



B.A.R.B. rides Arabians with loose reins



Glenda Sommerfield walks Taylor's Ferrari to the winner's lineup after placing fifth in the Arab and Half-Arab Mares and Fillies Class of

the Brazos Arabian Riders and Breeders Eighth Annual Fall Open Horse Show south of College Station Sunday morning.

*"Her eyes have the glance of dawn . . . Willingly she will carry thee upon her back, but she will consent to no humiliation."
-Drinkers of the Wind
Carl Raswan*

Cedar Trace Equestrian Centre is a short drive down Wellborn Road from campus, but its refreshing country atmosphere is worlds away from test stress and parking problems.

The wet smell of cut grass and pure whisk of wind in the air bump problems out of your mind as you meander down the gravel road toward the stables. Arabian horses trot about with expressive eyes, perching their heads high over arched necks and sloping shoulders.

Such was the sight at the Brazos Arabian Riders and Breeders (B.A.R.B.) Fall Horse Show Sunday. Horse lovers throughout Texas gathered to compete in 31 classes including halter and performance classes.

Many of the competitors also helped organize the event through their membership in B.A.R.B.

A small group of avid horse fans, the group meets on the third Tuesday of each month to organize trail rides, parades, horse shows, clinics and group meals.

They also teach halter classes, English and Western riding classes, and specialty classes for Peruvian and miniature horses.

"We're a real happy group," seven-year member Jennifer Pollock says. "Our first love is horses."

Pollock says the only requirement for membership is a strong desire and a \$10 fee.

"We'd like for people to join the love horses," she says. "They don't have to have a horse to join and they don't have to love Arabians. We'll take care of that."

Love of Arabians comes naturally to Pollock, however. She has been riding and raising them since she was thirteen years old and lived in Saudi Arabia.

"Our first group of horses came on a train from Jordan," she says. "There were five mares and I bought all five. From those, they grew to 32 stallion studs from buying and selling with the Arabs."

Times have changed in Saudi Arabia, Pollock says. Modern luxuries have taken the place of horse training and breeding.

"The older people keep telling the younger people they're wrong to do that. You can't forget your past, your heritage; and to them, heritage was horse breeding," she says.

Lorrie Marshall, the founder of the club, says B.A.R.B. has also

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