

# ASH Newsletter

MONDAY, DECEMBER 8TH, 2008

## Treasurer's Report

ASH currently has \$8,500 cash on hand and \$11,000 in CDs.

## Forum Update

The 2008 Annual Forum was well attended, especially by ADA members with a large rule change on the table. ADA has spent much time on the rule change revamping the dressage divisions and it sailed through. Many of the other rule changes were to figure out the direction that ASH should go in as it heads into the new year. After much discussion, ASH decided to go back to the old way of recording for divisions. This means that now horses and riders will record in the individual divisions that they will show in for \$35 (\$30 if done by April 1<sup>st</sup>). We thought that with the economy it was better to have a lower increase in the amount needed to record. So for those showing in Short Stirrup, it will be \$35 for a membership, \$35 for Short Stirrup Equitation recording and \$35 for Short Stirrup Hunter recording. This is less than last year with \$35 for a membership and \$75 for the horse recording and \$50 for the rider recording. We know that this may limit the classes that people enter, but we thought it was more important to have a

lower recording cost to encourage those just starting to record. With this, each division is self sufficient with \$250 needed to be fully funded. So if the recordings are not enough to cover the cost, people are able to sponsor the remaining amount for their division to receive



awards instead of only ribbons. Instead of giving lower quality awards, we thought that it was most important that the standards that ASH has had over the past 40 years be upheld. So with the economy, there may be many divisions that are awarded ribbons only, but we have been giving out blue blankets for 40 years and we want to continue to give out blue blankets. We are also working on getting information out to our members. The website will

be updated the 1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> of each month with recordings and memberships. People recording will receive a receipt of their recording for proof. There is no longer an option of "correcting" mistakes, so please get those recordings in early to make sure that all is in order.

We will have a table at the ASH Swap and Sell to answer questions about this process. You can also e-mail us any questions. We will also have a tutorial on the website when we post the new forms, which should be available January 1<sup>st</sup>, along with the

rulebook. We will also post the results when we get them, usually within 10 days of the show, as well as a monthly update of the points. But with having the results posted, you should be able to do the points yourself! We also are going back to reviewing the prize lists for horse shows. Hopefully this will result in better prize lists for our horse shows.

## Horse Shows Update



As I am sure that everyone has heard, ASF is no longer putting on the Colony Days, Midsummer and State Fair horse shows. That will leave the Hunter/Jumpers with only WCCEC and AHJA, and Dressage will not have any shows in the valley. ASH will hold the first show May 28<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup>. We are moving it down a weekend to not to conflict with school. We are look-

ing at having Hunter, Jumper and Hunt Seat Equitation classes. ASH will hold the 2<sup>nd</sup> horse show on the former Midsummer weekend, June 18<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> (tentative). We are looking at having Hunter, Jumper, Hunt Seat Equitation and Dressage classes, as were held in the past. We are not sure of the fate of the State Fair Horse Show. As it is our first year with

holding horse shows, ASH would like to stick with 2 the first year and then go from there. We have a steering committee to do the background work and then will be looking to hire someone to run the day to day horse show. We will let everyone know more when we know more.

## Banquet

The 2008 Awards banquet will be held January 9<sup>th</sup> at the Sheraton in Anchorage. Annemarie Weiland is chair of the committee. Invitations will be out at the beginning of December, RSVP's must be made by

January 1<sup>st</sup>. Dinner is \$65, please RSVP by January 1<sup>st</sup> to [ash.president@gmail.com](mailto:ash.president@gmail.com). Please mail in payment for the banquet by January 1<sup>st</sup>, or pay at the door for \$5 more per plate. We will

have a limited number of dinners available for purchase at the door for those that did not RSVP in advance, however they will be \$80 each, so get those in early.

## Horse Happenings

What Alaskans are doing with their riding and training this winter

- Ashley Dunbar is going outside to train with Joie Gatlin with Pepper. We wish them the best and can't wait to see what they do.
- Alicia Hall is going to HITS, not just sure if Ocala, Arizona or Thermal. She is taking Luigi and Araucano, so good luck on whichever circuit you choose!
- Dana Tower is heading to Winter Equestrian Circuit in Wellington. Gusto is with Missy Clark at North Run and has already made the trip down to Florida.
- Susie Merritt and Stacy Minkler are headed off to the Scottsdale Arabian Horse show in February. Stacy to show and Susie to drool!
- Emily Geppert is headed to Thermal to train with Hap Hansen for a month. Good luck and hope you don't get those dust storms!
- Jamie Duchanin is also heading to Thermal to show, she rides with Collinswood in Seattle. She and Jaimie Thurman are attending the Peter Leone clinic in Oregon.
- Teresa (Firmin) Lindner is going outside to ride with Lisa Kursinski in February for a tune up. It is probably just an excuse to get out of Fairbanks in the winter 😊



# Call for Nominations



We have extended the deadline for nominations till December 15<sup>th</sup>. Nominations must be received December 15<sup>th</sup> at 11:59 p.m. AST. They can be mailed or e-mailed to [ash.president@gmail.com](mailto:ash.president@gmail.com). We have three board positions open as well as Maynard Smith and Marvin Slaughter. Please limit the biography to the below word limit. ASH may edit any biographies that exceed the word limit before publication. Board nominations must include a 100 word biography. Nomi-

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nees do not need to be current ASH members for 2008, but must join January of 2009 to retain their board position.

The Maynard Smith Award honors Alaskans who have contributed to the horse industry in Alaska and have worked to promote horses and horsemanship. Please include a short biography on the nominee not to exceed 300 words. Recipients of the award do not have to be ASH members.

The Marvin Slaughter Junior Sportsmanship Award recognizes outstanding sportsmanship among Junior ASH members. Any current Junior ASH member is eligible, and nominations must be submitted by a current ASH member along with a written biography of 100 words or

less describing how the nominee has displayed exemplary sportsmanship with emphasis on the most current year.

Ballots will be mailed mid December and ballots may be either mailed in, brought to the ASH banquet, or if you lose yours, you may vote at the banquet.

## Kudos Corner

In no particular order

Kudos to Shelby for her help as an ASH executive secretary.

Kudos to Jill Cornforth for taking the time to attend the forum and giving invaluable input.

Kudos to Rebecca Weiant as our outgoing president.

Kudos to all show managements and staff for a successful 2008 show season

Kudos to Sharon Sadlon on her excellent job moderating the forum.

Kudos to Annemarie for all her hard work on the banquet.

Kudos to Greg McDonald for his service to the ASH board.

Kudos to Janet for getting a database together for recordings and memberships.





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This would be a good place to insert a short paragraph about your organization. It might include the purpose of the organization, its mission, founding date, and a brief history. You could also include a brief list of the types of products, services, or programs your organization offers, the geographic area covered (for example, western U.S. or European markets), and a profile of the types of customers or members served.

It would also be useful to include a contact name for readers who want more information about the organization.

