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Hello All,

I am back again with some important news. But before all that I have to give a shout out to Kellie Shields and her team for another great set of AMA Year End Awards. She does an amazing job finding new great ideas to award us. I get the opportunity to give a couple of special awards away at our banquet that I think deserve an extra shout out. The first, one near and dear to my heart, the Jacci Gaines Memorial Integrity Award, was awarded to Jody Lowrey for always striving to make her and her animal's show experience one that is always improving. She seeks help and is always helping others. A true showman! The second is our AMA Bada\$\$ Award where we get to honor someone who goes above and beyond for the association. This year we have someone that stands out, doing more as a member than most board members. Lou Moore Jacobsen received a pretty awesome knife to show all her bad assedness! Thanks Lou, we appreciate you!! I have to add some corrections to our SSA results, Avery Azevedo received 44 hours and Erin Kight 21. They were both misrepresented and deserve a shout out. We made some adjustments to the LEVA and SSA. The points/hours for the year will run from December 1st thru November 31st to award some time to calculate and buy easier. Also if you participate in LEVA you need a representative to sign the printed sheet or include a name and email/number where they can be reached for documentation purposes. The budget for awards got expanded and we are looking forward to rewarding you for being seen out loving your longears in the greater equine world!!

Thank you,
Casie Fairbanks



Casie Fairbanks presenting Jody Lowrey with the Jacci Gaines Memorial Integrity Award.

WELCOME OUR BOARD MEMBERS

We would like to welcome the newly elected board members for 2023. Some you'll be seeing for their return trip on the board but we do have a couple fresh faces with Joy Valcheck and Devrie Montgomery joining Casie Fairbanks, Maggie Moore, Jody Lowrey, Kellie Shields, and Becky Santucci. The full list of board members can be found on page one.



CAN'T OR DON'T GO TO AMA SHOWS BUT STILL WANT TO BE A PART OF THE AMA AWARDS ACTION!?

LEVA and SSA participants, sign up and start accumulating points toward year-end awards. AMA will be upping the game on awards for these accomplishments for the top year end award for both LEVA and SSA, similar to what you can win at the recognized AMA mule shows.

Go online and find information for both programs. LEVA participants will be required to send proof of entry from the event organizer or provide contact information for the event entered.



YOU DO SHOW AT AMA SHOWS BUT ARE LOOKING FOR MORE THINGS TO DO!?

Check out the World Ranch Horse Association. They are now offering TOP - The Outrider Program - similar to our LEVA program. You can earn points toward year end awards while you are showing at recognized AMA shows, as well as other shows on their large list of approved events. They have 8 regions, you can show in one, two, or all of them, they have designated mule divisions offered and more. Go to their website worldranchhorse.com for more information.

American Mule Association Mission Statement

A California non-profit benefit corporation that was founded in 1976. Since its inception, the AMA has been dedicated to building the reputation and integrity of mules throughout the United States.

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2023 AMA Awards Banquet. Packing Champion, Jody Lowrey and Reserve Champion Justine Fike.

YOUTH COMPETITORS.....LOOK WHAT'S COMING YOUR WAY!!!

The American Mule Association will be sponsoring the youth, at each show, by donating \$250 to show managers, at recognized AMA shows, to be used towards either youth entries or stabling fees to help defer the costs of showing. We know the future of our association and shows depends on our youth members and competitors and hope this helps in a small way.

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Mules are still used in the military to transport supplies over rough terrain.

Where are servicemen trained to use the mules that go into combat?

Answer: Below

Calendar of Events

April 21-23		Blossom Trail Show, Sanger, CA Contact Kathy Pettit 559-903-0707
May 12—14		Gold Country Mule & Donkey Show, Lincoln, CA info: (916) 390-1861
May 23-28		Bishop Mule Days
June 16-18		Western States Mule and Donkey Spectacular Kristie Jorgensen 1(253)753-0275
Aug. 4-6		Bear Valley's Buckaroo Summer Showdown Chery Ackerly 1(661)609-6113
Sept 15-17		Gold Country Mule & Donkey Show II, Lincoln, CA info: (916) 390-1861
Oct. 20-23		Blossom Trail Show, Sanger, CA Contact Kathy Pettit 559-903-0707

DID YOU KNOW?



You may know that recipient mares have become big business in the horse world, used as surrogates to carry the foals, via embryo transfer, of mares that are still showing, ones that have issues successfully carrying a foal to term, or farms that are looking to get more than one foal a year out of some of their better bred mares.

What you may not have known is that mules make excellent surrogate mothers!

“Mules can host the embryo of a mare, gestate normally, produce a good amount of milk, and have an incredible maternal instinct and ability,” according to Dr. Eduardo L. Gastal, DVM, MS, PhD, Professor in the Department of Animal Science, Food and Nutrition at Southern Illinois University, in Carbondale,

“It’s curious for a hybrid that doesn’t usually have offspring to be such a good mother like this,” Gastal says. “It’s an amazing thing to see.”

To see read more about mules as recipient mares go to: <https://thehorse.com/185877>

FUN FACTS

One of the earliest recorded instances of mules is in Ancient Egypt circa 3000 BCE.

Answer to ????

Servicemen are trained to use mules in the military at the Marine Corps Mountain Warfare Training Center in Bridgeport, Calif.,

Congratulations to All Our Award Winners for 2022

Congratulations go out to everyone who won awards at our annual banquet February 18. The banquet was organized by board member Becky Santucci with Kelli Shields heading up the awards again this year. Both did a terrific job, as usual. Our Champions and Reserve Champions are featured here, the full list of points can be found on the AMA website.

All Around Mule

Rafter F Boomer TE	Jeanne Raede
Greystone's Silhouette	Amy McLean

All Around Donkey

DM Onyx Lady	Claudia Stevens
Watson In Your Wallet	McKenzie Sibley

All Around Amateur

OK Queen of Hearts	Sue Wallace
Greystone's Silhouette	Amy McLean

All Around Youth

Clydes Bringin It To Ya/	
DM Hope Ana Prayer	Taylor Banks

Halter 2 and under

Fancy Like	Jan Johnson
SK Something 'Bout Mary Kaye	Kellie Shields

Halter 14.2 and over

OK Big Iron	Kellie Shields
Heart B Just Sawyer	Chris Caron

Halter Under 14.2 hands

My Last Trick	JoDe Collins
Actions Playboy	Chris Caron

Halter Donkey

Double C's Say When	Jody Lowrey
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Halter Jack's

Double c's Emoji	JoDe Collins
No Messin With Stetson	Jason Sibley

Bridled Western Performance

OK Big Iron	Kellie Shields
Max	Linda Laird

Bridled Ranch

OK Big Iron	Kellie Shields
Dun It In Chrome	Joyce Stratton

Bridled English Performance

Sonny Boy	Cliff Lindgren
Dun It In Chrome	Joyce Stratton

Bridled Hunter Jumper

Sonny Boy	Cliff Lindgren
Halle Berry	Vicky Powers

Green Western Performance

Rafter F Boomer TE	Jeanne Raede
Putch War Paint On	Jane Andreotti

Green Ranch

Rafter F Boomer TE	Jeanne Raede
Greystone's Silhouette	Amy McLean

Green English Performance

Rafter F Boomer TE	Jeanne Raede
Greystone's Silhouette	Amy McLean

Green Hunter Jumper

Rafter F Boomer TE	Jeanne Raede
Hollywood Cowboy	Vicky Powers

Amateur Western Performance

OK Queen Of Hearts	Sue Wallace
Putch War Paint On	Jane Andreotti

Amateur Ranch

Putch War Paint On	Jane Andreotti
Greystone's Silhouette	Amy McLean

Amateur English Performance

Halle Berry	Jenna Duncan
Greystone's Silhouette	Amy McLean

Donkey Performance

DM Onyx Lady	Claudia Stevens
Akin's Choklit Pud'N	Jody Lowrey

Non-Pro Walk/Jog

My Maggie	Michelle Kern
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Youth Performance 6-13

E'Nola Kanola	Mia Sibley
Princess Sparkle	Klara Greene

Youth Gymkhana

E'Nola Kanola	Mia Sibley
Tricky Dicky	Dillon Baker

Gymkhana

Oklahoma Sweet Pea	Olivia Berman
Rafter F Boomer TE	Jeanne Raede

Donkey Gymkhana

Double C's Emoji	JoDe Collins
Akin's Choklit Pud'N	Jody Lowrey

Driving Single

Dun It In Chrome	Joyce Stratton
Huckleberry's Smokin Dun	Andy Richardson

Driving Teams

Mac & Minnie	Mark Mallory
Fonzie & Potzie	Andy Richardson

Pulling Teams

Fonzie & Potzie	Andy Richardson
Mac & Minnie	Mark Mallory

Pulling Single

Huckleberry's Smokin Dun	Andy Richardson
JB Brown	Barbara Schuyler

Roping & Penning

Haley Sage	Joe Gonzalez
Zeta	Monique Gillespie

Open Packing

Mariah Kueler	
Anna Baglioni	

Non Pro Packing

Jody Lowrey	
Jestine Fike	

Youth Packing

MacLain Rossi	
Klara Greene	

Just A Few Of Our Winners From The AMA Banquet.



2022 ALL AROUND MULE WINNERS!

Pictured: Jeanne Raede, Rebecca Raede, Jestine Fike, Sue Wallace, Jane Andreotti, Cade Shields, Vicky Powers, Analiese Schat



2022 GREEN PERFORMANCE WINNERS!

Pictured: Jeanne Raede, Rebecca Raede, Jane Andreotti, Vicky Powers, Sue Wallace, Jestine Fike.

And A Few More!!

HALTER - 14.2 AND OVER WINNERS

Pictured:

Kellie Shields, Chris Caron, Jane Andreotti,
Sue Wallace, Jestine Fike, Michelle Chico



**We would love to have any photos you want to show off sent to our website to be posted.
The banquet, shows, trail rides or just a party with mule friends, share what you have.**



YOUTH WINNERS!

Pictured:

Mia Sibley

Taylor Banks

Analiese Schat

Avery Acevedo