

ATAA Newsletter

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ATAA Membership Survey Results

ATAA BOD

We had a good turnout for our online membership survey. Thank you to everyone that participated. The BOD read all the comments and discussed the findings in our March 5th 2015 Conference Call. Some of the comments have made us think of new and better ways to serve you. We had 48 people respond, roughly half of which are current ATAA members. This was such a positive tool, we may use it again to find out what the membership thinks about issues we don't want to wait for

the General Membership Meeting at the Conference for.

ATAA Membership Survey Results:

1. What is your Membership Status?
I have never been an ATAA member – 22.92%
I was previously an ATAA member, but am not now – 20.83%
I am currently an ATAA member -56.25%
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Meet Your Board of Directors

As we have so many new members, we decided to do a "Meet your Board" segment. 2015's Board has over 100 years of combined AT experience (now I feel really old). We have Board members with close to 30 years of experience with Tekes and Board members that are relatively new to the breed. We have purebred and partbred advocates and all of us ride and compete to at least some degree. Here are the last two BOD members (first 5 were in the last issue).

You are always welcome to contact your Board members with any input,

suggestions, etc. and we will do our best to answer.

Treasurer, Webmaster and Registrar, Amrita Ibold

My name is Amrita Ibold. I am currently the ATAA treasurer, registrar and webmaster. To the great disappointment of my parents I was born horse crazy in the Netherlands. I started having riding lessons on New Forrest ponies at the age of about 7. My days were filled with waiting for my next lesson (once a week) to asking people if I could muck their stall just to be around a horse.

Newsflash!!

**New
HorseFlicks
DVDs for sale!**

**Members will
receive a copy
with their
membership
packet, which
goes out in
April, but you
may order more
copies.**

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Information on
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At the age of 12 I met my best friend, (we are still best friends) and together we "trained" Shetland ponies in the neighborhood and would rent ponies on the weekend for a dollar a day. Those ponies worked all week pulling carts, and they knew every trick in the book and more to get you off their backs! We then moved to France, and I was to be away from my best friends and horse life.
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Promotions: ATAA Logowear

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.

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



big.

The gray sweatshirt



The navy blue sweatshirt. Price is \$32 for the sweatshirt, which includes shipping. Sizes are becoming limited, Contact Tish Saare to order at saare@zetabroadband.com

Goody Bags from 2014 Conference:**We have a few left!**

A box costs \$10 plus \$5.95 shipping, or \$12.95 shipping for everything in the bag. Contact Amrita for more info at lbolds@rockisland.com

ATAA News**2015 Annual ATAA**

Conference: Eron and Scott Owens of Greystone Eventing in Indiana will be hosting the 2015 ATAA Conference, September 18th - 20th. They will have room for up to 8 outside horses. If you have ideas for speakers and/or presentations, contact Eron at greystone.eowens@gmail.com

Silent Auction at

Conference: Cathy Leddy is going to take over the Silent Auction this year. If you have something to donate (it is considered a tax write-off as we are a 501 c 5 corporation) please contact me! Let's make this year's Silent Auction the best yet! This is our largest fundraiser of the year, so the more we make, the more great things we can do!

Awards: Pilot Program:

The ATAA is in the process of collecting data on Akhal-Teke sport results in recognized events.

We have new categories on our website where we will list results in the hope this will show the public what our horses can do and have the proof they did it!

This will go hand in hand with our pilot awards incentive program starting in 2015.

All ATAA members participating in recognized events will receive \$ from the ATAA **after** they have competed and sent in a link showing their results, and after they provide 2 high resolution pictures from the show.

The ATAA hopes to have more members competing, more exposure for the horses, and hopefully donors to help pay for the program and eventually sponsor riders...

We hope this will be a success and eventually include schooling shows too.

This is for ALL disciplines. More information on the ATAA Website.

Notice of Registration Fee

Adjustments: As the ATAA needs more income and we make no money on registration fees at \$40, new prices will be in effect on August 1st, 2015. New prices will be: \$40 for foals in the year they are born. \$40 for VNIK registered horses. \$60 for all others. Non-members add \$10 to each unless they join at the time of registration. This isn't a very large increase and we felt that most of the backlog of horses has been registered. The price of \$40 will be good until July 31st, 2015, so if you've been waiting to register your older horses, do it before then.

Blood typing: University of Kentucky will do blood typing in April and November this year. Contact the Registrar for further information.

HorseFlicks Update

It's DONE! If you would like more than one copy, contact Cathy to order them at: c.leddy@frontier.com

Board of Directors

Nominations: This year, we will have some Board positions open. Terms are ending for: Amrita Ibold and Tish Saare. Start thinking now if you might like to run. Each term runs for 3 years.

ATAA Budget for 2014

Expenses:

Insurance:	\$661
DNA:	\$600 +/-
Website:	\$72
Professional Services:	\$50
Conference:	\$2500
Printing/mailing:	\$1,000 +/-
Awards:	\$900
Promotions:	\$600
Bank Fee:	\$5

Total: \$6378 +/-
Projected Income (based on 2014 income)

Conference:	\$2380
Silent Auction	\$403
Registration:	\$1,098
Logowear:	\$434
Membership:	\$2250

Total: \$6,565

As you can see, for us to do more promotions, give out more awards and plan for next year's Rare Breeds Show, we need more income. The BOD has been discussing possible plans and ways to increase out income.

Raffle Winner! The winner of the half-off Conference fee raffle (for Lifetime members and those that renewed before March 31st) is **MARTHA BOWLES**. Congratulations Martha!

KHP Breeds Weekend:

Tish Saare is organizing a 'Breeds Weekend' at the KHP this May. You do not have to be a member to participate, the group is picking possible weekends now. If you are interested, contact Tish Saare at saare@zetabroadband.com

ATAA Survey Results, continued from Front page

2. If you have never been an ATAA member or not renewed each year, can you tell us why?
Some highlights – lack of money, not enough benefit for price, living in Canada it doesn't offer enough incentive to join.
3. How do you feel about our Membership Fees?
Friends Member \$25, no voting rights –
Just right –90.63%
Too much – 6.25%
Individual Active member, voting rights –
Just right – 84.62%
Too much – 15.38%
Ranch Member, 2 votes, ¼ ad in newsletter –
Just right –85.29%
Too much – 8.82%
4. What do you like most about the ATAA?
Some Highlights -Support, promotion of the breed, accessibility of information, the people, frequent newsletters and updates, good source of contacts, centralized information, connection with other Teke people, list of breeders, public education aspect.
5. What do you like least about the ATAA?
Some Highlights – Need to be more prosperous so we can increase support. That I have to reregister VNIHK registered horses to be eligible to get awards, that more members aren't actively involved, too close to Russia, not enough visibility in the horse community in general.
6. What can we do to make your ATAA membership better? Please rank these in order from 1 (not important) to 5 (most important)
 1. Have lower Conference fees – 36.11
 2. Have more awards – 25%
 3. Do more breed promotions – 19.44%
 4. More information in ATAA newsletter – 25%
 5. More interactive ATAA website – 30.56%
7. Have you ever attended an ATAA Yearly Conference?
Yes – 41.67%
No- 58.33%
8. Please think about our Yearly Conferences and let us know what is important to you.
Do you think Conference fees are fair?
Yes – 66.67%
Don't care – 23.08%
No- 10.26%
Are Conference Speakers important to you?

Yes – 80.95
Don't care- 14.29%
No- 4.76%
Are seeing more horses at the Conference important to you?
Yes – 78.05%
Don't care – 9.76%
No- 12.20%
Do you like the fact that our Conferences move around the country and are hosted by different people each year?
Yes – 95.35%
Don't care – 2.33%
No- 2.33%
Some Comment Highlights: Video speakers for people that can't come, small shows, have it with a horse expo, more mention of AT Sporthorses, more horses, more horses competing.

9. What else do you think the ATAA should be doing? Please let us know.
Some Highlights: Doing a good job considering size of membership, more recognition of sporthorses, picture grading of members horses, join with other groups, have our own inspection process, educate people about nature of the breed, outreach to youth, more educational content on website.
*Complete results will be posted on the ATAA website.
Thank you again for your participation!*

For Sale: MAZALY aka MAIZIE



**\$15,000.00 all serious offers will be considered
'07 15.00hh Akhal-Teke/ Hanoverian mare.**

Great temperament, sweet personality, easy to handle on the ground, been ridden barefoot. Classy jumper, clean with her knees and her hooves over fences. Has competed clean up to 3'6" and has schooled up to 3'9". Maizie is the GridPro master! She keeps her head and her cool through grids and combinations, she knows how to get the job done! Maizie would make a wonderful Pony Club horse or an Amateur Show Jumper. Maizie was backed right after her 4th birthday and we have been under a professional trainer for the three and half years that I have been riding Maizie. Maizie does leg yields, shoulder in and haunches in, we are currently working on collection and lengthening in both the trot and the canter. Maizie has been introduced to water, ditches, up banks and down banks, but would recommend additional schooling if looking to event. Maizie's strength like so many of her siblings is in the show jumping arena! For more information, pictures, videos or to schedule a time to come meet Maizie please email me, Catrina at godscavalry@gmail.com! Maizie is currently being boarded at a training facility in Hood River, Oregon.

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This is when I was sulking in my room that I started looking into my breed books and saw the Akhal-Teke and thought it was the most beautiful horse I ever saw...but probably only for Kings and Queens...

Soon enough our neighbors found out about my horse passion, her sister lived in the country whose husband had 2 TB's that needed exercising! It didn't take long before they let me be there all day and do with the horses as I pleased!

I still don't know how I survived those days...the 2 horses were in their stalls 24/7 and were so excited to go out that canter was about the only thing I could manage...and a kind of dribble on the way home when they were somewhat tired...but we got used to each other and racing through the woods became the norm, but they'd learned to settle down too.

To my delight with school for sport there was the option of horseback riding. So on Wednesday afternoons we'd motor into the hills on the school bus to this riding place and everyone got assigned a horse. Soon they noticed I wasn't fazed by much and I would get the "ornery" horses. I didn't always manage to stay in line, but the owner always seemed amazed I was still on top and having it! Then one day he showed me his stallion...it was boarded up completely, and he only managed to open the door a little bit and the poor thing was a screaming daemon out of frustration...I had never seen anything like it...I felt so so sorry for the stallion...he was way out of my league, but it left a mark on me...

At 16 I begged and begged my parents and was allowed to go back to Holland and live with my best friend's family and go to school there. By then my best friend was proficient in Dressage, and her mom competing in the upper levels. I learned a lot!

I started saving my money, got jobs in the summer, and bought my own Connemara pony. Twice my best friend and I shipped our horses to as far away from home as we could and rode back home staying in farmers haylofts. Both trips took about a week.

On the Queen's birthday all of Holland parties and we would ride our ponies about an hour's ride to this town where they would lay some sand on the cobble stones and hold horse races...for the town's festivities! My favorite thing to do...go fast!

No helmets, no parent's consent, no release forms...life was good!

We rode bareback, in halters, our horses came to us when called...

I have always flunked school...it just did not have my interest. At the age of 20 my boyfriend had warned me that he was going on a world trip with his best friend and

I could not come. Departure time came and his best friend had made wedding plans, so we decided to go together. We started off in Indonesia and traveled up to Malaysia, Burma, Nepal and India where we realized we did not get along at all, and we split up. I traveled and worked for about 3 years, in New Zealand I worked on a sheep farm where we rode the horses daily to check on the lambs, in Australia I worked with TB's. And then I moved to the USA just because I had never been here...and...I'm still here!

I worked 80 hour weeks, saved money, and since I could not have a horse, bought a motorcycle...my mechanical horse..

I moved to Seattle about 25 years ago, met my husband and we had a successful motorcycle shop and we both competed in road racing on the weekend. When we sold our business I wanted to have horses again and we found our place in Friday Harbor, I bought my first 2 broodmares, and that is how Sweet Water Farm Akhal-Teke started. Competing has always been my passion, and on a horse to me is the best of all! In the last 16 years that I have been riding I have gone to many top level clinicians and hopefully will be able to keep one of my home bred horses to move up the Eventing levels.

I am a life time member of the ATAA, to me having the breed of my dreams, that only made sense...

I am very excited to serve on the board, my biggest wish is that we have more volunteers helping to expand the ATAA and grow into a flourishing organization!



Amrita jumping her pony

Director at Large, Patricia Johnston

All my life I've owned and trained horses, riding at various times for both work and pleasure, except for a hiatus when I was raising two sons. When I was thirteen, I bought my first horse with money I'd earned. As a young woman in my twenties, I worked as a professional trainer at a large Tennessee Walking *continued on page 5*

Horse breeding ranch in Dubois, Wyoming. I also trained my own Thoroughbred as a cross-country hunter jumper.

My husband and I purchased Swan Farm in Dexter, Oregon for the specific purpose of raising Akhal-Teke horses. We visited several Akhal-Teke breeders in the Northwest United States, and purchased our first Akhal-Teke sport horse, a Nez Perce horse, in 2012. Soon after, we brought home our first pure-bred Akhal-Teke brood mare and gelding. We are now raising Ehyr Atlaz, our 20 month old Peren-line colt, born at Swan Farm.

Akhal-Tekes first grabbed my attention when I saw them at a Smithsonian exhibition called "Horse Nation." There was a section of the exhibit about the Nez Perce horse and a brief discussion of the Akhal-Teke in relationship to the Nez Perce. This was the first time I had heard of the Akhal-Teke, and it became my aspiration to see one in real life and to learn as much as I could about the breed. I became captivated by their history, including the tragic annihilation of many of these fine horses during WWI and WWII. Learning of their qualities, bravery, and loyalty to their human partner, I knew I wanted to devote time and resources to being a part of their survival.

As a wildlife biologist by training and profession, I am inspired by the mission of preserving the genetics of the breed while the numbers and quality of Akhal-Tekes continue to grow, and the breed recovers.

I have been on the ATAA Board since 2014. Since the early 1990s, I have been involved in nonprofit organizations. I've started three nonprofits, and raised millions of dollars. I am most interested in bringing the ATAA to the next level of substance, building on the efforts of all those who have worked so hard already, to preserve important bloodlines, promote the breed, and establish a standard for the North American Akhal Teke horse by working with others, both in this county and worldwide. I would like to see the ATAA develop a long term plan to perpetuate the breed through mindful breeding, including an eye toward genetic diversity for future generations of horses.



Pat and Ulduze

The ATAA's Yearly Cycle

As we have so many new members, the BOD thought it would be a good idea to not only meet your Board, but for us to give a quick run-down of how the ATAA works.

- **Fiscal year** – January 1st – December 31st.
- **Non-profit 501 c 5 corporation**; 501(c)(5) organizations include labor, agricultural and horticultural organizations. Labor unions, county fairs and flower societies are examples of these types of groups. Being a non-profit organization making less than \$50,000 a year allows us to file very simple taxes and accept donations.
- **7 Board members total** with the following stipulation to insure continuity,
4.8C Two (2) members shall be elected each year, and a third (3rd) member shall be elected every Three (3) years. This will provide for an overlap and guarantee continuity and greater consistency on the Board of Directors.
Exception: the initial election in 1999 will provide for three (3) members to be elected for three (3) years, two (2) members to be elected for two (2) years and two (2) members to be elected for one (1) year.
- **Newsletter** to go out 4 times a year.
- **Membership categories** for Active (Horse owning or leasing) and Associate (non-horse owning or leasing).
- **Membership**
3.3E Members from previous years will not be entitled to any membership privileges if payment is not received by March 31 of the current year. Upon payment, a member from the previous year(s) shall be considered to be in good standing, and the membership privileges restored, except for the voting eligibility for the current year.
- **After March 31st** – Membership Directory is printed. Bylaws and Rules and Regulation printed. Welcome packet sent to all members (including Lifetime and Friends) including Membership Directory, Bylaws and Rules and Regulation booklet, welcome letter and membership gift.
- **Secretary and Treasurer** keep Clubs and Associations insurance paid, Liability bond paid, taxes filed and any other business taken care of.

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- **Changing of Bylaws:**

8.1 Active members assembled at an annual membership meeting. All proposed Bylaw amendments must be mailed to the membership fifteen (15) days prior to the date of such meeting and written in the form on which they are to be acted.

- **Section X: Changing of Rules and Regulations:**

Any rule or regulation promulgated here- under may be repealed, modified, altered, or amended or any new rule may be legally adopted at any regular or special meeting of the Board of Directors by a majority vote of the members of the Board of Directors. Notice of any changes shall be published in the Akhal-Teke newsletter.

- **Yearly Conference and General Membership Meeting**

– we have had Yearly meetings as early as March and as late as October. Mostly, it depends on the hosts preferences. Most hosts try to miss breeding and foaling and competition seasons as best they can. Our Conferences rotate around the country, to allow members to meet different people and see different horses and farms.

- **Awards**

– at this time, we have two separate divisions of Awards – ATAA Awards, which are given out to nominated winners at the Awards Banquet at the Yearly Conference and Incentive Awards (a new, pilot program this year!), for people competing in recognized shows/events/rides, etc. to be given at those Association’s yearly awards banquets.

- **Promotions**

– we try to do a promotion every year or so, from our latest; the Akhal-Teke DVD in the ALBC Rare Breeds TV series “Extinction is Forever” to the upcoming Rare Breeds Show in 2016 (dates to be announced asap). We also have an amount of money available to help members at little when they go to Expos or Horse Fairs to promote the breed, along with banners, brochures and various other items.

- **Of course, all this takes money,** which is where your membership fees go. We try to stay within our means each year and would welcome ideas for fundraising. Our largest fundraiser is the Silent Auction which takes place each year at the Yearly Conference.

There is more information on the ATAA website and we would LOVE for our members to become more involved in the running of the Association. Here is a list of possible Volunteer positions, most of which would only

take an hour or so a month. If you are interested, contact one of your BOD members for further details, or if you have an idea for something you could do. We do award a “Volunteer” Award at the ATAA Awards Banquet every year – maybe this year that could go to you!

Possible Volunteer positions:

ATAA Website:

- Person to update color page (it is the #1 page people look at!!!) If you’re a color geek, this might be you!
- Person to help writing news stories or articles
- Person to help update sport news pages with results
- Contact people and interview them for AT stories.
- Person to roam websites and list the ATAA on equine now, DreamHorse....or whatever site they can think of?
- Person to make an ATAA app?
- Youth page?

Newsletter:

- Person to interview members and write it up for the Newsletter
- Find informational articles on Teke or related items (Turkmenistan, textiles, costumes, etc.)
- Translator – I have several older Russian magazines that probably have great articles, but are in Russian!

DVD's

Person to contact libraries to have a DVD on the shelf?

Fundraiser – if there is someone who is a great fundraiser, please let us know! We could do some great things...if only we had the money.

Several people did mention that they would like to see more members involved in the ATAA...here is your chance!

For Sale: Indyka – Goblet x Gergi, 5/24/2015 palomino colt, Peren line.



Loves to jump, Very brave, Should mature 16h plus. Private Treaty

Tekes in Tidewater, Windsor, VA

757-373-8925 or jhodeen@aol.com

DSLSD Research Needs Input

Editor: This is an opportunity to have research done on possible DSLD in Akhal-Tekes. Dr Brounts has said that all information will be confidential and private and that if you have a horse with any sort of possible suspensory or ligament issue (doesn't need to have an actual diagnosis of DSLD) please contact Dr. Brounts.

We have heard back again from the Morris Animal Foundation about our grant proposal looking into the genetics of degenerative suspensory ligament desmitis (DSLSD). Our review was looked upon very favorable. They thought it was very innovative to compare the DNA of the Peruvian Paso horse with the Akhal Teke horse in this condition. We have been asked to resubmit the grant again in July, 2015.

One of the recommendations given to us to succeed next time was to collect the DNA samples of the horses identified with DSLD, as well as the identified control horses in the Peruvian Paso horse. In addition to collect DNA samples of Akhal Teke horses with suspensory problems as well as control horses. With these samples, it would be possible for us to gather some preliminary data to address the remaining concerns. This data together with new letters of support would strengthen our proposal and that is where I would need your help again.

As it is stated in our proposal, we would recruit samples from horses that are affected with the disease at any age and horses that were control horses (meaning not affected and at least 15 yrs. of age or older). Collecting as many samples as possible already and analysis of these samples could get us some preliminary data that we could add to our proposal.

Therefore I would like to ask you if you would be willing to partner with us again on this research proposal. In addition, I would like to ask you if you have additional contacts of Akhal Teke owners/breeders that would be willing to participate in gathering of DNA samples.

Just as a reminder, for this research project qualified horses will have either blood drawn or a mucosal swab performed to retrieve their DNA sample. The owners can perform the latter DNA collection themselves. There are no costs associated with these evaluations and we will mail the supplies to the owners once they are identified. The proposed work could lead to new discoveries of this degenerative disorder and greatly benefit any breed of horse.

Please do not hesitate to contact me for further discussion of the details. I would be happy to arrange some time to discuss the whole process with you. Of course, I can be contacted by phone (608-263-7600 option #3) or if you prefer email, contact.

Trusting to hear from you soon and looking forward to our working relationship.

With kind regards,

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Meet the Members!

We did a series a year or so back where members, new and old introduced themselves. We'd like to do that again, especially if you are a new member or new to Tekes person. Here is a list of possible topics to discuss, but please consider these a jumping off point –you certainly do not have to follow these! Photos are great too.

We also thought it would be another great thing to have on the ATAA website!

I will include a list of questions, but please feel free to add whatever you think might be of interest to the rest of us. You may send the replies to me, Cathy, your newsletter editor, along with a photo of you and your horse/dog/cat whatever.

1. Where do you live?
2. How did you hear about Akhal-Teke horses?
3. What is your experience with horses?
4. How long have you been interested in Tekes or Teke crosses?
5. How did you hear about the ATAA?
6. Do you own, lease or ride a Teke or Teke cross? If so, what do you do with him/her?
7. If you don't own, lease or ride a Teke or Teke cross, do you plan to have one someday?
8. How did you find out about Tekes?
9. What do you like the most about them?
10. What are your goals for the future with your Teke or Teke cross?

Thank you and we look forward to meeting you, here and at the ATAA Conference in September!

Cathy Leddy
Newsletter Editor
c.leddy@frontier.com

ATAA Horse Registration Rates Changing as of August 1st, 2015!

Over the last few years, our Registrar and Registration Secretary have registered and transferred over 130 horses, both purebreds and sporthorses. We feel that we have gotten most of the backlog taken care of now and it's time to do more than barely cover the costs of registration.

We have figured it out: the DNA report costs \$35, paper and postage around \$4 per certificate. With our very modest fee of \$40 per horse, that leaves very little if a certificate needs to go overseas (much more expensive) or to Canada (more expensive). We do not count our labor as a cost.

So, the Board has decided to change the Registration fees as of August 1st, 2015. There will be a slight price difference for members and non-members, but if someone also joins when registering their horse(s), they will get the member fee.

New Pricing as of August 1st, 2015:

Foals in the year they are born: \$40 members + \$10 for non-members

Horses that are ALREADY VNIK registered: \$40 members + \$10 for non-members

All other horses: \$60 members + \$10 for non-members

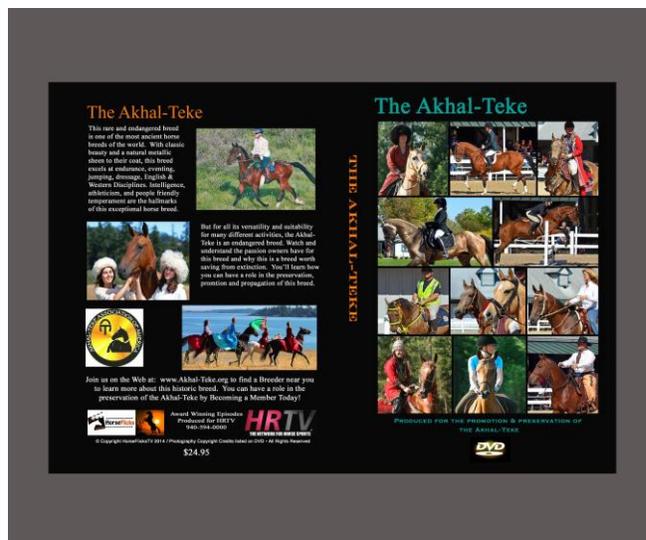
We are hoping to encourage people to register their foals in the year they are born and hope that keeping the fee low for already VNIK registered horses will encourage people to register their horses and compete for our Incentive Awards.

In the meantime, if you have a horse you have been meaning to register, get it done before the rates go up! Contact your Registrar or Registration Secretary for info and forms or go to: <http://www.akhal-teke.org/registration.html>

Thank you,

The ATAA BOD

HorseFlicks DVDs are ready to ship!



The ATAA produced a half hour promotional video with the company HorseFlicks, about the Akhal-Teke, in the American Livestock Breeds Conservancy (ALBC) Series titled 'Extinction is Forever'. The intention of this series is to highlight the breeds on the Critical, Threatened, and Watch categories of the ALBC's Conservation Priority List. As you know, the Akhal-Teke is listed as threatened on this list. This series is to be aired at least 18 times over a 36 month period (it could air as many as 30 times with bonus episodes). HRTV is reaching our target audience.

We had over 27 horses and over 30 people participate in 3 separate film locations around the country. Thank you to all of them!

We will be sending at least one to every person that either donated to this film or participated in it (one for each) in the next few weeks, but we are offering to sell these too. All ATAA members will also receive one in their membership packet, which will be going out in early April.

This would be another great thing to play at Expos or Breed Barns and a wonderful gift to give to potential buyers. Please get your orders in asap, so we can send all the DVDs at once.

Pricing:

Single DVDs up to 20: ATAA members: \$6 per DVD includes shipping. Non-members: \$12 includes shipping.

Over 20 DVDs: Members: \$4 per DVD plus media mail shipping. Non-members: \$6 per DVD plus media mail shipping.

Please send your orders to: ATAA Secretary, 21314 129th Ave SE, Snohomish, WA 98296 or email me at c.leddy@frontier.com

**March 5, 2015, ATAA BOD Conference
Call Meeting Minutes 6:00 pm**

Present: Tish Saare, Pat Johnston, Cathy Leddy, Amrita Ibold, Jas Shearer-McMahon, Betsy Wandler, Catrina Quantrell.

Catrina welcomed us, we figured out how to not talk over each other.

Survey Results

Survey results

Everyone had access to the survey results, Cathy went over them quickly.

Key Findings

According to the percentages, most people think our membership prices are fine, like that we are a supportive group, likes our promotions and information. A few people had questions about our registering process and we will do up an article on why we do things the way we do. People wanted us to get more volunteers involved (which would be nice), and we are trying different incentives and promotions for that. By Ranking, what people thought were the most important things are:

Most important: More interactive website, More information in the ATAA newsletter, More Breed promotions, More Awards and least important: Lower Conference fees

On our Conferences, 67% thought the Conference fees are fair, 81% thought that Speakers are important to them, 78% wanted more horses at the Conference, and 95% liked that the Conference moves from state to state.

Proposed budget

We discussed the proposed budget, possibilities of raising more income, how to keep members and get new ones.

MOTION: Jas motions that we accept budget, Betsy seconds, Approved

Expenses:

Insurance:	\$661
DNA:	\$600 +/-
Website:	\$72
Professional Services:	\$50
Conference:	\$2500
Printing/mailing:	\$1,000 +/-
Awards:	\$900
Promotions:	\$600
Misc:	\$0
Bank Fee:	\$5

Total: \$6378 +/-

Projected Income (from 2014 numbers)

Conference:	\$2380
Donations:	\$403 (Silent Auction)
Registration:	\$1,098
Logowear:	\$434
Membership:	\$2250
Total:	\$6,565

We will be looking into fund raisers, will have DVDs for sale soon (sales of which are not in our projected income) and Cathy is going to do the Silent Auction this year at the Conference.

Discussion about raising registration fees

We discussed raising registration fees – pros and cons. We decided (with further fine tuning on wording in emails) that Foals would stay \$40 in the year they are born, then go up \$10 per year after that (members) Older horse registrations will go up in August of this year to X dollars. At this point, we don't make any money on registrations and barely cover costs. The \$40 amnesty was to get the backlog of horses registered and it has been working. Almost caught up now.

Current status of membership fees

Of 53 paying members in 2014, only 19 have renewed so far. 7 new members (lifetime members are not included) We talked about what people get for their membership and that fees have not gone up since we started the ATAA in 97. We will write up an article on membership fees and what you get for each category. Cathy will also send out email blasts for renewals/joining.

Awards budget

Review motion as approved at annual meeting regarding awards and incentive pilot program Awards Committee- Catrina Quantrell- Giving out 2 sets of awards for 2014, this year there will be embroidered vests for Alphabet Orgs awards. Betsy and Catrina would like ideas for member awards –what do people like to get? Also, members need to nominate for Awards. Each newsletter will have info on awards.

Cathy will send Amrita old awards lists for the website and as many photos as possible.

HorseFlicks DVD (Cathy)

Review previous video project How many copies were made for the first AT video, (year) and how many copies do we have left? How did we distribute them, what outlets and price?

The first HorseFlicks DVD was done through the Breeder's Co-op, not the ATAA. Copies that have been sent to members and interested parties were bought privately. ATAA has NO copies.

We discussed pricing for new DVDs and decided to fine tune it in emails. Still working on it. Tish will handle accounting through a spreadsheet.

Future agenda items? Next call date?

We were asked if this format worked. We decided that in case of items we just weren't getting done on email (too complicated, etc. such as the 2015 budget) it was worthwhile, otherwise, email works fine and we don't have to rearrange our schedules for that.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:18 pm

Eventing Report

By Amrita Ibold

This report is for the 2014 Eventing season in the USA, by registered members and horses with the American Akhal-Teke Association (ATAA).

The ATAA offers awards for the best performing Akhal-Teke in all sports. For the 2014 season winning members received an ATAA embroidered vest.

For 2015 we have a new program. It evolved because there are more Akhal-Teke horses competing in sports but either their owners aren't members or the horses are not registered.

Also we lack good high resolution pictures and competitors sending in their results.

So the ATAA board of directors came up with this new incentive:

To be eligible you must be an active ATAA member and the horse competing registered with the ATAA.

The ATAA has a "pool" of money and at the end of the year each competitor will receive a share of the pool depending on how many recognized shows they went too.

To receive their check, competitors must send in high resolution pictures and a link to the show and preferably some written comments.

The ATAA hopes to have more updates with pictures on the web in the performance section!

And as this program will grow hopefully big checks at the end of the year for competitors to help defray the cost of showing. We also hope to unite the small group of Akhal-Teke owners and show the public what our breed can do with up to date results.

Here are the Eventing results for 2014:

Beginning Novice Champion: Hendrix -Owned and ridden by Stephanie Caston



Novice Champion: Sensational Scooby -Owned and Ridden by Susan Presson



Novice Reserve Champion: Kegas -owned by Amrita Ibold



Training Champion: Paktaly -owned and ridden by Amrita Ibold

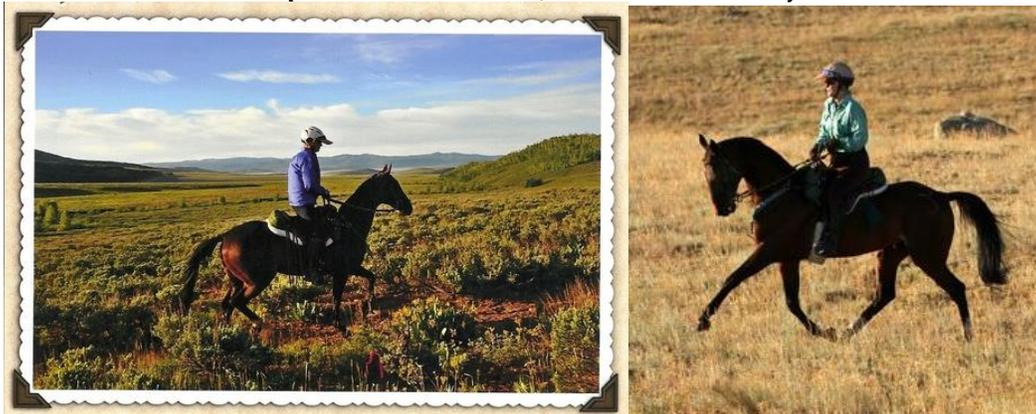


2014 Endurance Report

2014 was a rather quiet year for Endurance Awards - while there were more Teke and Teke crosses competing than in previous years, either the owners were not members or the horses were not ATAA registered. There were actually 15 Teke and Teke crosses competing last year that the AERC (American Endurance Ride Conference, the national Endurance organization) sent us from their records. This only takes into account the horses that the owners list as Akhal-Teke or Akhal-Teke crosses, there are several competing that are listed as Arab x that are not on this list.

2015 should have more competition for these awards; we have several new members that have been actively competing their Tekes and Teke crosses. The AERC Endurance Awards are given out at the AERC National Conference, which is attended by hundreds of people. They are also mentioned in the AERC Yearbook, which is sent out to all AERC members.

2014 Endurance Champion: MV Patrickhan, owned and ridden by Jas Shearer-McMahon



2014 Limited Distance Champion: Elmydam, owned by Rebecca Supinger



Limited Distance Reserve Champion: Magdan, owned by Cathy Leddy, ridden by Monica Bretherton

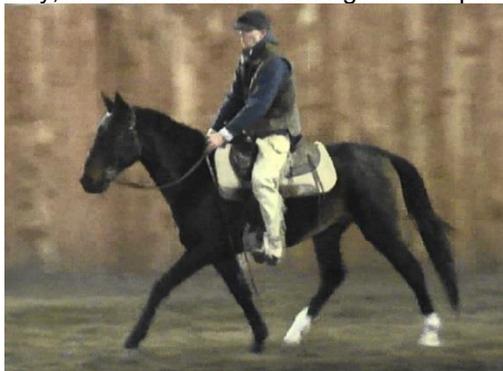


When we picked up Ty, we dropped off "Salamdor" (Salam x MV Elfia) 2010 stallion to get started under saddle. Today (at one week) I had the opportunity to go watch him, and I am very pleased with how he is doing. He is amazed Salamdor is an intact stallion, as he does not act "studdish" at all and is very well behaved. Carson even asked me today if I would allow him to show Salamdor this fall ("whatever discipline you want me to"), as he thinks Salamdor will draw a lot of attention to him and his training business and of course give Salamdor exposure. Fantastic! Of course, I have plans of my own to use him in some endurance rides this season, too.



Silver Hill Akhal-Tekes, Billing, MT

It has been a busy couple months for us! The 1st of February we sent our 3yo colt "SH Tyyar Kartal" to be started under saddle. We are lucky enough to have a very good trainer 40 minutes from us, Carson Kuehn from Yellowstone Stables, I HIGHLY recommend sending any Tekes that need starting to Carson as he has the "perfect touch" with this breed. He worked with Ty for 6 weeks. Ty came home last week, and I can't wait to get him "out and seen" this spring, and hopefully compete in one or two limited distance endurance rides this fall (he doesn't turn 4 until July, which is the minimum age to compete).



On the flip side of things, we are anxiously awaiting "Amerka" (Aliger x Krosna) to foal mid-May. This will be a full sibling to our smokey black 2013 colt "SH Karanlik" and our palomino 2014 filly "Silverhill Avienda", and will be offered for sale! We have purchased a breeding to the Oldenburg stallion "Dracula d'Avalon" for our sporthorse mare "MV Kiyasa" to use this year...dreaming of a future Teke cross dressage star!

We have recently sold our 2013 sporthorse filly "Silverhill Kizarmak" (Salamdor x MV Kiyasa) to a wonderful competitive home. Here is the update that was sent to me: *Good afternoon! Wanted to give you an update on how Kizzy is doing. Kizzy is doing really well with leading, and is doing super well with approaching and investigating new things (blue and white barrels, the geese, walking through the concrete aisle of the barn, etc.). Though I haven't ponied her yet, I have ridden Jeannie in the large outdoor with Kizzy loose and she follows along, doing walk/trot/canter right beside Jeannie, which is lots of fun! Everyone thinks she is just beautiful and I am getting to inform so many ppl about the breed!:)* Once

the weather gets nice again, you should come out to visit!

"SH Karanlik Sovalye" (Salamdor x Amerka) 2013 colt (aka "Batman") has also been sold, and will be heading to California within the next month. His new owner is very excited, and has already bought tack for him (a new halter, blanket, and leg wraps with a Batman logo). Looking forward to warm weather and a busy summer!

Betsy Wandler, Silver Hill Akhal-Tekes

Sweet Water Akhal-Teke, Friday Harbor, WA

We've had a very mild winter here that has been great for lots of riding. The Desert Prophet returned home, he wasn't the right horse for the new owner to my delight..I love this horse and hope to take him to shows this year.



I bought the mare Altyn Gush back whom I bred. She was born in 2006 and came back from Michigan where transport was delayed twice due to extreme winter conditions. Altyn Gush is featured on the Sweet Water Farm Face Book page, she has extreme gold metallic sheen, besides being super sweet.

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Susan Presson, Oregon City, Oregon

I don't have much to contribute to the newsletter, but I thought I'd send you a copy of the Irideon riding wear catalog that Scooby is in. We didn't compete much last season, so this is our only news really. The photo shoot was great fun. Scooby was happy to exhibit his wonderful temperament. He was so cooperative in doing everything he was asked to do – posing, holding still, galloping, trail riding and getting along with other horses- that the photographer used him all day long with me as well as other riders. Just goes to show that Akhal-Teke Crosses make great models on top of all their other talents!



Some Practical Advice – excerpt from an article printed on the AERC website recently -
(Just insert Akhal-Teke for Arabian)

As the country recovers from its economic challenges, the cost of breeding and raising horses will continue to rise and fewer horses will be bred. The best advice is to breed the best animals possible. •

Perform the research required; don't just rely on photos and DVDs. •

Visit the stallion to study its conformation. View its offspring to see how a stallion's genetics affects the offspring produced by different phenotypes of mares. Does he do what your mare needs? •

Each foal bred should have a purpose, whether it is for competition in the show ring, pleasure riding, breeding, endurance, dressage, Pony Club, or genetic conservation. • Help get the facts out – be direct, truthful and provide educational links/ information for people new or attracted to Arabian horses.

"Where Have All the Arabians Gone?" © 2012 Bruce Johnson and Institute for the Desert Arabian Horse

Clubs representing a large number of the current Arabian Horse Association membership need to put the "social" back into the clubs. Get the club meetings out of restaurants, banks, businesses, and schools and move them back to farms. This serves several purposes:

- People interact on a face to face basis.
- New members learn bloodlines or disciplines supported/trained by each farm.
- Each meeting could cover one topic that would help other club members learn, especially informative for new owners and enthusiasts.
- The combination of education in a social environment will attract new enthusiasts to the Arabian horse.

Breeders have a responsibility to pass on your knowledge to the next generation and help them continue what you have contributed.

There are many ways one can do that. Once you find new breeders or enthusiasts that you believe will contribute positively to your bloodlines, disciplines, or to the Arabian breed there are many options to help them get started: •

- Donate or discount mares or stallions •
- Send your stallion or mare to them on a maintenance lease •
- Swap stallions •
- Make a gift of frozen semen •
- Offer free breeding(s) to your stallion if they

purchase/lease a mare (Al Marah has a successful program selling a mare in foal or in a three-in-1 package with a foal at side and the mare bred back) •

Significantly reduce board if mares are left in your care for breeding •

Pay for and process registration transfers for all horses sold at your farm

Editor: These are some excellent suggestions – unfortunately, I did not keep the entire article and do not know which author to credit. If anyone knows, please contact the editor at c.leddy@frontier.com

Incentive Awards Program (Pilot Year 2015)

* For this Pilot Year of 2015 the incentive program will only be available for people competing in recognized events (we will reevaluate this after the first year, and look forward to comments from our members in regard to schooling and or open shows)

To participate:

- 1) Must be a member in good standing with the ATAA
- 2) Horse competing must be registered with the ATAA either as a pure or part bred.
- 3) Send in 2 or more pictures from the event (must be 375kb or bigger) (if you placed please send a picture with your ribbon and/or prize)
- 4) Sign a release that the ATAA may post photos and results to our website and use photos in promotions for the ATAA
- 5) Email the link to the results page for the event

At the end of the year the ATAA will send you a check, so the more you compete the larger your share of the "jackpot" will be. The amount you receive will be divided out of the set amount in the awards fund and therefore will depend on how many people participate in the incentive program. The incentive program does not depend on you placing or earning points, it is completely about competing in recognized events in all disciplines and sending in the above listed information to the association.

Contact Catrina Quantrell for more information and send your results to her at: godscavalry@gmail.com

Horses For Sale

For Sale: Dar Khanum (Gind: 13 X Dushka) 2004 Purebred Buckskin Mare; Magaryf (Maruk X Fergan) 2008 Purebred Buckskin Stallion. Both started under saddle. Galadrielle (Miril X JBK Gulkusi), 2012 Purebred Buckskin Filly; Miss Nike, 2011 Bay AT X Arab cross filly; Raisa, 2012 Bay AT X Arab filly. All Ak Sakal line except Dar Khanum who is Gundogar line. Details on DreamHorse or Equispot.com. Website: www.oasisakhal-tekes.com. Email: jacquemunn@aol.com.

AWARDS

Make sure you and your horses are eligible for awards this year! Check out the ATAA website under awards <http://www.akhal-teke.org/awards-programs.html> to be presented at the Yearly Conference in September and USEA and AERC Incentive awards to be presented at their yearly conferences.

Classified Ads

Stallions at Stud

Aliger – Amelit 12 x Gumsara, 1995 Perlino stallion, will stand Live Cover to a limited number of mares in 2013. Located in Colorado, contact Kris Ahlberg DVM at 303.929.6677

Other for Sale

"Endurance 101: a gentle guide to the sport of long-distance riding" by Aarene Storms, photos by Monica Bretherton - fully-featured but entertaining - e-book and full-color print edition available at www.endurance-101.com

Classified Ads

Each ATAA member will receive a free ad in the ATAA Newsletter Classifieds each issue.

Individual membership: 30 free words per issue. Family membership: 60 free words per issue. Farm membership: ¼ page ad

If that amount just isn't enough, you can buy more ad space.

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1/6 Page: \$10 per issue

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Send Ad copy to ATAA newsletter, 21314 129th Ave SE, Snohomish, WA 98296 or c.leddy@frontier.com

Ads due by the end of the month before publishing.

Silver Hill Akhal Tekes



For Sale:

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In utero, due May 2015 (Salamdor x Amerka)...please visit our website to see pictures of full siblings SH Karanlik Sovalye 2013 colt and Silverhill Avienda 2014 filly.

See website for updates on sale horses

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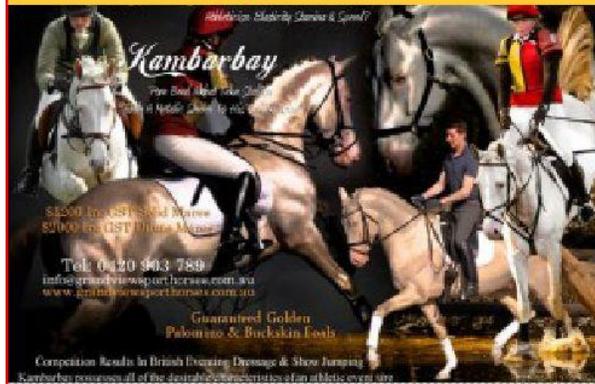
Salam- 2000 Elite AT stallion, AI only



Sabyr – Salam x Aishet, 2013 gelding for sale

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Arin (photo below) is a shiny cremello stallion from the Gelishikli line.



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