



ZONE ONE ARABIANS

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Dates to Remember:

- AGM – Feb 22/15 @ 2pm – Hansens Independent Grocery Store Community Room (N end of Exeter)
- AHAEC DATES –
May 9-10 Milestone Spring Show
May 29-31 Region 18 Qualifier
June 6-7 Summer Sizzler
see website for more dates
- Scottsdale Arabian Horse Show Feb 12-22
- CAN-AM Apr 3-5
- All Equine Show Mar 27-29 Western Fair



Letter from the President

Another year has become history in all of our lives. Some of us have made efforts to better things while others just continue on the same path. It can become difficult to stay positive all the time but I do hope that this year members will communicate a little more. What I mean by that is not to assume but rather ask if you feel you need some clarification of club policy or general rules. As of this time, I am not able to confirm any dates for our club shows, nor do I have any names of judges. This will be on the agenda this year to be discussed at the AGM on Sunday, February 22nd. This year I was able to book the Community Room at "Your Independent Grocery Store" here in Exeter. This would mean that some of our members will have to drive a little farther north and west to attend this meeting. It also means that some of our members will not have to travel as far this time. We will find out how our club is doing financially. We will have a look at the class list to see if we need to make any changes. There was some concern expressed to me about the actual food at the brunch. We may have to look at another venue for our awards banquet for this year. I had concerns expressed about multiple riders as one entry in a class and that all entries get placed first in another class and then how are high points calculated for awards. Do we want to get involved in Arabian Promotion this year at Equine Events in our area? It is still somewhat of a mystery that not more members want to show at fairs. The "A" level shows are back in London +++ have one member express interest in showing at that level. Perhaps more would like to be a spectator so make certain you know when these shows will be held. It is always nice to have someone you know there to show. If you need assistance please contact me or anyone else who has shown at that level. That just about completes my first of the year message. I want to have our club stay on the positive path it has been on for the last number of years. So please continue to support, communicate to others and help out whenever you are able. We will need several new members to take an active role this year on the board because our club is growing and by having a few more directors to share in the work would be beneficial for us all.

2015 is here so let us all make it a good one!

Year End Award Banquet 2014



Our Year End Awards Banquet was held in November 2014 at the Dorchester Golf Club. It was great to see everyone! A special thank you goes out to all those who were involved with making the day a success. Highpoint Awards and Runner-up Awards were handed out in all 28 classes. We had an amazing selection for our silent auction and a great door prize table so again a huge thank you for all those that supported this. Results available on the website.



Show Season - Will you be ready?

Throughout the cold winter months, many of us choose to stay warm and allow our equine friends to have some time off. Hopefully, we have all remembered to regularly check under their blankets to ensure they are maintaining a healthy weight as well as checking coat condition. Confirm with your veterinarian when vaccines and dental floats are due. Your farrier should still be trimming their feet on a regular basis.

Approximately two months before your first show, you should be starting to think about your level of fitness as well as your horse to ensure you are both in shape to perform at your best. Your horse is similar to you; you can't expect yourself to go out and run three miles without getting out of breath and tired. Start out with twenty to thirty minutes of flat work. Get him used to listening to your aids again. Start out with circles and trotting poles to build up his butt muscles and get him supple and round. Work on some basic schooling exercises, such as serpentine and figure 8's, after a week or so start building up your riding time so that at the end of the month your schooling sessions are around 45 minutes. Regardless of your discipline, flat work is the key for any discipline in the horse world.

Roughly a month before the show, you should be focusing as well on their looks. Trim up those whiskers and start clipping all those wispy pieces of hair that have seemed to randomly sprout out all over his body.

If you know exactly what classes you are showing in, this is when you want to specifically start working on what will and might be asked in the class. No matter what discipline you ride in, you will want to start working on fine-tuning your horse.

Now that show time is drawing near, you will want to work on any last-minute details or issues you or your horse may have, for example, if you are planning on entering a trail class and your horse spooks at a tarp and won't walk over it, work on the ground with your horse and get him to walk over it. This is the time to work on the little things that could potentially be big things in the show ring. Also consider when the last time you had your horse on a trailer. If trailering has been an issue in the past now is the time

Vaccinations/Dental checks:

Have you spoken with your Veterinarian to ensure your horse is healthy and protected for the 2015 year?

Links:

<https://itsshowtimenj.wordpress.com/2013/02/20/horse-show-preparation/>

<http://ahaec.on.ca/on/events/>

canamequine.ca

<http://www.aaep.org/info/core-vaccination-guidelines>

www.westernfairdistrict.com/events/exhibit/2015

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to ensure you are both confident.

You will also want to make a list of all the things you will need to bring to the show. Write down everything you may need: feed, show clothing, tack, grooming supplies, first-aid, stall supplies, buckets, all paper work (coggins), forms and anything else you think you or your horse might need.

Show day has come and you need to get your horse clean and shiny. You will want to give your horse a good bath and get out any stains he may have, remember to use a sheet and tail bag to protect your efforts until you arrive at the show.

After months of work getting ready, remember that now is the time to have fun and show off your equine friend.

Good Luck with your season!

Tack Room Corner

Do you have anything collecting dust in your tack room? If so... let us know!

