



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear ASH Members,

It is time!!! Just around the corner, on January 19, 2019, is our annual Alaska State Horseshows Awards Banquet. We have a wonderful evening planned and hope to see everyone there and ready to have a good time. Details are included with this newsletter. Please check the mail for your invitation and send in your reservations early. Also included with your invitation will be a ballot for two awards, the Maynard Smith and Marvin Slaughter awards, and ASH board membership nominees.

What a season we had this year! So many wonderful changes for our community and so much growth for our riders and horses. Both the Hunter/Jumper and the Dressage shows had increased attendance from last year, and for the most part, the Alaskan weather smiled upon us - with exceptions of the training day at the State Fair and the last day of the ADA biggest event ever! We had some additional and wonderful events this year, including the USEF/USHJA Zone 12 clinic June 23rd and 24th in which USHJA president Mary Babick was able to teach a judging clinic, and we had additional riding clinics for our trainers and riders with her. Getting our national association president to sit down and discuss the hunter/jumper world in a town hall meeting was educational and enlightening both for her and for the members that were able to attend. In addition, the non-rated, but all around fun VHSA Derby Days was well attended, and gave our riders the opportunity to experience a Hunter Derby with beautiful jumps and fun courses. A continued goal for ASH is to educate and inform the horse community about the equestrian industry and to reach for national level standards in our area competitions.

If you are entered in a division that is not fully funded (which means that the entry

fees total \$300, or eight total riders) you will be receiving an email regarding your portion of the division fee. If you have any questions about this, please do not hesitate to get in touch with myself or any board member. We certainly appreciate your getting any amounts owed quickly back to our wonderful treasurer, Kathy Haghighi.

We just met at Pizza Man for the Fall Forum in Eagle River. Topics of discussion centered on the schedule and opportunities for next year. At this time, we have a projected schedule for 2019 summer season, but intend to update this schedule by January or February. As you can see, we have the dates for the main shows for next summer, but are fairly certain that there are other non-rated clinics or events that may also be included. All in all, 2019 looks to be another fun and opportunity filled summer.

One of the discussion points from the Forum that we have followed up on with our board meeting was a change in the currently scheduled year end awards divisions and points standing report. We have moved to change those deadlines by two weeks. We now will have final results posted to the ASH Website and Facebook by the 30th of September, with 15 days for member challenges. The results will be finalized by October 15th, for both the Dressage and Hunter Jumper Shows. This is being done in a twofold effort to get points completed while we are all fresh from the season, and to afford the best financial opportunities for ordering the awards.

I am once again humbled by the chance to work with such a dedicated and hard working group of people in the this great State. I look forward to seeing you at the Banquet!

Beth Theisen - ASH President

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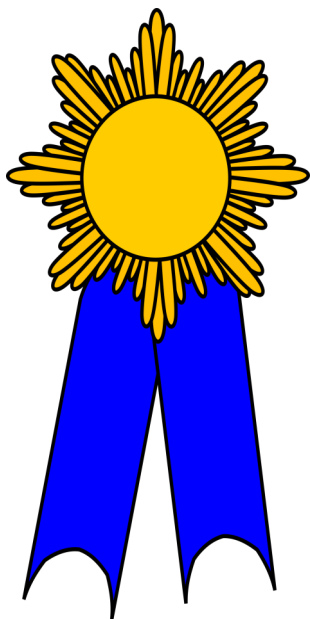
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ALASKA STATE HORSESHOWS BANQUET



Get ready for the 2018 Alaska State Horseshows Award Banquet which will be held on Saturday, January 19th from 6:00pm to midnight. This year our ASH Banquet will be held at the Anchorage Crowne Plaza which is located at 109 West International Airport Road in Anchorage, Alaska.

Advanced tickets will \$80 for adults and \$40 for kids under 11. Tickets at the door will be \$125 for adults and \$80 for kids under 11. In addition if you plan on joining us just for the awards and dancing then advanced tickets will be \$40 and \$50 at the door.

If you plan on spending the night at the Crowne Plaza during the evening of the 19th, ASH has secured a discounted room rate for our members. The rate is \$79 plus tax. Please contact the hotel at (907)433-4100 no later than January 5, 2019 and be sure to state you would like the "Alaska State Horseshows" room rate.

Division Funding

ASH would like to congratulate all the competitors at the horse shows this season. Another fantastic summer is transitioning into winter, and your ASH committee is already looking towards the banquet this January with planning well under way and ribbons and awards that need to be ordered.

Sadly, none of our divisions were fully-funded this year but overall participation was robust. ASH has calculated the division funding shortfalls and has e-mailed division participants the amounts owed to fund the ribbons and prizes.

If you participated in an ASH division and didn't receive an e-mail please contact us ASAP. If you have any questions about your balance due please contact the membership chair or the president.

Please remit your balance due as soon as possible to : Alaska State Horseshows INC,
P.O. Box 111924 Anchorage, AK 99511

We will miss you Hannah Haghighi!



On behalf of Alaska State Horseshows we would like to thank Ms. Hannah Haghighi for her three years as a junior board member. Hannah missed one meeting out of her three years which is very impressive! She came to every meeting with a smile on her face and a positive work attitude, she provided new exciting ideas, and ways for ASH to improve itself. We couldn't have been luckier to have Hannah as a junior board member for three years. Saying goodbye to Hannah was very bittersweet. She is an outstanding young lady! Thank you for all your hard work, and good luck in college!



Hannah being honored with the Marvin Slaughter Junior Sportsmanship Award at last year's banquet!

Recap of the USEF/USHJA Zone 12 Clinic

By: Jayden Houston, ASH Junior Board Member

During the month of July, members of the riding community were lucky enough to participate in a clinic led by Mary Babick. Not only did we all learn a lot from riding in her classes but Ms. Babick was kind enough to participate in a Town Hall meeting and help us to understand the brain of the president of the United States Equestrian Federation.

Her two-day clinic featured an hour and a half long sessions full of constructive feedback, challenging drills, and concrete advice. Ms. Babick had an understanding and appreciation for each and every horse that entered the ring that weekend. She was able to accurately analyze each rider and horse and provide guidance on how to improve their rides for the day and for the future. Her courses were jam-packed with bending lines, grids, and single oxers. That weekend, I was able to ride with Ms. Mary Dallas Allen and it was a fun and unique experience to ride with members of different show teams. I know for a fact we both absorbed so much knowledge from Ms. Babick and we both appreciated the tips she gave us for the future.

The Town Hall meeting was a wonderful way to learn about programs that may become available for Alaskan riders in the future and a way for our voices to be heard. We spent a considerable amount of time discussing a topic that has had a lot of national attention - safe sport. If you are over the age of 18 be sure to complete your safe sport training which is required in 2019 before the competition season begins. You can find more information regarding safe sport training at www.usef.org. In addition to the discussion on safe sport training, we also had a chance to discuss ideas and topics for future winter time clinics. Furthermore, she was kind enough to talk about riding programs in colleges and give me some recommendations as to what I should be sending coaches and where I should apply.

In closing, I would like to thank Ms. Babick for coming to Anchorage to be our clinician. I know we all learned so much and appreciate all the information she provided. Also, a big thank you to Ms. Dana Eaton for bringing Ms. Babick up to Alaska and making it all possible.

Recap of the Alaska Hunter Jumper Association Benefit Show

By: Blaine Senden, ASH Junior Board Member

Wow! What a fantastic show everyone had. The Alaska Hunter Jumper Association Benefit Show along with the Zone 12 Finals day was definitely one for the books. This year we got incredibly lucky to have The Colorado Horse Park management team come to Alaska and manage our show.

Overall the show was a great success and had lots of riders participating as well. We would like to congratulate Blaine Senden and her horse Max-A-Million on their ASH Medal and Zone 12 Horsemanship Equitation Challenge win! We would like to congratulate Ms. Maya Farley and Ms. Rachel Rosenberg on their Charity Challenge win! Next are the winners of the Zone 12 classics. We have Jayden Houston on Calido Z who won the 3'3 junior adult amateur working hunter classic, Lily Farley on Anthem who won the 2'9 children adult amateur hunter classic, Maya Farley on Cloud 9 who won the 2'6 modified children adult amateur hunter classic, Mary Dallas Allen on Viva La Vida who won the 1.15 meter jumper classic, Madison Minich on Ezekiel who won the .80 and .90 jumper classic! Finally we have Ms. Lily Farley winning the Robertson Medal proudly supported by Sigrun Robertson.

All together everyone had a fantastic show - Congratulations riders!



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CALENDAR

January

19 Alaska State Horseshows Awards Banquet, Crowne Plaza Hotel, Anchorage

MAY

24-27 Valley Horse Shows Association Spring Classic, France Equestrian Center, Palmer

JUNE

8-9 ADA Spring Festival, William Clark Chamberlin Equestrian Center, Anchorage

JULY

12-13 ADA July Jubilee I, William Clark Chamberlin Equestrian Center, Anchorage

14 ADA July Jubilee II, William Clark Chamberlin Equestrian Center, Anchorage

AUGUST

July 31-4th AHJA Benefit Horse Show, William Clark Chamberlin Equestrian Center, Anchorage

10-11 ADA Biggest Event Ever, William Clark Chamberlin Equestrian Center, Anchorage

SEPTEMBER

Aug 30-2nd Valley Horse Shows Association Fall Classic, France Equestrian Center, Palmer

REMINDER FROM ASH —

Please check the ASH website (alaskastatehorseshows.com) for calendar updates and for rider and horse recording forms. We now offer quick links to the Alaska Hunter Jumper Association and the Alaska Dressage Association as well as a quick link to the USEF Verification Service.

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