

*Eastern Crabbet Arabian Horse Society*  
**ECAHS NEWSLETTER**

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**From Virginia Kelsall**

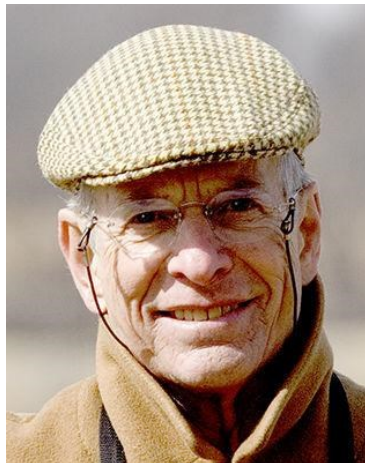
**Jeannie O'Neil, 2008 ECAHS Hall Fame honoree Neltson Chamberlain's granddaughter has contacted us. She plans to attend the celebration at Bel Air in August. She will be bringing some memorabilia about her grandfather. Some of you might remember that back in 2008, we could not locate any of Neltson Chamberlain's relatives. Thanks to Sari Bolnick, Jeannie has been found and we look forward to meeting her**

**Jan Williams and Sharon Noonan PAHA SE District directors have planned an interesting meeting at New Bolton Center at 1pm on February 23rd. Dr. Alicia Long DVM will speak about conditions related to the excessively wet weather we have been experiencing including Pythiosis which is affecting the Chincoteague ponies. There will be a Chinese auction, door prizes, and a 50/50 raffle. A light lunch will be served. Desserts welcome. ECAHS members are invited, but must let Jan or Sharon know if they're coming.**

**Rebecca Hanna Spicer (Bucky) died on January 9, 2019 at Homewood of Crumland Farm in Frederick, Maryland. Her husband, John S. Spicer, Sr., predeceased her on June 3, 2017. She was born in Franklin, Pennsylvania on October 2, 1929. She was the daughter of Rebecca Sponsler and John Richard Hanna. Bucky's first six years were spent in Franklin where she fell in love with horses.**



**Bart was our 5th Horse Of TheYear in 2005. They were a great team.**



**Sadly, Dr. Matthew Mackay-Smith, one of our Benefactors of the Breed for 2019, passed away in December. He was an avid fox hunter and endurance rider. In 1972 he started the Cheshire Competitive Trail Ride. It remains the longest lasting ECTRA sanctified CTR. Riding a horse of Crabbet lineage, he was the first of only two to complete both the Old Dominion and the Tevis Cup 100 mile endurance rides on the same horse in the same year. Dr. Mackay-Smith was medical editor of Equus magazine for many years until his retirement. He was a co-founder of the Delaware Equine Center. Several ECAHS members were fortunate enough to benefit from his services. On the PAHA SE District Facebook page, Jan Williams writes, "I owe him greatly for his advice concerning a diagnosis for my mare made by another vet that threatened her life at 10 years of age. Thanks to his wisdom and knowledge, she is still here and is 28 years young." Matthew is survived by his wife, Winkie, also an ECAHS 2019 Benefactor of the Breed, three daughters and several grandchildren.**

**From Arabian Dream Farm**

**The mare, Phantasia FA, imported from Jennie Thompson's stud in Australia to Arabian Dream Farm was presented in November for inspection with the American Trakehner Association.**

**Phantasia was inspected at the American Trakehner 2018 Convention in Mill Spring, North Carolina at Tryon International Equestrian Center in November by German Inspectors. Phantasia was approved into the Preliminary Trakehner stud book. This allows any foals by approved Trakehner stallions to be listed in the Official Registry Book, thus making them eligible to be branded with the American Trakehner brand. This also makes the foals eligible to be inspected for inclusion into the Official American Trakehner Stud Book.**

**Phantasia was also awarded Reserve Champion of the inspection which also included Trakehner mares that were presented for inspection. Phantasia's four month old filly, Phascination AD, sired by the Trakehner stallion Magritte standing at Mae's Way Farm in Lexington, Kentucky and owned by Mae Jean Fitcher to be branded with the American Trakehner brand.**

**To our knowledge Phantasia is the first Pure Crabbet mare to be approved by the American Trakehner Association. We look forward to Phantasia and future foals to make a positive influence within the Arabian and Trakehner breeds.**

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## Updates from Faerie Court Farm

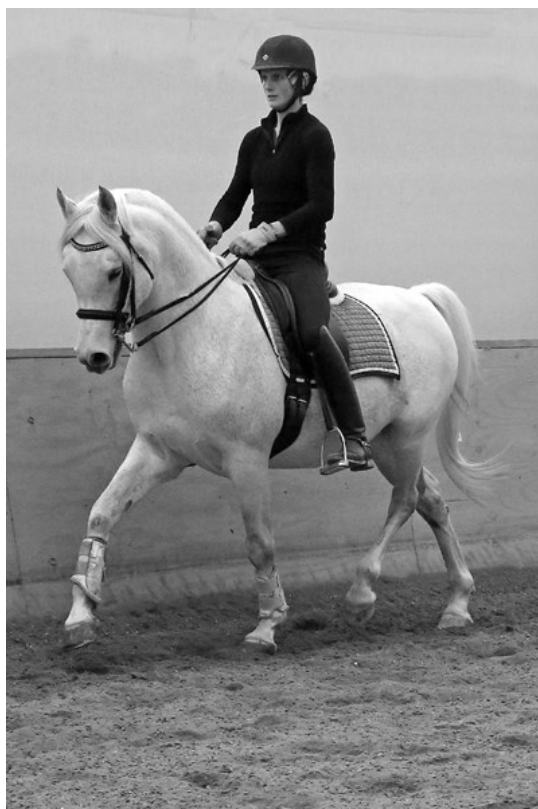
**The horses really seem to enjoy the snow here in Vermont. When we get fresh snow, the horses play and roll around to clean and fluff their coats. I was lucky to have my camera ready a few weeks ago to catch the horses frolicking in the snow.**





Meanwhile, FCF Oberons Vanity's training has continued. In mid-January, his trainer Catherine Waterman rode him in a clinic with international FEI dressage rider and trainer Gunnar Ostergaard. Obie is now schooling Prix St. Georges level dressage. Gunnar was very impressed with how much progress Obie has made since last summer. Gunnar is very

sparing with compli-









**In late May, we are expecting a full sibling to our 2017 colt, FCF Thors Valor (FCF Oberons Vanity x FCF As You Wish), pictured here as a foal with his dam:**



**In addition to the one foal we are expecting here out of FCF As You Wish (AAA Legend of the Seas x Rieba by Aulrab), there are two outside foals by FCF Oberons Vanity due this spring. Jeanne Duffie's mare, AM Bright Warrior, is due in April, and my friend's imported Shagya-Arabian mare, Siglavy Bagdady Blanka, is due in late May. The latter one will be Obie's first Shagya-Arabian offspring.**

**Warmest regards to all our ECAHS friends,  
Dawn & Thom Jones-Low**



To whom it may concern,

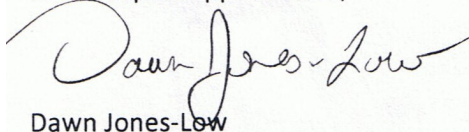
I wanted to express my deep appreciation for Region 15 sponsoring the purebred Arabian Individual Breed Class at this year's Dressage at Devon. This was my first time attending Dressage at Devon, and I brought six of my purebred Arabians to show there. We took home 5 ribbons from the open classes against well bred sport horses of many breeds as well as achieving good scores and top placings in the purebred Arabian IBC. In addition to my horses there was a lovely purebred mare, Anoutofcyte Romance, who is approved for the Main Mare book with the Oldenburg (GOV) registry who took 5<sup>th</sup> in the Arabian class and whose half-Arab foal ribboned in the large fillies of 2011 class. Getting purebred Arabians as well as the part-breds out in this kind of venue brings positive attention to the breed and opens up additional markets for quality purebred and part-bred Arabians.

My three year old filly FCF AS You Wish (AAA Legend of the Seas x Rieba) earned a ribbon in the open three year old filly class in a very deep class and won the purebred Arabian IBC that was graciously sponsored by Region 15. Thank you for the lovely cooler, grooming brush, and garland; we will treasure them as mementoes of our first time at Dressage at Devon. This was Wish's show debut, so we were delighted that she had such success her first time in the ring. She was handled by Quintten Alston who was named Best Handler at Dressage at Devon. He made a point of finding me after the show to ask to be kept informed about FCF As You Wish's progress. He also commented on how he had trouble keeping up with her huge trot! He regularly handles top caliber Warmbloods so that was a huge compliment!

But the ribbons only tell a part of the tale. Having Arabian horses at a prestigious open show like this provided many opportunities to showcase not just the horses' athleticism, but also their excellent manners and superb temperaments. That our horses were clearly Arabians and yet also displayed conformation and movement suitable for what is desired in the open dressage world opens people's minds to the idea that their next horse could be an Arabian. Many people came up to us to share stories of Arabian horses that they had known and loved. "Best horse that I ever owned" and "most easily trained and willing horse I ever rode" were typical comments. People sought us out to meet our horses, ask questions about the breed, and share their own reminiscences. This kind of exposure helps people to imagine owning an Arabian again -- or for the first time.

We all know that the horse industry is in the midst of profound challenges. In order to grow demand for our wonderful Arabians, we need to reach out to the wider equine community so that people can encounter good Arabians that are a fit for \*their\* dream of their ideal riding partner. Our versatile Arabians CAN hold their own in a variety of show and exhibition venues. I truly believe that a vibrant future for the Arabian horse depends on outreach to all the potential niches where the Arabian can be a good fit. Thank you for providing the opportunity for the purebred Arabian to be showcased at the Dressage at Devon Breed Show.

with deepest appreciation,



Dawn Jones-Low

Faerie Court Farm Arabians