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2022 Inspection and Classification Details

Date: September 23rd, 2022

Location: Hendershot Haflingers,
Cameron Mills, NY

Judges: John Dunkel, Larry Thurber, and
Ian Wengerd

Registration: \$200 if received by August
27th or \$225 if received after August 27th

Interested in a Classification?

The AHR is looking for any interest in
having a classification on Friday, August
26th, at Lake Erie College in Ohio before
the Futurity. Please contact Kathie
Hanson at (218) 780-2902 or
khduenorth09@gmail.com, or Erwin
Slabaugh at (440) 487-7940 or
clwoodworkingllc@gmail.com with
possible interest by July 15th.

For more information on the inspection
and classifications or to download
registration forms, visit
<https://haflingerhorse.com/inspection>



Haflinger High Points!

High point winners at the Greystone
Virtual show on May 28th were Suzanne
Fuller and Arkadios MMS, pictured above.

For the Greystone Dressage recognized
show on June 1st the Haflinger high point
winner was Jessie Mehaffey with Midas of
4WH.

At the Ohio Dressage Derby, winner of the
Haflinger High Point Award was Chelsea
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Hear yea, hear yea!

Do you run and hide when you hear the call for volunteers? Have you thought about helping out, but feel you just don't have the skill set? How about feeling like you're just too far removed from the event to contribute in any real way? The American Haflinger Registry was built on the backs of volunteers -- from its inception through today, its members have been the core of its success. While some activities do require in-person involvement, today's computer-generated world allows for a myriad of opportunities to become involved remotely. From soliciting sponsorships, to assisting with social events, shows/sales/seminars, generating memberships, or mentoring current and future Haflinger owners of all ages, online or by phone, there are plenty of opportunities to become more involved.

The old adage "many hands make light work" really is true. The more people pitch in to help just a little can lighten the load quite a lot, so please thank the volunteers shown below for their service, and offer to help them in any way you can. Show and award sponsorships are always needed, too. If you're short on free time, please consider contributing financially to ensure the continuation of these special events and programs. Your help is needed to sustain and GROW AHR -- please contact a chairperson today!

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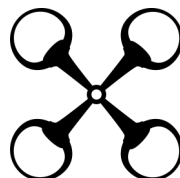


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Calendar Contest 2023



We want YOUR submissions for the 2023 AHR Wall Calendar!

Photos must be of an AHR registered Haflinger and submitted by a current member. If you'd like to submit your photos for possible inclusion in the 2023 AHR calendar, email your high resolution* landscape oriented (horizontal) photos to

**promotion@haflingerhorse.com
by Saturday, October 1st**

Please include the registered name(s) of the horse(s) pictured, owner name, names of all people pictured, and the photographer's name. Also include a use release with any professional photos.

***High resolution is 300 dpi or better. Photos must be at least 3300 pixels wide by at least 2550 pixels tall. For questions regarding quality, please contact us at promotion@haflingerhorse.com.**



Joke of the Day

A man stumbles across a sign while he is walking through the country and the sign reads, "Talking Horse for Sale." So, he goes into the barn to check it all out.

"So what makes you so special then?" he asks the horse. "I've led a fulfilling life," the horse says, to the man's surprise. "I was born in Argentina and herded for an entire village in the Andes. After that, I joined the police force, mounted of course, in New York and helped maintain the city and ensure it's clean. Now, I spend my days giving free rides to kids in the country."

The guy is gob-smacked, jaw-dropped and speechless.

He asks the horse's owner, "Why would you want to sell this fantastic animal?" The owner says, "Well, he's flat out a liar! He never did any of those things he just told you!"

2022 Futurity Shows

The Hitch Futurity will be held in conjunction with the Indiana State Fair on August 19th. Entry deadline is July 1st.

The Sport Futurity will be held at Lake Erie Equestrian College on August 26th and 27th. Entry deadline is August 1st.

Stay tuned for possible additional events to be held in conjunction with the Futurity Shows!

Showing Sightings



With show season fully upon us, one can take the opportunity to watch and learn! Whether draft or pleasure, novice or advanced, there's one common thread – good sportsmanship! The show ring, first and foremost, is a place for competition. Every participant who enters the ring wants to come out a winner. Some define “winning” by achieving a personal or professional goal, whether or not he/she wins a ribbon. Others feel a sense of disappointment when their efforts aren't recognized with the blue. How exhibitors react to results is what sets each competitor apart.

To repeat: HOW EXHIBITORS REACT TO RESULTS IS WHAT SETS EACH COMPETITOR APART.

Throwing temper tantrums, mumbling slurs, yanking on the lead rope or bridle does not change results. Committing to following a few, simple guidelines for how to graciously accept a win or defeat will only improve a competitor's edge as well

as leave a more positive impression your fellow competitors AND judges will remember. Here are a few, golden rules of good sportsmanship:

1. Respect your horse -- Prepare well ahead of the show. Accept your horse's efforts, even if it's not perfect. Abusing your horse verbally or physically is not only unacceptable, it's a sign of your frustration, not a sign of respect. Anyone seeing such behavior will not respect you as an exhibitor or horse owner. Taking a deep breath, along with a nice rub on your horse's neck goes a long way in turning things around for both horse and exhibitor.

2. Respect your fellow competitors -- Offer congratulations and encouragement to others in the ring, and appreciate what you can learn from watching them.

3. Respect show personnel -- From the show committee and ringmaster to the ribbon handler, pooper-scooper and



others, show your respect. Many times these are volunteers, so let them know you appreciate their efforts -- it will lift their spirits and may even help secure the show's future.

4. Respect the judge -- Unless a timed event, judging is subjective on any given day, and no judge is perfect. Like you, they try their best and their final placings should be respected. Questioning the judge directly during show hours is not acceptable. However, if you have a well-presented question you'd like the judge's input on, it may be able to be answered at the end of the day or, if you're fully finished exhibiting, during a break. Always check with the Technical Delegate to ask permission and schedule a time. Interrupting the judge, bad-mouthing the judge, or storming off the showgrounds because you disagree with his/her placings is not only unacceptable behavior, its poor sportsmanship.

5. Smile -- Whether you have a perfect go or it's just not your day, a smile hides half

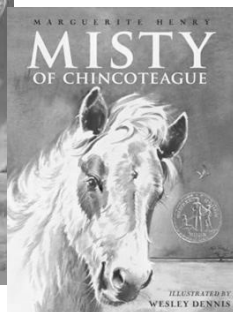
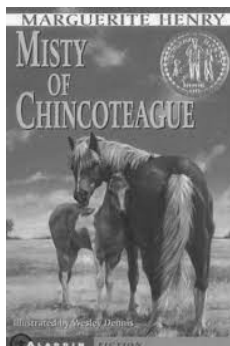
your mistakes and lets others know you appreciate your horse and what the two of you were able to achieve, even on those days you may not get the results you had hoped for.

6. Be helpful -- For many years the Haflinger breed had the reputation for having the friendliest, most helpful exhibitors ever witnessed by judges. To renew that commitment to the breed, lend a hand or offer a kind comment to an exhibitor in need whenever possible. Whether a broken piece of tack or a broken heart, helpful words and unselfish deeds go a long way in building comradery among your fellow exhibitors.

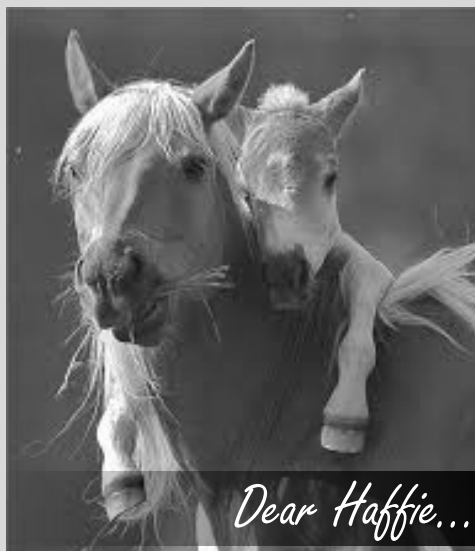
7. Finally, remember it's a horse show -- While expectations and nerves can take over any exhibitor's body and mind, try to remember you're supposed to be having fun. If you're not having fun, it's time to re-evaluate the goals and plan of action you've set for yourself and your horse.

Good Reads!

This month's good read includes not one, not two, but a host of books that both children and adults will want to delve into this summer. While the name Marguerite Breithaupt may not ring a bell, pen name Marguerite Henry may! From *Misty of Chincoteague* to *Justin Morgan Had a Horse*, *Black Gold*, *King of the Wind*, and more, Marguerite Henry was a lifelong writer of heartfelt horse stories drawn from true life. Children of all ages will love the vivid descriptions of Misty, Stormy, and others in these Newbery Honored books. Pick up a copy to read with your child or grandchild today!



If you have a book you think your fellow AHR members would enjoy, please let us know by emailing newsletter@haflingerhorse.com with the title, author, and synopsis. Happy reading!



Dear Haffie is where you can find help for issues you may be having with that special Hafflinger in your family. If you need help, please send your resolution request (less than 200 words) to newsletter@haflingerhorse.com and watch for a response in the next newsletter!

My neighbor asked if his 10-year-old daughter could ride our pony, but he doesn't agree with our helmets required policy. Do I let his daughter ride without a helmet in order to keep the peace?

Anonymous

Dear Anonymous,
While the young rider may be caught in the middle of this decision, it's best for all concerned to stick with your helmets required policy and require the young rider to wear a helmet. State laws vary on the subject, but statistics show that helmets work in keeping head injuries to a minimum and can save lives. Whether riding, driving, or handling a horse on the ground, ASTM F1163-15 helmets are SEI Certified helmets specifically made for equestrian use. They give riders and drivers that extra layer of protection needed when unexpected spooks and accidents come along. I would encourage you to watch and share the 1995 video, *Every Time, Every Ride*, which still offers an impactful message and highlights reasons why helmet use makes sense. Visit https://youtu.be/L7_Bpc_Q6hw to view and share with others.

Meetings, Minutes & Miscellaneous

The **May 17th 2022 AHR board meeting** via conference call was called to order at 8:07 pm by president Brian Mitteer. Brian asked for approval of the April minutes. Glenn Yoder motioned to accept, and Tara Williamson seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report - Tara Williamson: The available balance in the AHR accounts is \$196,231.75. The National Show account has \$12,862.24, and the Futurity account has \$1,697.35. There was discussion that we need to publish a treasurer's report in the "Haflinger Horse Bits" and the board had also approved sending a check for the Buckeye Show sponsorship. The board instructed Tara to send the board minutes to Stacie so she knows when the board sponsors events and is able to forward a check on to that organization. Erwin Slabaugh noted that we also need to move the \$8,000 the board approved for the Futurity into the Futurity account. Motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by Robert Eicher, seconded by Chuck Hendershot. Unanimously approved.

Publications Committee - Robert Eicher: There were some concerns that the inside front and back covers were spoken for in the Haflinger Annual before they were made generally available to the members. The board discussed that maybe in the next issue we would put the inside front and inside back cover up for bid.

Promotional Committee - Robert Eicher: Still working with Stacie to try to have a presence at the Horse Progress Days in Montgomery, Indiana, the first weekend in July. Robert will be at the Stephen Yoder Haflinger Expo in Lagrange, Indiana, on June 4th and will have an AHR table set up with promotional handouts and forms.

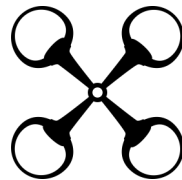
National Show - Tara Williamson: Tara proposed that we use Buckeye Equestrian Events to run the National Show. Glenn had a question on the National Show: Are we

going to fund it no matter what it costs? Lots of discussion on how much to fund and/or how much the AHR should allot towards the Show. Board agreed that it is a good idea for Tara to explore the details with Buckeye Equestrian on putting together the National Show, then getting back to the board with a projected cost.

I&C - Erwin Slabaugh: There is a potential Inspection in New York on Friday September 23rd. Deadline is September 1st for entries. Erwin will try to put together an Inspection on the Friday of the Futurity in Ohio in August.

New business: We have a request from the Haflinger Journal to advertise their magazine on-line. The board agreed to post it on Facebook and to place it in the "Haflinger Horse Bits" newsletter. The GLHA requested an additional \$250 for a pleasure class sponsorship. The board noted that GLHA has only had one pleasure exhibitor in the past. Chuck Hendershot moved to award \$250 to GLHA for a pleasure sponsorship with a message that for the AHR to continue this level of sponsorship we would like to see more pleasure classes and more pleasure exhibitors. Motion seconded and approved.

Brian noted that committee reports are due the Thursday prior to the Board meeting. Erwin made a motion to adjourn. Chuck Hendershot seconded. Meeting adjourned at 9:27 pm.



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Treasurer report: See previous email from Stacie

Pedigree/Registration: The Dawn Ramsdell registrations have all been completed by the office. It was a long process but it finally got completed by Dawn. Fielding questions and helping people with questions as usual. Nothing the board needs to take action on.

Inspection/Classification: Announced on AHR FB page and the website about the classification at Hendershots on September 23rd and the possibility of one at the Futurity if enough interest. Have 2 people interested in the Ohio location and 1 interested in the Hendershot location. I believe Chuck has some horses and possibly others interested also in that one. Jessica changed the documents on the website for the Classification registration forms. Classification blurb was also posted in the newsletter to hopefully garner more interest.

National show: I've been talking to Duane and I will need to discuss what we want from this show as an organization. The high risk high reward option where we finance it entirely, but then keep the proceeds- or the sponsorship option where we let someone run the show and they recoup expenses through the profit, but we support the show with some measure of sponsorship/ advertising/name recognition. We would be able to ask for certain things-classes, judge criteria and so forth.

Old Business
Haflinger Journal

New Business

Adjournment

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