

## December Newsletter Copy

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This year's Western Carolinas' Class A show at Clemson was the most successful in recent memory, and the weather much nicer than last November. Total numbers were up—180 horses entered the show, with 175 actually showing. The breakdown is as follows:

- 21 Dressage horses - 57 rides (20 of these showed in other classes - 1 horse showed dressage only)
- 49 Halter horses (32 of these horses showed in other classes - 17 halter only)
- 44 Sport horses (34 of these horses showed in other classes - 10 sport horse only)

As Patti Rowe, club secretary notes, "The fact that most of these horses cross over into the other classes is what makes this show so successful."

Twenty-nine weanlings and yearlings showed in eight Futurity classes, with the largest class being yearling fillies, with eight presented. Of particular note, is the fact that there were 10 half-Arabians shown to judge Brian Murch—quite a large number compared to previous years' entries. (*See elsewhere the list of winners and owners*).

Exhibitors were treated to a delicious dinner Friday evening featuring baked chicken, during and after the halter classes, catered by Todd Hardin of Pendleton, SC. According to Bonnie Iversen, who, with husband Bernie, arranged and hosted the dinner, "Todd also cooks the best ribs and BBQ pork I have ever tasted!" Hardin can be reached at 864-286-1184 for members' holiday party needs.

The club extends a heartfelt thanks to Bonnie and Bernie for a most hospitable and welcome event. Thanks, Iversens!

Club members again enjoyed a free dinner during the general membership meeting held late Saturday afternoon. The same slate of officers that currently serves the membership was presented and approved for service in 2008. Everyone was reminded that their ideas and participation in club activities were welcome and they were invited to serve on any club committees that interested them.

As I write this, our delegates are no doubt packing their bags for the AHA Convention to be held in Tulsa, OK, this year. Here's hoping that they will have first-person reports to bring back for publication to let us know what our new show facilities are like, and what our organization has in mind for 2008 to promote the Arabian horse.