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AMERICAN SADDLEBRED HORSE ASSOCIATION OF VIRGINIA NEWSLETTER

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I want to Thank all of who served on committees and all who volunteered to help in whatever capacity was needed this past year! We will continue to need your ideas, experience, expertise and your willingness to serve on committees as we go through this year. We need new and fun ideas for the 2015 Horse show this is our 32nd year!

The Horse Show will be, Sept. 24-27<sup>th</sup> & our Judge will be Darrel Case. The

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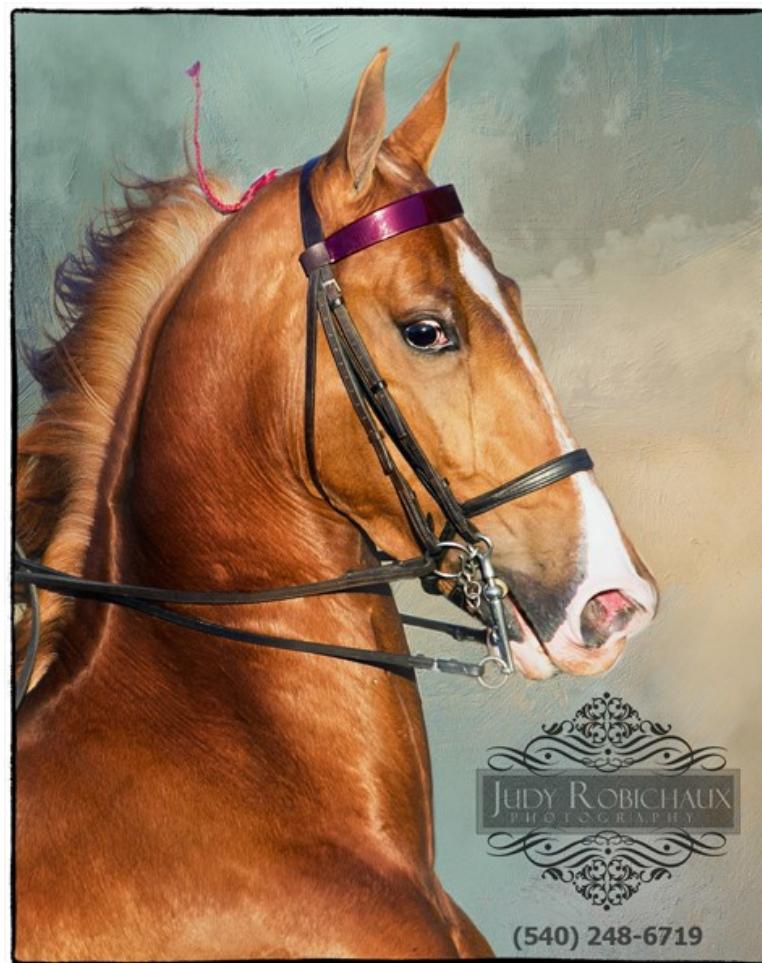
highly competitive Adult Stick Horse will be Friday night following the last class and the popular Dog Show will follow during the exhibitor's party. We are again planning another Great show and hope you will join us! As the planning process for the 2015 show unfolds and an officer or zone representative calls for your support please support their efforts! Remember this is **Our** show and we want it to be the very best it can possibly be!

**This year more than ever we will need your help in getting class sponsorships for the Horse Show, please call us with any & all suggestions!**

As you journey to the different shows, remember that, as always the major goal of this organization is to promote the American Saddlebred Horse. We will continue to do this by supporting ASHAV's major events, horse shows, newsletter, high points, futurity program, youth activities, educational board, website and the convention.

I want to Thank the ASHAV Board & membership again for their support, knowledge and sincere interest in the renewed energy that I felt throughout this past year, and I am again Honored that you have elected me President again.

**Saddle Up & Get on Board!**



Judy Robichaux

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## Virginia, West Virginia Summer Circuit

### **What is the Virginia, West Virginia Summer Circuit?**

The Virginia, West Virginia Summer Circuit (VA/WVA) is to encourage participation at smaller, Virginia & West Virginia based horse shows and to establish goals for exhibitors and trainers. We want to focus on creating a competitive environment where everyone can have fun working towards qualifying for a Championship Show that will be held at the ASHAV Horse Show in September. Qualify by competing in at least 8 classes, at a minimum of 4 qualifying shows throughout the year and you're in!

### **Rules**

Horse must qualify in at least 6 classes at 3 different qualifying shows: qualification follows the horse in performance classes and the rider in equitation.

Horse must qualify in the division in which they wish to show at the VA/WVA Championship; Novice & Limit classes act as qualifiers for their respective division; Open to any breed classes count as qualifiers for show or country pleasure.

Horse may qualify in more than 1 division, but must declare for 1 class at the VA/WVA Championship; Equitation riders may show in equitation and 1 other performance class in which they are qualified.

Horses declaring for the Open division may have qualifying classes in both Open and Amateur/Juvenile divisions. Horses declaring for Amateur/Juvenile divisions may only have qualifying classes in the Amateur/Juvenile divisions.

If an Amateur/Juvenile class is not offered at a qualifying show and the Amateur/Juvenile shows in an Open division it will count as a qualifying class for the Amateur/Juvenile division.

\*\*\*If recorded Horse competes at the World Championship Horse Show, it will be ineligible for VA/WVA Summer Circuit Championship\*\*\*

**An entry fee of \$10.00 per Division**

### **Membership**

All participants in the VA/WVA Championship are required to be a member of ASHAV. Membership forms can be found on [ashav.net](http://ashav.net) website

### **Show Rules**

Unsportsmanlike conduct will not be tolerated.

While competing at the VA/WVA Championship USEF rules must be followed.

## **Classes**

1. 12 & Under Walk/Trot Pleasure
2. Equitation
3. Harness Pony
4. Hunter Country Pleasure
5. Country Pleasure Driving
6. Amateur/Juvenile Park
7. Hackney Pony Pleasure Driving
8. 3-Gaited Pony
9. Open Park Pleasure
10. Amateur/Juvenile Road Pony
11. Open/Amateur Fine Harness
12. Western Country Pleasure
13. Adult/Juvenile 3-Gaited Show Pleasure
14. Road Horse Under Saddle
15. Amateur /Juvenile 3-Gaited
16. ASB Show Pleasure Driving
17. Amateur/Juvenile 5-Gaited Pleasure
18. Road Pony Under Saddle
19. Open 3-Gaited
20. Pleasure Pony
21. Amateur/Juvenile 5-Gaited
22. Open Park
23. Amateur/ Juvenile Country Pleasure
24. Open/Amateur Road Horse
25. 5-Gaited Pony
26. Open Road Pony
27. Open 5-Gaited

## **\*\*Qualifying Shows\*\***

Old Dominion Horse Show, April 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> and Oct. 9<sup>th</sup> & 10th

Kanawha Valley Horseman's Association-Winfield WV

April 3<sup>rd</sup>, June 27<sup>th</sup>, August 1<sup>st</sup>, Sept. 5<sup>th</sup> & Oct. 10<sup>th</sup>.

April 11<sup>th</sup> The Southside Saddle Club Spring Horse Show

Bland VA, Saddle Up for a Cure, April 25th

Dublin, May 21st-23<sup>rd</sup>

AAEC Horse Show, Bland VA June 26<sup>th</sup>-27th

Pine Spur, July 11<sup>th</sup>

Rockbridge, July 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>

Bluefield, July 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>

Middlebrook Horse Show, Aug. 1<sup>st</sup>

Bland County Fair, Sept. 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>

## **The Virginia/West Virginia Summer Circuit Championship**

The Championship will be held in conjunction with the ASHAV Horse Show, in Lexington VA at the Virginia Horse Center, September 26<sup>th</sup>.

## RECORDING APPLICATION VA/WV SUMMER Circuit

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Horse's  
Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Divisions:** \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*\*\$10.00 Per Division Entered\*\*\***

**\*\*\*Must a current ASHAV member to participate\*\*\***

Mail To: Carol S. Reedy  
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Roanoke, VA 24015

## SUBMITTING FORM VA/WV SUMMER Circuit

**Name of Show & Show Dates:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Horse's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

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Don't forget that we will also have Junior Judging at many shows. All interested youth are welcomed to participate. There is no cost and it is a lot of fun to see if you can match the Judges' placements in the classes.

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Presents Awards and Celebrates 40 Years

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## ASHAV SERVICE AWARD 2015

### Melissa Fridley

“To be helpful or beneficial; the act of giving assistance to another; ready to serve,” all dictionary definitions for the word “service” and descriptions of the characteristics our recipient of this award embodies.

The ASHAV Service Award is presented each year to a member who has worked in a variety of ways to improve our association. The dedication and willingness of this individual to work above and beyond the normal “call of duty” makes this year individual deserving of this award.

This year’s recipient grew up in Clifton Forge on a farm where her love of animals blossomed. She started riding when she was 10 at Honey Croft Stables in Iron Gate and paid for her lessons by cleaning stalls and taking care of the barn. Her family owned a hardware store in town and when someone couldn’t pay their tab, her dad would make trades. That’s how she ended up with her first horse Velvet Sands also known as “Peanut” at the age of 12. Peanut loved to jump, he enjoyed it so much that one time after they were done with their course he jumped out the end gate! They built their own 12-stall barn & she would go to the barn everyday before and after school to take care of the horses. She passed her love of horses on to her daughter who started riding at age 8. They were very involved with 4-H pony club and did hunt seat but after riding her first Saddlebred her daughter was in love & the rest is history!

She wanted to get more involved with ASHAV so she volunteered to be a ribbon marshal at the ASHAV Horse Show. Now not too many know how time consuming it is to pull all the ribbons for each class, set everything up before each performance, & organize all the trophies. She is the person you see in center ring for most of the sessions, making sure that the awards are all in order & everything is running smoothly. She then volunteered to help with the High Point presentations. Always willing to help where needed. Last year she suggested that we sale T-shirts with the new logo in festive colors during the horse show. She took the idea & ran with it, and all of the T-shirts sold! She also came up with the idea that we make it a contest as to the design that would appear on the shirts each year. The sweatshirts that are on sale here were her idea also.

For her dedication, positive attitude and kind heart, it gives me the greatest pleasure to present the Service Award to Melissa Fridley!

### **ASHAV 2014 Youth Sportsmanship Award: Olivia Horan**

One of the key words that define Sportsmanship is fair-mindedness.

This year's Youth Sportsman definitely embodies this quality and more. She is a devoted and diligent young competitor, who has a very kind, caring, and respectful nature.

She first fell in love with saddlebreds at the age of two when she sat perfectly still watching for hours at the Roanoke Valley Horse Show. From that point forward, she talked about horses non-stop. Her first lessons came just before her fourth birthday at Meadow Wood Stables, on the famous duo of Sunshine and Pepperoni. She started by taking fifteen minute lessons and soon progressed to group lessons. She entered the show ring at the age of 4, winning her first blue ribbon on Pepperoni at Pine Spur Hunt Club. At 5, she began showing in the Academy Division, riding Abner. Her family began looking for a horse for her and came across her first love, Vacation Spot. Spot was presented to her at her 6<sup>th</sup> birthday. Together the pair would win many academy and winter tournament blue ribbons, becoming Academy High Points Champions.

This years' recipient showed her first performance horse at the age of 7, on her new best friend Morelli, who was only a 4 year old. Together they had a blast in the 12 and Under Walk Trot division, becoming the Regional Champion and the ASHAV High Points award winner. Unfortunately in their third year together, Morelli received an injury. While it was not life threatening, it definitely ended their ability to show together for some time. She had only one concern, and that was to help her best friend get healthy again. She visited him as often as she could and helped his recovery by walking him around the barn. She never complained of not being able to show. Instead, she could be found at every show cheering on her friends and favorites, and helping out when needed to sell flying pigs, t-shirts, raffle tickets, or anything at all just to be at the shows.

Over the past 4 years, our recipient has personally gathered over \$5000 in donations for Ride for the Cure. In the meantime, she encouraged her dad to join in the fun and he purchased Blue Grass Impression to show in the Amateur Road Pony classes. Dad's career lasted all of 3 shows. Blue and our recipient fell in love with one another, and she quickly took over the reins and showed Blue in the Juvenile Road Pony classes, while Morelli continued to recover. Even though they usually received pink and green ribbons, she would always come out of the ring smiling from ear to ear and proud to have gotten a little bit better. Just after the Roanoke Valley Show that year, with a few weeks break, she decided to give Under Saddle a try back at the barn. They hit it off so well, they decided to set a goal for Louisville. Unfortunately, just days before heading to Kentucky, little Blue came down with a terrible infection that would sideline him for the next 9 months. After several stays at the Virginia Tech Veterinary School and Mountainview Equine Clinic, and a few nights of wondering if he would make it, his journey to recovery began. Once again, our recipient was focused on the recovery of her pony, checking in on him almost daily while hospitalized, and weekly after he returned home. This tough little pony would recover and eventually get back in the show ring the next summer. One year later, this amazing little pony fought back and our recipient and Blue finally made their trip to the green shavings. While they did not get a ribbon, they certainly had the time of their lives.

She is a great role model for both young and adult riders alike, always exemplifying eagerness to lend a helping hand, cheer others on, and she represents our industry with the utmost integrity. This year's recipient has a very positive attitude about showing, always a good sport regardless of where she places in competition. Her smile says it all, it's about having fun and the love of the horse.

Known as Olive to most, I am proud to present this year's Youth Sportsmanship Award to Olivia Horan.

## **ASHAV Sportsmanship Award**

### **Patty Hylton**

This year's recipient once said, "It may sound impossible for a little two year old girl to ride a pony by herself, but she did." For a girl that grew up in Shady Spring, West Virginia she has done it all. Always been dedicated to her work and family, and anyone who knows her, knows she is dedicated, honest, and loyal. Not only in friendship and sportsmanship, but also in everything she does.

From the age of two through high school she always had at least one horse. As a child she and her brother Buddy used to play cowboys and Indians in the backyard. Through her high school and college years her friends used to joke about her 'dating life' by saying, "Let's see if "he" can make it through show season." They would say this because she always wanted to spend more time with her horses rather than with friends.

A few years after she graduated from college she met the man of her dreams... Warren, who helped her succeed in her riding career, & helped her achieve her childhood dreams of a successful riding career. As an amateur owner trainer of her Saddlebreds and Quarter Horses, she went to local shows in both West Virginia and Virginia on the weekends. She enjoyed success in the ASB Pleasure Division with Symbol's Sport and Peppy Bar in the Ladies Western Pleasure in 1985 & 1988. She is currently showing in the ASB Western Country Pleasure Division with Attache's Candy Kiss with 2014 being a great year for this dynamic duo!

This year's recipient has a very positive attitude about showing; she once said that "showing horses teaches us to win and to lose, and to do both graciously."

Showing is an opportunity to strive to do your best and to demonstrate good Sportsmanship. Anything can happen at a horse show, and the most important thing is to have fun. She feels blessed to be a part of the Saddlebred industry, with its dedicated, caring, and fun-loving people. Riding is a life-long sport that has provided her with a sense of accomplishment, good friends, the joy in simply watching a beautiful horse, and a deep appreciation for the relationship that can form between human and horse. She feels that riding and showing has helped her in loving life and taught her to live it to its fullest!"

She always gives 100% and wants to learn as much as she can about every horse she rides. She not only has encouraging words for those at her barn but for all her fellow exhibitors. She is an excellent role model for adult and young riders alike and a true ambassador to the sport of showing.

It is a great privilege to present this year's ASHAV Adult Sportsmanship Award to: Patty Hylton

*Some Academy & Leadline Riders at the Old Dominion Classic, April 2015*







## ASHAV Convention Special Recognition



Service Award - Melissa Fridley



Adult Sportsmanship - Patty Hylton



Youth Sportsmanship - Olivia Horan



Junior Judging Team - Jennifer Burks,  
Janie Sigmon & Jordan Burks



High Point Horse - Carlin Bumgarner



High Point Trainer - Bill Heizer

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*Some of the exhibitors at the Old Dominion Classic Horse Show, April 2015*





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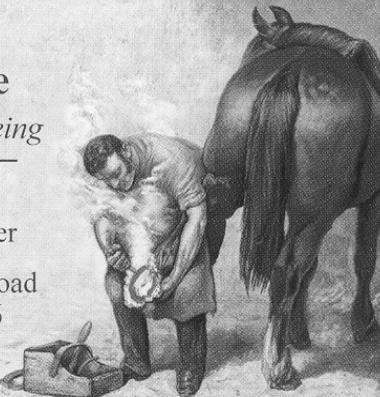
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ASHAV Membership Application**

**ALL ASHAV MEMBERSHIPS EXPIRE ON JANUARY 31<sup>st</sup>**

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Reside in County of: \_\_\_\_\_

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Membership: (Please check one) New \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal \_\_\_\_\_

Junior \_\_\_\_\_ Individual \_\_\_\_\_ \*Family \_\_\_\_\_ Lifetime \_\_\_\_\_ \*Lifetime Family \_\_\_\_\_  
(\$10.00) (\$20.00) (\$30.00) (\$250) (\$350)

Current ASHA Member? Y \_\_\_\_\_ N \_\_\_\_\_

\*Family memberships are for parents, their children under 18, and children over 18 but under 21 who live at home.  
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## 2015 Horse Show Schedule

April 3-4—Old Dominion Horse Show  
April 3—Kanawha Valley Horseman's Association—Winfield, WV  
April 11—The Southside Saddle Club Spring Horse Show  
April 25—Saddle Up for a Cure, Bland, VA  
**May 21-23—Dublin**  
June 26-27—AAEC Horse Show, Bland, VA  
June 27—Kanawha Valley Horseman's Association—Winfield, WV  
July 11—Pine Spur  
July 16-18—Bluefield  
July 17-18—Rockbridge  
Aug. 1—Middlebrook Horse Show  
August 1—Kanawha Valley Horseman's Association—Winfield, WV  
Sept. 5—Kanawha Valley Horseman's Association—Winfield, WV  
Sept. 11-12—Bland County Fair  
Sept. 24-27—32nd ASHAV Horse Show  
**Oct. 9-10—Old Dominion Horse Show**  
**Oct. 10—Kanawha Valley Horseman's Association—Winfield, WV**

Please send me horse show information as soon as you  
know of any shows where our beloved  
Saddlebreds are welcome.

### **Deadlines for Newsletter Submissions:**

**February/March Issue:** February 4 (info about Convention, ODF, Bonnie Blue)  
**June issue:** May 15 (info about RVHS)  
**September issue:** August 15 (info about ASHAV show)  
**December issue:** November 15 (Christmas/ New Year/ Winter Shows)

# *Easy Fund Raising Opportunity!*

## **Wow!**

This is a way each of us can help support ASHAV without spending any extra money and very, very little time! If you buy your horse feed at Southern States, all you have to do is save the proof of purchase labels from your feed bags or keep your receipts if you buy in bulk, turn those in to our organization and we will get money for them! Lori Gordon has graciously agreed to collect the proofs of purchases and receipts for ASHAV and to send them in to Southern States. This can be a very big job, and with your help, we hope to keep Lori so busy that she will need an assistant! So start sending in those proofs of purchase.

## **Thank you for helping ASHAV!**



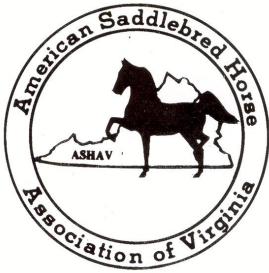
### **CLIP THE PROOF-OF-PURCHASE SEALS FOR ASHAV**

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Mail your proof-of-purchase seals to: Lori Gordon, 2625 Dodson Rd., Blairs, VA 24527



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