

TEXAS BLUEBONNET CLASSIC

AHA Region IX 50 Endurance Championship
100 and 50 mile Endurance and 25 mile Limited Distance Events
April 26, 2008 LBJ Grasslands, Decatur, TX

Sanctioned by AERC, AHA, TADRA

Sponsored by Texas Arabian Distance Riders Association

Endurance riding is a timed athletic event for both the horse and rider. The event is open to all breeds of equine (horses, mules and ponies). The goal is to follow a marked trail in the proper direction as described by ride management. The second goal is to ride the marked trail as quickly as the condition of the horse allows, successfully passing all vet checks and finishing with a sound horse. **"To Finish is to Win"**

Camping: This is a primitive base camp on a small hill with a thick stand of hardwood trees and a scenic pond & windmill for horse water. There is ample room for campers, however no electricity or people water is available. Rest room facilities are provided. We are currently under a statewide burn ban and there will be NO fires of any kind. Dogs must be on leash at all times. There are restaurants, motels and stores in Decatur.

Trails: The ride is considered easy terrain. Trails vary from fast flat areas, to high open areas with panoramic views, to deeply wooded forest. All trail is natural, with roadway's used only for crossings. There should be ample horse water on trail by May. Shoes are not required, however they are recommended. All vet checks will be in base camp. All trails are permanently marked.

Awards: All riders who successfully complete the 25, 50 or 100-mile events will receive a completion award. Weight, Junior Division and Best Condition winners will receive an additional award. 50 mile awards will be after light sticks are hung for the 100 milers. 100 mile awards will be approximately 8 am on Sunday. We will attempt to have the 25 mile ride awards as close to 3 pm as possible.

Texas Animal Health Commission regulations require all out of state horses to show original copy of a negative EIA (Coggins) test within the previous 12 months and have a health certificate issued within the last 30 days. Texas horses must show original copy of a negative EIA (Coggins) test within the previous 12 months. Please plan ahead, **no exceptions will be made.**

If you plan on attending, **please help ride management by pre-entering.** Postmark will be your entry date.



Manager Carla Jo Bass
Secretary Trish Dutton
AHA Steward Eddie Spurgeon

Veterinarians: Dennis Seymore DVM, head vet
and Drs. Valerie Bixler, Carter Hounsel, 4th vet TBA

Friday April 25, 2008

3-7:30 PM Registration
4-8 PM Pre-ride vet check
8-9 PM Pre-ride meeting

Saturday April 26, 2008

5:30 AM 100-mile start
6:30 AM 50-mile start
7:30 AM 25-mile start
Dinner around 6 PM

Any time changes will be announced at Pre-ride meeting

**For additional Information call Carla (972) 617-8233 eves or e-mail rebelcjb@yahoo.com
Or Trish (940) 455-2849 or e-mail TL.Dutton@gte.net**

Texas Bluebonnet Classic 2008 Entry Form

Rider Information

Name _____ AERC # _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

E-mail _____ Phone _____ Junior's Sponsor _____

Weight Division (includes tack) Please circle one: **Junior** Featherweight (<160)
Lightweight (161-185) Middleweight (186-210) Heavyweight (>211)

Horse Information

Name _____ AERC No. _____

Breed _____ Reg. No. _____ Age _____ Sex _____ Color _____

Horse owner if different than rider _____

Negative Coggins required for all horses, out of state horse also require health certificate within 30 days

***** PLEASE PRE-ENTER BY April 12 *****

Please circle distance: 25 mile \$65.00 50 mile \$90.00 100 mile \$120.00

Preferred shirt size _____

Entry fee: _____

Junior Discount (juniors 1/2 price, one per sponsor): _____

AERC Non-member fee (+ \$15.00) _____

You must show your 2008 AERC card

TADRA member discount: (- \$5.00) _____

Pre-entry Discount (Postmarked by **April 12th**): (- \$10.00) _____

TOTAL (make check to TADRA) _____

*Please pre-enter by mailing Entry Form, Check, Copies of Coggins and AERC membership card to:
Trish Dutton, 13033 Stonebridge Road, Argyle, TX 76226. You may contact Trish at 940/455-2849 or e-mail
t.dutton@gte.net, if you have any questions.*

Checks will not be cashed until after the ride, so if you do not start your check will not be cashed.

**** Legal Release - do not sign until you have read ****

As a participant in the **Texas Bluebonnet Classic** Endurance Ride, I agree to abide by the rules of AERC and the Ride. I understand that horses can be excitable, difficult to control and unpredictable and that accidents can happen to anyone at any time. I further agree to be fully responsibility for my animals and myself. I will hold harmless Ride Management, Texas Arabian Distance Rider Association, the US Forest Service, other participants, all ride personal, and all property owners over whose land the ride may take place for any accident, injury or loss that might occur due to my participation in the ride. I acknowledge that I have read and fully understand this release.

Signature of rider _____ Date _____

Signature of parent or guardian for Junior rider _____ Date _____

I grant my permission for ride management to arrange emergency medical treatment if I am unable to do so myself

_____ Date _____

2008 AHA REGION 9 CHAMPIONSHIP 50 MILES
April 26, 2008 LBJ Grasslands, Decatur, TX

AHA Ride Number 08098830

RIDER INFORMATION

Name _____ AHA # _____ Phone# _____

Address _____ City _____ ST _____ Zip _____

AHA # _____ Name/date/length qualifying ride _____

Junior (15 as of 12/1/07) _____ Junior Sponsor _____

Weight Divisions (include tack) Please circle one Preferred shirt size _____ (Pre-entries only by Apr 12)

Feather(<160) Light (161-185) Middle (186-210) Heavy (>211)

HORSE/OWNER INFORMATION (Enter under full registered name)

Horse Name _____ AERC # _____

Age _____ Breed _____ Sex _____ Color _____ Reg # _____

Owner _____ Owner AHA # _____

NEGATIVE COGGINS WITHIN ONE YEAR REQUIRED, **NO EXCEPTIONS.**

ENTRY FEES AND DISCOUNT

\$110.00 for 50 mile Entry fee amount (Jr. with paying adult rider, 1/2 price)

\$10.00 AERC non-member fee.

TADRA member discount \$5.00.

Early registration discount \$10.00 (postmarked by April 12, 2008)

Total Check # _____ Cash _____

Riders who enter the AHA Championships are automatically entered in the AERC 50. There is no additional entry fee.

*** LEGAL RELEASE, DO NOT SIGN UNTIL YOU READ ***

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Rider signature _____ Date _____

Owner signature _____ Date _____

Junior Parent or Guardian _____ Date _____

Permission for emergency treatment _____

HOW TO QUALIFY FOR AHA REGION 9 CHAMPIONSHIP RIDE

HORSE:

1. Must be qualified by having successfully completing at least 100 lifetime miles of competition. (See Chapter 16. 2008 IAHA Handbook & Article 1735)
2. Must be a registered Arabian, Half Arabian or Anglo Arabian. Horse must be at least 60 months of age, ridden and owned by a current member of AHA.(Owner and rider need not be same)
3. A current negative Coggins test is required.
4. Copies of registration papers(front & back) and AHA membership cards(owner and rider)

must be presented.

RIDER AND OWNER:

1. Both rider and owner must be current members of AHA, and cards
Must be shown for entry into ride.

ENTRANTS MUST SEND PROOF OF AHA COMPETITION CARDS FOR BOTH RIDER AND HORSE WITH COPIES (FRONT & BACK) OF THE HORSE REGISTRATION PAPERS WITH ENTRY FORM. THE RIDE STEWARD, EDDIE SPURGEON, WILL COMPARE PAPERS TO HORSES ON FRIDAY. ENTRY WILL NOT BE ALLOWED WITHOUT THIS INFORMATION!!!

PROVISION FOR PROTEST: (2008 AHA HANDBOOK Article 1610)

1. Protest must be filed in writing, signed by the protester and submitted to the Ride Secretary, Ride Manager, Ride Steward or Chair of the Ride Committee within 7 days of end of the ride.
2. A fee of \$25 must accompany the protest, and will be refunded if the protest is upheld.
3. Complete AHA rules may be found in the 2008 AHA HANDBOOK.

ENTRY FEE:

\$110.00 Includes AERC entry fee for 50 mile ride.

AHA AWARDS

CHAMPION ARABIAN:

MOELLER BRONZE
CHAMPION RIBBON
\$50.00

RES. CHAMPION ARAB:

RES. CHAMP. RIBBON
RESERVE CHAMP PLAQUE
\$30.00

TOP 5 ARAB:

TOP 5 RIBBON
TOP 5 PLAQUE
\$20.00

CHAMPION HALF-ARAB:

MOELLER BRONZE
CHAMPION RIBBON
\$50.00

RESERVE HALF-ARAB:

RESERVE CHAMP RIBBON
RESERVE CHAMP PLAQUE
\$30.00

TOP 5 HALF- ARAB:

TOP 5 RIBBON
TOP 5 PLAQUE
\$20.00

BEST CONDITION WILL BE AWARDED FOR ARABIAN AND HALF-ARABIAN DIVISIONS.

LBJ Grasslands, Decatur

Directions from Dallas: I-35E north to I-35 in Denton continue north exit Highway 380W to Decatur, you will go west 24 miles to FM 730 (signs also say Airport) then go north 9.5 mile to CR 2461 (sign will also say Cemetery) turn left onto CR 2461, 100 yards turn left and follow around to forest service road 904, turn right and follow signs to camp at TADRA Point.

Directions from Fort Worth: I-35W north to US-81, go northwest to US-287 then northwest US-380 head east less than a mile to FM 730 (signs also say Airport) then go north 9.5 mile to CR 2461 (sign will also say Cemetery), turn left onto CR 2461, 100 yards turn left and follow around to forest service road 904, turn right and follow signs to TADRA Point.

Direction from Oklahoma: I-35 south to Highway 380 West [just north of Denton] to Decatur, you will go west 24 miles to FM 730 (signs also say Airport) then go north 9.5 mile to CR 2461 (sign will also say Cemetery), turn left onto CR 2461, 100 yards turn left and follow around to forest service road 904, turn right and follow signs to TADRA Point .

Directions from Wichita Falls: Highway 287 South almost to Decatur. Take Hwy 380 East about 1 mile (Airport exit) to FM 730. Turn left and take FM 730 North. Follow directions above from here.

