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VANCOUVER ISLAND ARABIAN HORSE ASSOCIATION
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Schedule of Events

Come join us at the 2019 shows at the Saanich Fairgrounds. Mark your calendars!

May 12 Sunday

June 15 Saturday

July 28 Sunday

August 31 to September 2 Saanich Fall Fair, Labour Day weekend

Meetings of the VIAHA Board of Directors are held 10 times a year, including the Annual General Meeting. Everyone is welcome to attend! The Directors want to hear your fresh ideas and concerns. Check the Schedule on the website for the location, date and time of the next meeting. See you there!

All Breed Open Shows 2019

The Entry Form/Class list for the 1-day shows is ready for downloading on our website.

New in 2019 are a series of walk-trot/jog classes labelled **NRTCIP**, short for “Not Ready To Canter In Public”. If you or your horse are new to showing or returning to the show ring after an extended break and are not feeling comfortable in the show ring, these are the classes for you. Cross-entries to canter/lope classes are allowed when you are ready to try one.

The first Open Show is on Mother’s Day, May 12 and we are planning something to celebrate mothers! Watch for details to come...

The Saanich Fall Fair will once again be co-hosted by VIAHA and the Saanich 4-H club. Exhibitors and spectators enjoyed the revised schedule last year, and we hope to increase the number of prize money classes in 2019. Watch for more information on the VIAHA website.

Vancouver Island Arabian Horse Association

Dedicated to the promotion of the Arabian Horse and the enjoyment of all our equine companions.

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Recap - Island Classics 2019

April 20 at the Saanich Fairgrounds.

On Good Friday, April 19th several of us gathered at the Saanich Fairgrounds to set up for the Island Classics. The ominous clouds settled over the fairgrounds and as we set up the dressage court, the heavens opened and we were all soaked. The ring was like soup and we all were looking at each other thinking “what is this going to be like tomorrow?” but Saturday morning the sun rose and the ring dried out. It was a glorious day and all of us had a great time.

While there were only a few horses showing, the quality of rides were excellent and those horses needing to qualify for the Region 17 Show did so.



The highlight of the day was the presentation of **AHA Achievement Awards**, well deserved recognitions for Sandra Gilbert-Stockhausen and Gerald McDonald.

TC VICTORIAS SECRET++ was presented with her **LEGION OF MERIT**. Vicky as she is called at home is a 14 year old Arabian mare, sired by Matinee Bey out of the Huckleberry Bey daughter Monica Bey. Vicky is bred and owned by Gerald and Kathy McDonald of Twin Cedars Arabians, and ridden exclusively by our president Sandra Gilbert-Stockhausen.

AHA's recognition program for horses tracks points earned for competing and placing in all AHA-recognized events, from Shows to Endurance Rides, Dressage to Racing. The Achievement Awards symbols become a permanent part of a horse's name, providing a visible sign of honor and prestige.

For Vicky's Legion of Merit, she had to earn 75 points, with a minimum of 30 in breeding/in-hand and 30 in performance, and now has “++” added to her name.



Vicky has been shown successfully in Halter, Sport Horse In-Hand and Dressage. At Western Canadian Breeders, she won Reserve Champion in Arabian Mares AOTH and at Regional shows, she has won multiple Top 5's, Reserve Championships and Championships in Sport Horse In-Hand, both Dressage Type and Hunter Type. At the 2018 Sport Horse Nationals, she won a Top Ten for Arabian Mares in-Hand ATH Dressage Type and Hunter Type. Under Saddle, Vicky has been successful in Dressage at Open shows and at Arabian shows, including Regionals.

SANDRA GILBERT-STOCKHAUSEN was presented with 2 plaques from AHA in recognition of her accomplishments, one for RIDER OF HONOR and one for HORSEMAN OF MERIT. A Rider of Honor must earn 75 Points in Performance classes or Distance Rides, while a Horseman of Merit must also earn 75 points but with a minimum of 30 points in Showmanship, Breeding or In-Hand classes and 30 points in Performance classes, Dressage, Equitation, Eventing or Distance Rides.

2019 marks the 60th year that Sandra has been riding horses and she competed in her first horse show on her 7th birthday. Over the years she has owned several horses for trail riding and/or showing. With Surnik, a talented big gray Arabian gelding, Sandra developed a love for Dressage and mastered the divisions of Side Saddle, Native Costume, Hunter over Fences and, of course, Older Than Dirt.

Sandra currently owns TC Sultans Rising Star now competing in Western Dressage and Ranch Riding and she also shows Gerald and Kathy McDonald's mares TC Azleah and TC Victorias Secret++ in Dressage and Sport Horse In-Hand. Gerald and Kathy bred all 3 mares and Sandra has done the majority of their training.

At the 2014 Sport Horse Nationals, Sandra rode TC Azleah to a Top 10 Training Level Dressage. In 2018 she handled TC Victorias Secret++ to two Top 10 honors at Sport Horse Nationals in Sport Horse in Hand ATH Dressage type and ATH Hunter type.



Show Fees

You may have noticed that the show fees have changed this year. As the Saanich Fair Board has increased all the fees for renting their facility, we regrettably have had to increase the class and stabling fees for all our shows.

Region 17 Championship Show

May 2 to 5 at Thunderbird Show Park

To all VIAHA members heading over to compete

Best of luck!



Help Wanted

Many hands make light work! If you have a few hours to fill, consider volunteering at one (or more) of our shows. From being a go-fer to handing out ribbons to relieving the announcer, all help is much appreciated. Contact Edwina, the volunteer co-ordinator, at jemarabians@gmail.com to sign up.

Spring is in the Air!

Well, almost. Some foals are still waiting for nicer weather to be born!



Kingbourne Farm welcomed this colt on March 27.

Spitfyre VF x Marietta Bey

This cute fellow is as yet unnamed. Both his parents are nationally decorated and he will very likely excel in the show ring.

Message your name suggestion to Meaghan Calnan on Facebook or email to rob_calnan@hotmail.com. (Sorry, no prize if they use your suggested name!)

Show off your cute baby to everyone! Any member with a new foal can send a photo and info to wendydon@shaw.ca to be included in a subsequent issue of the Hadji.

2018 Year End High Point Awards

The Year End High Point Awards were handed out at the VIAHA Annual Awards Banquet held on January 26th at the Waddling Dog Inn. The room was filled with equine enthusiasts, so everyone had a great time! Award recipients received embroidered backpacks or totes in recognition of their efforts over the year. The list of award winners and photos of the presentations can be viewed here: www.viarabianhorse.com//hipoints.html

Year-End High Point Awards are for VIAHA Members only. All types of members are eligible for the Open Show division with the requirement that you show in at least one 1-Day Show. Senior and Junior members are eligible for the All-Arabian Show division and points are calculated from the official results listed on the AHA website.