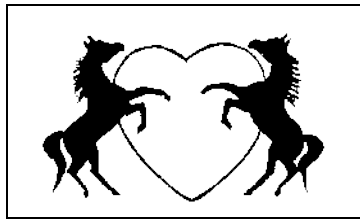


The
Midland Arab Group
Spring 2007



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
2007

Thursday March 29th 2007

7.30pm at Snitterfield Bowling Club

Speaker: Andrew Higgins MA, VetMB, MSc, MRCVS

RIDDEN & IN-HAND SHOWING CLINIC

Sunday February 18th 2007

Newnham, Wootton Wawen

SHOWS 2007

Spring Show Sunday April 29th Solihull Riding Club

Midland Arabian Festival June 24th Three Counties

Showground, Malvern

Also Inside:

Local shows, Young Riders Championship, Horses for Sale





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This will be at our usual venue, Snitterfield Bowling Club where we are always made very welcome and provided with a very nice buffet. As in previous years, food will be free for members, non-members are also very welcome for a small charge of £3. Several committee members are due to stand down this year, all are available for re-election. Please contact Joanne Lowe by phone or email by March 22nd if you are planning to come as we must have numbers for catering. Nominations for committee are always welcome.

We are very fortunate to welcome Andrew Higgins of Avonvale Vets as our speaker this year. His expertise in artificial breeding techniques has enabled Avonvale to become a recognised centre for equine artificial insemination for Genus Breeding UK & BEVA.

Directions to Snitterfield Bowling Club:

From Henley-in-Arden - A4189 to Warwick. Go through Claverdon. Turn right after Claverdon station into Saddlebow Lane for Snitterfield. Go through Wolverton, as you approach village Snitterfield Bowling Club is on the left before going down hill.

From Warwick - A4189 to Henley-in-Arden. Turn left for Snitterfield then as above.

From South - Leave A46 for Snitterfield. Take left hand bend then 1st right into village. By Foxhunters Pub turn right, round bend & at top of hill, Bowling Club on right.

The Committee would like to welcome all new members and look forward to meeting you at the AGM and Group events during 2007



MAG SHOWS 2007

The new season is fast approaching, your Spring show schedule is enclosed. New members – this is a very friendly show and a good way to kick off the show season, don't worry if your horse is still a bit 'hairy', it is still early! Come along and let's have a really good day. If you would like to sponsor a class at one of our shows this year please contact Jacqui on 01905 620391 for details.

New this year for sponsors at the Midland Arabian Festival – priority stabling, this is in addition to all the other benefits of sponsorship!

For those of us who also have horses of other varieties, we are trying some new classes for non-Arabs, Ridden and In-Hand, at both Midland Group shows. If we are inundated with entries these classes may be split!

Free subscription to MAG for the winners of these new classes!!



LOCAL SHOWS

Local shows are desperate for your support. The Arab classes at many of them are in severe danger of being lost due to lack of entries. With this in mind, and to help you plan your showing season, Andrea Boyle has kindly produced a list of shows, which is included, for you to keep and use for reference. If you need help to get started on your showing career, contact Andrea who offers a **'Starter Kit to Showing' FREE to members**. Many of the local shows offer Midland Group rosettes to highest placed members, and some offer MAG membership to prize winners. Lets get out there in our numbers this year!! If you know of any more shows not included please let Andrea know and a further list will be produced.



YOUNG RIDERS

The Young Riders Championship is for riders up to 21 years of age on January 1st in the current year – no lower age limit. Qualifying classes are held at many shows throughout the summer with the final being held at the AHS National Show. If you would like to take part, or you know of a show that would like to hold a qualifying class, please contact Jacqui Pouch for details on 01905 620391.



RIDDEN & IN-HAND SHOWING CLINIC

Ring Andrea Boyle for late availability of places and details (01789 488291). Ever wondered how it's done? Would like to show your horse but don't want to show yourself up? Should I – Shouldn't I? Find out what the judges are really looking for, you can even have a go at judging yourself and there will be a competition – win prizes if you can spot the mistakes!! Andrea Boyle, Joanne Lowe and a guest AHS judge will be showing us how conformation affects the ridden horse, and what to look for in the In-Hand horse.



2007 SUBSCRIPTIONS

Don't forget to renew your subs for 2007 (form enclosed). At only £8 a year, or £12 for joint membership, this represents very good value giving you a free evening's entertainment and buffet at the AGM in March & reduced entry fees at both Group shows & other events. A renewal form is enclosed.



POINTS AWARD SCHEME

Forms will be sent out to all members free of charge, contact Maureen Bint on 01905 620122 for further details, or if you have any queries

FOR SALE

Members can advertise here free of charge. No responsibility can be accepted by the Midland Arab Group Ltd for horses or goods offered for sale.

PURE BRED GELDING

Rising 6, working well – sensible and sound. Good to catch – lovely temperament.

Claverdon Stud 01926 842280.

ANGLO-ARAB COLT

3 years old. Bay, no white markings. Approx. 14.1hh. Quiet, well handled with bags of presence & character. This much loved youngster will excel in any sphere – Showing, Competition, Endurance etc.

AT STUD – Bay TB Stallion – Kenton (USA) (Blushing GroomxSylph)
01827 715091, 07956 421675

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