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Newsletter Sept-Oct 2016



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# Arabian Horse Club Newsletter

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## ***In Memory Of Signe Smith 1973-2016***



*Signe was a long time member of  
the ABU Arabian Horse Club.*

*Her love for the Arabian Horse  
was unconditional.*

*Her accomplishments in the show  
ring were many.*

*Signe will be missed by all of her  
family, friends, co-workers,  
and members of the horse  
community*



**Also, our condolences go out  
To Eveyln Dik whose husband.  
Ed, had passed away on  
Aug 28, 2016**





# Member Spotlight

## By Lynda Fosnot



My big 50th birthday was October, 8, 2014. When my husband Tom asked me if I would like a special gift, of course I said, "a horse!". I immediately called Angie Sullivan, my trainer for the past decade, and asked her to find me my perfect horse. I had a few 'simple' requirements; halter quality beauty with athletic free movement and most important, safe for a fifty year old amateur. A couple of days later Angie sent me a link to a video of a stunning 2 year old bay gelding named Nicodemus PF. Bred by the father daughter team of Frank and Jessie Szymanski, 'Nico' had an impressive list of halter wins; At the Scottsdale Arabian Horse Show he received a Top Ten as a yearling and a Top Ten as a 2 year old plus a Top Ten with Keith Krichke in the International class. I had found my horse!

Nico arrived at Randy Sullivan's Training Center too late for my birthday but just in time for our wedding anniversary on October 24th. He was barely broke and skittish from a life of halter training techniques.

One year later we were celebrating our anniversary watching Nico win the 2015 US National Hunter Pleasure Futurity! Wow! Those were the best roses I had ever received on my anniversary!

Next was Scottsdale, where he won Reserve Champion Signature Stallion Hunter Pleasure Futurity as well as Top Ten Hunter Pleasure Junior Horse.

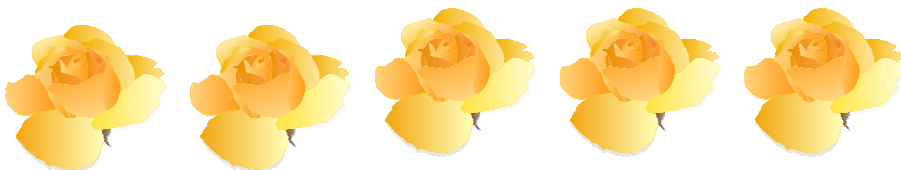


Then it was my turn in the saddle! I rode Nico for the first time in April. Our first show together was in June, I qualified for Regionals by going Reserve Amateur Hunter pleasure Champion! We had a blast at the Region XI Championship! I won Top Five in the Adult Amateur 45 and over class and Nico was named Region XI unanimous Champion Junior Hunter!

Nico's flawless, natural transition from unbroke halter champion to happy National hunter champion is a living testament to Randy Sullivan's training program and the hard work and patience of their entire staff.

Thank you, Nico is my perfect show horse and my sweet, funny horse best friend!

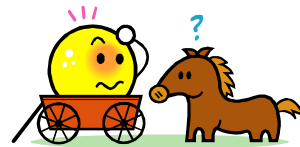
I have another anniversary this October, I'm hoping for roses again... And looking forward to a long & successful show career with Nico.







# Abu Did You Know ?



## Which of Ten Types Is Your Horse?

**1. The Hard Keeper** - You probably found him on Craigslist for free or close to it. He has eaten his former owners out of house and home, not to mention their retirement fund. And yet, he still looks anorexic. No amount of vet visits, beet pulp, weight builders or free choice hay has worked. You bought him because you felt sorry for the skin and bones horse that the owners told you they had just rescued.

**2. Mr. Tender Toes** - This horse looks at a rock and bingo! he's lame... especially if it's a beautiful day for riding and he spies your saddle. If you have to go to work, or the weather is miserable, he's magically sound.

**3. The Easy Keeper** - This horse stays fat on air.

**4. The Alpha Mare** - Like her label, Alpha, she has to be first...first in, first out, first fed. This horse is in control, of other horses, and of you.

**5. The Scaredy Cat** - This horse will spook at a butterfly, and knows there are monsters around every corner. Never approach him from the rear. Build a stash of plastic bags to work on the 'desensitizing' program.

**6. Mr. Accident Prone** - If there is one nail in 10 miles of board fencing, he will find it. You are personally paying for the vet's home. And if you try bubble wrapping the stall, plan to pay for colic surgery after he's eaten the bubble wrap.

**7. The Experienced Rider** - This horse is multi-talented at multi-tasking. Buck, bolt, rear, kick and bite - he can do it all in a five-second time frame. Every time you ride him without getting thrown, you feel a sense of gratitude towards him, and are convinced he's just misunderstood.

**8. The Escape Artist** - This horse will help you meet your neighbors; however, also be prepared to meet animal control and maybe even the police. You could become famous when he makes the 6:00 news for running down the highway during rush hour.

**9. The Stable Vice Master** - Cribbing, weaving, pacing...there is an upside to these habits. The horse will stay in shape from constant movement, this will break down the manure so you won't have to clean his stall as often, and the cribbing will mean no teeth floating expenses. He's a self-floater.

**10. The Bombproof Babysitter** - This is the horse that makes the feed bills and the muck raking all worth it. Good luck in finding him!

Ref: The Paper Horse, AUG 2016

## Four Reasons Your Horse Says "No"

You ask your horse to do something and he says, "Nope, ain't doing that." Is he being stupid, difficult, stubborn? No, his reaction is based on four issues: Fear, Disrespect, Misunderstanding, or Pain.

**Fear:** You've heard it a thousand times. Horses are prey animals. It makes little difference to the horse if he's in the wilds of Wyoming or a riding arena in Pennsylvania. Self preservation is his mantra. Everything horses do for humans occurs only after they know they are safe. If the horse perceives danger in the rider's request (crossing a stream, for example), he must completely trust his rider that his well being will not be jeopardized.

**Disrespect:** Perhaps the horse hasn't accepted you as his leader, the head of your little herd of two. Becoming the leader is most effectively established on the ground. That's how horses interact with each other, establish their hierarchy, on the ground. The famed Spanish Riding School, established in 1572, requires their students to work with their horses on the ground for four years of the eight-year training program, before they are allowed to begin their riding. Like the Alpha mare, you must prove yourself. Even after you've earned the respect, it's a horse's nature to continually test you, to be sure you're still worthy of being the leader.

**Misunderstanding:** Horses don't speak English, and 'force' is not a language. They respond to clear communication in a form they understand. If the horse responds differently to your request or cue, first figure out if your method of requesting was misunderstood, unclear to your horse. For example, do you need to be lighter, firmer, release pressure faster etc.?

**Pain:** Though horses are stalwart, and programmed to hide their pain as a survival instinct (the herd's sickest, weakest animal is the target of the predator), a rider's request that increases a horse's physical pain, threatens its self preservation. Whether or not the horse accepts you as the leader, resistance will occur when pain is involved. Learn your horse's symptoms of discomfort. Before riding, check for sore areas - the back, legs, and teeth, the most common area of potential pain is in the mouth.

When your horse says no, there's a reason; and it's your job as the leader to figure out what that reason is.

Ref: The Paper Horse Aug 2016



# **ELECTION TIME FOR 2017 Nomination Ballot**

## **2017 ABU Arabian Horse Club Slate of Officers**

President: Kathy Root

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2yr: #1 Chris Sanstrom 2016-2017

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3yr: #1 Nancy Herlitz 2015-2017

3yr: #2 \_\_\_\_\_

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Director/Delegate:

Gail Wiot

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Sue Collins

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Gladys Brown Award to: \_\_\_\_\_

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Nominations of club members for any office are due back by Oct 11  
General meeting. Send all nominations  
To Karen Marnie, 8958 Offner Rd., Peotone, IL 60468





## Minutes of the Meetings June & July 2016

### June Abu Meeting

People Present: Kathy, Nancy, Sue, Richard, Karen, Diane, Ron, Sue, Bunny, Beth and Denise.

#### Open Show Report:

\$771.01 was made. Diane suggested keeping the same date. The headline was discussed as many people thought that it saying Abu Arabian Horse Club made it seem like only Arabians were welcome. The club decided to include "Open Breed Show" in the headline for next year. Also discussed was having the show be part of the High Point shows hosted at the 4H field for next year. We will keep the same date for next year. It was also talked about putting the show on Channel 6 in New Lenox. Bunny suggested we send in the deposit for next year. We were informed by Sue that Gail does not want to be show manager next year. Susan Munch thinks we should do the muck bucket next year.

#### Class A

We will be mailing out post cards again and Karen will get labels. Kathy is working on contracts and sponsorships. Trophies were discussed but no decision was made yet. We still want to have the beer mugs for the regular classes and a plate for championship.

Karen received a email from AHA saying a lot of our members have not rejoined, Karen will send emails to those people.

Next meetings are July 12 at Little Joes in Frankfort, and August will be at Brians.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 by Nancy and Susan

### JULY ABU MEETING MINUTES

People present at meeting: Kathy, Nancy, Karen, Sandy, Sue, Diane, Ron, Beth, Denise, Bunny, and 2 new people Meagan and Camela.

Meeting started at 7:45p.m.



Minutes were approved for June.

The emails that were on the Web page had been hacked but Bunny and Karen got it all straightened out. Karen said she made all the emails go through Kathy first.

We are up to 756 likes on Facebook!

**Class A:** Contracts are coming in slowly, We have 2 or 3 learner judges that want to do our show. Meagan Farkos has a wedding on Saturday night so she only scribe a day and a half and Julie Egof will do it the rest of the days. Karen is in charge of getting the post cards and mailing them out. Karen also needs to know how many rooms will be needed for the show, the motel is Ramada Inn. Sue suggested we send emails to all the sponsors from last year to see if interested in going it again this year. The trophies were ordered, we are getting beer mugs for regular classes and plates for championship. we are going to use the small horses statues we have for leadline and stick horse.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 motion to adjourn by Nancy and seconded by Ron.



## Sept-Oct 2016 Calendar of Events



### ABU GENERAL MEETINGS:

- SEPT 20:** Nancy Herlitz' home.  
Beecher, IL. 7pm RSVP:  
Karen Marnie 708-534-1879
- OCT 11** Brian's Bar & Grill.  
26565 S Governors Hwy (aka Rt  
50), Monee, IL. 7pm RSVP:  
Karen Marnie 708-534-1879
- NOV 14** Election of Officers Pizza Party  
Little Joe's Restaurant , 7pm  
20805 LaGrange Rd. Frankfort, IL.  
RSVP: Karen Marnie 708-534-1879
- DEC 11** Christmas Party 12pm-4:30pm  
Chef Klaus Restaurant ,  
20827 S LaGrange Rd.,  
Frankfort, IL. RSVP Karen Marnie  
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### HORSE SHOWS LOCAL:

- SEPT 11:** Open & AQHA Show  
Francis Field, New Lenox 8am  
Ashley 815-280-3002
- SEPT 18:** FFYF Fall Harvest  
Hunter/Jumper Show 8am  
Francis Field, New Lenox  
Ashley 815-280-3002
- SEPT 25:** PHHA Open Horse Show  
Francis Field, New Lenox, 8am  
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### HORSE SHOWS AHA REGION XI

- SEPT 3-5:** IOWA FALL CLASSIC,  
Des Moines, IA. Jessica Maldonado  
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- SEPT 9-11: ABU ALL ARABIAN  
CLASS A HORSE SHOW  
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KATHY ROOT 708-207-1075**
- SEPT 15-17:** NATIONAL SHOW HORSE  
FINALS, Springfield, IL  
Cindy Clinton 917-935-1753
- SEPT 21-25:** SPORT HORSE NATIONALS  
Ford Idaho Horse Park, Napa, ID.
- Oct 21-29** U S NATIONALS,  
Tulsa Expo Square, Tulsa, OK.

**AHA Website:**

[www.arabianhorse.org](http://www.arabianhorse.org)

- NOV 16-20: AHA CONVENTION  
DENVER, CO.**

### TRAIL RIDES HOSTED BY FVTR

- SEPT 17-18 TBA**  
**OCT 1-2: Sleezer Ride, Millbrook, IL.**  
**OCT 23: BrighterDaze Ride, Newark, IL.**  
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RSVP Cindy Benson 630-300-8422





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- Sept 17: Old Campground Collectibles/Flea Market at United Methodist Church, New Lenox, IL. 9a-3p
- Oct 1: Grundy Cty Corn Fest Grundy Cty Fairgrounds, Morris, IL 8a-4p
- Oct 9: Burgoo Festival, Utica, IL. 9a-5p
- Oct 13=15: Nannie B's Antiques 851 Lenox St. (Back garage), New Lenox, IL. 9a-3p
- Oct 22: Silver Crossing Craft & Vendor Fair, 1870 Silver Cross Blvd, New Lenox, IL, Pavilion A, Hospital Campus 9a-3p

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- "I can't ENDURE the solitude," Jimbo Marks told his lawyer, as the sheriff placed him in an isolation cell awaiting trial.
- The ENDURING quality I recall most with loving memory about my Aunt Emma was that she never had a bad word to say about anyone.

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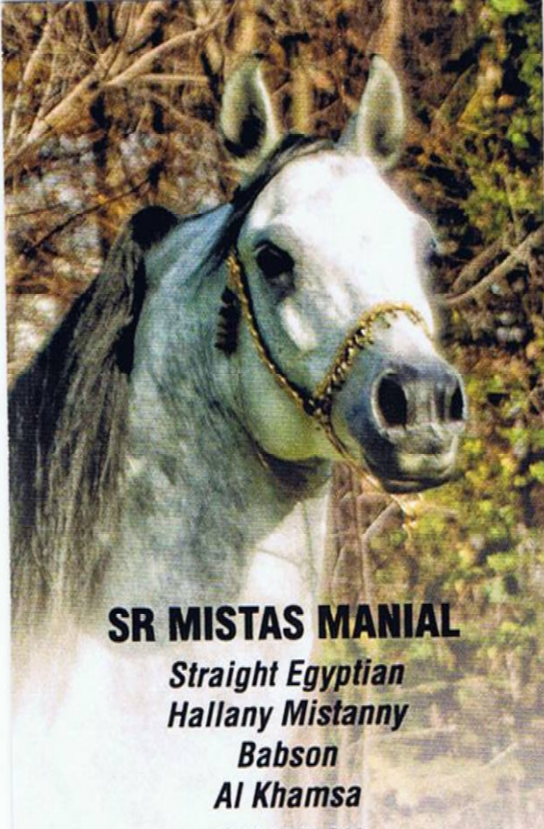
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