

ANWARC NEWS – OPEN DIVISION – SPRING 2018

Hey, Everyone! Who's ready to *RIDE* into show season? I know I am! Believe it or not, once we actually start our shows, my work load is lighter. Even if I AM sitting in the announcer stand from the start of the show until the bitter end, LOL!

My apologies for being about a month behind on sending out news, but we have had extra hurdles to clear and extra hoops to jump through this year, in order to insure that we can put on a series of shows that we can afford and still create a surplus for year-end awards. We put a lot of time and effort into exploring more venues for our shows. However, none of the options we sought after were feasible at this time. There is hope for the future that this situation will change, but it won't be in 2018.

Our ANWARC Awards Banquet in January was well attended. Can we say packed house? Wow! We handed out 142 awards to 38 winners, totaling \$7,430.00. Congratulations to our Open Division Sportsmanship Winners, Kendall Smith and Illeana Sauls! And also congratulations to our Gaited Division Sportsmanship Winners, Rhonda Kelly-Duncan and Avery Mulloy!

Our elected **2018 Officers** are: President Phillip Curlee; Vice President Sarah Markley; Secretary Shirley Shelby; and Treasurer Cindy Pharr.

All items on the Open Ballot at our Year-End Awards Banquet passed. Class changes included dropping Ranch Horse Pleasure and adding English Disciplined Rail. Most importantly, Entry fee maximums, previously \$30.00 for all exhibitors (juveniles = 10 classes, and adults = 6 classes) were equalized so that the entry fee max will now be *ten classes* for all exhibitors. Juveniles will still pay \$30.00 plus the \$5.00 office charge in order to reach the maximum; adults will now pay \$50.00 plus the \$5.00 office charge to reach the maximum. Remember, *all fees are doubled for double point shows*. This recommendation from the ANWARC Board of Directors was an alternative to raising entry fees and was voted on by both divisions.

Drum roll please, I'd like to welcome our new REGISTRATION SECRETARY! Kendall Smith will be overseeing registration at all of our shows this year. Please do all you can to make her job easier, so she won't regret her decision, LOL! This means getting to the registration table EARLY to give us time to do what WE have to do in registration to ensure the show can start on time. *Classes #1-14 must be entered by 9:00 a.m.*

ANWARC will be putting on ten Open Division shows this year, over six dates. (Four shows will be double point to create the ten shows.) Membership is not required to show with us; however, we do have a very nice year-end award program for those who ARE members. Since we are an association of clubs, your membership dues need to be paid directly to one of our member clubs. In the Open Division, the choices are the Friends of ANWARC for all breeds; or the Arabian Riders And Breeders of Northwest Arkansas (ARAB), which is actually also for all breeds, with emphasis on Arabians, obviously. Since our first Open show is on April 29th, you have time to pay your membership dues directly prior to show season starting. I will attach a membership application to both clubs. Please pay this with enough advance notice for the first show. Registration will go much more smoothly if we do not have to also deal with membership dues money, since that requires a separate check.

Class Sponsorships: These must be paid before the first show. Again, registration will go much smoother – and you won't forget to pay! – if we do not have to collect sponsor money with entry fees. If you are showing for points, your points will not count until your sponsorship is paid, so this is important. Please mail your class sponsor money to me at:

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What else does it take to qualify for year-end awards? You must show in half the shows. That will be five shows this year, since we will have ten. Two double point shows and one single point, and you've got that nailed!

What else? **WORK HOURS**. Each exhibitor must put in four hours of work. That can be done by the exhibitor OR someone working on their behalf. Half the hours must be "registration" hours – which is ANY job, other than working the gate and handing out ribbons. If we did not stipulate this, we would have three people working the gate at the same time and four people trying to all hand out ribbons, since those are the easiest jobs. The other jobs are much more important. Sign up before the shows start by contacting me at pharrsha@pgtc.com. The Work Hours Book will also be in Registration at each show. There is a section behind the sign-in sheets to sign up ahead of time for the shows.

Another important point for awards: BOTH the owner AND the exhibitor of a horse have to be members of ANWARC. If you are showing someone else's horse, be SURE they have a current membership. If they do not, and you are leasing the horse, then you must provide a copy of your **lease agreement** at the first show in which you compete.

Our first show is at the U of A Pauline Whitaker Arena in Fayetteville. There are limited stalls available, day use only, for \$25.00, plus a \$25.00 deposit. This must be paid directly to the University of Arkansas ANSC Dept. You will leave two signed checks in registration. Stalls must be paid for in advance of putting a horse in them, and it is first come, first served. I would recommend reserving them ahead of time, which can be done by contacting me at pharrsha@pgtc.com. Stalls must be cleaned – either picked out or stripped if they are really dirty – prior to getting your deposit check back.

We will have access to the outdoor arena for warmup at the U of A. However, we will still have warmup time in the show arena.

Concessions at the first show will be provided by our club host, the University of Arkansas Block and Bridle Club. This fundraiser helps to fund their educational trips, so please support the concessions!

Showbills and entry forms can be downloaded from our website: <http://anwarclub.tripod.com>. The 2018 Rule Books will be available soon, both online for download, as well as printed copies in registration for \$2.00.

Negative Coggins papers are required and will be checked. You will get your entry forms from the EIA Verifier. If you choose to download your entry form to save time by filling out ahead of time, that is great! But be sure to have the Verifier initial your form for you!

If you can't wait until April 29th to show your horse, please consider coming to the **MoArk Spring Value Show** – a one-day Class A Arabian show with added classes for open breeds, hosted by the Arabian Riders And Breeders of NW Arkansas and the Southwest Missouri Arabian Horse Club. The show is Sunday, April 15th, at Jasper Springs Arena in Fayetteville. For more information, visit the ARAB website - <http://www.arabianofnwa.org>. Entries are due April 9th, however post entries with additional fee will be accepted.