA members. There is an agenda of items yet to be discussed that will lift the banner of GAHA in Region 12.

If you have not visited the website lately here is an event that is posted on the Events page. I am asking everyone who is in Perry on Monday, May 5, 2015 to show your purple. Take note that

is the day of the R12 Welcome Party for the exhibitors. Wear a purple shirt or a purple hat or outfit yourself from head to toe – show your purple power for GAHA. This will be great fun and build on our team spirit...just like my son's soccer team.

Many hands accomplish great works !!



Kathy Hedgepeth and Nancy Klembus take care of a little bookkeeping at the silent auction at the Conyers meeting in February

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What Was Happening in 1965

Yearly Inflation — 1.69%

Average Salary - \$ 6,450

Year end Close for the Dow Jones - 969

Average Cost of a new House - \$13,600

Average Cost of Gasoline - \$0.31 per Gallon

Average Cost for a new car - \$2,600

Average Cost of a loaf of Bread - \$0.21

Average Cost of Rent - \$116.00

Race Riots break out in LA Suburb—Watts

Several U.S. states (VT, NH, MA, CT, RI, NY and portions of NJ) and parts of Canada are hit by a series of **blackouts** lasting up to 13 1/2 hours. 30 million people were without power.

The Gemini Space Program continues to lay the groundwork for an eventual manned mission to the moon

Warren Buffet Gains controlling interest in Berkshire-Hathaway

One of most popular films "Sound of Music" was re-released in 1965



We're on the Web

<http://georgia-arabian.com/>

GAHA is a non-profit organization dedicated to serve and promote the best interest of Arabian horses in Georgia, and to improve the quality of Arabian horses. Our events range from group gatherings, clinics, seminars, meetings, and most importantly our equestrian competitions. Please feel free to discover some of these events by checking our Events-Shows page.

Our members are friendly Arabian enthusiasts who welcome any questions about the Arabian breed and GAHA offers great incentives and programs of involvement for both the youth and the amateur adult.

We hope you enjoyed the first edition of the GAHA Newsletter. We got off to a slow start given all of the things we have been working on but our plan is to continue the newsletter on a regular basis. Please let us hear your comments about the newsletter.

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GAHA Supports Region 12

There is no doubt that the bond between all of our membership goes far beyond the Arabian horse that we all hold dear. The bonds permeate across the club boundaries to our Region 12 organization and across regional boundaries to support our national organization.

On the day to day basis most of us are like the worker bees going about the business of taking care of the affairs that are closest to home. GAHA is very proud that our Region 12 President, Lisa Blackstone, is a home grown GAHA member. As is Denni Mack, our Region 12 Secretary.

However, not withstanding our members who have volunteered to help lead Region 12 through 2015 /2016, many GAHA members continue to volunteer in functions that help make the Region 12 an enduring organization across the AHA Region map.

In this years Region 12 Show Program GAHA purchased an ad to show our members support for Region 12. The ad was a plain and simple ad that simply stated "GAHA Membership Supports Region 12". What a clear message!

The Region 12 Championship Show will be in Perry, Georgia

May 4-9, 2015. There will be lots of GAHA members supporting the event.

A member of our GAHA leadership forum came up with a brilliant idea. Why can't the GAHA membership let Region 12 see our support. As evidenced by the website and this newsletter it isn't hard to see that the GAHA color is "purple". So, as GAHA members lets wear our "purple" finest in Perry on May 4. Wear a purple shirt, a purple hat or dress from head to toe in purple. It will be a fun day and members can take a few minutes to meet and greet other members. See you all in Perry!!

