

ATAA Newsletter

Minorka II/Manila

By Jas Shearer-McMahon

This is a new series about our favorite/most admired Akhal-Teke horses. Please send your stories and photos to the editor for inclusion into upcoming newsletters.

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I had never heard of the Akhal-Teke breed until I saw an article about them in the Colorado Country Life magazine put out monthly by our Rural Electric association. It was the summer of 1985 and the feature article was about an Akhal-Teke breeder from Germany, Eberhard Sprandl, who had recently moved to Wellington, Co with his herd of Stallions, mares and foals. I called my good horse friend, Frank

Cassano, and asked if he wanted to go see them and that's exactly what we did. What impressed me the most was the friendly, curious nature of all of them. One little 2 year old in particular came up to us and just stood there, at the time I didn't even know who she was but she is the one who eventually became my first purebred mare Minorka II (Manila).
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The 2014 International Akhal-Teke conference in Ashgabat

By Amrita Ibold

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Do you have your visa yet? This was the most asked question before leaving,...one may be on a list, and a promise you may come...but without a visa one cannot travel far. But we all got ours a few days before leaving. It's a long trip, 26 hours for us from Friday Harbor, and when we arrived in Ashgabat the new lobby in the airport got tested out as our visa's seemed to be placed in the basement... Finally we got to our hotel, I stopped looking at my watch, and slept like a baby.

Since we are 12 hours ahead, we skipped a day and the celebrations had already started. We were whisked off to the meeting for the International Akhal-Teke conference, just like the previous years, it is a motion of a meeting, the only purpose is to show the country a meeting was held. Then we were taken to the expedition hall for the horse expo where we met up with all attendees. Personally I never tire of seeing the paintings, the rugs, the horse decorations, they even

Newsflash!!

2014 Annual Membership Conference Dates:

September 26th -28th

No hotel yet, Tish is still trying to find a good rate.

But, it will be in the Sacramento area, near the airport.

had a row of craftsmen making the decorations, young men making statues of horses....and there were booth with vendors from other countries.

The second day was endurance day. The start and finish of the race was just outside the new hippodrome. The first time I saw the endurance race in TM was in 2010, and I was told that they used race horses who did not

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Tish Saare has spearheaded the design and sale of ATAA Logowear, per what was decided at the 2013 General Membership meeting. We have Sweatshirts in Navy and Gray in various sizes and baseball caps in navy and gray.

The Sweatshirts are unisex sizes, so they run a little bit



The gray sweatshirt



The navy blue sweatshirt.

Price is \$32 for the sweatshirt and \$18 for the baseball caps, which includes shipping. Contact Tish Saare to order or use the form on page 7 of this newsletter.

Yearbook/Magazine:

Betsy Wandler and Amrita Ibold are going to do an ATAA Yearbook/Magazine towards the end of the year that will be sent to ALL ATAA members at no cost. Start sending in your photos NOW, before you forget! Betsy: betsysee@gmail.com, Amrita: ibolds@rockisland.com

Membership Directory:

Should be out within the next week or so, along with the rest of the membership packet.

ATAA News

2014 Annual ATAA

Conference: Tish and Jack Saare will be hosting this year's Conference in late September/early October near Sacramento, CA. September 26th through 28th.

Goody bags: Amrita had a great idea – to make up special goody bags for conference attendees. We have already voted to have items bought in Turkmenistan put in those bags. We won't tell you what is in them though, you'll need to come to the Conference to find out!

Membership Renewal-

Thank you to everyone that has renewed or joined so far! We have lots of great stuff planned for this year, but if you have suggestions, PLEASE let us know. You may contact any Board member with suggestions.

Bloodtyping: University of Kentucky will do bloodtyping in April and November this year. Contact the Registrar for further information.

Registration: is going well. Amrita and Cathy report that more pending registrations have been finished and more new registrations have been sent out. To see the complete list, go to: <http://www.akhal-teke.org/registration.html>

Below is a short Thank you to the ATAA for the work that is being done on behalf

of the membership and the Akhal-Teke.

'I was fortunate to be able to attend the AERC convention this year, and receive the ATAA breed award for Limited Distance Reserve Champion. For me, the recognition is more about representing the breed than my individual horse's accomplishments. Too few equine competitors have experienced what we know to be the joy of the Akhal-Teke. I want to thank the ATAA for the award, but more than that, for the efforts being made to promote the breed and bring Akhal-Teke owners together.'



Alien Invasion (Kegas), owned by Sweet Water Farm, ridden by Marina Beinenstock, USEA Beg. Nov. Reserve Champion



Darth Vader (Pasabi), owned by Sweet Water Farm, ridden by Zoe Saccio, USEA Beg. Novice Champion



Turkmen Air, owned by Sweet Water Farm, ridden by Amrita Ibold, USEA Training Champion



Sensational Scooby, owned and ridden by Susan Presson, USEA Novice Champion.



Aeolus, owned and ridden by Scott Sears, AERC Reserve LD Champion.



The detail of the additional embroidery Amrita and Jenny had done on their awards coolers. Looks great!

More photos in the next newsletter!

My Turkmenistan Trip, April 22-29, 2014

By Cathy Leddy

This was my first international flight and (except for Canada and Nogales, Mexico) my first trip outside the US. I had a pretty good idea what to expect from talking to people that had been there. I packed extra food for those days we didn't get to eat until 2 or 3 (although it turns out I didn't need it), all sorts of remedies, books, etc. I will say that we were really very well taken care of.

Jas and I travelled together, which was quite nice, especially when we were the only English speakers around. We started our first day on a bus...we thought we were heading to a horse exhibition, but we weren't quite sure. There was also a bus heading off to look at gaslines or something. We got on the correct one though and were dropped at Exhibition Palace. We had no idea what to do or where to go, so we winged it. I'm pretty sure we got exhibitor's badges and we wandered all over the hall while vendors were setting up. There were lovely paintings, tack, exercise equipment, beautiful rugs and many other things.



We did get to see the trick riders perform, along with their famous dancing Teke.

We had our first lunch that day at the hall. Every lunch and dinner after this was very similar, with lots of food and plenty of fresh vegetables. Every table we sat at had fizzy orange soda and cola drinks that a young server would rush up and fill your glass with.



We started meeting some of the other attendees; it was great to finally meet many people that I had only talked to on the internet. There were also quite a few non-Teke folks along, some were artisans, and some were related to connected people, some were giving speeches. It was great fun to network like crazy.

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National Endangered Equine Event Returns to KY Horse Park

The conservation organization Equus Survival Trust has announced it will host a second Festivale of Endangered Equines, a nationwide endangered breeds event at the world famous Kentucky Horse Park (KHP) in spring of 2015 - May 26, 27, 28th.

All Festivale activities are included with admission to the Kentucky Horse Park and include a rare breed pavilion, demos, youth activities, booths, silent auction, possible lectures & clinics, as well as very unusual competition - the Stewardship Awards of North America (SANA) which last time featured prominent foreign and domestic licensed judges, some 15 breeds and well over 100 classes that were educational as well as competitive.

The Festivale will focus on raising public awareness and encourage networking among breeders and associations. The exhibition's theme, "Celebrate the Differences" is designed to encourage visitors to explore and cherish the differences preserved in these endangered historical breeds.

The Equus Survival Trust is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit and is the only conservation organization worldwide currently specializing in equines. For more information on the Trust or the Festivale of Endangered Equines, please contact the Equus Survival Trust: EquusSurvivalTrust@Yahoo.com Web - www.Equus-Survival-Trust.org



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Friday, our second day there was the endurance race. We were bussed out to the start of it and left. We watched the horses leave and then...nothing. We were left in the stands so we went exploring. We visited the stables across the way (and were NOT allowed in the barns), took photos of youngsters, wandered around looking for a bathroom (they had potty busses, but I wasn't that desperate) and then I went down and watched the dancing. Almost every place we went had some sort of music and dancing, all in beautiful Turkmen costumes. Several of our group danced here. I wasn't quite so brave though and it was already getting hot.



The riders (maybe half that started) came in for the vet check. It was very different than what you would see in the US, I think most horses wouldn't have passed our vet checks. My favorite horse was the lone mare competing. I think she did finish.



After the endurance race, we were bussed back to the Exhibition Palace and given lunch. Then it was speech time. Jas and I snuck out and walked back to the hotel, admiring the amazingly clean streets and blinding white buildings.

Saturday was out to the Akhalteke Equestrian Complex, where we were to listen to speeches and be part of a ribbon cutting ceremony. We had to get up at 3:30 am to make the 5 am bus. Once we got there, we all wandered off to look at horses – most definitely not the same level of care we do here! And then we paid for that by standing in the hot sun in front of TV cameras while many speeches were given. At least one young Turkmen lady was overcome with heat exhaustion while we stood there and many of us were wishing they would hurry up and open the doors.



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This is her in 1985, and she became mine in 1990 after the Sprandel auction. She was a 7 year old then and had never been backed, but she was very easy to start under saddle and we spent many an hour on the trails around home. She was a prolific broodmare as well, producing 10 foals for me, nine of which were colts (!) and her 10th was the filly I had always hoped for.

Unfortunately we lost "Manila" 36 hours after she foaled due to a ruptured uterine artery which was irreparable. The reason that she has two names is because her papers and pedigree were mixed up before the Sprandel auction and it took several years to finally determine her true identity. She ruled the roost here and several of her get have gone on to have good endurance careers and an ability to jump and do dressage. Two of her foals, MV Moondancer (1993) and MV Patrickhan (2001) have received their 1000 mile AERC medallions and 'Patrick' has also earned his 2000 mile one. "Dancer" qualified for the AERC National Championships in 1999 and we completed the 50 mile ride at Fort Stanton, New Mexico. Both of these boys are very competitive and have several top tens in their careers, and "Patrick" has completed the Tevis once and we hope to do it again. "Dancer" is currently showing dressage with his current owner and is the favorite lesson horse of the young girls at his barn in Southern Colorado.

She is also the dam of MV Mazan, who did some endurance rides before riding to the hounds.

"Manila" was the first horse I have ever owned who would come flying off the mountain to me whenever I whistled and she was always game to get in the trailer and go for the next adventure. We could safely put our nieces and nephews on her and she would take them around the property and take care of them.



This is her in 2004, still looking great.

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make it on the race track, and partbreds. Since endurance is not a passion in TM, and a new field, the understanding on how to do it successfully still seems to be lacking. There seemed to me no improvement in performance since 2010, and the horses would not have passed a vet check in the USA. While they were on their rounds we walked around the hippodrome grounds, and in a small pen were some mares with yearlings. They were extremely skinny but worse were the club feet and contracted tendons. Just about every youngster had a severe case of it. It was disappointing to see the quality of horses decline. And obviously food is not an issue for the president, but the starvation was rampant. We were bussed back to Ashgabat to a beautiful lunch as usual.

The next day, Saturday was the beauty contest at the hippodrome. Horses were even more decorated than ever, all of a different theme, the silver with silver blanket cover, the white, the gold and so on. A real feast for the eye. The president was shown each decorated horse.



After the festivities we went back to the expedition hall for the closing ceremony. Then we went to the opening ceremony at the old racetrack for a new complex dedicated to train horse and jockey.

While waiting for the ceremony to start we walked over to the stables and we were shown the stabled horses one by one. These stallions were not roached like even the youngest horse, and they had coarse faces, I think they were all partbreds of some type. In one of the

stables we saw a few purebred horses, their faces obviously AT and they were the only ones roached.

They had class rooms filled with students for show, and an exercise room for jockeys with a riding simulator! I have always wanted to try one...and Ulrike did!!!!

They did a jumping performance, same horses and riders as in 2012, but the fences were half the height and the horses were jumping worse, out of control and refusing.

Sunday was the big day of the races, while waiting in the bleachers we were allowed to attend a ceremony for a new building, they laid the first brick in TM style with dancers and singers.

It was a bit of a walk, but the exciting thing was we got a good glimpse of the welcome awaiting the president, streets lined with people in TM dress, carpets on the streets, yurts set up and paintings and art all for the president to ride by in him white carriage drawn by a white Akhal-Teke, to end by the stage where



he would get out and sit in a chair to see the dance performance, to then go to the races.

On our walk we encountered camels dressed up to the knees! Now I know where those odd shaped carpets go! Some of them had the wedding "throne" on their backs. Our chaperones had trouble making our group move on, for we were almost late for the ceremony down the road...



The racing was the highlight for me, obviously this is where the Turkmen have their pride. The horses were in good flesh, most of them had trimmed feet, and this is the first year where I have noticed them perform well. They were in good condition, every horse finished the race. In previous years some of them were out of energy half way round.



This was exciting to see. The president rode a race, this time not in a saddle with horn, but an all purpose, naturally all the jockeys rode in the same type saddle, and the last race was by Turkish people who had brought their own Turkish Arabs. Their horses were in top shape and they ran a good race. All winners received a new car. And this concluded the week of festivities.

Monday Jenny and I met up with our friend in Ashgabat and we went to the riding stable they use and got to go for a trail ride! Jenny rode an AT mare and I got a Jomud mare. The lady was very hesitant for us to trot,...but my Russian vocabulary, as limited as it is, I know the walk trot canter, and I told her no canter no ride...she asked the her helper in the rear if we were safe to trot, and he said yes...then he said we were safe to canter, and before long she'd send us cantering up the hill just with him because she wasn't to keen to canter, and neither was her horse.

It was a dream come true...the hills are beautiful, but as mysterious as anything else in a country where I don't speak the language.

We came up close to some kind of encampment...cool I thought...but our guides acted nervous...we had to canter trough, it was deserted,

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and the feeling was so ominous...like some death grip was upon it...our guide started hissing in the strangest way, I fully believe to ward off evil spirits since the Turkmens are highly superstitious.

After our ride she showed us the stables, and she said her tack room was her shop, and I bought a cool felt saddle pad decorated with embroidery. She said I can order more and she'll ship them...for anyone that is interested.
We then drove to the old city of Nisa.



There you are able to walk anywhere you want. They are restoring it, and had some posters of what it used to look like. Amazing, how they managed to make the great room with huge dome roof just baffles me.

Our friend is an avid birder, and what I thought out of the corner of my eye was some kind of none descript bird, she lent me her binoculars...and it was an enormous bee catcher of incredible color!

It opened up a new world for me! She showed me more exotic birds, names already forgotten....but I now look at the birds with a different eye!

We then drove to the Teke Bazaar in Ashgabat and bought more souvenirs and vegetables for dinner that we made at her house.

Then it was time to go back to our hotel and pack our bags, say goodbye to friends from all over the world in the lobby, and wait for our plane to leave at 1.45 am.

Two of the British ladies ordered tea for everyone and we had a cozy time in the airport lobby.

As usual, the trip had been a marathon of stamina for the lack of sleep, at times lack of water and food, but the overall exposure to art, folklore, hospitality, makes it for an unforgettable trip.



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We were then served another lovely meal and taken back to the hotel. One evening (not sure which one now) we went to the Russian Bazaar along with several other attendees. We ended up going twice and it was a feast for the senses – lovely smells and beautiful displays. I got to do a little bit of haggling, so I felt I'd had the whole 'experience'.

Sunday was Race Day. We got up at 3:30 am again to make the 5 am bus and were in our seats at the race course by 7 am. We did get watch the sunrise.



Some of us did get to see the ground breaking ceremony (got us out of our seats!) and passed some very decorated camels that made the rather long walk very worthwhile.



When we got back to our seats, they started serving wine and cognac, which went just fine on empty stomachs. Pretty soon people were helping themselves to the food and drink in the VIP section ahead of us. Then we had trick riders, drill teams, beauty contests and the President riding in an exhibition race.



There were 7 races and the horses looked to be in good flesh and reasonably well trained. There were a few close finishes and then the top three jockeys in each race got presented cars.



I didn't take many photos of the actual races, as I thought other stuff was way more interesting. Anyway, after lunch, back to the hotel.

We did a few things, but the whole trip sort of flowed together.

Monday we made another trip to the Russian Bazaar and then went on a long bus ride with some of the jockeys from the races and a TV crew. We were promised that we could see the President's horses, but instead got to see several statues (up close) in front of the TV cameras. By the time we got to the stables, they had been closed for ½ hour! So, we found a bathroom, walked on the fancy track surface (very nice) and talked and talked with our new friends. We made it back to the hotel, got to eat one more time and then headed for the airport and home. All in all, it was a marvelous week. Many of the attendees are heading to the Chinese Celebration of the Horse, starring Jackie Chan, the 12th through the 14th of May. Several of our members are planning on going, so perhaps the next newsletter will have a report on that!



Farm and Competition Reports

Spiritwood Farms, VA Rebecca Supinger

What a spectacular weekend at Fair Hill, weather was perfect and Husband Bob and I completed the Foxcatcher 25 on our homebred mares, their first ever! After an eventful first mile where my mare Kira (Kharyzma) decided she couldn't handle having a strange horse galloping up at her from behind, while she was trying to watch all the horses going off in front of her in a huge open field. She decided to perform her "aerial flying G" with a twist maneuver, a move she has only done previously at liberty on a very windy day when a big plastic tarp went roaring thru the mare's field.



This move consists of her leaping approximately 6 feet straight up with her front legs folded and both back legs straight out behind her like a gazelle trying to outrun a lion, but this time she added the twist part which I now know is where she does a 180 while at the peak of her "flying g" so she comes down facing the opposite way so she can see what that horse behind her is up to. Since this has never been a mounted maneuver, you can imagine my surprise at being included. It did however allow me to fully test out my new Airowear safety vest that I now wear when riding, (it works), but after being dragged 10 feet thru the wet grass, (refreshing), I had to let go of my death grip I still had on the reins as she was building up speed in her running backwards. This allowed

me to get up, and fully enjoy her two full speed galloping laps around me and the photographer who I am not sure if he was trying to catch her or trying not to get run over by my pretty mare. On her third lap I called her name and she turned my way, making me think that might not have been a good idea. She galloped up and slammed on the brakes right in front of me which allowed me just reach up inches from my face and take hold of the reins again. Husband Bob got to enjoy the whole show from his front row seat on his horse who was about 15 feet behind me. The new plan included leading Kira up to the tree line between fields and finding something to stand on to get back on. Now my horse was all warmed up and ready to continue on our way, only 24 more miles to go! Somewhere in that first loop she also donated her left front shoe to the mud hole people so she did the last few miles on the side of the gravel roads and trying to tiptoe where there was no nice grassy area



so she would not find the particular "rock with her name on it". All endurance riders know they each have their own rock out there somewhere waiting to get them. Well, we did not find ours this day so after having a new shoe installed while Kira and Ellie inhaled buckets of wet beet pulp and grain, we hustled the girls out so fast they did not have time to figure out that they have never done a second loop. They normally just go out for a ride, come back and they are done. We were now on the short end on time and had to step up the pace. Well we did and rode those last 10 miles in an hour and change and 6.8mph so, surprise, we both got our completions! I think we cantered a lot of loop two and they

had so much fun they forgot to complain. Afterwards, they had lunch, early dinner, late dinner, and a late night snack, and still our Sunday morning wake up call was one mare violently shaking her empty hay bag, and the other one banging her empty bucket against the trailer. The Foxcatcher ride at Fair Hill in Maryland is really a gorgeous ride and anyone who can get here should come and ride! Enjoy,

PS- I will be keeping a running blog of Kira and Ellie and their adventures in endurance.

Cascade Gold, WA Cathy Leddy

It has been a BUSY few months. First I went to Turkmenistan (you can read my report on page 3 and also on my website blog at www.cgakhaltekes (more photos!). I got home and then almost immediately had a family trip to Michigan. THEN, with one day to prepare, Monica and I headed to the lovely Mt. Adams endurance ride. I hadn't ridden in over 2 weeks, my saddle had been getting repaired and I only got it back one day before leaving, but no problem! We packed quickly (and didn't seem to forget anything really important) and headed out. We both only did the Trail Ride, which I had a hard time



doing, as you don't even get points for it – but, after surger(ies) and no competing at all last year, this was the longest ride I had done in 2 years. We took a friend and her horse on their first endurance ride, which was fun. They went from stressed and tense, to enjoying the lovely trails and big grins (horse included). We have our next ride planned at the end of May. Breeding season will be starting soon and I have a foal due in July. Whew!

Farm and Competition Reports

Scott Sears, DVM reports that 'On May 3rd, Aeolus and I competed at Horsepower Farms Cross Country Derby, at the novice level.

Unfortunately, we didn't place, but at least we made an impression. I received many favorable comments about well he can jump, how athletic he is, and how fast. If we could just put it all together (although we do need to slow down).

Hopefully, I will get some time to actually condition him, and we can do an endurance race or two this season.



Attached are more pictures from Ayer Mountain on April 27.

Tom and Dawn Thomsen

Hello folks,

Just a few words on what is going on in this part of the world. We are on hold and have been for 3 years first of all because the weather gods have not been kind to us. One and two years ago we had record rain with flooding and I would not take our stallion out training because he was slipping and sliding badly and I believe an

endurance the horse must have solid training under his belt and of course everybody is looking at him because he is an Akhal-Teke so I do not want him to show weakness, most people over here have never heard of an Akhal-Teke much less seen one so he truly is the centre of attention and he knows it so much so I train him at home to behave but that behaviour goes out the window once he sees everybody looking at him. After two years of rain we are now in drought around us the worst in one hundred years, I do not know how we can lose all that water in one year as I would have thought we would have plenty of underground water plus the dams around the place. Animal feed is scarce and expensive however just as I am writing this we had a storm which is also a record event in some places and we hope that it will set us up for winter grass.

Denise Kaye is looking after two of our mares which Dawn and I am thankful first of all because that is two less horses in our paddock we only have a small area and also age has caught up with me I had to go under the knife a couple of times but I will be fine after some months so I hope back into the saddle. Next time I write I hope it won't be all woes because things are good we wake up every day and feel great.

The best from Australia

Michelle Huber, HI

Malika has become my go to trail horse; especially for long rides up the mountain. She was ridden in one barrel race by my 11 year old daughter. She knows how to bring the cows down on the ranch. She gives great kisses-



photos later, and we are preparing her to be in the annual King Kameahmeah Day Parade with 150 other horses. We also have been trying our luck with polo which she really seems to enjoy. We may try a bit of jumping the year if she

likes it. As you can see she does quite a lot of things and she is



always ready for the next adventure!

National Akhal-Teke Show!

NEWSFLASH!! The ATAA is partnering with the Equus Survival Trust to bring everyone the 2015 Festivale of Rare Breeds on May 25th-28th, 2015 at the Kentucky Horse Park. This is for ALL Tekes and Teke crosses, registered or not, ATAA member or not. There will be many other rare breeds there. We'd like to get a very informal idea of who would come and what sorts of classes you'd be interested in. Please contact a board member and let them know.

At this time, we have been offered a full day of Teke only classes, along with the All-breed classes (for all the Rare Breeds that are there) including jumping, dressage and costume. There will also be clinics to attend with national judges for all the breeds.

There will be top judges for the All-Breed portion (details to come later). We will provide our own judge(s) for the Teke portion, and we already have 2 excellent possibilities that have said they will come.

It is possible we can offer grading and/or grading clinics specifically for ATs too. Please let us know your interests so we can proceed.

Contact one of your Board members!

Speak now for your preferred classes.

Silver Hill Ranch, MT Betsy Wandler

We are greatly looking forward for spring to make an appearance! This winter in Billings we have had the most recorded snowfall since they began keeping track (1936). Needless to say, we are anxious to see the ground, preferably green!

Our first foal is here! (Salamdor x Amerka), full sibling to last year's colt that we just sold.



Filly, named Silverhill Avienda

Victory is currently in training, and his first show "debut" is planned the first weekend in May in Kalispell.

It's going to be a busy spring and summer!

Timothy Floyd, ID

JBK Akula has been getting dressage lessons three days a week and is conditioning in the Boise foothills preparing for a dual career in Endurance and Dressage.



GodsCavalry Ranch News, WA Catrina Quantrell

Mazaly (aka Maizie) and I headed to Jump for Joy at the Clark County Fair Grounds in Vancouver, WA March 22nd to start our competition year. We competed in the 3 ft and 3'3" adult classes and brought

home a first place ribbon in our 3 ft class and 6th place ribbon in our 3'3" class. Here is a photo from our show this past weekend May 17th Show was at the Hood River Saddle Club.



Maizie and I showed in the Beginning Novice Test division and the Novice Test division (this show allows us to ride the eventing tests) Maizie had a great showing and showed the 7 months of dressage training we have been doing is paying off she brought home a second place ribbon in Beginning Novice and a first place ribbon in her Novice division.

We now have a break until May when we will compete in a schooling dressage show in Hood River, OR before we start our Eventing competition year the last weekend in May. I have officially retired my old competition mare, Cara (Senetir by a Morgan mare, Cricket) to a life of full retirement, she will be 20 in April, after giving me two gorgeous Akhal-Teke colts. We have no foals due this year, and we are not planning on breeding any for 2015 at this time, no matter how much Suyji feels that this is not a good idea!

Sweet Water Farms, WA Amrita Ibold and Jenny Rice

The first quarter of the year may have been the busiest yet for Sweet Water Farm Akhal-Teke. We started out the New Year with a shipment of frozen semen from the Posman line stallion, Kambarbay owned by Solaris Sport Horses of the U.K. The semen is now safely stored at the state of the art Zoetis facility in Kansas City, MO (<https://www.zoetisus.com/solutions/pages/equine/Equine-Home.aspx>). In February we welcomed a new stallion to our care, the gorgeous Gelishikli line metallic perlino "Pegas," owned by

Eloise King and bred by Tito Pontecorvo. We are excitedly awaiting the upcoming ultrasounds of our mares and will soon know more about next year's crop of foals. Amrita and the El line purebred gelding, Paktaly, have already been to two schooling shows and are looking forward to the start of the competition season in May, with hopes to progress to Preliminary level eventing this year. And just around the corner, we will be attending the annual International Akhal-Teke Horse Association conferences in Ashgabad, Turkmenistan in April, as well as China's first ever International Akhal-Teke Horse celebration, in honor of the Year of the Horse, taking place in Beijing in May (with Jackie Chan as honorary spokesperson!). Check out our website and blogs next month to read all the details of our trips: www.akhalteke.cc <http://eventingakhaltekes.blogspot.com/>

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Horses For Sale

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Other for Sale

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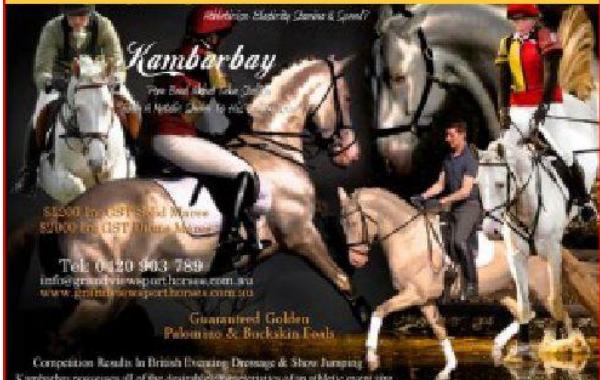
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