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The first and only stallion to win the prestigious Haflinger Championship Challenge Versatility Award, Nunavik GF is owned by Twin Maple Farm in Apple Creek Ohio, and shown by Emily Hummel. This challenging achievement requires accumulating 25 points in Halter, and 100 points each in Western, English and Driving.





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From the President...

Happy New Year! I hope that everyone enjoyed a safe and joyous holiday season with their families and loved ones over the past few weeks, both the two and four legged varieties. As I write this letter, I am sure everyone is trying to accomplish the same thing – staying warm, as the arctic chill and the cyclone bomb strike the east coast, and most of the country is plunged into a deep freeze. Hopefully, we can help take your mind off the cold weather by offering thoughts of spring and, if not accomplishing this goal, provide some interesting reading material for the cold winter days and nights we are getting to enjoy.

First, I would like to thank Jessica Hanney for putting together another fine magazine for all of us to enjoy. She has worked hard, recruiting new and returning authors with interesting stories, adding new regular features and developing interesting themed magazines with a very professional layout. If you have stories to tell or are interested in helping with the publication, please give Jessica a call. If you simply enjoy the magazine, then, when you see Jessica, let her know with a thank you for all of her hard work. Again, Jessica, thank you for a job well done and we look forward to more issues of the Haflinger Horse.

This issue of the Haflinger Horse will be a regular first of the year issue, focused on the Haflinger stallions. We have reinstated the Stallion Alley from the old Haflinger magazines, which features stallions that were licensed in 2017 and some newly licensed for 2018. Beginning on page 40, this feature provides everyone with a look at the stallions and their owner's contact information, if you are interested in breeding. In addition to the Stallion Alley, the magazine features articles on breeding like "Breeding is like a Box of Chocolates," an interesting look at breeding selection process and outcomes. We all know how much we all like chocolates, so do not miss this thoughtful article. There are also articles on preparing for the breeding season, frozen semen, evaluating conformation and a look at the tough decision of gelding a stallion prospect. As an owner of a competing breeding stallion, I found the article on Stellar TVR hit a note close to home and summarized many of the challenges and the rewards of competing a breeding stallion. These articles will provide some interesting reading and some very helpful information if you are spending the cold winter evenings pondering breeding decisions for 2018.

Another way to warmup a winter evening is to begin to plan your summer show season. We hope that high on your list is the AHR National Show in Lexington, Kentucky in July. Do not miss the information on the show and sponsorship opportunities in the Committee Updates section. I would like to thank the Show Committee as they continue to work diligently to produce an exceptional show for all participants. Although it takes a team, a special thank you to Chairperson Karen Young for her leadership. April and May will start the sale season, with the Indiana Haflinger sale in April (see the advertisement and consignment forms in the magazine), and the AHR Sale in Ashland, Ohio will be May 10th and 11th. The sales are early enough to pick-up that winning prospect for the National Show in July, so come and buy that champion!! I look forward to seeing and talking to many of you in Ashland.

Although the year has just started, the Board and committees are busy at work planning and implementing programs for 2018. The Classification Committee is busy working to identify and coordinate sites for inspections, the Sale

Committee is deep into planning and organizing the May sale, the Futurity committee is in the planning stages for 2018, while the Stallion Showcase Committee is deep into organizing the parade and auction for the sale, and the Awards and Recognition committee is collecting and calculating points for the 2017 Ambassador and Golden Path awards. That the National Show committee is fully engaged goes without saying, but the Youth Committee is working to grow the programs for the AHR youth in 2018. All of these committees are busy and can use volunteers to accomplish the goals for 2018. If you would like to help, contact the committee chairs listed in the magazine or on the AHR website.

In addition to these regular programs and events, the Board is undertaking a complete review and update of the website. The details of this review and update are discussed in the Committee Report section of the magazine. We have established a new Promotion Committee to develop a long-term promotion program and to identify ways that we can better publicize our current events and programs to promote the Haflinger breed. We will report on progress of this committee throughout the year, but we have set target for a completion of this project for the end of the year. We are re-instituting membership cards and your membership number will be important to accessing membership only benefits on the website and other benefits that are added in the future. We are looking at ways to improve communication and will be working hard throughout the year to continue to improve all lines of communication with members. We have a busy year laid out and lots to accomplish. We will work hard to continue to improve the organization, to promote the Haflinger and to continue to earn your trust and support.

As I close out this letter, I would like to thank all of the Board members for their commitment of time and resources in supporting our Registry. It is not often said enough, but we would not have an organization or the programs without the hard work, money and time each of you, the Committee Chairs, and members and Sue commit your lives to drive this organization forward. Thank you for all that you do and for your support.

For all the members and subscribers to this magazine, thank you for your continued support. Please stay safe and warm this winter. I look forward to seeing you all over the course of the year, getting to renew old friendships and making new ones at Haflinger events or simply on the telephone.

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Annually, the United States Dressage Federation's Region 2 Catherine B. Jacob Schooling Show Year End Awards Program presents awards to the top schooling show participants in the Region, in four different divisions for eight different levels. In 2017, 46 horse and rider pairs were awarded 57 ribbons following the show season, and three of those went to Haflingers!

Suzanne Morisse and Sabreena Sue (pictured above, top) won the Western Dressage Test of Choice Open Champion, with an average score of 76.394%. Amy Hanney and Cheri Lynn Rose CEH (above, bottom) were awarded fourth place in Western Dressage Test of Choice Vintage with an average score of 64.998%, and they earned the Reserve Champion ribbon for Introductory Level Adult Amateur with an average score of 66.563%. Congrats to both!

NATIONAL DRESSAGE PONY CUP YEAR-END AWARD WINNERS



Congrats to the following Haflingers for winning awards and achieving rankings on a national level at rated dressage shows, while competing against all breeds and sizes of horses!

PONY DIVISION

Isabelle Narsesian riding Mellow GHJ, Champion Junior Introductory (67.344%)

Kris Geiger riding Crystal of Excellence YRF, owned by Karen Ashepa, 10th Place AA Introductory (61.375%)

Shannon Cessna riding Loyal Lisa DCH, owned by Julie Blair, Champion Open Introductory (68.813%) and 7th Place Open Training (68.332%)

Shannon Cessna riding Weasel RWF, owned by Julianne Bedel, Reserve Champion Open Introductory (66.406%) and ranked 20th Open Training (63.481%)

Grace Bergstrom riding Willo-the-Wisp BBR, ranked 31st Junior Training (63.364%) and ranked 25th Junior First Level (61.889%)

Juliyana Straley riding Anastasia of KHA, owned by Jessica Hanney, 5th Place Young Rider Training (60.182%)

Elizabeth Ketterer riding NIC Dreamy Guy, 6th Place AA Training (69.635%) and 8th Place AA First Level (69.778%)

Tracy DiSabato-Aust riding Wiz Bang LMP, ranked 25th AA Training (66.313%) and ranked 26th AA First Level (65.872%)

Jessica Hanney riding Anastasia of KHA, ranked 39th AA Training (63.718%)

Jan Chambers riding Cassandra OOS, ranked 47th AA Training (58.818%) and ranked 33rd AA First Level (63.813%)

Linden Thompson riding N'Tempo SSH1, ranked 11th AA First Level (68.870%), 5th Place AA Second Level (70.304%), and 5th Place AA Third Level (68.212%)

Margaret Murphy riding Aspen Valley MRF, 8th Place Open Training (68.231%) and ranked 24th Open First Level (66.374%)

Suzannah Rogers riding Adrenaline Rush SBF, Reserve Champion Junior First Level (70.215%), 4th Place Junior Second Level (68.011%) and 3rd Place Junior FEI Pony Test (69.185%)

Lauren Chumley riding Abella TSH, owned by Meg Huey, 7th Place Open First Level (71.353%) and ranked 11th Open Second Level (68.529%)

Tracy Rowe-McEwan riding Stellar TVR, owned by Mary Procopio, ranked 17th Open First Level (68.091%)

Jennifer Grossman riding Noble Champion, ranked 11th AA Second Level (68.579%)



Lauren Chumley riding Abella TSH, owned by Meg Huey, in Second Level Test 2 for a score of 66.67% at Adequan Global Dressage Festival 10 in Wellington OH, March 2017.

Emilie Goddard riding Abercrombie Of Deer Haven, ranked 13th Open Third Level (71.276%)

SMALL HORSE DIVISION

Shelby Blades riding Ressonance of New Horizons, CHAMPION Open Introductory (71.625%) and ranked 13th Open Training (66.806%)

Alice Morse riding Afghan NTF, 8th Place AA Training (66.189%) and ranked 18th AA First Level (62.603%)

MORE RESULTS!

AURA OF GENESIS, owned by Genesis Farm and ridden by Averī-Sue Copes, received Overall High Point at her first ridden outing! With fewer than 30 days under saddle, she competed at a week-long show, placing 1st in both Saddleseat Pleasure and Equitation, 1st in Hunter Pleasure, 1st in Equitation, 2nd in Western Pleasure, and 1st in Western Horsemanship, including winning pattern classes against seasoned show horses. She won her first dressage test with a score of 72.4%. She faced many new experiences, taking everything on like a pro. Aura received countless comments about her quality, color, and movement. This mare's talent had no limit!



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MORE RESULTS!

The following horses were inadvertently left out of the Results Issue, and their achievements deserved to be shared!

AN EXPENSIVE DECISION YES earned the HCC MERIT AWARD (Obstacle Driving). She was also invited to compete at the Massachusetts Equine Affaire Versatile Horse & Rider Competition with Andrea Lytle. At the Buckeye Haflinger Show, she was Novice Rider WTC High Point Reserve Champion with Bailey Mannigan. She placed 1st in Novice Rider E/W Pleasure WTC, Novice Rider E/W Equitation WTC, and Novice Rider Hunter Over Crossrails W/T, placed 2nd in Novice Rider Hunter Equitation Over Crossrails W/T, Working Equitation Speed Trail WTC, and Obstacle Driving Cones, placed 3rd in Youth Trail WTC, and placed 4th in Hunter Over Fences 18" W/T, Turnout, and Working Pleasure. At the Central Ohio Haflinger Show, she was named Working Equitation WTC High Point Reserve Champion with rider Liz Murphy. She placed 1st in USDF Training Test 1 Open, Working Pleasure Driving Marem, Hunter Over Fences, Working Equitation Speed Trail Driven, and Open 2' Handy Hunter, placed 2nd in Open Obstacle Driving Cones, USDF Training Test 2 Open, Open Ridden Trail WTC, Barrels and Pole Bending, placed 3rd in Reinsmanship, Hunter Equitation Over Fences 2', and Working Equitation Speed Trail WTC, and 4th in Adult Showmanship 19 & Up and Open English Equitation WTC. *Photo credit Studio 316.*

ANEMONE'S ACCOMPLICE YES earned the HCC MERIT AWARD (English WTC Division). At the Buckeye Haflinger Show, she and Andrea Lytle were named Classical Dressage High Point Reserve Champion and Working Equitation W/T/C High Point Reserve Champion. She placed 1st in USDF Training Test 2 Open, Open English Equitation WTC, Open Handy Hunter 2', Hunter Equitation Over Fences 2', and Open English Pleasure WTC, place 2nd in Four or Five Year Old Mares, Adult Showmanship 19 & Up, Hunter Over Fences 2', Open English Road Hack WTC, and USDF Training Test 1 Open, and placed 3rd in Open Ridden Trail WTC and Working Equitation Speed Trail WTC. At the Central Ohio Haflinger Show, the pair were named English WTC High Point Champion. They placed 1st in USDF Training Test 2 Open, Open English Pleasure WTC, Open English Equitation WTC, Open Handy Hunter 2'3"-2'6", and Hunter Equitation Over Fences 2', placed 2nd in USDF Training Test 1 Open, Open English Road Hack WTC and Working Equitation Speed Trail WTC, and placed 3rd in Four or Five Year Old Mares, Adult Showmanship 19 & Up, and 3rd Hunter Over Fences 2'3".

MINT CELEBRATION OF GENESIS competed in several combined driving events. She won the Spring Fling CDE after finishing 1st in Dressage (44.83), 2nd in Cones and 1st on Marathon. She finished 3rd overall at the Palm Tree CDE after placing 4th in Dressage (66.11), 1st in Cones and 4th on Marathon. And at the prestigious Live Oak International CDE, she placed 2nd in dressage on a 53.95. She was also subsequently named the **Twin Birch Best Pony of 2017**. Taffy gave her all and really caught onto what CDE competition is all about when she suffered a ligament injury at Live Oak. After rehabbing for two months in Florida and the remaining months of stall rest and medical follow-ups back home, she's taken her recovery in stride while making great progress. A real trooper!

REVEILLON TOF earned the HCC EXCELLENCE AWARD (English WTC Division). At the Buckeye Haflinger Show, she placed 1st in Hunter Over Fences 2'3", Hunter Equitation Over Fences 2'3", Open Handy Hunter 2'3"-2'6", Open English Pleasure WTC, and Open English Road Hack WTC, placed 2nd in Open English Equitation WTC and Six-Year-Old & Older Mares, and 3rd in Pole Bending. At the Central Ohio Haflinger Show, she and Jill Nard were the English WTC High Point Reserve Champion, and she and Andrea Lytle were the Gymkhana WJL High Point Reserve Champion. She placed 1st in Barrel Racing, Hunter Equitation Over Fences 2'6", and Keyhole, placed 2nd in Hunter Over Fences 2'6", Open Handy Hunter 2'3"-2'6", and Open English Equitation WTC, placed 3rd in Open English Pleasure WTC and Open English Road Hack WTC, and placed 4th in Six-Year-Old & Older Mares and Pole Bending.

THALIA YES earned the HCC MERIT AWARD (English W/T Division). At the Buckeye Haflinger Show, she won the Working Equitation W/T High Point Reserve Championship with Andrea Lytle. She also won USDF Intro A Open, USDF Intro B Open, USDF Intro C Open, Working Equitation Speed Trail W/T, Open English Pleasure W/T, and Green Horse E/W Pleasure Equitation, and placed 3rd in Three-year-old Filly, Open English Equitation W/T, Green Horse E/W Pleasure W/T, W/J Split B, and Open English Road Hack W/T. At the Central Ohio Haflinger Show, she was both the Classical Dressage High Point Champion and English W/T High Point Champion with Andrea Lytle. She placed first in Three-year-old Filly, USDF Intro C Open, and Open English Equitation W/T, placed 2nd in Open English Road Hack W/T and Green Horse E/W Equitation W/T, placed 3rd in USDF Intro A Open, USDF Intro B Open, Adult Dressage E/W Equitation W/T, and Open Ridden Trail W/T, and placed 4th in Open English Pleasure W/T.



committee updates

AMERICAN HAFLINGER REGISTRY WEBSITE UPDATES

The American Haflinger Registry has two internet avenues for communicating with members, prospective members and people interested in the Haflinger breed: the AHR Facebook page and the AHR website.

The AHR Facebook page provides a vehicle to get information to people in near real time. The newsfeed feature allows us to get announcements, important notices, show results and other current information out quickly. Information on this page is not static like a website. At this point, it is important to clarify that the AHR Fan Page is not administered, operated or monitored by the Registry. If you are looking for information from the horse's mouth, so to speak, you need to access the AHR Facebook page. I know the two pages have caused some confusion, and while we value input from our members, we have some control over the message that the Haflinger Breed presents to the overall horse world and prospective owners and members. We have plenty of avenues for discussions. All Board members' emails, addresses and telephone numbers are published on the website and in the magazine. Please give us a call or drop us a line, we would love to hear from you.

The website is more static. We use this for members and non-members to access forms, general information on the breed, about the Registry, Registry programs and committees. This information does not change every day and can easily get outdated. The Board noticed several issues with outdated information on the website at the end of 2017. In addition, at the annual meeting in August, members suggested that we should have a members' only section. At the annual Board planning meeting in November, the Board established a project to completely update the website and to implement a new members' only section. We have targeted the completion of the members' only section by the end of the first quarter of 2018. We hope to complete most of the website update in the same time frame, but because several committees need to review and potentially develop new information, this may extend into the second quarter.

The members' only section will be accessed with a combination of your member identification number and a password. It will contain communications and information intended only for members. Members will be able to access an online version of the Haflinger Horse through this section. Any special benefits that accrue to members will be publicized and accessed in this section. We want to make this section contribute to the value of the membership, but understand that it is important to have public facing material that supports our breeders, trainers and owners in promoting the breed and selling Haflingers. Presenting the Haflinger in the best light, highlighting their versatility, athleticism, temperament and trainability will help all Haflingers. As of this writing the members' only section is a work in progress and the final components have not been approved by the Board. We will keep everyone informed as this project progresses and final decisions are considered.

New Credit Card System

AHR has implemented a new credit card payment system. The Board had targeted the completion of this implementation by January 1st, but Jessica Hanney and Dave Ayers did a great job and completed the project in December. Great job and thank-you. The new credit card system will allow the Registry to accept payment from all types of credit cards for a fee of 4% on the transaction to cover the fees charged to the Registry. This will give AHR greater flexibility in accepting payments and provides for a faster and easier access to Registry funds than our PayPal account. For everyone that would like to pay by PayPal, as you did in the past, this is still an option, you will just have to use your PayPal account. The new credit card acceptance system allows us to provide a better, more convenient service to more members. We apologize for those that are inconvenienced by the change, but the Board believed that the overall service improvement warranted the change, and, as stated earlier, PayPal is still a payment option.

committee updates



NATIONAL SHOW INCENTIVE PROGRAMS MADE EASY!

With the turn of the calendar comes more snow AND more EXCITEMENT about the 2018 National Sport Horse Show! A big thank you to our early sponsors listed in this magazine as well as those received after the magazine went to print. Our Youth and Stall Incentive Programs work hand in hand with sponsorships, benefitting both the exhibitor and the show, so I thought I'd take this time to outline the programs a little more.

First, the Stall Sponsorship Incentive Program -- all exhibitors have the opportunity to participate in this program, earning \$5 credit towards stall fees for every \$50 secured in sponsorships. Horse/tack stall fees are \$35/stall/day if paid by March 1st and \$40/stall/day if paid after March 1st. If your stall payment sent in with your entries is postmarked by March 1st, any sponsorship credits received up until the first day of the show will be applied to the \$35/stall/day price. If your stall check is postmarked March 2nd or later credits will be applied to the \$40/stall/day price.

Additionally, youth have the opportunity to participate in both the Youth Sponsorship Incentive and Stall Sponsorship Incentive Programs, earning \$5 credit towards stall and entry fees for every \$50 in sponsorships. There is no limit to the amount of sponsorships that may be applied to a youth exhibitor's class fees. If credits total above and beyond what the exhibitor owes in class fees, credits may be transferred to a fellow exhibitor as instructed.

Please keep in mind that you may collect sponsorships for either program any time, however, sponsorships received after May 1st are not guaranteed inclusion in the show program. June 15th is the final postmark date for submissions by mail for either the Stall or the Youth Sponsorship Incentive Programs. In order to receive credit

for sponsorships received after June 15th, the Stall and/or Youth Sponsorship Incentive Form and sponsorship checks MUST be brought to the show with you and cannot be mailed.

Sponsorships of any amount may be accepted from donors. Sponsors may also combine their contributions to create a recommended donation of \$50 or more. For instance, three co-workers could contribute \$10 from one person and \$20 from the other two for a total of \$50 which would then be listed as one sponsor (i.e. Sponsors of Suzie Exhibitor). When collecting a donation in this instance please ask what the group would like to be listed as. Each level of sponsorship includes certain perks and privileges, all of which can be found at www.haflingnationals.com and should be shared with donors when requesting sponsorships. Note: Group sponsorship perks and privileges are not individually assigned -- individual contributors to a group sponsorship may or may not receive a portion of these, dependent on how many people are in the group and how the group decides to divvy up the benefits of their level of sponsorship.

Are you ready to contact your first sponsor? All of the required forms can be downloaded and printed from the National Show website at www.haflingnationals.com. There you will find instructions for calculating your savings on stalls and youth entry fees. Remember to include the completed forms and sponsorship checks (payable to AHR National Show) when sending in your entries or before the final deadline.

Sponsors of either program may also make donations by credit card or PayPal at www.haflingnationals.com to benefit a particular exhibitor. Exhibitors with stall sponsors or youth sponsors would just need to include the sponsor name, amount of the donation, the beneficiary (you!) and a side note that the payment was made online. If your sponsor is paying online please let them know they must include your name as the beneficiary when making their donation. Remember, you must include your sponsor's name on your Stall Sponsorship Incentive or Youth Sponsorship Incentive Form to receive credit.

One last note -- if you gain additional sponsorships after paying for your early entries in full, credits may be used towards any late entry fees you may make or be assigned to a fellow exhibitor as instructed by you. Most importantly, mark your calendars to remind yourself of the March 1st discount deadline. Good luck and thank you for participating!

SPRING SALE IS AROUND THE CORNER

Join us for American Haflinger Registry's Registered Haflinger Auction at Ashland County Fairgrounds in Ashland, Ohio, May 11-12, 2018. This annual event will once again include everyone's favorite Tack Sale, Stallion Showcase and Service Auction, and Fun Auction (benefitting the National Shows)! Consignments are now open - see the inserts included with this magazine for full details!

POINTS AND AWARDS

Attention 2017 participants of the Golden Path Recreation Tracking and the AHR Ambassador Performance Recognition programs!

Last call to submit points and hours! All enrollments and submissions are due January 31, 2018! Golden Path Recreation Tracking participants will receive custom medallions marking their highest milestone. AHR Ambassadors will receive individual stall plaques, also personalized to highlight 2017's achievements.

Also, don't forget to submit photos for next issue's recap of all participants' achievements! Photos may be emailed to haflingerhorsemagazine@gmail.com or mailed to Jessica Hanney, 10691 Sayers Rd, Munith MI 49259.

AMERICAN HAFLINGER FUND

The American Haflinger Fund is a 501c(3) Charitable Non-Profit Corporation. Our goals include maintaining an ongoing scholarship fund for young people involved with the Haflinger breed, and the establishment of a building fund with the prospect of owning a building which would house a Haflinger Museum and the American Haflinger Registry Office.

To donate, make checks payable to the American Haflinger Fund, and mail to PO Box 2690, Akron OH 44309. Your gifts will be acknowledged by receipt for your records. Thank you to the following supporters of the American Haflinger Fund:

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IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO ENROLL YOUR STALLION IN THE SHOWCASE AND SERVICE AUCTION!

We appreciate all of those who annually enjoy the stallion parade and join us for the meet-and-greet reception, and extend a huge thank you to the stallion owners who have donated breedings to support the AHR, and to all of those who have bid on services.

Once again, the 2018 event will be held in conjunction with the Spring Sale on May 11 & 12, 2018. Proceeds from the stallion service fees and showcase to benefit the AHR Futurity. Stallions donating a breeding will be advertised in the magazine and online in the stallion service auction.

Entry Deadline is March 1, 2018. However, stallion owners donating a breeding are encouraged to get their entries and payment in as soon as possible to take advantage of the Online Stallion Service Auction running from January 1, 2018 through 11am the day of the sale.

IN THE NEXT ISSUE OF HAFLINGER HORSE...

The spring issue of Haflinger Horse will focus on

GETTING READY FOR THE SEASON

Share what you've done over the winter and how you're preparing for the upcoming season!

From the show ring to the trail, the busy summer season approaches for most of the country. Whether winter is your down time to recover and restore, or whether you spent the time conditioning and preparing, we want to hear your upcoming plans! Were you fortunate enough to winter somewhere warm? Share your results, recaps, and personal stories. Have some grooming and fitting tips and tricks or trade secrets to spill? We want details! Or just send in your high quality photos with a brief caption for inclusion!

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haflingers in history

STALLION ISSUE SPECIAL: A LOOK AT THE FOUNDING STALLION LINES

While heavy horses were popular north of the Alps, the rough roads and steep grades to the south required a smaller and more nimble horse mixed with Oriental blood. Although a regional type of a light horse for riding and wagon-work had been desired as far back as the 16th-century, the origin of the breed itself can be traced to the Austrian state-owned Oriental half-bred stallion El Bedavi XXII, and a rural farmer's native mare named Folie. The resulting colt named 249 Folie is considered the foundation of the Haflinger breed.

The Imperial Ministry of Agriculture purchased several foals, but saw little success with the breed. However, in 1897, Major Ludwig County Huyn travelled the area, stopping unauthorized breeding and purchasing all colts with proven Oriental blood for further breeding in Austria. In 1899, a creation of a state-subsidized breeding program allowed for the best mares to be used in a targeted breeding program. As early as the 1920s, a desired type was specified, with mares at this time averaging in height from 51.77 inches to 59 inches in height, with an average girth of 68.89 inches – a light and elegant horse. Only purebred Haflinger mares of the appropriate type and model were registered in the studbooks in Tyrol. It was also at this point in development that the seven foundation stallion lines were formed:

Founder of the A-line: 999 Anselmo

Born in 1926, 6th generation Haflinger

Although the A-line is considered one of the most important stallion lines today, Anselmo was in the breeding region of South Tyrol and could show no young stock there, so for much of his life he had no targeted breeding. When a lack of stallions after World War II caused concerns that the line would not survive, he was purchased in 1947 at the age of 21 by the Haflinger Breeders' Association of Tyrol to cover mares from valuable maternal lines. He ultimately produced eight stud stallions, four of which were used for breeding.

Founder of the B-line: Bolzano

Born in 1915, 5th generation Haflinger

At the separation of South Tyrol from Austria, Bolzano was one of the few stallions to remain there, and with no quality line breeding undertaken in South Tyrol, the line was nearly lost. The Haflinger Breeders' Association of Tyrol saved the line with the purchase of his grandson, Bozen, in 1965, and has since attempted to build up the strength of the B-line.

Founder of the M-line: Massimo

Born in 1927, 7th generation Haflinger

Massimo had a large initial influence on the breed with his six sons, including 1262 Midas, but over time has become known for producing outstanding daughters.



Founder of the A-line, the stallion Anselmo was born in 1926, but not used for breeding until the age of 21.

Founder of the N-line: Nibbio (Niggl 2)

Born in 1920, 6th generation Haflinger

One of the strongest stallion lines today, Nibbio is well known for producing excellent quality throughout the N-line. His line split into two branches: Naz in Germany and Austria, and Nautilus in Italy.

Founder of the S-line: Stelvio

Born in 1923, 6th generation Haflinger

Another less populous and relatively weak line, Stelvio's S-line has resulted in individually successful horses, but none of an overall importance. The Haflinger Breeders' Association of Tyrol has also attempted to strengthen this line with targeted breeding.

Founder of the St-line: Student

Born in 1927, 6th generation Haflinger

Student spread the St-line through the world, especially through his son Stromer. Initially prolific, the line weakened in subsequent generations, although focused breeding has shown a recent improvement in the line.

Founder of the W-line: Iiz Willi

Born in 1921, 5th generation Haflinger

Although dominant today, Willi's W-line was nearly lost. He produced far more daughters than sons, only four of his sons were kept for breeding. Of those, one died after minimal breeding, one was placed in an area with poor quality mares, and one (Willi I) was exported to Syria. Although Willi I's line was continued by his grandson Wieland, Wieland's dam was unregistered and so he was avoided. Willi's fourth son, Wardein, was purchased late in life at the age of 20 to save the line. Much like Anselmo, he became incredibly influential.

around the world



TYROLEAN HAFLINGER STALLION SELECTION

Traditionally, on the first weekend of February, the most promising young three year-old stallions of the Tyrolean Haflinger Breeding Association are selected at Fohlenhof Ebbs.

Before a young Tyrolean Haflinger stallion is allowed to appear at the association selection, he must already have successfully passed a number of selection stages. The preparation of the young animals is very varied: All

stallions are brought into perfect condition by the Fohlenhof team – they are ridden in, harnessed and driven with a single carriage. The young stallions are also subjected to a breeding fitness examination, to establish whether they are suitable for natural breeding.

From 9.30 a.m. the young stallions are presented to the commission. The strict selection is also the guarantee for sustainable breeding progress in the breeding of Tyrolean Haflingers. We look forward once again to an exciting event, coming up on February 4th, 2018! (Photo by Bob Schouten)

2018 EUROPEAN HAFLINGER CHAMPIONSHIP

Mark your calendars! The 2018 European Haflinger Championship will be held August 23 to 25 in Stadl-Paura, Austria. The program features many additions, including Western Horsemanship and Ranch Riding. New disciplines have also been added, including free jumping and Mountain Trail, a discipline open to all riding styles, and one which will allow the Haflingers to flaunt their calm and sure-footed nature. The upcoming EUCH will also feature a special prize for stallions with outstanding results in the individual tournament classes. Another change allows for participants in the driving, dressage and eventing disciplines to decide whether to register their six-year old horse in the young horses class or among the horses aged 6+. A major highlight will definitely be the Jump&Drive Nations Cup, which is guaranteed to be a fun and exciting new feature not just for the audience!



WHBSF TRAINING FOR HAFLINGER JUDGES

One of the core topics of the World Haflinger Breeding and Sports Federation is the continued training and professional development of Haflinger experts and judges. To that end, the Federation offers a number of training courses throughout the year. Although initially these are centered predominantly on the main breeding regions, the aim of the WHBSF is ultimately provide ample opportunity for all member organizations. All international judges must be qualified and nominated by their national registry.

Golden Greetings

*A column sharing stories of how people became hooked on Haflingers!
To share your story and photo, visit haflingerhorse.com/golden-greetings*

Winter 2018 Profile: Kathie Hanson

We purchased our first Haflingers in the fall of 2009, however our journey to this breed started a couple of years earlier. First of all, I grew up loving horses from a young age and when I was 10 my father bought me a Welsh pony cross. This was an ornery bugger and was soon replaced by a grade Quarter Horse gelding who I loved and rode until I sold him to another young girl. She had begged to buy him from me for a couple of years and she had a lot more time for him than I did at that time. A lot more horses followed through the years, most of them Quarter Horses.

Fast forward to 2007. Mike was looking for a saddle horse and found this "Gorgeous AQHA mare, Flashy Buckskin color, Outstanding bloodlines, Trail Horse Deluxe" with a barn name of Dusty. Long story short, Mike bought her in May 2007 and we soon learned she had the temperament of a shrew and didn't particularly like being ridden either. Off she went to learn how to pull a buggy. I had a bad feeling about this when we went to pick her up. The guy who had trained her had to lead her up the hill going out of their driveway when him and Mike went for a test drive. We brought her home and found out she had a work ethic of zero. But we continued to drive her just for fun as we had the new Roberts cross country carriage Mike had bought!

Along about this same time we went on a wagon ride with Mike's family and friends from the Go and Whoa Harness club in Bemidji, MN. During this wagon ride Lennae Ferrie of Slip Knot Farm came up beside the wagon we were on, riding a striking gold horse with dazzling white mane and tail. She told me it was a Haflinger and that she and her husband Lynn

raised them. She also mentioned that they were trained to drive. A light bulb went on in my head!

In the coming weeks I researched this breed and was intrigued. A year or so went by and Dusty went to the sale barn after kicking Mike into the manure pile one day. In the summer of 2009 I went on Dreamhorse and searched for Haflingers trained to drive and soon found a team of geldings in Ohio that were 9 and 10 years old. McDiesel Rhm (Rob) and Mr. Tomy Haflinger MUD (Norm) arrived in September and the love affair with Haflingers started. We were totally green drivers but after a trip to the relatives in Bemidji to fit their harnesses and take a test drive we were told they were a well broke team we would have no problems with. And they were right. We learned to drive with this team and came to love this method of transportation. These two boys were neverendingly patient with us and very forgiving when we made mistakes. Norm is still with us and is the only gelding on the farm.

In 2011 Grace was purchased from Derhaflingerhof in Ohio and bred to Standard of Excellence. We went to pick her up in May of 2011 and of course went to the AHR sale where I bought Demeter Wulf, also of Derhaflingerhof. "Demi" is still on our farm and is one of our main "go to" horses that will do anything that is asked of her. She has worked with Mike to teach prospective new drivers how to drive and also consistently wins Champion mare or Reserve Champion mare at halter during our local county fair. Grace was sold in 2013 but came back to our farm this summer. Norm, Demi and Grace pay for all our hay with sleigh and buggy ride money they earn over the course of the year.

We compete at local fairs and sleigh rides across Minnesota and go on overnight wagon rides with our horses. We also give rides at the local petting zoo once a week during the summer. We have given Santa rides in parades and to visit local children at community centers on numerous occasions during the holidays. They have been in numerous parades including one in which Mike was driving Demi and an elephant walked right in front of her! She never blinked an eye. We participate in several different farm field days each year that show the public how horses used to be used for plowing, mowing hay, etc. The Haflingers have no trouble doing the same work the big draft horses do at these events! We have twice been to the Black Hills in South Dakota with a team of Haflingers and had a lot of fun seeing the country from between golden ears! We do a yearly sleigh ride for the community free of charge that is a fundraiser for our local community food shelf. We started doing this with two teams of our own Haflingers just for family and friends but it quickly grew into a much bigger event and we now usually have five or more teams from local draft horse clubs to help us give rides. On top of this they are used at home to plow up new gardens, harvest potatoes, spread manure, do logging and anything else Mike can think of to keep them busy.

Somewhere along the line I had seriously started thinking of becoming a breeder of these beautiful and very versatile horses. I did a lot of on-line research of bloodlines and looking at Haflingers across the US, along with checking out years of futurity results. I found that the horses being produced at Genesis Farm seemed to be the epitome of the type of Haflinger that I wanted to produce. They closely followed the standards described for the breed and consistently placed well at their futurities and classifications.

While following the Genesis Farm website I had seen pictures of a gorgeous young stallion named Niagara YES and fell in love with him. Long



story short, we wound up buying this beautiful, Gold Classified boy with his impressive athleticism and wonderful temperament. I found Donna Mulinski of Spectrum Horse Service in Elsie, Michigan, and “Slim” was dropped off there the fall of 2015. Niagara YES is doing well in dressage and is presently schooling second level with 3K Performance Horses out of the Spectrum Horse Service barn. We plan on taking him to the National show at the Kentucky Horse Park in July 2018 where he will be shown at the National Haflinger show and also at the National Dressage Pony Cup. He won the summer open breed dressage series at Wyn Farm in Michigan as high point champion in Training Level Novice Horse and also placed very well in numerous other open dressage shows during the summer. Come see him at the Michigan Horse Expo in East Lansing, Michigan, March 9-11, 2018!

In the last couple of years several young fillies have been acquired, trained, and classified. In July of 2016 our three-year-old mare, Limited Edition of Genesis was classified Gold and four year old Rumor Has It of Genesis was classified silver. In July of 2017 our imported mare, Marlena of Genesis was classified high silver, missing gold by one point. Luxury Edition of Genesis and Reality Check of Genesis are the next generation

coming up for classification and training.

Our goal is to breed high quality Haflingers that closely follow the breed standards set forth by the American Haflinger Registry. To that end I believe we have one of the best stallions in the country and some of the most well-bred mares to breed to him. Keep an eye on Due North Haflingers for your next golden horse!



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Breeding: Like a Box of Chocolates...

By Karen Young

When I was asked to write this article, I first politely refused, then suggested that someone else might want to be asked. However, after acknowledging the successful, impactful breeders before us, I confirmed with myself that we are nonetheless mindful breeders who do have something to offer. We've had success as the breeder of the first American-bred gold classified stallion (Niagara YES) and other attractive, functional, and athletic horses. We've also produced "high hopes" horses whose form to function conformation may not have been 100% but who served as useful, trainable, athletic performance horses just the same. Any breeder who tells you they have never been surprised by the results of a cross is one who isn't ready to share the whole story.

I sometimes think back to a family I knew – human, not equine. Both parents as well as three of their four children had less than super model looks. The fourth child, however, could have been selected as the year's sexiest man alive! It perplexed everyone how such a good-looking child could come of the same parents. As the years went by, the son began to look more like the dad and genetics held true, confirming a phrase we live by here on our farm – you plant corn, you get corn! That being said, a Gold Classified stallion crossed with a Gold Classified mare does not always result in a Gold offspring. And, while you may come close, chances are you'll never get exactly the same horse in looks, ability, or attitude when breeding for full siblings.

Our stallion selection process is first somewhat controlled by the availability of the semen via chilled or frozen

semen. We have used live cover on occasion, but have found our preference to be artificial insemination, so typically give those stallions preference. Next, we compare the mare and stallion pedigrees to check for signs of close breeding and eliminate stallions based on bloodlines that may be a little too close.

Ideally, we like to see the stallion in person. Our horses are shown in the pleasure arena, so it's important to us that offspring have long, ground covering strides as well as the hind-quarter construction for a future in the hunter/jumper arena. Therefore, we like to look at stallions at a walk, trot and canter as well as from a standstill. Many times, this it's done watching the stallion in the show ring and at liberty. I will never forget the relief I felt when I finally saw a potential stallion in person who I had seriously contemplated using, based solely off his beautiful ads. Like any photo, the picture told a thousand words, but it didn't tell it all. That was a lesson learned – see the stallion in person whenever possible.

Perfect horses are hard, make that impossible, to come by, so we pick and choose our priorities (i.e. nice head, good hindquarters, etc.) This is where Step #3 comes in – utilizing the AHR classification program as the useful tool it is intended to be. We're lucky to be able to visit the AHR website free of charge and look up the scores for stallions anytime and then compare those individual categories to the scores of our mares. With improvement of the offspring being the goal, we typically will not use a stallion whose scores are less than the mares unless those areas are few and our mare's score is substantial enough to at least meet at



Niagara YES, pictured as a weanling in 2010, was bred by Dirk and Karen Young using frozen semen imported from Europe. His sire is the talented German stallion, Notting Hill, and he is out of the mare Loreta NTF. At his inspections in 2013, he became the first ever American bred stallion to receive a Gold Classification score.

above average. For our priority areas, we'd like to see the stallion scores substantially better than the mare's.

Next, we look at the stallion's family. This is where attending the sales and visiting European breeders comes in handy. Seeing consistency in offspring conformation, both positive and negative, and talking with mare owners about any genetic abnormalities or dispositions resulting from their crosses can help us make more educated decisions. Again, there is nothing better than seeing the stallion in person, and doing so can help ease the selection process. If you EVER have the chance to go to Austria for the stallion show, do it! I say this not because I feel American horses aren't equally qualified. I recommend it because it is an opportunity to see more generational lines. It is a real education, one that will stay with you for years after when looking over horses here in the U.S.

I would be remiss if I didn't mention that we also received some of the

best advice about the other half of the equation (mare selection) from atop an Austrian mountain. It was there that we had one of the most memorable visits to Beck's Sport Hotel and viewed a parade of several mare generations. Breeder Beck's advice when selecting a mare was to look at the mother, then the grandmother, then the great grandmother, then great-great grandmother, then look at the mother again. This examination offers some insight into the strengths (and weaknesses) of your mare line and can help in stallion selection.

Finally, beyond the genetics which dictate conformation, we look at the inherent disposition and trainability traits as well. If time after time we see offspring from the same line who "have a mind of their own" far beyond their youthful days, we're less likely to use that stallion.

We didn't set out to be breeders. However, after buying our first Haflinger in 1994, the next in 1995 and

generally at least one a year for several years thereafter, we decided it was time to produce some of our own. In doing so, it led us to import several mares from Austria and Germany and adopt a quality not quantity standard, which we still live by today. There have been many fine breeders who have left their mark on the Haflinger market, and we all have our favorites. Yet, the small breeder should not feel any less qualified or obligated to accept the responsibility each and every breeding entails.

In closing, I like to offer a few additional thoughts – whatever stallion you choose, find a qualified veterinarian who is skilled in breeding (not all vets are -- especially if you're looking to utilize frozen semen), breed for the betterment of the breed -- not for money, and breed only if you have the time, talent, and tenacity to accept the outcome and responsibly raise the foal you've brought into the world.

Trials & Tribulations Challenges of Competing a Breeding Stallion

by Sara Brooks



Stallion owners are in the unique position to cultivate two sources of value for the Haflinger community —

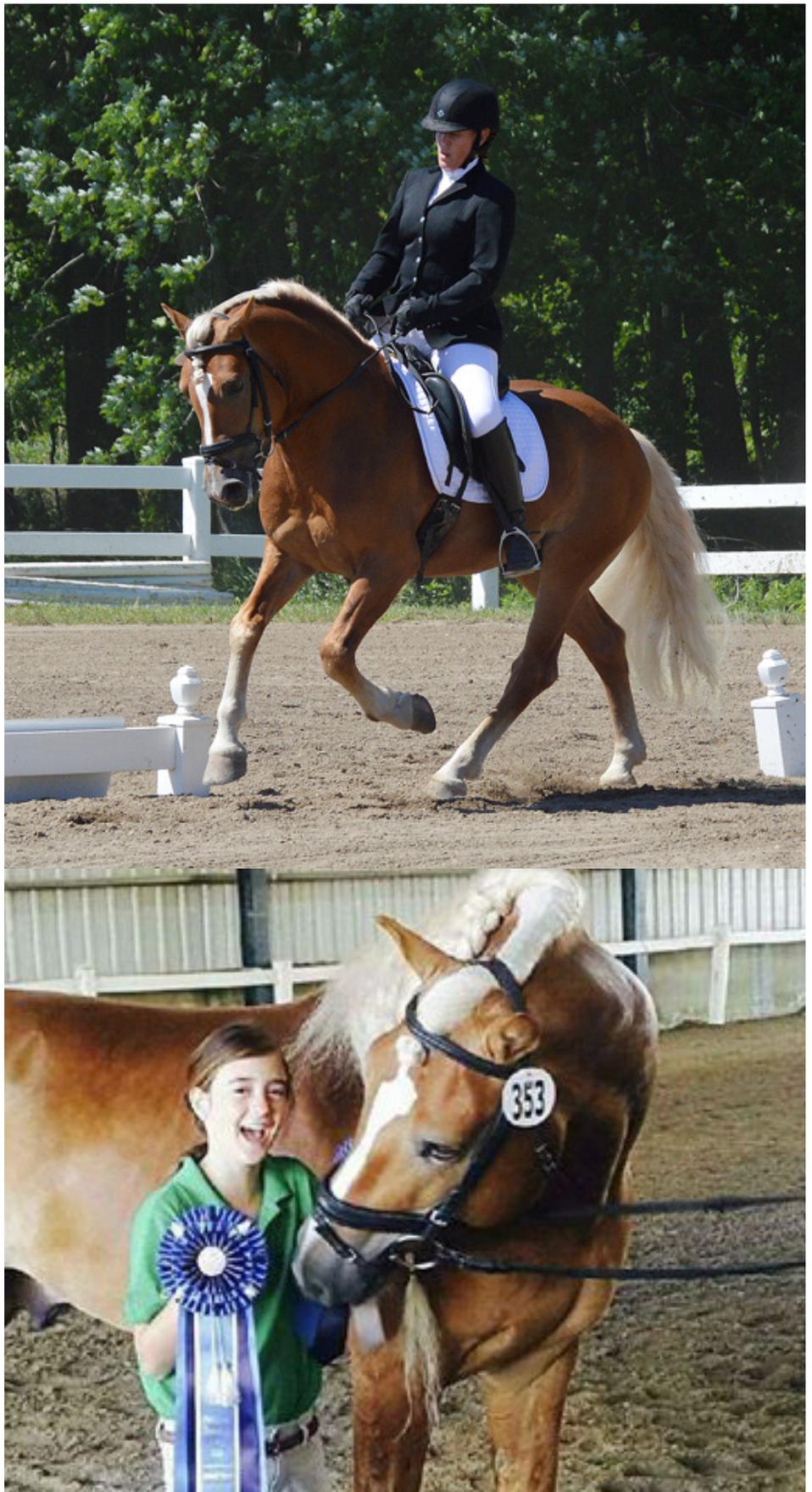
their stallions help to produce the desirable physical attributes and character traits for the next generation, and they can help to enrich the competitive body in any discipline. The problem, however, is that a large population of stallion owners choose not to compete their stallions due to any number of reasons.

Mary Procopio, owner of New Horizons Haflingers and Tracy Rowe, an accomplished FEI competitor and trainer based in Michigan, are an example of the special partnership that is needed to successfully stand and compete a stallion.

Mary's Haflinger stallion, Stellar TVR, was purchased as a two-year-old after he was imported from Austria alongside his dam. "He was from a modern Austrian stallion line (ST) that was fairly rare here in the United States, and based on his excellent conformation, movement and pedigree, I felt that he would cross very well with my group of select mares and have

a great deal to offer the breed in North America,” says Mary. After his preliminary “driver’s training,” Stellar began his under-saddle career with Pennsylvania-based trainer, Jennie Deephouse, and Mary chose to focus his four-year-old year on breeding and presentation at the German performance registries (AWS, RPSI, and Weser Ems), where “he passed his inspections for all and was provisionally approved awaiting performance results,” Mary explains. “The summer of his five-year-old year, Stellar went back to Jennie to prepare for the North American Pony Stallion 30-Day Testing, getting conditioned and learning how to jump. At the testing, he received outstanding scores, and excelled in all phases of jumping, which was a pleasant surprise,” says Mary. “We gave him the following year off to focus on breeding and in late 2015 he went back into fulltime training, this time with Tracy in order to keep him closer to home so that I could watch his progress and attend his shows, as well as to make it easier to allow him to continue double duty as a breeding stallion.” The relationship between Tracy and Mary developed quickly, as did the bond between Tracy and Stellar, and Tracy says “the partnership with the three of us has just been a really good fit. We all love each other and have a mutual respect and that is of utmost importance when training a horse for dressage -- there are lots of ups and lots of downs and we work so well together that it has all been a pleasure!”

From the beginning of their partnership, both Mary and Tracy understood the importance of keeping Stellar both breeding and competing. “In order for me to



Above, Stellar TVR and trainer Tracy Rowe compete at Wyn Farm's USDF show in Williamston Michigan (photo credit MV Photography). Below, Stellar finds a fan at the National Dressage Pony Cup in Lexington, Kentucky. Opposite, Tracy and Stellar after competing at the National Dressage Pony Cup.

keep Stellar in training, he had to 'earn his keep,' so to speak, and he does so by the sale of his foals bred by me and a very limited number of outside breedings," explains Mary. "Since he entered full-time training I have to coordinate schedules for everyone -- mare owners, Tracy, Michigan State University (where he is sometimes collected) and Spectrum (where he is collected when MSU is not available). This is very challenging for me, as I have a full-time job as a professor in addition to breeding horses. Tracy has been an additional blessing in that she hauls Stellar to MSU and handles him when she can, which helps me immensely, and she understands that he needs to pull double-duty." "The advantage," Mary says, "is that a lot of people within the

breed and outside the breed have become huge fans of his since the stallion testing, and I am sure that many of my clients have purchased foals and bred to him based on the fact that he is out performing. I know that future potential clients are doing the same and waiting to see how well he continues to do in performance venues. It seems to be more acceptable to show a mare under saddle for a year or two, then take her out of training to become a broodmare. But, with stallions, people want to see how far they can go and how much they can accomplish as they ascend through the levels and have to perform more difficult tests with stiffer competition." "It can be challenging to maintain Stellar's schedule however I think we all have figured it out after last year,"

explains Tracy. "Stellar breeds wonderfully -- again that temperament -- so it really has been a non-issue as far as training/riding him. I do most of the handling when he goes to MSU and I have to say that it has made Stellar's bond and respect of me as his trainer better."

Mary and Tracy understand the sometimes complicated components of Stellar's unique career and the reasons why many stallion owners choose either to breed or to compete, however, they work around the challenges through communication and feel that Stellar benefits greatly from the ability to do both. "I think some breeders do not compete stallions due to the time and expense it takes to do so, especially in open competition," explains Mary. "The downside is that when competing a stallion,

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one does have to limit the number of outside breedings, which leads to less offspring and therefore less of an impact in general on the breed. However, my focus has always been quality over quantity. I would rather have a dozen outstanding offspring by [Stellar] than dozens of offspring with only a few standouts." "Competing Stellar and breeding at least a few mares a year are both very important to me, but the competition side is definitely more important," Mary says. "I limit his outside breedings, and limit his breeding season fresh to just a few months in spring and early summer with frozen available year-round." "Tracy and I communicate constantly through Facebook, and I stop down at least once a month to visit, get updates and talk about where he is in relation to where we hope he will be by show season. We work out his show schedule in advance and I notify the mare owners when he is not available due to shows, and I plan my own breedings around his show schedule." explains Mary.

Additionally, explains Mary, "I also insist that mare owners confirm that their mares are out of transitional heat with their vet so that we have the best possible chance of obtaining a pregnancy on the first collection." "The great thing is that both Tracy and I are doing what is best for Stellar. If you go by age, I guess he technically should be showing at a higher level, but he hasn't been in training as long or as consistently (until he went to Tracy) as a lot of other stallions his age. We are pushing him a bit this year and next, but his well-being and health -- both mentally and physically -- are a priority for both of us. I'm in this

for the long-term and believe that Stellar has the physical ability and the heart to be successful at Grand Prix, so that is my long-term goal with him." "Mary and I do very well communicating about Stellar through the phone, text, and Facebook," explains Tracy. "We make choices in shows based on his breeding schedule, my schedule here at my farm with other horses and what is right for Stellar. His schedule is based on his happiness first and foremost always!"

As for the future, Mary is optimistic that more stallions will make their way to the show ring and that it will likely become an unspoken requirement for legitimacy. "I think that as time goes by stallions will be expected to do it all and to prove themselves in competition," she states. "There are just too many stallions out there doing so that make it hard for someone who doesn't to get the clients they would need to maintain a worthwhile breeding program." "I also think that it is a lost opportunity for the stallion owners who do not compete and for the breed in general, as I believe that character and temperament are most indicative by a horse's trainability and rideability," Mary explains. "Just because a stallion moves very well at liberty does not mean that he will be successful under saddle. Temperament and character are a huge focus of my breeding program, and the biggest compliment that I continually get from my clients is how easy it is to work with Stellar's offspring, how trainable they are, and in the case of the ones going

under saddle, how rideable they are." "There are some outstanding Haflinger stallions that I would love to see out performing who have had a significant impact with offspring that have gone on to compete, but the stallions themselves were never shown under saddle or performance tested,"

“Stallions who are breeding should all be competing; I think it is a sign of character”

says Mary. "If performance results were required in order for them to breed, they would not have had the opportunity to impact the breed the way they have done. I think the success of stallions out competing might be an incentive for others to do the same. I also think that it is important for us as stallion owners and breeders to encourage other stallion owners to do so and to offer support when we can, whether that be financially or otherwise." Tracy has great advice on this subject, as well. "Stallions who are breeding should all be competing," she says. "I think it is a sign of character. I personally would not breed to stallion who hadn't at least shown a little." "Personally," she says, "I would love to see more stallions out there, however, the biggest thing is safety and that takes a knowledgeable trainer with a lot of experience. It's the best thing an owner can do for their stallions... don't just hire any trainer, protect your investments!"

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Preparing for the Breeding Season

Preparing Your Stallion for the Breeding Season

Courtesy University of Kentucky College of Agriculture's Gluck Equine Research Center

With breeding season fast approaching, stallions should undergo breeding soundness exams before starting to breed mares, whether via artificial insemination or live cover.

Because overall health is critical to a stallion's reproductive success, a stallion must be in good physical condition and not overweight at the start of the season. Stallions carrying too much extra weight might show decreased sperm quality. Like all horses, they need exercise to maintain mental sharpness and a healthy body condition.

"It's not good for the stallion to be fat," said Ed Squires, PhD, Dipl. ACT (hon.), former director of University of Kentucky (UK) Ag Equine Programs and executive director of the UK Gluck Equine Research Foundation. "The problem ... is that fat in the scrotum insulates the testicles, which increases the temperature which, in turn, affects sperm production and quality."

Squires points out that in the Thoroughbred industry, stallions are rarely fat. They generally are turned out in a paddock, able to exercise freely, or they are in a sophisticated exercise program. But in the show horse industry, more stallions are overweight. Part of this is management: The non-Thoroughbred world doesn't always have access to the same type of housing and turnout as the Thoroughbred world; they rely on alternatives such as hot walkers and hand walking.

For an artificial insemination program, semen should be collected sev-

eral days in a row to stabilize sperm output collection. Then a reproductive specialist should conduct a breeding soundness exam on the horse.

"It's important to look at semen, usually by January, to assess the horse's semen parameters going into the breeding season," Squires recommended. "Breeding soundness is an indication of where the horse is in

terms of quality and sperm production, and those factors will determine how many mares he can handle. Additionally, once the stallion reaches his 'teenage' years, it's important to check sperm regularly so you have a baseline for his sperm count and quality in case changes occur dramatically."

A BREEDING SOUNDNESS EXAM MEASURES:

Motility Progressive motility, or sperm "quality"--an important parameter--measures how many sperm move in a straight line across a field. Owners should look for a range of 60-70% of the sperm being progressively motile with below 50% being a problem.

Total number of sperm in the ejaculate This will vary according to testicle size, season, and age of the horse. Look for sperm count in the 10-20 billion per ejaculate range. For a breeding evaluation, two collections can be taken one hour apart. There should be half the sperm in the second ejaculate as in the first.

Testicle size Testicles can be measured either with ultrasound to measure volume or plastic calipers to measure width. This should be

done several times a year to measure relative changes in size.

Bacterial shedding A horse can be physically healthy and still shed bacteria, so take swabs from the urethra, semen and prepuce for bacterial cultures.

Morphology Generally more than 50% of the sperm should be morphologically normal.

According to Squires, a breeding soundness exam before the season begins helps owners determine how many mares the stallion can likely handle. It will answer the following questions:

- Is the stallion fit, not fat?
- Has he changed from the previous year?
- Is his semen healthy in terms of sperm count morphology and motility?



Preparing Your Mare for the Breeding Season

By Scott Madill, DVM, University of Minnesota

Not having your mare in optimal condition to conceive when you are ready to breed her results in lower fertility, frustration, and financial losses that can extend through this season and into the next. The critical things to check for are: is she having regular heat cycles, does she have a uterine infection, and is she in good body condition?

Her maintenance healthcare including vaccinations, deworming and preventative dental work should also be reviewed and updated several weeks before going to stud.

To ensure she is having regular cycles and ovulating the mare needs to be exposed to increasing daylength starting 2 to 2.5 months before you want to breed her. For example, for mare owners wanting to breed in February, the supplemental lighting program should have been started

right after Thanksgiving or early in December. Even if you want a March or April foal, it is a good idea to start mares under lights as early as January, as it isn't unusual for mares that have not received light treatments to not cycle naturally until the early part of May.

The old standby of 16 hours of continuous light a day is easy and highly effective. The supplemental light is added in the evening, and in winter, this generally means the lights need to be on until 11 pm.

The rule of thumb for supplemental light intensity is being able to read a newspaper comfortably anywhere in the stall, which translates to a 200-watt incandescent bulb or two 40-watt fluorescent tubes. Pregnant mares that are due to foal early in the season should also be put under lights as it isn't unusual for them to stop cycling for a while after their foal heat.

Many stud farms require a uterine culture (pre-breeding swab) on open mares before they will accept them

for breeding to rule out infection. This can also benefit the mare owner as an undiagnosed infection can waste several heat cycles. Even the occasional maiden mare will be infected if she is a windsucker, and a complete veterinary examination of the reproductive tract can check not just for infection, but also for injuries and anatomic defects that affect fertility and cycling. For barren mares a full investigation was likely performed at the end of last season and now is a good time to recheck her.

From a nutrition stand point, the critical aspect is her body condition. Mares in moderate to good condition are more likely to cycle and conceive than those that are too thin or grossly overweight. Ideally, at the time she is bred, the mare has been in moderate condition and is adding just a little weight.

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Let's Talk Frozen

Pros and Cons of Using Frozen Semen

By Donna Mulinski

Frozen semen is semen that has been carefully processed, frozen and stored in liquid nitrogen for use in the future or for shipping out of the country. This can be a wonderful option for stallion owners for several reasons:

1) Insurance in the event of injury or death of the stallion.

2) Ability to ship semen any-time (i.e. without interrupting show commitments of the stallion). Many stallion owners elect to do the frozen semen work in the fall, winter or early spring when there are no show or breeding commitments for the stallion.

3) Ability to ship semen internationally (stallion will need to reside at a USDA-APHIS approved semen center facility and quarantine and specific testing will be required for this). A list of approved facilities in the US can be found at <https://www.aphis.usda.gov>.

Frozen semen is collected with the same methods used to collect semen for fresh cooled use or on site artificial insemination use. The semen is evaluated after collection for volume, gel fraction, motility, concentration and morphology, it is then added to a special centrifugation extender (and a centrifuge cushion) and centrifuged. The seminal plasma is drawn off after centrifugation (and the centrifuge cushion removed) leaving a sperm pellet (hyper concentrated semen). A freezing extender is then added to the



sperm pellet and gently mixed. That is then loaded into straws which range in size from ½ ml up to 5 ml. The straws are then suspended in liquid nitrogen vapor for a period of time before being plunged directly in the liquid nitrogen for storage. Once the semen is frozen it has the potential to be used many years later provided it remains properly stored in liquid nitrogen.

Some things to consider are that not all stallions' semen can be frozen. Regardless of how well a stallion's semen ships for fresh cooled, that is not enough to determine if that stallion's semen will survive the freezing (and thawing) process. Most facilities will do a test freeze to determine if the stallion is suitable for frozen semen. You must also realize that simply having semen that survives the freezing and thawing process is also not enough to ensure that the semen will result in pregnancies. It is suggested that test breeding be done with the frozen semen to insure it is capable of producing pregnancy.

Other things to consider are that not all veterinarians or reproduction facilities are capable of working with, or have the experience and skill to properly breed a mare using frozen semen. Frozen semen breeding can be

time consuming and requires careful monitoring of the mare to determine the optimum time to inseminate the mare getting as close to impending ovulation, or shortly after ovulation. The mare must also be a suitable candidate for breeding with frozen semen. A thorough breeding soundness exam should be done on the mare by an experience reproduction veterinarian and any issues treated before breeding.

While costs to have frozen semen work done have gotten reasonable over the years, it will generally cost more than just a standard fresh cooled collection as there are many more steps involved and more supplies used. There will be fees for storing the frozen semen as well. The costs on the mare end have to be considered as they can include: mare care, multiple ultrasounds, cultures, cytologies, biopsies, hormones, uterine flushes, a caslick and of course the timed insemination.

The best way to know what associated costs may be is to consult with your veterinarian or equine reproduction facility. They can better advise you on your stallion and the costs, or your mare and the costs.

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Choosing to Geld

When a Good Stallion Makes a Great Gelding

by Jacque Woodward

While few argue that breeding Haflingers is lucrative, (in fact, let's face it, we lose a huge amount of money if we sit down and do the figures) there is always a discussion as to the pairing of a stallion and mare. Why do we breed to begin with? And how do we as breeders determine that a horse is worthy (or not worthy) of being bred?

I can only speak for us with our breeding program. I was contacted to write this article in reference to our decision to geld our 78-point, high silver AHR inspected stallion Amazing Gold MMH, or "Pip" as I call him.

Mike and I have operated together as first Mike and Jacque Woodward (MJW) and now as Woodward Performance Haflingers for 19 years. Mike's family has been involved with Haflingers for over 40 years. In our 19 years of being Mike and I being on our own, we have kept

only 2 possible stallion candidates over the age of 2. One was Amazing Gold MMH (A Rock x Libby Gold MMH) and another we have now who is a two-year-old who may or may not make it for our breeding program.

We actually bred Libby Gold MMH (Adanac x La Gold MMH) for our friend, Ray Miller of Mini Mountain Haflingers in Dundee, Ohio. Ray is a dedicated Haflinger owner and a true horseman. We owned A Rock (Alpenstein x Marietta) a Gold Classified stallion Mike's dad, Dean Woodward, imported with some other owners when he was a colt. I had the pleasure of starting A Rock under saddle, training him, showing him, and later Mike and I purchased him when the partnership dissolved. A Rock was unlike any other horse I have had the pleasure of training or owning. Some people call it a heart horse,



but it was so much more. Mike would joke that I loved that horse more than him, and well, I never commented.

A Rock passed away much too soon from colic. While we had been breeding mares to him to try to get another 'A Rock' for future generations, it was proving to be impossible. When Ray introduced me to Pip, I honestly didn't want anything to do with him. He reminded me exactly of A Rock. His looks and his behavior. And I knew he would never be A Rock which was the problem. Of course, Ray knew what he was doing, and I took Pip when he was a yearling colt. I became smitten with this colt early on, mostly because of his antics. He was incredibly his own horse. His own thoughts, ideas, behavior, all his own. Unlike anything I had trained. Typical stallion behavior doesn't describe him. It wasn't stallion

behavior, as I have dealt with plenty of that. Ornerly doesn't begin to describe him. He had a unique ability to be terrified/curious/ornery and charming at the same time.

I started Pip his two-year-old fall under saddle. While I normally don't do this anymore because Haflingers do take longer to develop, Pip's mind was so active, and he was so incredibly athletic, that I knew if I waited, I would have a difficult time handling him. I never had a problem with his saddle training. He seemed to trust me fully, was happy to work, to show me what he knew, even anticipating what I would ask for. He also had the most remarkable western pleasure jog I have seen on a Haflinger. While I wanted him to move out and extend, he was so content with the concise, one/two western

jog that I just waited to see where it would take us. His athletic ability was so outstanding that it was amazing to me that he wanted to go slow, I actually had to push him to keep going. His lope is a dream. An absolute rocking horse dream! He did (and does) get excited in it and can maintain it and so we have focused on that. However, it was his flying lead changes, barely taught, where I started to recognize just how talented this young colt was. I wasn't even trying to work on it, however Pip was bored, and so I started some simple trot/canter transitions and he basically just started doing the flying!

We did tons of trail riding to keep him active. He was fine in a group or alone. I was completely smitten with this horse! We showed him lightly his 3-year-old year, however decided to wait until he was 4 to be inspected. He just needed more time to develop. He was inspected with AHR in New York and earned a Silver rating with 78 points. We knew what we had and we knew what we needed to improve on in our breeding program, and Pip seemed to be going in the direction we wanted.

We had several people wanting to breed to Pip, and we bred a total of 4 mares to him before we gelded him. Pip decided to clear his stallion pasture fence (5 strand, electric) TWICE, across his pasture, and another 5-acre pasture when we were at a show one weekend, and bred two mares. Luckily, one was a client mare who WANTED this mare bred to Pip, and the other was one of our mares. The next year we donated a breeding to the OHA youth program and also allowed a friend to breed a mare.

There were several factors that went into determining to geld Pip. Despite the downhill way the Haflinger market has been going over the past 10 years, with less breeders, and less people who want foals to raise up and train along with the increased cost of raising foals through riding/driving/performance horses, it still was not an easy decision to geld Pip. It took me about a year to finally decide that is what we were going to do. When my father-in-law, Dean Woodward, passed away, I knew that we did not need to continue the A Rock line. There would never be another A Rock. He was a one in a million horse. And while we feel Pip was the best A Rock offspring to carry on the line, as athletic as he is, with his active mind and constant need for attention, we felt that many of the Haflinger consumers we sell to would not be able to handle the type of horse Pip is. While we could find those clients who enjoy this sort of attributes (I personally LOVE these

types of horses) they are much more few and far between in the past 10 years to find this type of horse person. People who haven't grown up on farms, haven't been around horses, and don't know about them are wanting to have that 'horse/farm experience', but those people would not know how to handle such an active horse, and many times now, they don't want to put the time, effort and training required to 'develop' this type of horse.

I won't lie. I actually cried the day I gelded Pip. So much lost, and yet so much gained. My vet asked me three times if I was sure I wanted to geld him before the process as she knew too, what his line means to me. I do have two of Pip's daughters that I am keeping. One is super calm and laid back, and the other is going to make me think just like I have with him. I can't wait. We also have several A Rock geldings who are amazing performance horses and daughters who also carry the line and we have decided the next 5 year plan with crossing another Haflinger line in with them if we determine that he should stay a stallion.

“*the decision as to whether a stallion should be kept a stallion shouldn't be based on a one-day inspection score, or a yearlong show season*”

The 'a good stallion makes a great gelding' holds true. Pip is an amazing gelding. And the decision as to whether a stallion should be kept a stallion to us shouldn't be based on a one-day inspection score, or a yearlong show season. To us it depends on your breeding objectives and if that end result is going to benefit the Haflinger community and breed as a whole for future generations (both horse and children). If you have doubts, then you shouldn't breed at all, in our opinion, whether it is a decision with a mare or a stallion. If you don't want to raise it, train it, perform or use it with a purpose until it is 20+ years old, don't produce it.

The days of breeding a mare to any stallion, and selling her at auction with a foal on her side and bred back are gone. The days of selling weanling foals at auction for \$15,000+ are gone. The new horse consumers want a different horse. Been there, done that, trained. And that takes a lot more time than 11 months gestation and 6 months before weaning, halter breaking and taking them through an auction ring. We have to be more dedicated to the horse we breed and raise up, which means being more time, effort and money than 20 years ago when anything that looked like a Haflinger commanded a 5 figure price tag. To be dedicated to the Haflinger breed to us means making harder decisions as to what this wonderful breed actually needs to continue on.

Bravado's Foals of 2017

Submitted By Donna Immel

Bravado is owned by Donna and Irwin Immel of Carriage Springs Farm, Leaf River, Illinois. Born in Germany in 2010, this stallion of the rare B line is the 2015, 2016 and 2017 Senior Champion Stallion of the National Draft Haflinger Show; he is classified at 80 point High Silver by the AHR. He is one of very few B line Stallions here in the United States and one of only two currently with an AHR breeding license. He is sired by the great producing B line stallion

Barolo and is out of the Elite mare Oliena (who has been awarded Elite status in Germany).

Bravado stands 15hh with obvious presence and modern uphill build, expressive and finely chiseled head with long and nicely tapered neck and a brilliant metallic chestnut color. He is a mild mannered stallion offering diverse blood lines with a great mind and temperament. He is trained to drive and ride and is a super personality!

He passes on his great looks, temperament, willingness and ease of learning to his offspring. For 2017 we welcomed three lovely fillies and two colts sired by Bravado to Carriage Springs Farm. They all participated in our fairs and shows throughout the summer, bringing home ribbons and making friends along the way. They will continue to develop and learn as they grow. For more information call (815) 738-2723.



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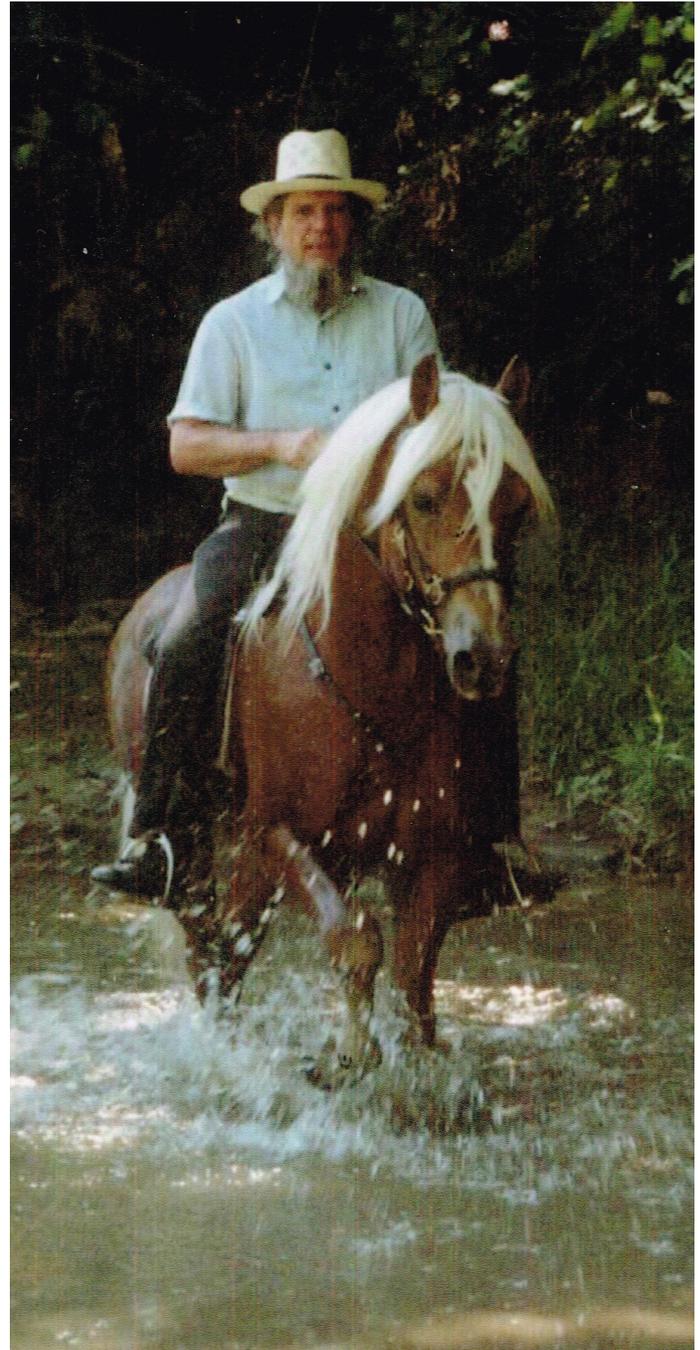
By Mae Yoder



Those of you who have been in the Haflinger world for any significant amount of time are probably well acquainted with the renowned Haflinger stallion Alpen Konig. Alpen was imported by Temple Farms in the 1970's and was later sold to Bob MacArthur of Pat-tensonville, NY. Joe Stelletta and Tom Nero purchased Alpen from Mr. MacArthur in 1985. They boarded him at Aden & Betty Miller's Chipmunk Hill Farm located in Apple Creek, OH. Some time later along with a few family members and friends, the Millers bought him. Alpen had many offspring that were well sought after, and he was considered an exceptional Haflinger stallion in his era. Today, they are few and far in between,

although easily one of the best Alpen offspring, Alabama CHF, is still with us, continuing to pass on his legacy at the golden age of 27! Alabama CHF was bred, raised and trained by Aden and Betty Miller Family. He is sired by Alpen Konig and out of the mare Blanka who at the time was also owned by them. Alabama CHF is AHR silver classified at 78 points, exceptionally trained in all disciplines, and known as an athletic powerhouse in anything and everything he did. He was Aden's personal trail and go to horse for most everything.

In the summer of 2003 Aden passed away suddenly. Betty made the decision to sell all their Haflingers, only keeping one for herself. There was no way she could



care for them all on her own. Chipmunk Hill Farm was known to breed, raise and train top quality Haflingers, having Alabama CHF as their foundation stallion, along with many exceptionally well bred mares. With the horses being such a big part of Aden & Betty's lives it made for a sad and difficult farewell. In September of 2003, six of their older mares and Alabama CHF were consigned to the Buckeye Haflinger Sale held in Jefferson, Ohio, along with a few of their offspring. Many Haflinger breeders attended with the intention of buying top of the line Haflingers consigned by Chipmunk Hill Farm. All seven horses sold very well and it took a family effort to make all ends meet. The emotions everyone

attending felt as Alabama CHF was lead into the arena will never be forgotten. He was purchased by Theo Hug of Grison Haflinger Farm of Quebec, Canada. Theo is a family friend of Aden & Betty's family. Everyone found comfort in knowing he was going to the wonderful home of a longtime family friend, able to continue passing on his trainability, amazing athleticism and intelligence. Alabama CHF made his home at Grison Farm for 15 years. He made his mark as a Canadian, he was ridden and driven by children and did his part to repre-

Clockwise from top left: Alabama CHF's sire, Alpen Konig; Aden & Alabama CHF enjoying a trail ride, photo credit Sharon Leisure; Theo and Angelina Hug saying goodbye to their friend before he headed back to Ohio. Opposite page: Alabama CHF strikes a pose.

sent the breed in the north. His offspring, predominately fillies, are known to excel in the performance world, and even in draft world where they are adored for their "drive." Currently, we don't know of any stallions sired by Alabama CHF.

In 2014 Theo decided it was time for Alabama CHF to return to his homeland in Wayne County, Ohio due to some minor health issues that seemed to come with the harsh Canadian winters. After coming to an agreement, Betty and her son Orley headed to Canada to bring Alabama CHF home. Theo always felt like he longed for his Ohio residence. Being in Ohio for the last few years, Alabama CHF is living the good life in retirement, happy and healthy. He may not be the latest model of a Haflinger stallion, with his more short and compact conformation. But still, at the age of 27, he is a beautiful example of a purebred Haflinger stallion with a lasting legacy that will go on for years to come.

To Alabama CHF:

"In the glance of your eyes, I can see the Ohio fields, 15 years after having rooted you from your home, I had to let you go. Good luck my old friend." -Theo

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STELLAR TVR



WRENDITION OF GENESIS

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2018 Stallion



A BLACK TIE AFFAIR NW_HRZN

(Alfa of Genesis x Ricola DTA)

Silver Classified with 76 points

Jennie Deephouse - (610) 967-4623 - Located in PA



A TRINITY MHS

(Armani KCH x Limousine BFH)

Silver Classified with 75 points

Robert McMillan & Linda Parsons - (301) 606-6168 - Located in KY



Alley



ALERT RWF
(Aristocrat TOF x Lizana TOF)

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Silver Classified with 75 points

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2018 Stallion Alley



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(Notaris x Jessica)

Silver Classified with 76 points

W.E. Hendershot or Deborah Parker - (607) 504-5076 - Located in NY



NEXT LEVEL GHJ

(Neumeister x Heike TOF)

Silver Classified with 77 points

Jennie Deephouse - (610) 967-4623 - Located in PA



NIAGARA YES

(Notting Hill x Loreta NTF)

Gold Classified with 81 points

Kathie Hanson - (218) 666-5924 - Located in MN



NUNAVIK GF

(Nobelius x Alanis GF)

Silver Classified with 77 points

Andrew & Linda Yoder - (330) 466-3051 - Located in OH



STARNBERG MHS

(Strippoker x Rylena van de Tolberg)

Silver Classified with 78 points

Robert McMillan Jr & Linda Parsons - (301) 606-6168 - Located in KY



STELAKA PHHF

(Standard of Excellence TOF x Maserata TOF)

Silver Classified with 79 points

Charles & Ingrid Hendershot - (703) 361-6156 - Located in VA



STELLAR TVR

(Straden x Chione TVR)

Silver Classified with 77 points

Mary Procopio - (517) 410-8000 - Located in MI



WRENDITION OF GENESIS

(Walzertraum x Melissa Van De Wortel)

Gold Classified with 81 points

Erwin Slabaugh/Ray Wengard - (440) 487-7940 - Located in OH



ACCOLADE OF GENESIS

(Arno van het Nieshof x Raphael Rose TOF)
Silver Classified with 80 points

Mandy Durose - (740) 335-1277 - Located in Ohio



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Josef Zacher - (570) 224-6629 - Located in PA



AL CAPONE GF

(Adanac x Wonda)

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ALEX NHH

(Alexander x Belinda)

David N. Miller at (330) 674-4852 - Located in OH



ALFA OF GENESIS

(Allacher x Eva van Leivere)

Gold Classified with 82 points

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ALLISON OF THE VALLEY AD-EL

(All-Star van de Wortel x Lucky Lady MID)

Peterson's Ponies at (641) 860-0140 - Located in IA



ALOMAR RVM

(Alex NHH x Gabrielle TOF)

Silver Classified with 75 points

Amy Rothe-Hietter at (614) 218-9217 - Located in OH



ALVIN LE-JO

(Ahead of His Class 4DA x Louella Le-La)

Silver Classified with 75 points

Allen Snow at (317) 398-6175 - Located in IN

2018 Stallion Alley



AMTSRAT HOF

(Aristo x Veltana TOF)

Silver Classified with 76 points

Paul or Sue Reukauf at (607) 869-5368 - Located in NY



ANHEISER APF

(Arno van het Nieshof x Radiant Rose NTF)

Silver Classified with 75 points

Stanley Norris at (740) 745-5704 - Located in OH



ANTOURAGE OF GENESIS

(Arno van het Nieshof x Mint Julep MLF)

Silver Classified with 78 points

Jo Ann Brand-Hoertel at (573) 364-8322 - Located in MO



APHESIAN NTF

(Afghan III NTF x Firelily NTF)

Byron or Nancy Hollingsworth at (601) 536-2171 - Located in MS



ARISTO TOF

(Aristocrat TOF x Maserata TOF)

Silver Classified with 75 points

Julie Lander at (406) 480-3621 - Located in MT



ARNO VAN HET NIESHOF

(Afloyd x Stefany)

Silver Classified with 78 points

John Dunkel at (810) 487-0704 - Located in MI



AVALANCHE AMBER STYLE BOB

(Arno van het Nieshof x Mandolyn RVRW)

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(Marvellon van Bermeteyn x Hearts Afire NTF)
Dave & Aileen Ayers at (585) 538-2514 - Located in NY



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(Nobleman of Tudor Oaks x Krischna)
David Lee or Daniel Whetstone at (260) 768-4334 - Located in IN



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(Nelson News AM x Buttons MJE)
Laurie Beth Hadacek at (641) 860-0140 - Located in IA



NIKONS' MEMORY

(Nikon NTF x Alcinda SFF)
Yvette Sandlin at (850) 951-1086 - Located in FL

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NOBLEST OF ALL CGH

(Nobleman of Tudor Oaks x Nala of Hylite)
Silver Classified with 76 points

Sharon A Waite at (209) 848-2507 - Located in CA



NOCKOUT NTF

(Nasdaq NTF x Loreta NTF)

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(Standard of Excellence TOF x Lexis Gold-Miner PHHF)

Michael & Pamela Williams at (740) 599-9867 - Located in OH



STANDARD OF EXCELLENCE TOF

(Standschutz x Bluml)

Silver Classified with 80 points

Robert Eicher at (419) 994-1098 - Located in OH



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(Socrates x Thistle FOF)

Rebecca Marland at (403) 845-5311 - Located in Canada



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(Walzertakt x Alliance GHJ)

Lisa Pasley at (951) 279-5808 - Located in Canada



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(Walzing River TOF x Cassie MPA)

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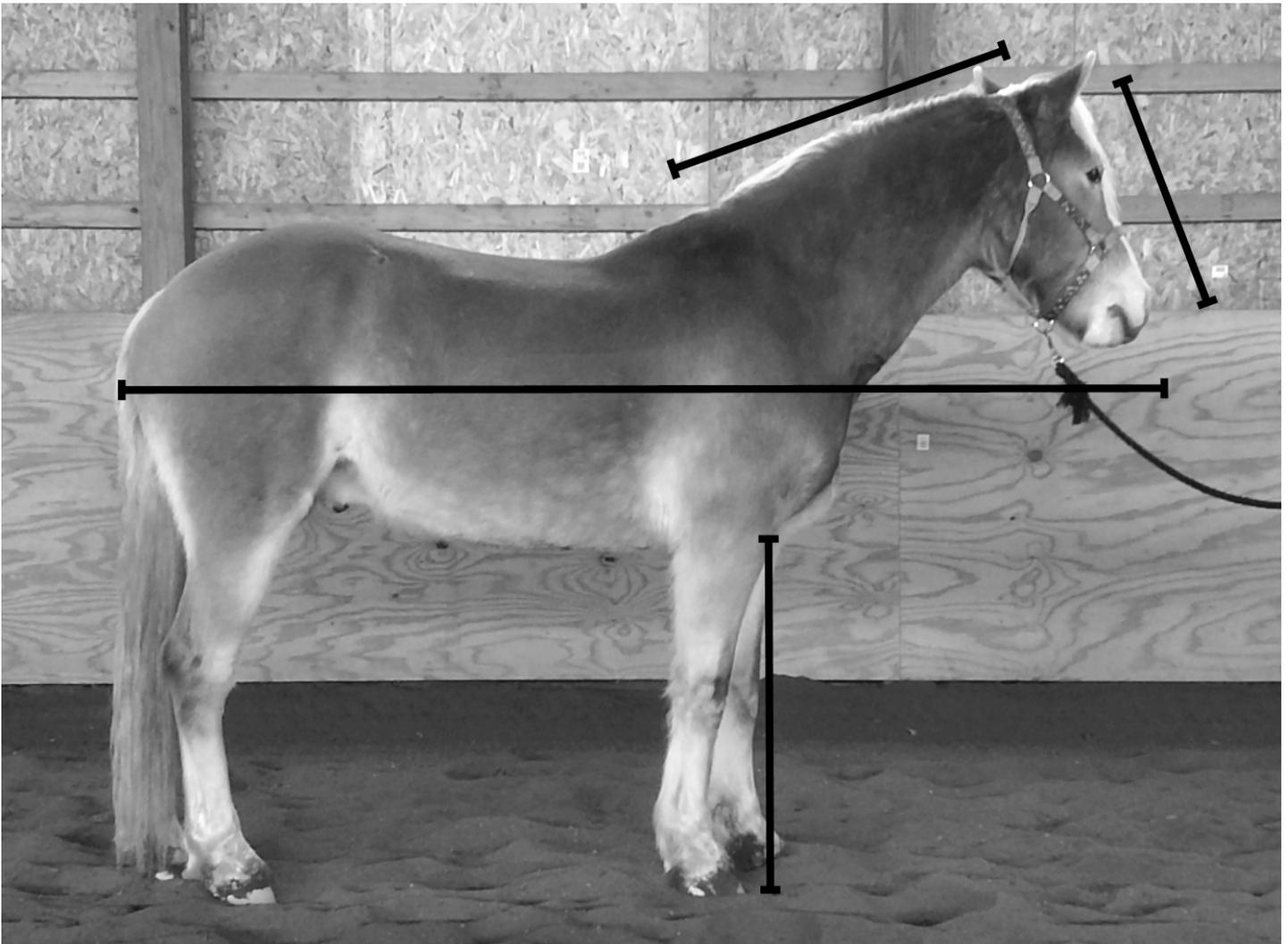
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Stallion owners: renew your licenses for 2019 by December 1, 2018 to be included in next year's Stallion Alley!

Form to Function: Evaluating Conformation



By Dawn Melbye, Instructor, University of Minnesota Crookston

Without acceptable conformation, there is limited function. Horses are commonly expected to perform in ways that are not natural for their form. A horse that is correct in form and for its intended use may be more comfortable to ride than a horse with poor conformation. Poor conformation in a horse may result in a greater risk of injury, difficulty in training, and greater lameness issues. Owners need to evaluate and utilize horses that possess acceptable conformation for the intended use of the horse. These evaluations will result in performance at optimum levels.

Many rules of conformation are based on geometry and physics. These are “general” rules that allow us to review a horse's athletic ability. For each athletic ability, there are unique attributes that are specific to the type of performance desired. This explains why hunters, halter horses, and reiners are all designed differently. Each performance horse is built to excel in his discipline with unique traits, such as the type and degree of muscling in a halter horse.

Many times, the first thing that attracts your eye to a horse is their head and neck. A head and neck that are well proportioned not only gives a pleasing aesthetic

appearance, but provides for a balance point that allows for effective communication via the bridle and rider. A general rule is that a horse's neck length should be one and a half lengths of their head. Head length is measured from the front of the muzzle to the top of the poll. That measurement times 1.5 should equal the distance from the poll to the middle of the shoulder. Having these attributes provides a balanced head and neck combination. A horse with too large of a head will travel very heavy on the front end and have a tendency to be clumsy. A horse with too small of a head will lack counterbalance and may lose some its suppleness and action in its front end. When evaluating the details of the horse's head, look for bright, bold, wide set eyes, ears that set slightly below the poll, a lower jaw that is clearly defined and well separated underneath the jaw, nostrils should be large, and a clean throatlatch lacking heavy fat and muscling.

When reviewing the neck, look for a proportional neck and body. The geometry equation for a balanced neck and body is the length of neck equals one third of the horse's total body length, and should be equal to the length of the horse's front leg. The union of the head and neck is determined by two bones called atlas and axis. These first two cervical vertebrae allow the horse to shift his balance while traveling, thus the importance of this connection. The head should be attached on the neck at an angle so that the horse can flex at the poll and travel in a balanced manner. The neck should attach to the horse's body fairly high with a distinct chest area below. The base of the neck should be level with the point of the horse's shoulder. This allows the horse to be more flexible, balanced and collect more naturally.

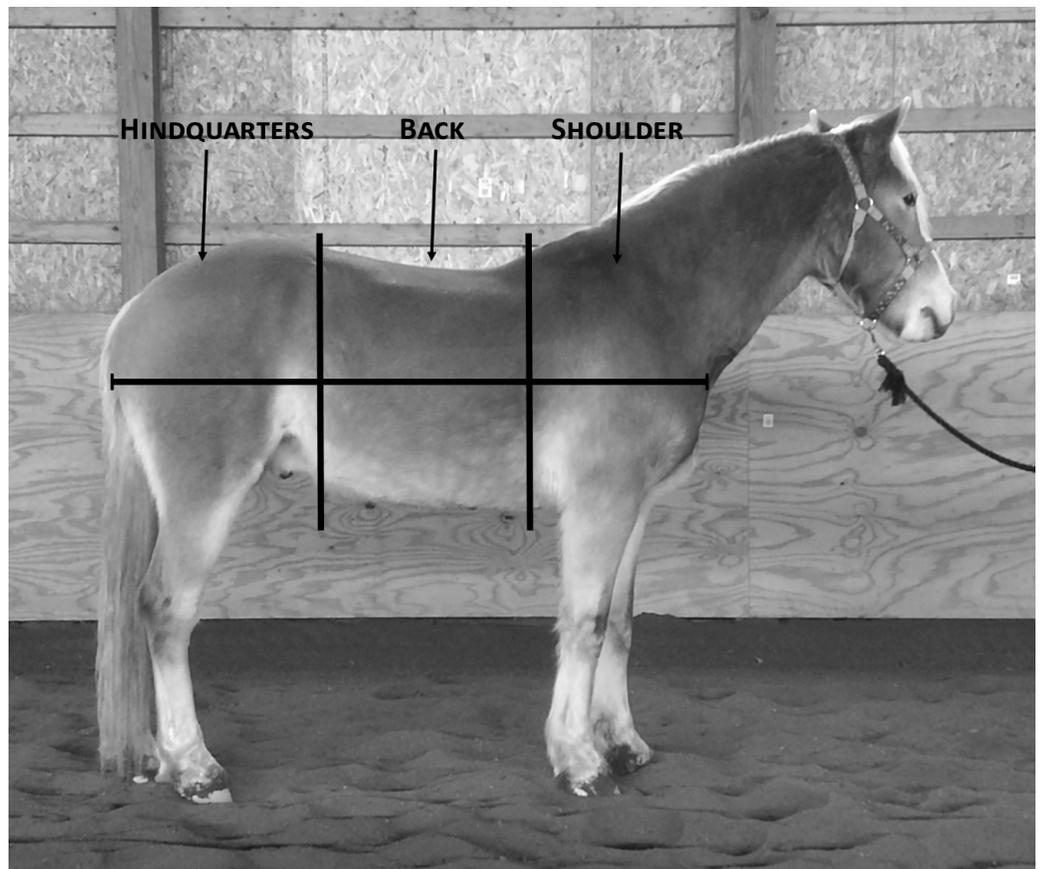
Divide the horse into three parts; first from point of chest to just behind heart girth (chest), second from behind the heart girth to point of hip (back), and third from point of hip to point of buttock (croup).

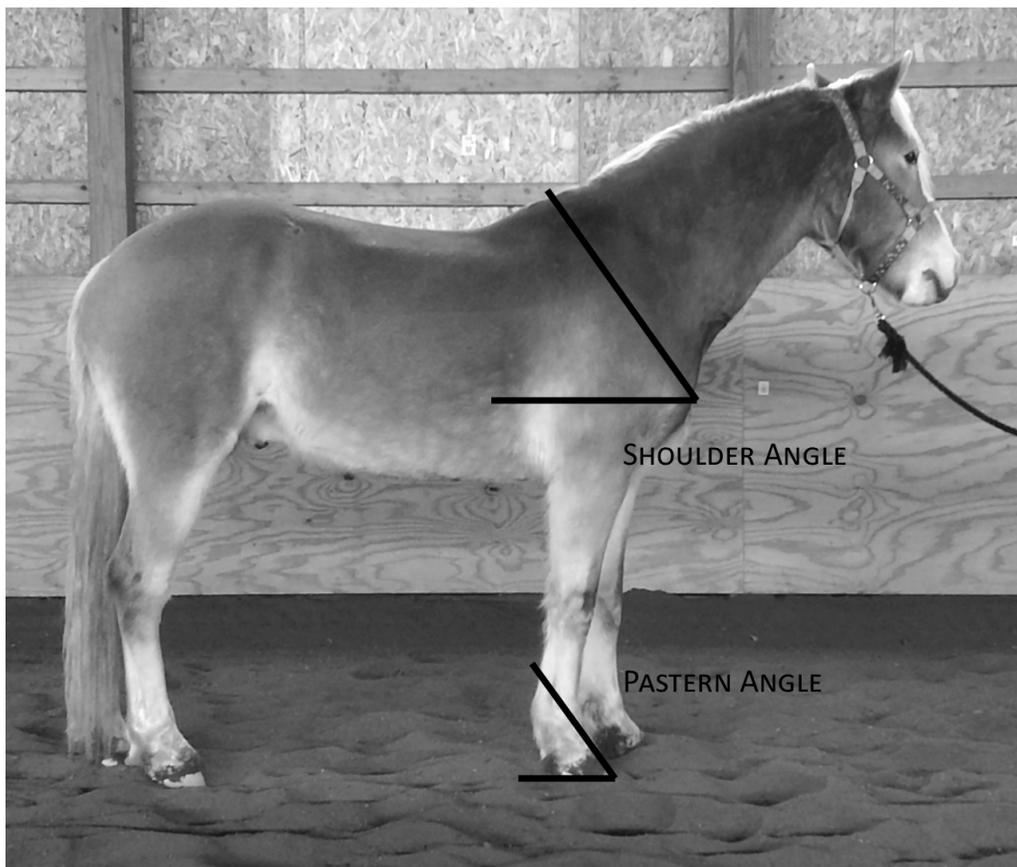
The shape of the horse's chest is an important part of its stamina and endurance. Chest conformation also determines lung capacity. Many horses have 18 pairs of ribs, but may

range from 19 to 17 (exceptions being Thoroughbreds and Arabians). Extra ribs allow for a shorter lumbar vertebrae area which results in stronger "coupling" of the loin area. The loin is the muscle portion of the back behind the saddle, typically from the last rib, to the point of the croup.

The underline of the horse should rise gradually to the hindquarters. Horses that have "spring of rib" have ribs that project outward, have large spaces between the ribs, are shorter backed and have a strong loin. A wide chest shape is favored by most horsepersons. From the front, a wide chest allows for lung expansion, which allows for greater endurance and more room for muscle attachment. The better combination of ribs and chest, the stronger the attachment of legs, shoulders and neck with the rest of the body which creates a powerful athletic performer.

The horses back must be functional and withstand the stress of work. The back transmits the force and driving power from the hind legs. A horse should have well-formed withers that allow for attachment of the shoulder to the rest of the horses body. The length of the horses back can be measured from the middle of the withers to the point of hip. This should be one third the length of the horse. A horse's back should be longer than their underline.





A horse with a long neck and short back provides the best maneuverability of head and neck, while the short back allows strength for carrying the weight of the rider.

Towards the rear of the horse's back is the croup. This is the highest point of the rump. The croup helps with the transmission of energy for thrust and power in the hind end of the horse. Croup height should not be too high, but rounded with muscle to provide a smooth contoured shape. The croup should be at the same height when compared to the withers to maintain balance in the horse's overall conformation. The quarters are positioned below the croup. When viewing the quarters, they should not be too sloped or too flat. The length of the quarter can be measured from the point of the horse's hip to point of buttock. This length should be about 1/3 of the horse's body length using the proportions as described above.

A properly formed front leg will move in straight lines and have less stress on bones, tendons, ligaments and muscle mass. Deviations or crooked front legs can produce stresses and lead to possible lameness. Conformation of the horse's front legs can affect their athletic ability, soundness, stride, speed and agility.

When a horse stands square, the angle of the shoulder blade and the horizontal line should measure between

40 and 55 degrees. One way to measure this angle is to measure down the center of the shoulder blade to the point of the shoulder, then draw a line across the body. With this angle you should notice the horse's elbow is directly below the front of the withers.

The elbow of the horse should be parallel to the horse's body and not be turned in or out. From the front of the horse, there should be a straight line from the point of the shoulder down the center of leg, bisecting the forearm, knee, cannon, fetlock joint, pastern and hoof. The cannon bone in the foreleg should be shorter than that of the rear leg. From the side of the front leg, a straight line should be formed in front of the withers to down the center of the

front leg and touch at the heel.

The angle of the pastern to the toe should also be measured at 40 to 55 degrees. An adequately sloped hoof will transfer weight from the tendons to the upper leg of the horse, decreasing pressure and maintaining soundness.

Horses with straighter shoulder and pastern angles tend to have shorter strides. However, some disciplines tend to prefer horses with a shorter stride.

The hind legs tend to have fewer lameness issues compared to the front legs because the front legs carry about 60% of the horse's weight compared to 40% of the weight being carried on the hind legs. However, front vs. rear leg lameness tends to be connected to overall horse use. Hindquarter conformation influences a horse's capacity for speed, agility, propelling power, and strength to maintain and hold collection. No matter the shape of the hindquarter of the horse, there must be symmetry and balance of muscle with the rest of the body. Running, jumping and other forward movements depend primarily on the muscles of the hind quarters, thigh and gaskin.

A long hindquarter allows for an increased range of extension and flexion. However, for power and strength, a shorter hindquarter is desired (i.e. think of a Quarter Horse vs. a Warmblood). The connection from the hindquarter to the gaskin thru to the hock is one of the keys

to the structure of the hind leg. A strong well placed hock will make the leg stronger and more efficient in moving. Large formed hocks are preferred. A larger joint, with more surface area for absorbing concussion, generally makes for a sounder joint.

The hock should be level with the top of the chestnut on the front leg, which is located a few inches above the knee. Viewing from behind, the hock should be directly under the point of the buttocks, but slightly pointed inward. From the rear view, an ideal hind leg should be in-line with the point of the buttock to slightly inside of the hock to the middle of the hoof.

When viewing from the side, the hock should be wide from front to back and set on top of a sturdy cannon bone. The hind cannon bone is usually longer and wider than the front cannon bone. From the side of the rear legs, a line should be dropped from the point of the buttock, to the hock, down the back of the cannon to behind the heel of the hoof.

Correct conformation, overall balance, and symmetry are exhibited in the best horses of each breed, with all body parts showing proportion. Length and proportions play a determining role in form to function.

When examining a horse for conformation, the temptation to place the center of attention on legs is important, but the horse's body proportions are important as well. A body that is balanced and proportionate plays a fundamental role in proper leg structure and attachment.

A proportionate horse is usually square. Square means the height from the withers to ground should equal the length of body, which is the distance from the point of shoulder to the point of the buttocks.

The proportionate horse will have exhibited all the qualities that have been discussed to this point which are: a neck that is long and balanced tying into a long sloping shoulder, a top line that is short and strong, a desirable underline that is longer than the top line, and front legs (from elbow to fetlock) that equal the length of depth of body (from top of withers to bottom of girth).

A horse that is proportionate will also exhibit symmetry on both sides of its body. If there are faults of a horse's conformation, those faults should be symmetrical. Lack of symmetry will cause stress on those points, causing harm and obstruct the horse's ability to perform with grace and ease.



2018 licensed stallions

Stallions that are licensed for 2018 as of 1/2/2018

A BLACK TIE AFFAIR NW_HRZN - 31432-10 Contact Jennie Deephouse at (610) 967-4623 - Located in Pennsylvania	(Alfa of Genesis x Ricola DTA)	Silver Classified with 76 points
A TRINITY MHS - 32525-12 Contact Robert McMillan Jr & Linda Parsons at (301) 606-6168 - Located in Brownsville, KY	(Armani KCH x Limousine BFH)	Silver Classified with 75 points
ADON CAPONE - 31839-10 Contact Robert D. Stoner at (937) 464-4187 - Located in Belle Center OH	(Al Capone KCH x Quinstara AHHC)	
ADVOCATORS MAJOR JZH - 21964-03 Contact Josef Zacher at (570) 224-6629 - Located in Damascus, PA	(Advocator NTF x Amy's Janet DH)	
AHEAD OF HIS CLASS 4DA - 17090-01 Contact Leon M. Troyer at (330) 231-0702 - Located in Fredericksburg, OH	(All American Afghan NTF x Lora LAI)	
ALERT RWF - 17229-01 Contact Aaron & Matt Wengerd at (440) 488-8765 - Located in Garrittsville, OH	(Aristocrat TOF x Lizana TOF)	Silver Classified with 75 points
ALFA OF GENESIS - 27502-05 Contact John Dunkel at (810) 487-0704 - Located in Flushing, MI	(Allacher x Eva van Leivere)	Gold Classified with 82 points STAR STALLION
ALL STORMY JPH - 17148-01 Contact Christopher and Beth Miller - Located in Etna Green, IN	(All-Star van de Wortel x Rosetta JPH)	
AL'S ROSCO OF THE RIDGE - 32682-13 Contact Ron McKiernan at (810) 392-2660 - Located in Richmond, MI	(Allison of the Valley AD-EL x Lady MLH)	
AMAZING GRACE SSS - 31636-10 Contact Steven & Cynthia Schumacher at (320) 495-3563 - Located in Wahkon, MN	(Alfa of Genesis x Marsala CCF)	
AMBASSADOR NTF - 7147-95 Contact Paul, John & Joseph Miller at (800) 570-3782x9442 - Located in Nappanee, IN	(Afghan III NTF x Ramblin Rose NTF)	
AMTSRAT HOF - 24918-04 Contact Paul or Sue Reukauf at (607) 869-5368 - Located in Ovid, NY	(Aristo x Veltana TOF)	Silver Classified with 76 points
ARMANI KCH - 23264-03 Contact Robert McMillan Jr & Linda Parsons at (301) 606-6168 - Located in Brownsville, KY	(A Rock x Lucinda Kay WMH)	Silver Classified with 75 points
ARNO VAN HET NIESHOF (B 7660) - 16359-99 Contact John Dunkel at (810) 487-0704 - Located in Flushing, MI	(Afloyd x Stefany)	Silver Classified with 78 points SUPREME STALLION
ARTISAN CRHF - 33221-15 Contact Grant Flory at (937) 459-6622 - Located in Greenville, OH	(Arno Van Het Nieshof x Vinny)	
AVALANCHE AMBER STYLE BOB - 28865-07 Contact Lisa Pasley at (951) 279-5808 - Located in Norco, CA	(Arno van het Nieshof x Mandolyn RVRW)	Silver Classified with 75 points
BENJI MOF - 27607-06 Contact Carolyn or Robert Gilmore at (530) 620-4994 - Located in El Dorado, CA	(Bello Karino x Nugget MOF)	
BRAVADO - 32619-10 Contact Donna & Irwin Immel at (815) 738-2723 - Located in Leaf River, IL	(Barolo x Oliena)	Silver Classified with 80 points
M.T. MARVELLON ROA - 13822-99 Contact Steve Webel at (217) 236-3123 - Located in Baylis, IL	(M.T. Mersant NTF x Conelda ROA)	Silver Classified with 77 points
MAHON - 4691-92 Contact Whitney Davis at (217) 649-6949 - Located in Churubusco, IN	(M.T. Magon NTF x Lydia Sue AKH)	
MANDEL (CAN 2674) - 31396-07 Contact Pat Longpre at (250) 577-3318 - Located in Pritchard, BC, Canada	(Mandl x Christa Sloughhole)	

MARVELON AFIRE AFH - 32016-11 (Marvellon van Bermeteyn x Hearts Afire NTF)
Contact Dave & Aileen Ayers at (585) 538-2514 - Located in Caledonia, NY

MICAH OF BLUE MOUNTAIN - 27147-05 (Mr Twister TMA x x Lady Erica)
Contact John or Jane Luskin at (518) 663-5220 - Located in Valley Falls, NY

MICCOS DUKE OF PASHEN - 33849-14
Contact Alaina or Jared Samuels at (256) 283-4360 - Located in Sylacauga, AL

MILTON JPH - 12914-99 (Minister JPH x D-Gina JPH)
Contact Gary & Beth Lawson at (573) 756-3759 - Located in Farmington, MO

NAMASTAR HBA - 30842-09 (Naustar JPH x Nama of Hylite)
Contact Raymond Yoder at (563) 535-7171 - Located in Waukon, IA

NANDO (NL HF.23158) - 16363-99 (Notaris x Jessica) Silver Classified with 76 points
Contact W.E. Hendershot or Deborah Parker at (607) 504-5076 - Located in Cameron Mills, NY
STAR STALLION

NATIONAL LEAGUE GHF - 17213-01 (Noble One WBF x D-Glory RWF)
Contact Joseph K. Schwartz at (260) 723-4231 - Located in South Withley, IN

NAUSTAR JPH - 10059-97 (Nobleman of Tudor Oaks x Krischna)
Contact David Lee or Daniel Whetstone at (260) 768-4334 - Located in Shipshewana, IN

NAUSTER OF M&N - 33040-14 (Naustar JPH x Lonna of M&N)
Contact Freeman E Miller at (440) 636-5347 - Located in Middlefield, OH

N-DANDY DDA 24140-04 (Nobleson of Mon-T x Mayellen DEE-S)
Contact Robert E Hardin at (731) 487-2395 - Located in Bradford, TN

NEIMAN'S CAPTAIN MLF - 22211-03 (Neiman Marcus TOF x Febe Ze NTF)
Contact Melvin Schmucker at (260) 336-8766 - Located in LaGrange, IN

NEU MISTRO LTC - 33343-15 (Neumaster JPH x Brandy's Bess SB)
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NEW FIRE NTF - 17255-01 (Nasdaq NTF x Firelily NTF) Silver Classified with 77 points
Contact John or Lorre Garland at (919) 636-2836 - Located in Chapel Hill, NC

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Contact Adam Smith at (386) 935-9551 - Located in O'brien, FL

NEW TREASURE TOF - 19739-02 (National Treasure TOF x Candida TOF)
Contact Robert Melick at (740) 627-6638 - Located in Fredericktown, OH

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Contact Cynthia or Rocky Bates at (405) 990-9227 - Located in Purcell, OK
- NUNAVIK GF** - 30465-08 (Nobelius x Alanis GF) Silver Classified with 77 points
Contact Andrew & Linda Yoder at (330) 466-3051 - Located in Ohio
- NYMEX NTF** - 17648-01 (Nasdaq NTF x Hit NTF)
Contact Ray or Susan Wengard at (330) 527-5094 - Located in Garrettsville, OH
- NYMONS CHAMP TLH** - 33002-14 (Nymex NTF x Missy CLK)
Contact Robert or Levi M Yoder at (440) 272-5522 - Located in Middlefield, OH
- STANDARD OF CHESTNUT RIDGE** - 32301-12 (Standard of Excellence TOF x Lexis Gold-Miner PHHF)
Contact Michael & Pamela Williams at (740) 599-9867 - Located in Danville, OH
- STANDARD OF ELEGANCE HOF** - 32964-14 (Standard of Excellence TOF x Rina WULF)
Contact Lori Lee Naja at (803) 292-0888 - Located in Aiken, SC
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Contact Robert McMillan Jr & Linda Parsons at (301) 606-6168 - Located in Brownsville, KY
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- STELLAR TVR** - 30359-08 (Straden x Chione TVR) Silver Classified with 77 points
Contact Mary Procopio at (517) 410-8000 - Located in Michigan
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Contact Lisa Pasley at (951) 279-5808 - Located in Norco, CA
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Contact Allen J Byler at (440) 272-5063 - Located in Middlefield, OH
- WHISKIE DRDP** - 31757-10 (Watson IEF x Camille GHP)
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- WILL-MAGIC PFH** - 33277-15 (Will-Tastic of LRRR x Robin PFH)
Contact Kyle Pound at (573) 373-5559 - Located in Laddonia, MO
- WILLOWRUN GHJ** - 17023-01 (Willo van het Spick x Fable NTF)
Contact Stephen & Saraetta Yoder at (260) 499-4671 - Located in LaGrange, IN
- WIND DANCER CVA**- 29221-07 (Wind Walker IEF x Falisha CVA)
Contact Norm & Rose Stutzman - Located in Nappanee, IN
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- WINDSTAR VAN DE OOSTE** - 29981-06 (Windspiel x Maira van de Wortel)
Contact Harry Schwartz at (574) 585-2418 - Located in Etna Green, IN
- WIZARD IEF** - 18184-01 (Willo van het Spick x Konstanze) Purple Classified with 74 points
Contact Abram K. or Marie K. Miller at (717) 768-3812 - Located in Narvon, PA
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Contact Erwin Slabaugh or Ray Wengard at (440) 487-7940 - Located in Middlefield, OH
- WUNDER KID KCH** - 23319-03 (Willo van het Spick x Makita NTF) Purple Classified with 74 points
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Arno van het Niehof

Afloyd x Stefany

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Nobleman of Tudor Oaks x Radiant Rose NTF

Breeder: Austrian Pine Farm, Michigan

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Aristocrat TOF

Afghan II x Rialta

Breeder: Otto Schweisgut, Austria

Owner: Tudor Oaks Farm, Illinois

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Precious MSC

Aspen x Polly NTF

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Adanac

Afghan II x Annette

Breeder: Otto Schweisgut, Austria

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Alfa of Genesis

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Aristo TOF

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Breeder: Tudor Oaks Farm, Illinois

Owner: Julie Lander, Montana

Austin TOF

Aristocrat TOF x Rekka

Breeder: Tudor Oaks Farm, Illinois

Owner: Golden Horse Farm, Ohio

Nando

Notaris x Jessica

Breeder: J. Joris

Owner: Hendershot Haflingers, New York

Nobleman of Tudor Oaks

Nabucco x Georgette

Breeder: Hubert Fuchsberger, Austria

Standard of Excellence TOF

Standschutz x Bluml

Breeder: Martin Pfister

Owner: Der Haflingerhof, Ohio

Winterschon CCF

Winterstein x Lareina

Breeder: Annemarie Rauch, Austria

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STAR MARES

Larisa TOF

Amadeus x Lanette

Breeder: Hannes & Andrea Neuner

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Heike TOF

Andrit x Hanka

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Limousine BHF

All American Afghan NTF x Lexington 4DA

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Owner: Montel Haflingers, Kentucky

Lu-Gold MMH

Alpen Konig x La-Gold

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Raphael Rose TOF

Aristocrat TOF x Rivella TOF

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Rina WULF

Nordtirol x Rosita

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Owner: Der Haflingerhof, Ohio

Rivella TOF

Nabucco x Riva

Breeder: Peter Eiter, Austria

Owner: Tudor Oaks Farm, Illinois

board minutes

American Haflinger Registry - Board of Directors Meeting Summaries - November 3 & 4, 2017

8 present, 3 excused with notice, one excused joined via phone on Saturday

The Nominating Committee alerted President, Chuck Hendershot, about the tie vote for Western Region Director prior to the meeting. Both candidates were notified by Chuck Hendershot prior to today with the situation and stated that they would be notified following today's meeting and outcome. Investigation into options available were conducted prior to the meeting by members of the Executive Committee.

Chuck Hendershot shared with the Board and discussed options available for resolving the situation. There are four options most applicable to this situation: 1. Hold a run-off election; 2. Expand the number of directors by one for a one-year term only, thus appointing both for one year with an election in 2018 for the remaining two-year term; 3. Follow the electoral college procedure which would involve the seated board to make the tie-breaking decision; 4. Robert's Rules of Order allow the president to cast the tie-breaking vote because he did not originally cast a vote for the Western Region. Following the discussion of pros and cons for each option, Judy Winkler moved to expand the board by one at-large seat for the 2018 year only appointing Dawn Ramsdell. John Dunkel seconded. Having no further discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

Judy Winkler moved to appoint a Western Region Director for a one-year term with the Western Region election to be held again in 2018 for a two-year term and then returning to the regular election cycle. Glenn Yoder seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

Dave Ayers moved to appoint the current Western Region Director, Susan Haszelbart. John Dunkel seconded. Discussion included that appointing the current director is in essence an appointment until a run-off election could be held in a financially responsible manner. Motion carried unanimously.

Chuck Hendershot will notify both candidates of the Board's decision.

Chuck Hendershot shared that he had phoned Susan Haszelbart and Dawn Ramsdell to update them on the decision. Messages were left for both.

Missy Shanahan presented the Nominating Committee report: 186 ballots were returned. Three were unopened and uncounted because they were not properly signed for member verification. Kathie Hanson won the Central Region Director seat with 49 votes. Lou Sutton won the At-Large Director seat with 97 votes. Melanie Cornman received 87 votes. The two Western Region candidates tied with 11 votes each. Per previous Board of Directors meeting, Susie Haszelbart was appointed as the Western Region director. Dave Ayers moved to accept the results as reported by the Nominating Committee as counted by the CPA firm. Judy Winkler seconded. With no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.

John Dunkel opened a discussion: There is a concern that at least 26 members were not mailed ballots due to a membership list disconnect. Several members commented on social media that they had not received ballots although some were on the original mailing list. Every effort to improve communication is desired. The By-Laws allow the Board to expand to a maximum of 12. Investigation into the system has revealed numerous failures and there was consensus that not every voice may have been heard and those heard were very close in the election results. Dave Ayers moved to expand the board by one at-large seat for a one-year term and appoint Melanie Cornman to that position for 2018. John Dunkel seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board of Directors held officer elections for the 2018 year. Results were: Chuck Hendershot, President; John Dunkel, 1st Vice President; Ian Wengerd, 2nd Vice President; Dave Ayers, Treasurer; Missy Shanahan, Clerk to the Board

Committee Reports were discussed for the remainder of Friday and concluded on Saturday:

Sale Committee - Discussion of date conflicts from Ashland County Fair office resulted in a consensus of the board to recommend the committee contract for May 11 & 12, 2018. The Board also supports the committee's request for a three-year contract to lock in current pricing.

Membership Committee - Discussion of membership list errors resulted in reissuing member numbers and member cards as a check and balance system.

Magazine & Media Committee - Discussion resulted in plan to firm submission, printing, and mailing dates of the magazine; increasing advertising in the magazine; updating the website. An in-depth discussion of plans to upgrade the website was concluded with a plan and request for cost proposal.

Personnel Committee - Discussion resulted in need to find additional help with phone answering. Discussion of need to improve data systems for efficiency.

Youth Committee - Discussion resulted in continued growth and improved connection with the American Haflinger Fund (AHF).

Points & Awards Committee - Discussion resulted in continued growth and involvement.

National Show Committee - Discussion resulted in continued planning for the 2018 event.

Judges Committee - There was no report.

Stallion Showcase Committee - There was no report.

In conjunction with the **Nominating Committee**, the **Membership Committee** shared that Per Article IV Section 6 of the Bylaws, regional boundaries must be reviewed at least every three years. The membership currently includes 145, 157, 165, and 107 members by region east to west. The Board agreed that these numbers indicate equitable regional boundaries and no changes are necessary at this time. Glenn Yoder moved to maintain the current regions. John Dunkel seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

Nominating Committee will continue as an ad hoc committee. Open seats in 2018 will include: Eastern Region and three At-Large per the regular voting schedule. The Western Region will have a special election as determined in a previous meeting for a two-year term. Two newly expanded At-Large seats will also be expiring.

Futurity Committee - Discussion of dates for nominations and show resulted in a recommendation for nominations due March 15, 2018 and begin announcing January 1, 2019. Show is recommended for late September or early October.

Pedigree Committee - Discussion resulted in need for additional members on the committee.

Inspection & Classification Committee - Discussion resulted in need to expand committee.

Promotions Committee - Discussion resulted in need to expand committee's responsibility to more assertively share the Haflinger. The committee should be a large group representing a diverse cross section of disciplines. They need to be very creative on a low budget.

International Committee - Discussion resulted in continued membership.

The board reviewed the fees schedule: Based on earlier conversation regarding credit card processing fees required for on-line transactions, John Dunkel moved a flat 4% fee on all cards. Judy Winkler seconded. No discussion. Carried unanimously.

Processing Fees - Membership fees will remain the same. The membership form will be included as an insert in the Fall issue of Haflinger Horse. Foal registration fees for members will be \$30 with free facial photo. There is a \$10 discount for members registering before the foal is 6 months of age. Non-members will pay \$75 plus \$5 facial photo. Registration for imported Haflinger for members will be \$75 with free facial photo; non-members will pay \$150 plus \$5 facial photo. Transfer fee for members will be \$20; non-members will pay \$60. There is a \$25 late fee for all after 90 days of sale. Initial stallion license for members will be \$300; non-members will pay \$600. Stallion license renewal for members will be \$30, including a listing in the stallion issue of Haflinger Horse (provided renewal is timely) & on-line listing; non-members will pay \$60 with no listing. DNA will be \$35 for members; non-members will pay \$75. New suffix registration for members only will be \$50. Replacement pedigrees will be processed for members for \$50; non-members will pay \$100. Paperwork processing fee will be \$10 when errors need to be corrected. Registration of domestic foal after calendar year of birth will be the regular fees (as stated above) plus DNA plus \$50 for the first year and \$25 for each subsequent year. The current Amnesty Program with a flat late fee of \$35 (regardless of years) is a member benefit for 2017 only. Identity research with DNA can be run against 13 markers for a \$50 fee. John Dunkel moved to approve the fees as stated above. Judy Winkler seconded. No further discussion. Carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted, Missy Shanahan, Clerk to the Board

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calendar of events

MARCH

- 31 AHR Spring Sale -
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APRIL

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4:00—Sale Preview

6:30—Stallion Showcase

Saturday, May 12, 2018

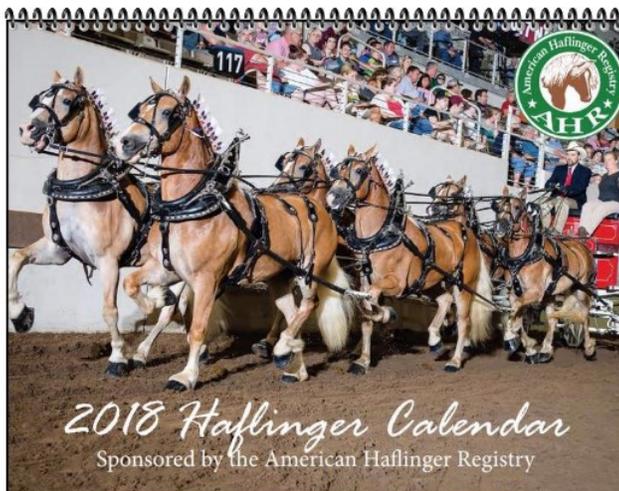
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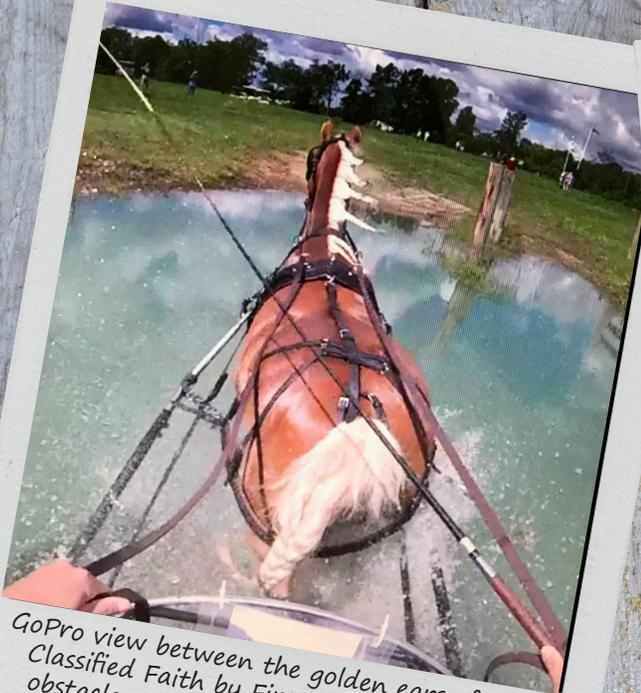
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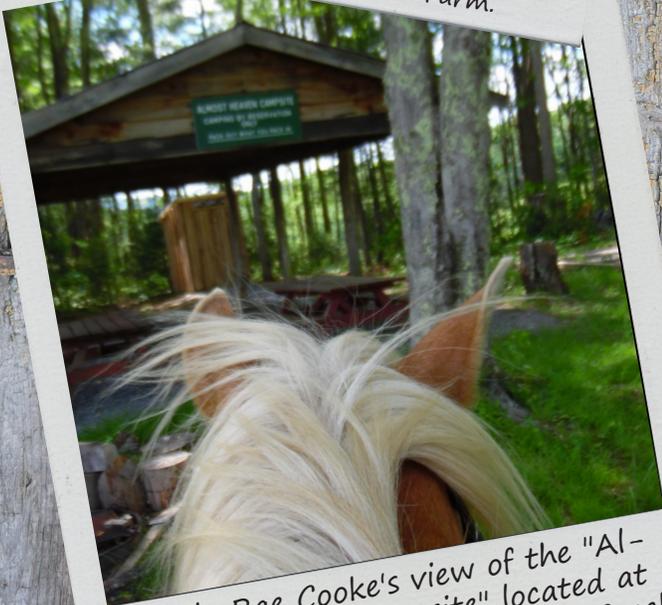
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GoPro view between the golden ears of Gold Classified Faith by Fire in the water obstacle at the 2017 Metamora CDE in Metamora, MI. Fire is driven by Caraline Cornman and owned by Genesis Farm.



Between the ears of Neon Fire HIS and New Champion ODA in the Christiansen's Pine Forest in Windsor SC. Whip is Ray Mansur and photo taken by Diane Mansur.



Cindy Rae Cooke's view of the "Almost Heaven Campsite" located at Camp Creek State Park, Camp Creek WV, through the ears of Atlantis EFH



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- 2016 Single Horse Two Wheel Champion
- Lorenzo Driving Competition
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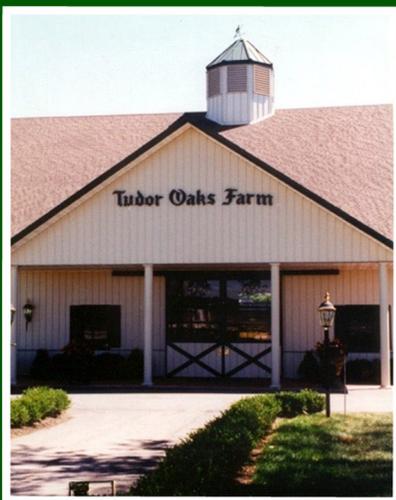
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