

The 2021 ASHA Annual Meeting typically hosted during the UPHA National Conference went virtual with the cancelation of this year's conference. This year the meeting offered our organizational leaders a platform to highlight key accomplishments from 2020, provide status reports from the President, Treasurer, and Registry, and final member voting for the ASHA/ASR Merger and Nominating Committee member representatives.

Executive Director David Mount led the meeting and presented a comprehensive Annual Report for 2020 that provides a year in review for ASHA activities, initiatives, programs and more. The 2020 ASHA Annual Report highlights the areas of Leadership and Partnership Development, Membership Benefits and Programs, Competitions and Horse Show Support, USEF Saddlebred Ranch Riding Proposal, 2020 World's Championship Horse Show activities, Breed Promotion, Youth Activities and more! The 2020 ASHA Annual Report is available for your viewing at the link below.

2020 ASHA Annual Report

"We had a very busy year despite the challenges brought on by the Pandemic and we are positioned to have another successful year in 2021. We are committed to serving our members and strengthening our breed. I encourage everyone to become more involved and volunteer for committees, charter clubs and horse shows. Just like I said last year, we can do so much more together than apart," shared Mount.

In addition to the Executive Director's Annual Report, President Marty Schaffel, Treasurer Allen Bosworth and Interim-Registrar Katriona Adams delivered reports. Schaffel's President Report spoke to the last year's challenges presented by covid-19 and an ever-evolving new normal that championed how much we still managed to accomplish, create, and support at an organizational and industry level. Schaffel thanked all who have come together from our sister affiliates, committees, staff, and especially the leaders from the ASHA/ASR Joint Merger Task Force. He emphasized that because of the tireless efforts from many volunteers and staff ASHA was a part of so many solutions in a year full of problems to solve. Bosworth presented the financial summary for 2020. He addressed questions about the financial stability and projections for the ASHA, the implications of a merger between the ASHA and ASR and further details around ASHA's 2020 Paycheck Protection Loan. He also revisited the plans instituted in early 2020 and the impacts of operating on a flat budget. Adams presentation covered the last year of statistics on foal registrations, stallions reporting, transfers completed, and the process improvements implemented to bring improved customer service in the future.

Also during the ASHA Annual Meeting, the membership voted overwhelmingly in favor of the proposed merger between ASHA and ASR, with 90.6% in favor. From the members eligible to vote (Charter Club, Contributing, Life and Senior Members), 25.4% cast their vote, which far exceeds the three-year average of 13.8% in previous elections. From the merger documents were filed with the Kentucky Secretary of State to officially become American Saddlebred Horse and Breeders Association, Inc. Members will see a six month transition period that will include launching a new logo and branding, along with a revamped website. Once the new logo and branding are in place, you will see us move away from using the ASHA and ASR names and logos. Also, you will see the benefits of the new office efficiency project with improved customer service and staff productivity, with all staff members staying in their current positions. And, you will see increased funding for promotion and education that was made possible through the merger and hiring a new development director. In addition to the merger members voted to select Betsy Boone and Judith Warner to the Nominating Committee. We are grateful everyone that took the time to vote and thank you to the ASHA and ASR boards, who have worked tirelessly for the benefit of our breed.

Below are the links to watch the meetings in their entirety:

Full Meeting https://youtu.be/TbDvwvly_Fg

Highlight Video <https://youtu.be/W-ZZ4WQWdfU>

2021



Virtual Meeting

ASHA 2020 Regional High Point Champions
(The overall high point champions have yet to be released. Please follow bluegrasshorseman.com for updates.)

5-Gaited

Open

Region 1 - Fortunately Chanel, Betsy Krutek
Region 3 - Out Of Debt, Deborah K. McConnell and/or Jana McConnell Foster
Region 4 - New York's John Jay, Susan J. Hall
Region 5 - Walterway's Born A Tradition, Sarah Muraki and/or Elizabeth Muraki
Region 6 - Little Rocketman, Jennifer G. O'Hara Living Trust dated 03/25/2013
Region 7 - Not Giving Up, Britton A. Frome
Region 8 - Don Corleone, Meagan Hudson
Region 9 - Dessert First, Kim H. Goodrum and David Goodrum
Region 10 - Callaway's Good Directions, Morgan Taylor Stout and/or Pam Widener-Stout
Region 12 - Heir Comes The Man, Denise Vespa
Region 12 - Intuition, Cedarledge Farm

Amateur

Region 1 - Ray Donovan Cathaleen Canfield
Region 3 - CH HS I'm A Dreamer, 3 Sisters Stables LLC
Region 4 - New York's John Jay, Susan J. Hall
Region 5 - Our Shelby GT, Jacqueline Erdmann Lopez
Region 6 - Hoodwinked, Mary Workinger
Region 7 - Speak No Evil, Danny Cummins and Kathy C. Cummins
Region 8 - About Midnight, Josephine (Cissy) D. Mayo
Region 9 - Nuttin' But Fabulous, Sandra Kaiser
Region 12 - Charm Me Forever, Emily Van Duren

Junior Exhibitor

Region 3 - Callaway's Kiton, Amy Pearson
Region 5 - Leverage, Highland Ridge Stables LLC
Region 6 - Count The Money, Brenda Whittington and/or Braylea Mae Whittington
Region 7 - Apocalyptic, Stacey M. Finley and/or Denise Siess
Region 9 - CC Common Cape Town, Carolyn Baker

5-Gaited Ponies

Region 7 - Wingswept Ophelia, Elizabeth Lawson
Region 8 - Oh Great Day, Ribbons And Roses LLC
Region 9 - Tim Don't Tell, Bob Miller

3-Gaited

Open

Region 3 - Undulata's Quiz Show, Leann DeLange and/or Michael Krick
Region 4 - I'm Lookin' Royal, Ashley Brand and John Brand PH.D.
Region 5 - CH Callaway's Blue Moon Rising, Dan Lafleur and/or Marlene J. LaFleur
Region 6 - Sunrise's Good And Plenty Stacey Himmelstein White
Region 7 - Vegas Moon Golden Creek Farms, Inc.
Region 8 - Chardonnay's Phancy Lady Kelli M. Hatton
Region 9 - Rockin' The Red Carpet, Mary (Mimi) B. Kyle or Nancy B. Bryan
Region 10 - In The Wind, Hannah Bennett and/or Terry Bennett
Region 12 - MBA's Silver Sapphire, Brooke Simpson

Amateur

Region 3 - Callaway's Superstar Status, Jean Ehlmann
Region 5 - Callaway's In The Right Place, Cornelia Gordon Hempe
Region 6 - Ana Katerina, Nancy Spiker
Region 7 - Going Steady, Mount Saddlebreds LLC
Region 8 - Northern Asset Helen Rich
Region 9 - Drosselmeyer, Graceless Farm LLC
Region 12 - MBA's Silver Sapphire, Brooke Simpson

Junior Exhibitor

Region 6 - Callaway's Amberjack, Korah Anderson and/or Dorothy Anderson
Region 7 - The Rhumba, Tammy S. Ross
Region 8 - Forever Marilyn MHF, De Los Santos LLC
Region 9 - Reedann's What A Looker, Caroline Josephson

3-Gaited Ponies

Region 7 - Caramac News, Jeff Mieseler and/or Shannon Mieseler
Region 8 - Chock Full Of Nuts, Ellie Hogan

Fine Harness Open

Region 1 - CH Into The Cosmos, Linda Kane
Region 3 - Ethereal Love, John E. Aschenbrenner or Susan E. Aschenbrenner
Region 5 - Tory Burch, Jon G. Spheeris
Region 6 - Callaway's Hang On To Your Heart, Bill And Diana Whiting Revocable Living Trust
Region 7 - Lookin' Impressive, Gene van der Walt and/or Annalize van der Walt
Region 8 - I Don't Dance, CRW Wine & Equine LLC
Region 9 - Rocket Man, Pender Ridge Farm
Region 12 - Undulata's Legends Of The Fall, Nancy E. Cashman-Reed

Amateur

Region 3 - Nirvcracker, Ashley Morgan
Region 5 - Nutter Butter, Equiamor LLC
Region 7 - What A Mystery, Linda D. Lowary

3-Gaited Park

Open

Region 3 - Girl On The Avenue, Sally Graf
Region 4 - Fortune's Sweet Heiress, Cheryl Brown Tilghman M.D.
Region 5 - Chupacabra, Dr. Dan Bushard and Mary Hanrahan Bushard D.V.M.
Region 7 - Nashvegas, Golden Creek Farms, Inc.
Region 8 - Sound The Call, Alexandria Liebchen and Tammy Liebchen and Kenneth Liebchen
Region 9 - CH Tefnut, ECL Family Investments LLC
Region 10 - Copper And Kings, C & S Holdings LLC
Region 12 - Get Your Shine On, Saddlebred Rescue, Inc.

Amateur

Region 3 - Ridgewood's Wonderful Admiral, Mike C. Carlson and/or Carol L. Carlson
Region 4 - Paisley St. James, Dr. Balie English White
Region 5 - Worthy's Call On Me, Gregg E. Nielsen and/or Marie Nielsen
Region 6 - Doubletrees Scarlet Design, Diana L. Pistora
Region 7 - Arrowhead's Moet, Batavia Saddlebreds LLC
Region 8 - Finishing First, Slemmons Equine Ventures LLC
Region 9 - Fox Grape's My Resolution My Bucket List LLC and/or Michelle Spiegel
Region 12 - The Grand Chawhee, Mary Mackenzie

Junior Exhibitor

Region 3 - Nuttin But Nice, Carol Carlson Trust
Region 7 - Buster Jangle, Susan Hanna
Region 8 - Roi Du Soleil, Julie Lynn Andrew and Hallston Manor LLC
Region 9 - CH Simon Cowell, Allison Maclean
Region 12 - Walterway's Silk Tie, Idletime Farm LLC and/or Lindsay S. Westover

5-Gaited Show Pleasure

Adult

Region 5 - Provacateur, Josephine W. Musser
Region 7 - Kissing On The Beach, Jennie Turner Garlington
Region 8 - Arrowhead's Grey Goose, Luanne Kilday Malone
Region 9 - Vegas Secrets, Triple D Holdings LLC

Junior Exhibitor

Region 3 - CH My Dreamboat Annie, Finley Wood and/

or Amanda Wood

Region 5 - CH Ken Follett, Kara Rhode and/or Margit Rhode

Region 7 - Undulata's GQ, Batavia Saddlebreds LLC

Region 8 - Manhattan After Dark, Ribbons And Roses LLC or Robin J. Anderson

Region 9 - CH North Charleston, Bralex LLC and/or Amy Calisto

Region 9 - Ro & Me's Nirv's Of Steel, Mary Marcum Orr and Evan Orr

Combined

Region 1 - CH Here We Are, Susan A. Valley

Region 3 - Kalarama's Hot Stuff, Dennis Gallenberg and/or Kimberly Gallenberg and/or Cameron Gallenberg

Region 4 - Laughing Out Loud, Enterprise Corporation I LLC

Region 6 - Desert Martini, Amy Haller and John T. Haller Jr.

Region 7 - Undulata's Cheekie Nut, MLS Equestrian LLC

Region 8 - First Desire, Jackie Sexton

Region 9 - Finnick, Sandra Kaiser

Region 10 - Total Reflection, Shirley A. Trail and/or Ralph E. Trail

Region 10 - Mucha Muchacha, Robert Valach

Region 12 - CH Eye Gads, Ellie Riva

Park Pleasure

Open

Region 3 - CH Ro & Me's Da Vincci Code, Cameron Gallenberg or Dennis Gallenberg or Kimberly Gallenberg

Region 4 - Forged In Fire, Chris Shaw Tresten

Region 5 - Ooh La La BabyMike Peerenboom

Region 6 - Two's Tiny Dancer, Carla (Candy) C. Gierke

Region 7 - The Bourbon Thief, Elise Crisp and/or Jayna Crisp

Region 8 - What Does The Fox Say, Karla Linsley

Region 9 - Cherry Popsicle, Rodney Battaile and/or Stephanie Battaile

Region 10 - Johnny Casino, Isobella Layden

Park Pleasure Driving

Region 9 - Strawberry Blonde, Carol L. Blount

Park Pleasure Junior

Region 3 - So Co, Tri Color Ventures, Inc.

Region 5 - Nirvana's Cin-Derella, Susan Nicola and Marina Nicola

Region 6 - Patron Silver, New Beginnings Ranch LLC

Region 7 - Blue Hills El Dorado, RMR LLC

Region 8 - Arrowhead's Soldier Elite, Julia F. Tiller

Region 9 - Monnington Adaline, Jeanne Longworth Frazer and/or Boyd Wainscott

Region 12 - Locked In, Debra St. Laurent

3-Gaited Show Pleasure

Adult

Region 1 - Magic City, Pleasants Valley Stable

Region 3 - Uptown Chatter, Jade Woods

Region 4 - All Topped Up, Kimbrough Equine Holdings LLC

Region 5 - They Call Me Brutus, David S. Kachel and Molly Kachel

Region 6 - Our First Million, Joan Hammond

Region 7 - CH My Chrome Princess, Jayne M. Romano

Region 8 - Soquili's Black Pearl, Jill Bertolani

Region 9 - Starmaker's Hakuna Matati, Paul R. Otto

Region 12 - El Cadete, Lisa Cote

Junior Exhibitor

Region 3 - Berry Daring, Carol J. Graves and/or Lydia Graves

Region 3 - Love & Devotion David H. Deurloo

Region 4 - Absolutely Stunning, R. Eric Lopez and Megan Lopez and Jillian Lopez

Region 5 - CH Dare To Care, Rachel Ott

Region 6 - Snooki, Lauren Burin

Region 7 - CH Seven Spanish Angels, Woodbury Farm LLC

Region 8 - CH Fort Chiswell's Prince Charming, Evelyn Jane Anderson

Region 9 - CH Iza Diva, Hodde Equine LLC

Region 12 - Snowboard, Lindsay S. Westover and/or Sydney Westover

Combined

Region 2 - The Bellmaster, Carly Johnston

Region 3 - Stonecroft First Treat, Michele Brandt and/or Shawn Brandt and/or Isabelle Brandt

Region 4 - Ashlyn's Ring Leader, Donna Fargason and/or Ellen Fargason

Region 5 - Holiday Kisses, Susan Honkamp

Region 6 - Snooki, Lauren Burin

Region 7 - Crack A Smile, Virginia Caperton

Region 8 - Folly And Glory, Pamela Arruda

Region 9 - Sugarcat, Lindsay Goodrich

Region 10 - Riverdreams' Oxford Charm, Bruce Pauley and Riley Pauley

Region 12 - Soquili's Take On Me, Holly Kunkemueller

Show Pleasure Driving

Region 1 - Heir To The Empire, Jashojit Roy and Helen Vydra Roy

Region 3 - MBA's Just About Thyme, Mary O'Keefe

Region 4 - Harlem's Nightcap, Susan J. Hall

Region 5 - Notoriously Innocent, Linden Isle Farm

Region 6 - Crown On The Rocks, Rhonda R. Black and/or Gary A. Black

Region 7 - Ultimate Charm, Diana L. Kressley-Billig or Morgan Billig

Region 8 - My Diamond Blues, Slemmons Equine Ventures LLC

Region 9 - CH Amarula Sunrise, Laura Cedrone

3-Gaited Pleasure Ponies

Region 8 - Lynnwood's Shadow Light, Suzanne Schnetzler

5-Gaited Country Pleasure

Region 3 - CH, Monnington Sir Charles, Susanna Kritzler

Region 5 - Alabama Slammer, Constance S. MacQueen, Self-Declaration of Trust

Region 8 - Rowdy And Ready, Deborah L. Richardson

3-Gaited Country Pleasure Adult

Region 1 - CH Nutta You Business, Pleasants Valley Stable

Region 4 - Deer Hill's Hyperion, Jennifer S. Stoecker

Region 5 - Aussie, Maggie Karamelas and/or Ana C. Marcyan

Region 6 - Nirvana's Lithium, Doug Porter and Kristi Porter

Region 7 - CH Forever Heaven, Hibner Animal Care LLC

Region 8 - Viva La Vida, Deborah L. Richardson

Region 9 - I Rock Tom Ford, Ann Isaksen

Region 12 - Callaway's Eight Below, Dawn Graffin

Junior Exhibitor

Region 1 - CH Harlem's Midnight Lace, Wallen West Farms LLC

Region 3 - Undulata's Blue Light Special, Lauren Son

Region 5 - CH Highly Caffeinated, Hope Pazaras and/or Matt Pazaras

Region 6 - Sunset's Happy Jack, Kenzie Ayotte

Region 7 - The Pulitzer Prize, Garlington Saddlebreds LLC

Region 8 - Gateau, Abigail Asiatico

Region 9 - CH Itunes, Alyson Beasley and/or Anna Beasley

Region 12 - Kalarama's Ultimate Student, Holly Kunkemueller

Combined

Region 2 - Royal Crest's Rockin' Ringo, Ian Johnston and Giovanna Johnston

Region 4 - Deer Hill's Hyperion, Jennifer S. Stoecker

Region 5 - Deal Or No Deal, Sue Jensky

Region 6 - Nirvana's Lithium, Doug Porter and Kristi Porter

Region 7 - Do The Bossa Nova, Susan Gibson and/or Sabine Herber

Region 8 - Tango Town, Heidi Waber and Joy Kodak

Region 9 - Tango In Vegas, Christy Stovall

Region 10 - Miss Viviana, Amaira Palmer

Region 12 - Miss Viviana, Amaira Palmer

Country Pleasure Driving

Region 1 - CH Harlem's Midnight Lace, Wallen West Farms LLC

Region 3 - CH Undulata's Fashion Plate, Shelby Farm and Stables LLC

Region 4 - Budget Cut, Glencairn Saddlebreds, Inc.

Region 5 - Will You Be My Valentine?, Pat Schultz

Region 6 - Callaway's Here Comes The Blue, Bill And Diana Whiting Revocable Living Trust

Region 7 - Press Release, Donna D. Nabors

Region 8 - CH Callaway's Hit The Deck!, Ronald D. Davis or Alicia B. Davis

Region 9 - Landshark, Jill B. Stewart

Western Country Pleasure

Region 1 - Peri's Charm SS, Shari Rainwater

Region 3 - CH Winsdown Code Talker, Cameron Gallenberg or Dennis Gallenberg or Kimberly Gallenberg

Region 4 - Beloved By All, Judy C. Jordan

Region 5 - Reedann's Phire Sale, Janette L. Wanner

Region 6 - A Riot On Forty-Third Street, Dr. Joni S. Canby

Region 7 - CH Montano Baillou, Equestrian, Inc.

Region 8 - Lady Bee, Luanne Kilday Malone

Region 9 - A Splash Of Fire, Vicki Combs Phillips or Sheila A. Wingle

Region 12 - Return To Vegas, Pat Grasso and Barbara Adams-Grasso

Hunter Country Pleasure

Region 1 - Creme Filling, Delybean Express LLC

Region 3 - CH Poetry In Black, Thomas N. Crumbley M.D. and/or Jarien Crumbley

Region 4 - Hilltop's Angelica, Erica Muller Region 5 - CH Poetry In Black, Thomas N. Crumbley M.D. and/or Jarien Crumbley

Region 6 - Kool-N-Frosty, Nichaella Noebe

Region 7 - Cloverleaf I Am Legend, Jennifer Gulati

Region 8 - Friar Tuck, Michaela E. Miller and/or Anita A. Miller

Region 9 - Candle Magic, Carol A. Addison

Region 12 - Jimmy Jack, Tracey L. Cimikowski

Saddle Seat Equitation Adult

Region 8 - Dr. Amy Tate D.V.M.

Saddle Seat Equitation

Region 2 - Carly Johnston

Region 3 - Isabella Privitera

Region 4 - Katie Rich

Region 5 - Cody Johnson

Region 6 - Avery Ochester

Region 7 - Jessica Manzo

Region 8 - Emily Egner

Region 9 - Isabel Richman

Region 12 - Ashley Perry

Saddle Seat Equitation Walk & Trot

Region 7 - Cara Ballerstedt

Region 10 - Alexis Hackney

Pleasure Equitation

Region 12 - Khanh Creedon

Walk & Trot Pleasure

Region 3 - CFTonight's All About Her, Emma Grace Suedmeyer

Region 4 - Bewitched In New York, Ria Raju

Region 5 - It's Make Believe MHF, Todd Whittaker

Region 7 - Callaway's Cohort, Scott Stollenwerk and/or Laurie Stollenwerk

Region 8 - So Now Ya Know, Joyce M. Wilson

Region 9 - Princess Wilhelmina JJW, Janelle D'Amato

Region 10 - Sunrise's I'm The Charmer, James Lawrence

Region 12 - I Want To Tango Too, Colleen Fitzpatrick

Open English Pleasure

Region 1 - I'm A Fashionista, Seawind Stables LLC

Region 3 - Clever Trevor, Kylie Anderson

Region 4 - It's Out, Hannah Feldstein

Region 5 - Guy On The Prowl, Gina Lesnik and/or Ray Lesnik and/or Olivia Lesnik

Region 6 - CH Coventry's Too Fast Too Furious, S.G.F. Winning Ways Farm, Ltd.

Region 7 - Ashlyn's Danny Boy, Jennifer S. Stoecker

Region 8 - Made Mike A Believer, Piper Hales and/or Bromleigh Hales

Region 9 - Don't Tell Samur, Charlie Johnson

Region 10 - Sunset's Champagne, Dr. Kim Epling and Braley Epling

Region 12 - Best To Be Cool, Colleen Fitzpatrick and/or Cheryl Fitzpatrick

Open Pleasure Driving

Region 3 - Just Gettin' Better, Dawn Taylor

Region 5 - Meadowview's Ziva, Dr. Jackie Davis

Region 10 - Polynesian Rose, Property Professionals, Inc.

Region 12 - Enough Nut, Kristopher Miller and/or Andrea Miller

Open Western Pleasure

Region 3 - Smith And Wesson, Kimberly Gallenberg and/or Dennis Gallenberg

Region 4 - Cheeten Lady, Milo Jones

Region 5 - Levi Strauss, Barbara J. Southgate

Region 6 - Kalarama's I'm A Girl Watcher, Carla (Candy) C. Gierke

Region 10 - Southwind's Winning Title, Delaney Najar and/or Mary Najar

Open Hunter Pleasure

Region 3 - Royal Dividend, Jeanie A. Waterloo

Region 4 - Kalarama Seamair, Kathryn Park

Region 5 - Miss Angel Heart, Seven Oaks Farm LLC

Region 6 - Kool-N-Frosty, Michaela Noebe

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ASHA Announces Youth Scholarship Recipients

Each year the American Saddlebred Horse Association (ASHA) recognizes its junior members age 21 and under on the basis of academic success, financial need, involvement with the American Saddlebred and the ASHA youth programs, and extracurricular activities including community service. The purpose of the scholarships is to encourage, support and recognize participation in all aspects of the American Saddlebred industry, as well as to strengthen the American Saddlebred industry and breed through education. For 2020, the ASHA is presenting two scholarships of \$5,000 each helped made possible by the 2020 United States Equestrian Trust Grant awarded to ASHA.

Lily Callahan Harrisburg, Missouri

Lily Callahan has dedicated her young life to the American Saddlebred and pursuing a variety of avenues to enjoy the breed and expand her abilities as an equestrian. From 4-H to the coveted American Eventing Championship Lilly has show the American Saddlebreds she loves and challenged people's perception for what the breed and a young passionate exhibitor can do! Lily has shown and competed as an Amateur, Owner, Trainer at the national level of our breed shows and US Eventing Association events taking home many ASHA or ASR awards every year for her success and community work with both Royal Crest's Granite Permission and The Phantom Pistol. Lily most recently began competing both in collegiate Eventing on the University of Transylvania team and sharing the Saddlebred with a new group of young equestrians!

Devin Sell Georgetown, Kentucky

Devin Sell has dedicated her junior career to being an active ASHA Youth leader and promoter of the American Saddlebred. Devin was the 2020 ASHA Frank Ogletree Award, 2019 USEF Youth Sportsman's Award, and 2018 ASHA Youth Club Youth Award recipient. Devin's achievements in the competition ring are amplified by her dedication to her horses, barn family, and the sport as a whole. She is active in the ASHA youth programs, including the ASHA Youth Conference, and volunteered at the Saddle Seat World Cup and Kentucky State Fair World's Championship Horse Show. She participates in youth judging clinics and is a member of the US Equestrian Lettering Program. Devin is a member of the National Honors Society and an accomplished tennis player, and she intends to study pre-veterinary sciences and equine business management in college. Her dream is to become a large animal veterinarian, specializing in horses, and run her own lesson program for children and adults to help them learn proper riding and horse care.

In a year like any other we are grateful we were still able to award these scholarships to our ASHA Youth. Since 1991, the American Saddlebred Horse Association has awarded more than \$200,000 in scholarships to youth involved with American Saddlebreds.

Saddlebred Sport Horse Awards Winners

While much of the 2020 competition year was impacted by the pandemic, we are thrilled to have another year of Saddlebred Sport Horse award winners. We are grateful for the work of the ASHA Charter Club Saddlebred Versatility Association (VERSA) and our Sport Horse Committees for their continued support of these honors and these American Saddlebred and Half American Saddlebred Sport Horses. Champions will be mailed their individual award champion certificates. 2020 ASHA High Points Awards for Sport Horses Registered American Saddlebreds

DRESSAGE DIVISION

Champion - New York City Slicker Owner: Jody Swimmer, Waxhaw, NC

Reserve Champion - Ro & Me's Master of Illusion Owner: Leah Peterson Delano

MNWESTERN DRESSAGE DIVISION

Champion - Top Dancer Owner: Kelly Abraham, Chippewa Falls, WI

Champion - Mo Motion Jack Natalie Law, Leeds, UT
Reserve Champion - Buenos Aires Love Affair Carlos and Lisa Siderman, Malibu, CA

CAEVENTING DIVISION

Champion - Royal Crest's Granite Permission Owner: Lily Callahan, Harrisburg, MO

Reserve Champion - The Phantom Pistol Owner: Lily Callahan, Harrisburg, MO Registered Half American Saddlebreds

ENDURANCE

Champion - Kourageous Northern Prince, Carlos and Lisa Siderman, Malibu, CA

2021 ASHA Major Award Recipients

Lifetime Achievement Award – Bob Ruxer, Jasper, IN

This award honors a person for his or her lifelong contributions to the Saddlebred industry, dedication to the improvement of the breed, and support of American Saddlebred Horse Association.

C.J. Cronan Sportsmanship Award – Bret Day, Versailles, KY

Recipients of this award are chosen for their sportsmanship and their contributions to the breed. Such attributes considered are participation in ASHA programs, support of ASHA, and contributions to the ideals of ASHA.

Lurline Roth Sportsmanship Award – Susi Day, Versailles, KY

Recipients of this award are chosen for their sportsmanship and contributions to the breed. Such attributes considered are participation in ASHA programs, support of ASHA, and contributions to the ideals of ASHA.

Frank Ogletree Youth Award – Sutton Paulsen, Cedar Falls, IA

This award honors one youth each year who has exhibited a sportsmanlike attitude throughout his or her show career. Nominees must be active ASHA Junior Members who have demonstrated participation and achievement within the show ring, exhibited positive personal characteristics, as well as having served as true role models for their peers.

Gordon Jenkins International Award – Lynn Jarvis, London, United Kingdom

This award is designed to honor a person who has gone the extra mile to introduce and promote the American Saddlebred horse to other countries

Meritorious Service Award – Judy Werner, Waterloo, IL

The Meritorious Service Award honors persons for their contributions to ASHA on almost all levels over a long period of time.

Paul and Dorothy Gillenwater Family Award – Jayne Romano (Percoco) Family, Winthrop, MA

To be awarded by the Board of Directors in recognition of the American Saddlebred as the ideal family breed, with a suitable horse and competition division for participation by each member of a family. The honoree shall be recognized for its sportsmanship and dedication as an entire family to the advancement of Saddlebreds, as amateurs and purely for the love of sport, whether for recreation, competition, breeding, or otherwise.

Wing Commander Medal – Betsy Boone, Concord, NC

Individuals receive this honor for demonstrating outstanding service to ASHA and the breed, and through their dedication, have attracted interest in the highest quality show horses of the breed, thereby contributing to advancing the popularity of American Saddlebreds to the public.

Breeders Hall of Fame – Hoppy Bennett, Shelbyville, KY

This honor is bestowed upon a person(s) involved with a successful breeding operation that has made an impact on the American Saddlebred breed and industry.

Breeder of the Year – Melinda Moore, Lawrenceburg, KY

Recipients of this award are chosen based on a statistical analysis of their successful show performance during the entire competition year, relying on records produced by the American Saddlebred Horse Association.

Wing Tempo Award – Royal Crest's Granite Permission

An American Saddlebred receiving this award has achieved excellence of the highest order in disciplines and venues not typically considered within the standard show ring structure. To receive consideration for this award, horses must be registered with the American Saddlebred Registry.

2020 Breed Ambassador Awards

In celebration of all the amazing outreach our breed has been a part of this year, the ASHA is proud to share our 2020 Breed Ambassador Awards. In collaboration with the ASHA Charter Club Council, we worked to collect point sheets from individual members, barns, and ASHA Charter Clubs to offer ambassadors at a regional level and to our Worlds Champions from each of those segments.

REGION 1-AZ, CA, CO, NV, NM, UT

Kathie Dunn Jacobsen- Champion
Lauren Brizgys- Reserve Champion

REGION 2-ID, MT, OR, WA, WY, AB, BC

Ashley Roe- Champion
Ami Aiuto- Reserve Champion

REGION 3-IA, KS, MN, MO, NE, ND, SD

Lily Callahan -Champion

REGION 4-AR, LA, MS, OK, TX

Rebecca Stewart- Champion
Kathryn Park- Reserve Champion

REGION 5-IL, WI

Kelly Abraham- Champion
Brittany Decker-Reserve Champion

REGION 6-IN, MI, OH, ON (LONDON)

Amy Zielinski-Champion

REGION 7-KY

Carolyn McLean- Champion
Charlotte Kurtz- Reserve Champion

REGION 8-AL, FL, GA, TN

Michelle Phillips, Knoxville, TN

REGION 10-VA, WV

No Submissions

REGION 11-DE, MD, NJ, NY, PA, ON (TORONTO)

No Submissions

REGION 12-CT, ME, MA, NH, RI, VT

Sandra Hurd- Champion

WORLD CHAMPION-Kathie Dunn Jacobsen

RESERVE WORLD CHAMPION-Rebecca Stewart

ASHA BREED AMBASSADOR AWARD 2020 REGIONAL AWARD

BARN

REGION 1-AZ, CA, CO, NV, NM, UT

Monarch Stables- Champion

REGION 2 - ID, MT, OR, WA, WY, AB, BC

Valley View Farms-Champion

REGION 3 - IA, KS, MN, MO, NE, ND, SD

Columbia Equestrian Center-Champion

REGION 4- AR, LA, MS, OK, TX

Vantage Point Farm-Champion

REGION 6 - IN, MI, OH, ON (LONDON)

Four Willows Farm- Champion
Trinity Farm- Reserve Champion

REGION 5 - IL, WI

Forward Farm LLC- Champion

REGION 7 - KY

Blue Willow Farm- Champion
Rose Stables- Reserve Champion

REGION 8 - AL, FL, GA, TN

Harris Riding Academy-Champion
Avalon Stables- Reserve Champion

REGION 9 - NC, SC

High Caliber Stables- Champion
John Walker Stables- Reserve Champion

REGION 10 - VA, WV

No Submissions

REGION 11-DE, MD, NJ, NY, PA, ON (TORONTO)

Saddlebred Rescue-Champion

WORLD CHAMPION-Harris Riding Academy

RESERVE WORLD CHAMPION-Vantage Point Farm

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REGION 1 - AZ, CA, CO, NV, NM, UT

Northern California American Saddlebred Horse Association-Champion

REGION 4- AR, LA, MS, OK, TX

Texas American Saddlebred Horse Association-
ChampionNorthern Texas American Saddlebred Horse
Association-Reserve Champion

REGION 5 - IL, WI

Illinois American Saddlebred Pleasure Horse Association-

Champion

REGION 6 - IN, MI, OH, ON (LONDON)

Indiana American Saddlebred Horse Association-
Champion

REGION 9 - NC, SC

American Saddlebred Association of the Carolinas-
Champion

REGION 11-DE, MD, NJ, NY, PA, ON (TORONTO)

American Saddlebred Horse Association of New Jersey-
Champion

WORLD CHAMPION- American Saddlebred
Association of the Carolinas

RESERVE WORLD CHAMPION- Texas American
Saddlebred Horse Association



Merger of the ASHA and ASR

On Wednesday during the virtual ASHA Annual Meeting, the membership voted overwhelmingly in favor of the proposed merger between ASHA and ASR, with 90.6% in favor. From the members eligible to vote (Charter Club, Contributing, Life and Senior Members), 25.4% cast their vote, which far exceeds the three-year average of 13.8% in previous elections. Thank you to everyone that took the time to vote and thank you to the ASHA and ASR boards, who have worked tirelessly for the benefit of our breed.

Now that we have a merger, what happens next? Yesterday, our attorney filed the merger documents with the Kentucky Secretary of State's office, which makes the merger officially effective. The new combined Board, with its 27 members, met last night to elect officers and approve the new 2021 budget. I would like to congratulate our new slate of officers that includes Joe O'Brien (President), Emily Lee (Vice President), Chris Schubert (Treasurer) and Owen Weaver (Secretary). Next Monday night, the Registry Council will meet for the first time where they will elect a Registry Council Chair, to join the slate of officers above.

Even though we are now legally known as the American Saddlebred Horse and Breeders Association, Inc., you will see a six-month transition period that will include launching a new logo and branding, along with a revamped website. Once the new logo and branding are in place, you will see us move away from using the ASHA and ASR names and logos. Also, you will see the benefits of the new office efficiency project with improved customer service and staff productivity, with all staff members staying in their current positions. And, you will see increased funding for promotion and education that was made possible through the merger and hiring a new development director.

We are embarking on an exciting time for our association. I am grateful to our members, board and staff for their dedication to our beloved breed. We can do so much more together than apart.

Thank you!

David Mount, ASHBA Executive Director