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## The 2017 Arabian Professional & Amateur Horseman's Association Award Winners Announced

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**(27-FEB-2018) AURORA, COLO.** — Congratulations to the [Arabian Professional & Amateur Horseman's Association](#) (APAHA) 2017 Award Winners. The APAHA Awards recognize individuals and horses in the Arabian horse industry.

### *People Awards:*

#### **HORSEMAN OF THE YEAR**

Rob Bick

#### **HORSEWOMAN OF THE YEAR**

Caralyn Schroter

#### **BREEDER OF THE YEAR**

Tim & Marty Shea

#### **AMATEUR OF THE YEAR**

Michelle Pease Paulsen

#### **DISTINGUISHED SERVICE**

Pepper Proffit

#### **INSTRUCTOR OF THE YEAR**

Jessica Bein

#### **PROFESSIONAL WORKING WESTERN**

Jill Mitchell

#### **AMATEUR WORKING WESTERN**

Cotton McNutt

#### **YOUTH WORKING WESTERN**

Wyatt Potts

#### **PROFESSIONAL WESTERN**

Rob Bick

#### **AMATEUR WESTERN**

Rod Powell

#### **YOUTH WESTERN**

Tabitha Bell

#### **PROFESSIONAL ENGLISH**

Jessica Clinton DeSoto

#### **AMATEUR ENGLISH**

Lara Ames

#### **YOUTH ENGLISH**

Rex White

#### **PROFESSIONAL HUNTER/SHOW HACK**

Liz Bentley

#### **AMATEUR HUNTER/SHOW HACK**

Peggy Weems

#### **YOUTH HUNTER/SHOW HACK**

Peyton Randle

#### **RISING STAR**

Josh Shino

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**PROFESSIONAL HALTER**

Grant Krohn

**HALF-ARABIAN WESTERN HORSE OF THE YEAR**

Caliente Virtuoso – owned by Robin Porter

**YOUTH/ADULT AMATEUR HALTER**

Lara Ames

**PUREBRED SPECIALTY HORSE OF THE YEAR**

**(Driving, Side Saddle, Show Hack, Native Costume)**

Noble at Midnight – owned by Burrline LLC

*Horse Awards*

**OVERALL LEADING SIRE OF THE YEAR**

Sundance Kid V – owned by James Frank and Sara Chisholm

**HALF-ARABIAN SPECIALTY HORSE OF THE YEAR**

**(Driving, Side Saddle, Show Hack, Native Costume)**

Nutcracker Sweet PF – owned by Juliette Dell

**PUREBRED HALTER HORSE OF THE YEAR**

Hariry Al Shaqab – owned by Al Shaqab

**PUREBRED WORKING WESTERN HORSE OF THE YEAR**

TA Khalil – owned by Buckshot Farms

**HALF-ARABIAN HALTER HORSE OF THE YEAR**

VSH Dominic – owned by Texie Lowery

**PUREBRED SADDLE SEAT HORSE OF THE YEAR**

Inception – owned by Maroon Fire Arabians, Inc.

**HALF-ARABIAN WORKING WESTERN HORSE OF THE YEAR**

Whoa Dam It – owned by Myranda or Athena North

**HALF-ARABIAN SADDLE SEAT HORSE OF THE YEAR**

CF Jimmy Neutron – owned by Burrline LLC

**PUREBRED HUNTER HORSE OF THE YEAR**

TS Virtuoso – owned by Terra Sano Ventures LLC

**HALF-ARABIAN HUNTER HORSE OF THE YEAR**

Lightning McQueen – owned by Katie and Joe Russell

**PUREBRED WESTERN HORSE OF THE YEAR**

Diesel Smoke CBA – owned by Timberidge Family LLP

According to the APAHA website, it is an organization that is “committed to expanding the popularity of our breed by broadening the public’s awareness and appreciation of the Arabian horse, and to bring new enthusiasts to the sport of owning and showing Arabian horses. Our efforts are driven by the desire

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to make our breed known as the pinnacle of the horse show world, and our championship events premier public entertainment that reward participants and spectators in every way.”

To view the APAHA nomination criteria and process or to learn more about the organization, please visit [apaha.com](http://apaha.com).

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AHA is a major equine association serving 84,000 Arabian, Half-Arabian and Anglo-Arabian horse owners across North America. AHA registers and maintains a database of more than one million Arabian, Half-Arabian and Anglo-Arabian horses. AHA produces championship events, recognizes over 400 Arabian horse shows and distance rides and provides activities, education, and programs that promote breeding and ownership.

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