

Dear all,

As you know our Annual General Meeting was held on 1st November. Many exciting plans were made for 2010 and we just had to let you know about them.

Our European Championship Show & May Festival schedule has been finalised and can be found online at www.american-saddlebred.co.uk on the "Championship Page". Please let everyone you know, know about it, as there are many, many classes for other foreign breeds. We are pleased to announce that we have REDUCED the advance entry fees for bulk booking - this is in addition to the discount that members receive. Coming through the post soon to you will be more details about this show - look put for it in the mail.

Talking of memberships, these were due on 1st October. To all of you who have already renewed, many thanks. For those of you that have forgotten, we have enclosed a renewal form.

Our British National Championships, held at Equifest, are even bigger for 2010. The event is on 22nd August and the provisional schedule will be online soon (www.equifest.org.uk) Again, there are many classes for open breeds - specifically Morgans, Spanish and Lusitano horses, so if you know anyone that may be interested, please let them know about it. We are also pleased to report that the in hand champions will be eligible to go forward for Equifest's Supreme In Hand Championships that day - these will be later on in the evening, so please encourage everyone who is eligible to stay to take part. It is a great honour to be invited and included for this, so lets have our horses there under the spotlight - and you never know, it may just be a Saddlebred being crowned Supreme Champion at the end of the day.

Our Hi-Points and SASH awards have been revamped - 1,000 points are still needed for Bronze, 2,500 for Silver and 5,000 for Gold, but we have now overhauled the system to credit winning horses more - some classes have changed categories. Utility classes can no longer be counted towards the SASH awards, but fear not, as we have added a new Utility Award. Bonuses are now given for all championships, reserve championships and second reserves. We have attached a 2009-2010 booklet - hopefully it will become much clearer when you read it, but if not, please do not hesitate to contact us. Points can be earned from 1st October this year - so it's time to start recording your Saddlebreds record.

The Year Book is rapidly taking shape, but as always we love to hear fro our members and what they have been doing with their Saddlebreds. Please put pen to paper (or fingers to the keyboard) and send your news and photo's in. Copy deadline is 30th November - we look forward to hearing from you.

Hi-Points 2009-2010 -- [http://www.asha.net/files/hi-points%20 2009-2010.pdf](http://www.asha.net/files/hi-points%202009-2010.pdf)

Membership Renewal Form -- http://www.asha.net/files/membership_renewal_form.pdf