

ATAA Newsletter

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Bek Nazar Dor

Article by Alexander Klimuk, originally published in Akhal-Teke Inform and translated to English by Nadia Alexandrova

Last year (*the article was published in 2014, translator*) marked the 100th anniversary of the birth of the most famous Akhal-Teke stallion of the last century - Bek Nazar Dor. This stallion became a legend during his lifetime and left a significant mark in the breed.

He was born a year before the World War I started at the Bek Nazar farm. His mother was the purebred Akhal-Teke mare Ilyas Kara, but her ancestry is not known. During World War I the Askhabad race track was closed and Bek

Nazar Dor had to practice racing at the short distance public venues which required not only agility but also the ability to recover quickly. There are no details available now on his racing career besides a few notes saying that he was unbeatable at the public racing. His owner, Bek Nazar, was not a wealthy man, but he was a great trainer, he knew Akhal-Teke pedigrees, and he loved his horse a lot, which helped preserve this breed for the generations to come. By the second decade of the 20th *continued on page 3*

Meet Your Members

Connie and Jim Rawski

Q: Where do you live? A: We live in Ontario an hour east of Toronto, north near Kitchener - Waterloo.

Q: How did you find out about Akhal-Tekes? A: Doing a search on the internet, looking for the perfect endurance horse breed.

Q: What is your experience with horses? A: Connie has over 44 years with horses, teaching riding, shoeing horses and over 40 years of endurance.

Jim has over 35 years of endurance riding and working with horses.

Q: How long have you been interested in Tekes or Teke crosses? A: For 4 years I have been interested in Akhal Tekes.

Q: How did you hear about the ATAA? A: Searching on the internet looking how to register my horses

Q: What horses do you own? A: For purebreds we have an Akhal Teke stallion, JC Darius, a gelding, JC Zymone, which is Connie's horse that she is competing on, and 2 purebred Akhal Teke mares JBK Andyn and JC Hasil whom Jim is competing on this

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year. Our half Akhal Teke/ Arab is filly by the name of JC Nezja is a year old. We breed Akhal Tekes and Arab crosses and compete them in endurance riding. We have an Arabian stallion by the name of JC Aletric and an Arabian mare named JC Flash. We have a new purebred Akhal Teke palomino colt by the name of JC I.C. (ICY for short)

Q: What do you like best about them? A: I like how tough they are for endurance.

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Promotions:

HorseFlicks Update

We have DVDs available if you'd like to order more. Contact Cathy to order them at: c.leddy@frontier.com

Akhal-Teques in Endurance News!

Member Tim Floyd had an excellent suggestion a month or so ago: As more and more Tekes and Teke crosses hit the endurance trail, we should send in articles about them to the AERC (American Endurance Rides Conference) magazine to promote the breed. So, between Tim and Cathy, we came up with two articles, a shorter one that will be featured in either August or September's Endurance News and a much longer one with interviews with Jas Shearer-McMahon and Connie Rawski, to be published in February. Tim has also graciously offered to buy an ad for our Incentive Awards in an issue of Endurance News to help get the word out! Thank you Tim!

KHP Breeds Weekend

In May, the Kentucky Horse Park invited the Akhal-Teke Association of America to participate in their Breeds of the World demonstration. At the end of the usual routine, the Akhal-Teques were welcomed into the arena and then allowed to show some of their special talents. There were two shows on each day. After the arena demo, there was a "Meet and Greet" where the spectators could ask questions, pet the horses, and generally admire them. All three of the representatives were complete gentlemen.

Scott Sears brought Aeolus, and attempted to display an endurance trotting pace, with a few small jumps thrown in. Sabine Desper and Carrie

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Sullivan displayed Kurizma and Adamek. Kurizma was shown both in hand, and under saddle, and for a young stallion was extraordinarily well behaved. Adamek pulled double duty over the weekend, not only showing off in the ring, but competing in the May Dayz Three Day Event at the same time. There is a You Tube video of one of the breed shows at:

www.youtube.com/watch?v=gO9_Kh9RmjY



Silent Auction at

Conference: If you have something to donate (it is considered a tax write-off as we are a 501 c 5 corporation) please contact Cathy! Let's make this year's Silent Auction the best yet! The Silent Auction page is up on the ATAA website and we're taking donations and bids. Also, see page 6 for items for those people without internet access.

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!

ATAA Member Awards –
Time to nominate for the

yearly member awards. Please feel free to nominate multiple members for multiple things and don't be bashful to in nominating yourself. Quick reminder these awards are only for members with the exception of the Junior Achievement Award (which is not a riding award but a project award ie 4H poster class research assignment that a member provided assistance with information horse pictures etc and that you have seen the final project etc) please send nominations to Betsy at betsysee@gmail.com no later than Aug 18th. More information on the ATAA Website and on page 5.

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 VNIIC 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.

From your registrars

Amrita and Cathy:
We have printed 24 certificates this year for registration. Some are transfer of ownership, some are foals and some late to register. We also have a whole list of new pending

registrations, missing items will be on the ATAA website.

New this year is a prettier paper to print the part bred horse's certificates.



As long as the owner sends in all the paper work the only hold up of our hands is how fast we get the DNA results back from Texas A&M.

Hope everyone has a good summer!

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. Contact our Election Committee members; Pat Johnston deepconsensus@gmail.com and Jas Shearer-McMahon at jaslivco@aol.com

New Members: since

March 31st Laura Spear – Oregon, Individual Member
Amber Morrison, Junior Member, Ohio
Amanda Humphreys, Virginia, Individual Member
Jenny Rice, Washington, Individual Member
Erin Eppstein, Maryland, Individual Member
Mary Curran, Ohio, Individual member

Bek Nazar Dor, continued from front page

century Bek Nazar Dor shared the title of the most popular horse in Turkmenistan with Mele Kulesh. All Turkmen knew this horse and his name was well known to breeders outside Turkmenistan. Bek Nazar Dor was sought as a stallion as well. Bek Nazar was travelling around, from village to village, offering Bek Nazar Dor's services and was welcomed everywhere. The stallion and his owner lived on the fees and fodder received for the breedings. Historical data says Bek Nazar Dor bred up to 200 mares a year, and it was a big number despite the smaller number of foals produced.

Based on the archival photos, Bek Nazar Dor was a slabsided, purebred stallion, with a stretched body. He had a light head with a long neck with a pronounced curve. He had husky legs. He was about 157.8 cm per the historical data, however the official stud book tells about 15.2 hands.



Bek Nazar Dor and his owner were great friends. When the horse was stolen, the stallion refused to eat any food and thieves had to return the horse to the owner. Despite a lot of compelling offers, Bek Nazar declined all of them. Only in 1933, being very old man, he agreed to sell the stallion to the Askhabad stud farm. Unfortunately, at that time Askhabad stud farm management was very skeptical about Bek Nazar Dor. He was considered an useful stallion but not exceptional. In 1935 he was sold to another farm, where he was still used as a stallion. Bek Nazar Dor passed away in 1940. To pay respect to this amazing horse, he was buried in a grave directed towards Mecca, and his head was wrapped in white cloth.

It is impossible to count Bek Nazar Dor's offspring. Various sources give numbers from 19 to 70. The most famous descendants are Kara Ennym, Bergut, Bayram Ali, Parovoz, Beledzhik, Dor Sashli. Kara Ennym was a great jumper. He had good exterior and very pronounced breed look. He was an Askhabad farm stallion but because of being underestimated he was sold to Kazakhstan to improve the Kazakh horse's breed. He gave one great

horse for the Akhal-Teke breed, Gezel, who, in turn, was a mother of the line starter Gelishikli. Gelishikli and the best representatives of his line inherited the most valuable features of Bek Nazar Dor: pronounced breed look, agility and muscularity.

Bergut, Parovoz, Bayram Ali, Beledzhik and Dor Sashli were used at the various farms and gave great offspring, which would have helped the breed a lot if only the majority of the farms were not closed during the middle of the 20th century. Dor Sashli's son, Yulduz, was purchased by the Dzhabul stud farm after the World War II and gave good offspring, especially the very good stud, Kuyuk. Olympic champion Absent, through his dam's line, goes straight back to Bek Nazar Dor's daughter, Arre.

Famous Akhal-Teke breeder Vladimir Shamborant valued Bek Nazar Dor as a stallion and used his descendants in his work. He was the person who choose Yulduz (Dor Sashli-Kara Kir) for the Dzhabul Bek stud farm. V. Shamborant in his breeding work in Ashabat and Tersk studs successfully used inbreeding on Bek Nazar Dor.

The Posman line blossomed in recent decades in conjunction with the Gelishikli line. Posman is Bek Nazar Dor's brother.

For Sale: MAZALY aka MAIZIE



\$12,500.00 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.

Foals of 2015!



Sweet Water Akhal-Teke's foals, from left to right: Komissar Hyrdar, colt, Kambarbay x Sheherazad, Aykyssa, filly Kambarbay x Aktepel, Arslan Jorap, colt, Kambarbay x Ahli Rhatan, Perizat Nabat, filly, Pan Tau x Ayal Pikira, Ak Farfor, colt Kambarbay x Leucosia



JC Icy, JC Darius x JBK Andyn, bred and owned by Connie and Jim Rawski, Ontario, Canada



Silverhill Sosna, Salamdor x Amerka, bred by Silver Hill Akhal-Tekes and owned by Ruth Heilgeist



Cascade Gold Akhal-Teke foals
Colt - Salam x Alpowa (Nez Perce) owned by Wendy Ford
Ahmiyetli – filly, Salam x Aishet



Boscodonne Friesian's Foals Davidson, colt by Reginald di Boscodonne (Friesian) x Svirel
Colt- Samaddin x Appaloosa



Boscodonne Friesian's Foals
Altin Hayal – colt, Samaddin x saddlebred mare
Sakhmet – filly, Reginald di Boscodonne x Maral



Pleasant Grove's filly by Arin out of Kamiah



Greystone Equestrian Center – filly, Gyzyl Godiva by Gidasp out of Easter's Ornamental Chocolate (Trakehner)



Magic Valley Ranch –Mele-Chus, colt by Merdan out of MV Manlayli



Gods Cavalry Ranch Sollus – colt, Suygi x Cara (Teke x Morgan)



Cascade Gold Akhal-Teke's filly, Alamet, Arin x Asalari

ATAA Yearly Awards Outline

Guidelines and Rules:

The awards outlined below are for ATAA members only. *Exception: see Junior Achievement*
The President or Vice-President may be asked to step in for a tie-breaker (or another committee member not personally involved in that particular award if it involves president or vice-president)
All awards will be chosen based on nominations from registry members (a paragraph or two explaining why the individual person and/or horse should be chosen for that award).
Plaques will be given out to the discipline award recipients (A maximum of 3 recipients per discipline)
An individualized award will be given out to achievement award recipients (1 recipient per category)

Achievement Awards:

- Junior Achievement Award:** A youth (<18) who participates in promoting the breed and/or the registry. The youth must be a member OR horse owner must be a member AND horse must be registered.
- Publicity Achievement Award:** Any registered horse or member who brings the breed and/or registry into the public eye (example: magazine article, newspaper, television, etc).
- Volunteer Achievement Award:** A member that donates their time by helping out in any way to promote the breed and/or the registry.
- Golden Achievement Award:** A member >60 years old that has actively promoted, volunteered, or somehow contributed to furthering the breed or registry.
- Leadership Achievement Award:** A member in the registry that shows great skills in leadership, ambition, promotion, and teamwork amongst fellow members.

Discipline Awards:

- Long-Distance Discipline Award:** A member that actively competes in AERC or CTR rides on a registered horse.
- Dressage Discipline Award:** A member that actively competes in schooling shows and/or USDF recognized shows on a registered horse.
- Eventing Discipline Award:** A member that actively competes in schooling shows and/or USEA recognized events on a registered horse.
- Jumping Discipline Award:** A member that actively competes in schooling shows and/or USEF recognized shows on a registered horse.
- Open Show (Discipline) Award:** A member that actively competes in open shows (any discipline) on a registered horse.

Feel free to nominate yourself and multiple members! These awards are only for ATAA members, except for the Junior Achievement award. **Deadline is August 18th, please send your nominations to Betsy Wandler at:**

betsysee@gmail.com or phone her at: 406-696-8431 To be presented at the Awards Banquet in September!

2015 Annual ATAA Conference

September 18, 19 and 20th, Lebanon, Indiana,
Hosted by Greystone Equestrian Center.

September 18th – 7 pm Meet and Greet at Hampton Inn

September 19th – 9 am – General Membership Meeting, Hampton Inn

- Speaker, Karen Ososki, Equine and Rider Biomechanics
- 7 pm – Awards Banquet

September 20th – 10 am – Greystone Equestrian Center
Demonstrations/Clinic/lunch

Conference Fee: \$125 per person, Covers 2 lunches, Awards Banquet and Demonstrations/Clinics

Hotel: Hampton Inn, 6005 S. Main St, Whitestown, Indiana, 46075 **844-335-6938**

\$119 for King room, \$129 for king with pull out sofa, mention the ATAA Conference to get the rates

Breakfast Bar with Room

Eron does have room for extra horses on Sunday, please contact her directly at:
Greystone.eowens@gmail.com or 574-360-5953

The Silent Auction page is up and taking donations and bids on the ATAA Website;

Items so far:

Nesting Apple Set: Donated by Caroline Dudkowski, Donna H: \$40



Book “Turkmen Captives”, signed by author, Susan Williamson, donated by Susan Williamson, Starting bid: \$12



Embroidered Saddle Pad, forest green, donated by Anne-Marie Rasch, Teke logo on each side, Starting bid: \$50



AT Coaster, donated by Susan Presson: Starting bid \$12

AT Journal, donated by Susan Presson: Starting bid \$12



Handmade Aladja, donated by Joanne Hodeen: Mary B bid \$40

Handmade breastcollar, donated by Joanne Hodeen: Mary B bid \$50



More items daily!!

You can donate or bid by contacting Cathy at c.leddy@frontier.com

Consider donating – this is our largest fundraiser of the year!

Meet the Members from front page

Q: What are your goals for the future? A: Future we would like to sell purebred Akhal Tekes and partbred Arab / Akhal Tekes crosses to fellow Endurance riders who would be awed by these amazing athletes.



Connie and Jim at the White River Ride in Michigan



JC Icy with his dam, JBK Andyn

Caroline Dudkowski

I live in the northern suburbs of Chicago; it's quite a densely populated area and most of the stables are gone, boarding your horse in Wisconsin (about 20 miles from me) is common. I first heard of Akhal Tekes from my wonderful dressage teacher, Claire Yates, during my first horse search; she encouraged me to look at those breeds known for their hardiness including being able to go barefoot, the result is the mantra "no hoof, no horse" forever in my brain.

I started riding lessons after I graduated college so almost 20 years ago; I began in a hunter-jumper type program but soon, switched to dressage. Having a busy job and other hobbies (hiking/backpacking, sewing, other crafts), I have never been a truly serious rider, but the dressage principles make for such well-developed horses both physically and mentally that I try to attain them despite my limited riding schedule. After leasing horses many times, I bought a Lipizzan gelding 4 years ago; he has developed into a dressage specialist.

My interest in Tekes led me to the ATAA and I am very excited to learn more about the breed and to meet people face-to-face at the Conference later this year in Indianapolis. To satiate my curiosity about the breed, I wrote several "cold" e-mails to people who had Tekes

for sale or who were listed as breeders with all sorts of questions on temperament, suitability for dressage, hardiness, etc.; the response rate was incredibly high! The reason for the interest? My current horse does not thrive with me in a riding sense, he would benefit so much more from a home with a serious job. So, I am exploring what would be a good next step for me and I think a Teke or a Teke cross may be it - hardiness, check - strong bond to human, check - versatility, check - reasonable gaits so that I can improve my riding, check - supportive breed community, check!



Caroline and her gelding

Any questions, let me know!
Caroline

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!
- THANK YOU to Betsy Wandler!!**
- 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!
- THANK YOU to Nadia Alexandrova for this issue's translation of Bek Nazar Dor!**

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!

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 150 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

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. Thank you to Connie and Jim Rawski and Caroline Dudkowski – we'd love to meet MORE members!

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!

Competition Results

Tim Floyd and Akula:

Owyhee Tough Sucker Rides: 4/04 and 4/25 – 25 mile rides

Owyhee River Challenge: 5/09 – 25 mile ride

City of Rocks: 6/05 – 55 miles



Jas Shearer-McMahon and MV Patrickhan

Antelope Island: 4/11- 50 mile

Wyoming: 5/23– 50 mile

Strawberry Fields – 6/20 – 50 mile

Endurance Ride- 7/5 – 55 mile, 1st place and BC



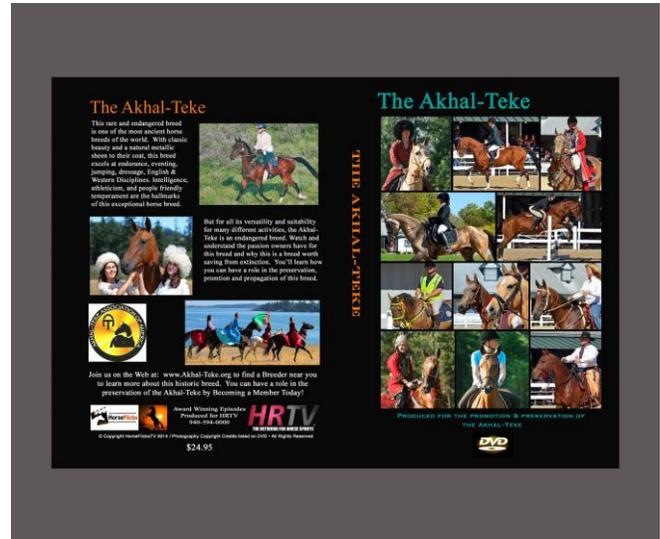
Amanda Humphreys and Resilience

Old Dominion: June -50 mile



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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), 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.

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

Connie and Jim Rawski

Jim with JBK Andyn and JC Hasil
AprilFest in May: 5/03 Andyn- 50 miles
Cayuse Canter: 5/17 Andyn – 50 miles
White River Summer: 6/13 JC Hasil – 30 miles
Connie with JC Zymone
White River Summer: 6/13 – 30 miles



Cathy Leddy with Galen

Mt. Adams: 5/16 – 30 miles



Sydney Morrison and Silk Road Marauder

Jumping Show: 6/13



Susan Presson and Sensational Scooby

Aspen Farms Horse Trials: June 14th, 2nd Place
Inavale Horse Trials: 6/13 – Novice level



Laura Spear and Diesel

Midsummer Nights Dressage Show, Intro, Training 1 & 2



Catrina Quantrell and Mazaly

Hood River Saddle Club dressage Show, First level
test 1 and 2
Lake Oswego Hunt Jumper Show, Low Jumper
Division, Reserve Champion



Stephanie Caston and Hendrix

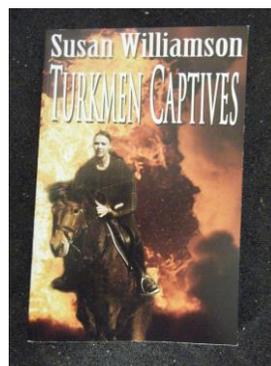
Horse Trials, June



I apologize if I missed anyone, but send in your competition reports and don't forget about our Incentive Awards!! Remember, you must be an ATAA member and your horse must be ATAA registered to qualify.

Turkmen Captives

By Susan Williamson



Madelaine Jones is still reeling from her husband's death in Afghanistan when her home explodes and a mysterious letter indicates her husband might not have been a war casualty.

Mystery author Rita Mae Brown says, "There are old scores to settle in Turkmen Captives. Premonitions. Akhal-Teke horses. Determination to keep our heroine alive. But what awaits?"

*Available from Amazon.com or
www.secondwindpublishing.com
www.susanwilliamsonauthor.com*

Also, Susan has donated a signed copy to our Silent Auction!! Thank you Susan!

Farm Reports

Cascade Gold Akhal-Tekes, Snohomish, WA

It's been a busy year so far at CGAT. I competed in one endurance ride, we'll see if I get to any more this year, but after 3 years of coming back from injuries (mine), I did it! My horse Galen could of course be doing much more, but he's stuck with me. We've had two foals born here so far this year, a filly out of Aishet and a colt out of the Nez Perce mare Alpowa, both by Salam. We are waiting on one more foal, by Arin out of Asalari (she just had a gorgeous gold filly!). Salam has two more foals coming this year from outside mares, one out of Tulah and one out of Alyeskha, both due within the next month.

On June 30th, two friends and I took 4 horses to a 4-H 'Breed Halter Class' to help the Hippology club learn about Akhal-Tekes. We brought 3 partbreds and 1 purebred (mostly because those were the horses available) and all the horses and handlers did well. My friend Wendy brought Arzuw (Astrachan x Galka 4) and Sunny's Tazzy Teke (Astrachan x QH) and I brought Galen (MV Moondancer x Galka 4). Proud owner Julie Godard brought her 4 year old purebred Sazanda (Salam x Anastasia) for his first 'big horse' outing. Sazanda 'won' the class and we had a lot of fun.



Wendy and her young friends with Ari and Taz. The clinic organizer told us that as far as she knew, this was the first 'Akhal-Teke Breed Class' done for 4-H! We also handed out WEG booklets to all the attendees and I gave them our breed standard and several copies of the new promotional DVD. Next, we will be working on getting mares pregnant for 2016!

GodsCavalry Ranch, Centerville, WA

After our jumper show in March Maizie and I had about 6 weeks off before our first dressage schooling show of the year at the Hood River Saddle Club we competed at 1st level doing test 2 and 3, this was our first time competing at this level and I was happy with her and took something back to work on before next time! Maizie and I competed

at the Lake Oswego Hunt Hunter Jumper Schooling Show the last weekend of June after talk of canceling because of the heat they decided not to cancel and run a smaller show since there was a number of people that bailed out. Ended up being a beautiful day in Lake Oswego, OR. Maizie and I competed in the Low Jumper Division and brought home Reserve Champion.



Tom and Dawn Thomsen, Queensland Australia

We are so pleased to announce we have sold two purebred fillies Gubilee ATAA408 and Gemma ATAA409 to Denise Kaye and Bill they could not have gone to better home. Our understanding is Denise and Bill will train them in different areas to promote Akhal-Tekes at the same time and then maybe breed. Denise and Bill already have an Arabian stud and breed very good Arabians mainly for endurance or crossed with Warmbloods for dressage and eventing. We wish them the very best in the future and feel a little sad we do not have the fillies any more they were part of the family especially Gubilee she is a people's horse. We feel if we could just get half a dozen other breeders around the country Akhal-Tekes will become popular.

Lately we have had a lot of enquiries from people wanting to cross and use Akhal-Tekes in different sports so they have a long time view as to where they want to go, one rancher wants to cross our stallion with his mares to work cattle he has between 3000 to 5000 cattle at one time depending on the amount of grass he has but he has hard country so he is looking for hard horses he liked what he saw in Akhal-Tekes then he also is into the sport of camp drafting however I thought a heavier horse such as a quarterhorse would be more suited but I looked up some of his results at some events and he has done well so he must know what he is doing. I do not know if camp drafting is a known sport in USA but in Australia it is huge especially amongst people who work cattle, how it works a half grown calf is released from a chute then a rider on a horse riding along side of the calf slips out of the saddle on to the head of the calf throws on its side and ties all

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four feet together and the rider with the fastest time is the winner. Of course it is all done at a gallop and over in seconds.

Dawn and I were invited as special guests to this year's 50th Tom Quilty Ride, which is the major endurance ride in Australia. There were ten USA riders riding Australian horses with six riders being successful. At the Tom Quilty we talked Akhal-Tekes which created much interest so some riders/breeders wanted to know more about Akhal-Tekes and showed much interest but it is the same old story unless the breed of horse has history such as the Arabs in endurance riding everybody is wanting somebody else to train Akhal-Tekes and of course they must win but I am sure Akhal-Tekes time will come.

Sweet Water Farm. Friday Harbor, WA

Our first foal arrived April 29th, a colt by Kambarbay and Ahlie Rhatan, in May Aktepel had a filly by Kambarbay and Ayal Pikira a filly by Pan Tau. In June Sheherezad and Leucosia a colt by Kambarbay and now the waiting is on Shirin for a foal in July by Pan Tau.

So far I am extremely happy with all the foals. Having so many foals has put a halt to my showing this year...but I'll be back at it soon...and I keep riding as if I'm going to a show tomorrow! I've had lots of visitors and tourists stopping by to ride and see the horses.

We have an "island Sherriff posse" now and once a month we train our horses for search and rescue. It's fun and good exposure for the horses. Komissar Hyrdar has been sold and will be going to California in the spring of 2016 and will eventually stand at stud with Mellisa Donaldson. Wishing everyone a happy and safe 4th!



Denise and Bill Kaye, Queensland, Australia

It is with much excitement that we are sending news to the July Issue.

We have had the privilege of purchasing the two purebred Akhal Teke fillies, Gemma and Gubilee, from Tom and Dawn Thomsen. The girls are full sisters but quite different to each other. Our journey with Akhal Tekes has been one of endurance. But we have finally made it! We have many plans for these two girls and hope to see increased interest in this lovely breed. Australia has only a very few number of purebred Akhal Tekes. We have made plans to take them to a two day Horse Expo for a breed display. We will also have the DVD's and literature from ATAA and other books and literature. We hope to increase

the interest in this wonderful breed as there are only 6 active Akhal Tekes in Australia.



Shah'zadeh Akhal-Tekes LLC, Osakis, MN

Terri Fender reports that Jack will be at the Minnesota State Fair this fall. She sold Rock Star to a home in California, where he has very interesting paddock mates!



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

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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.

Horses For Sale

For Sale: Dar Khanum (Gindarkh 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; Ra'isa, 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.

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Silver Hill Akhal Tekes

We are proud to announce the arrival of Silverhill Sosna (Salamdor x Amerka) 2015 bay filly!



This beautiful filly has already been sold and will be heading to Virginia after weaning. Also sold is her full sibling, SH Karanlik Sovalye, heading the opposite direction to California!

See website for updates on sale horses

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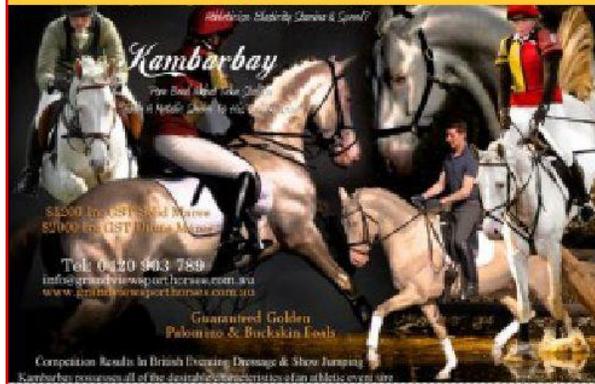
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Arin (photo below) is a shiny cremello stallion from the Gelishikli line.



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