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President's Message

Hello All,

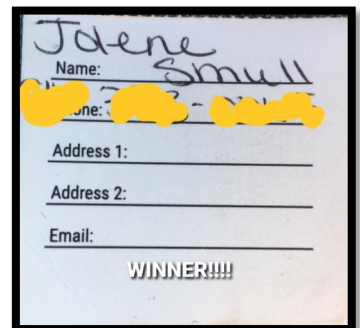
So far we have had 2 shows, both double judged, so that means double points!! At the beginning of the year, we were worried we weren't going to have enough to keep the year afloat, and 2 of our long time show managers stepped up and gave us a show year. W&KRP, Kathy Petit and Gold Country Mule and Donkey Show, Jessica Bishop are both working double time for us to be able to show. I hope we can all let them know how much we appreciate them! With our concerns for the year I was approached with the idea of a drawing mule this year. I presented the idea JoDe Collins came to me with and the board approved the purchase of the mule and the tickets. JoDe donated her place, time and training to keep and work the beautiful spotted molly named Tricky Valentine. Our board presented tickets for a \$5 donation and I am proud to report JoDe Collins' sales were astounding!! It was a very successful event and the winning ticket was drawn at the last show with a facebook live viewing. This year is a success and we still have 2 shows left! Please support our association in any way you can and be proud that we are having a successful year in the midst of chaos! We are longear strong!!

Thank you!

Casie Fairbanks



Tricky Valentine was won by Jolene Small who opted for the buy back option. New owner is JoDe Collins



Fun Facts

- ◆ In 1786, there were zero mules in the country—at least none on record in the new United States. In 2007, there were 28,000. But in 1925—the very peak of American muledom— there were nearly **6 million mules** in the United States, most of them in the South, most of them in harness, most of them plowing.
- ◆ Mules are the official state animal of Missouri. Mules were introduced to Missouri in the 1820's and quickly became popular with farmers and settlers because of their hardy nature. Missouri **mules** pulled pioneer wagons in the 19th century and played an important role in moving troops and supplies in World Wars I and II.



- ◆ A donkey's bray can carry up to 60 miles in the desert
- ◆ Donkeys have an incredible memory – they can recognize areas and other donkeys they were with up to 25 years ago.
- ◆ George Washington appreciated the qualities of mules and is said to have been the first American breeder of mules.

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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POINTS !! For those showing this year please check your points for errors on the website . After December 15, no changes will be made to the points.

RULE CHANGES !! This is your chance to submit changes you would like to see in our organization. Submit rule changes to Casie Fairbanks by December 31. (52mules@gmail.com)

SCHOLARSHIPS! Don't forget AMA presents scholarships to our youth, the application is available on our website

BACK COUNTRY HORSEMAN sponsored packing clinic

November 14, 9am—1pm

\$20 for non members, \$5 for members, youth free—lunch included

Hosted by Rick & Lou Jacobsen 5640 El Pomar Dr, Templeton

To sign up, email shirelyjras@gmail.com

Calendar of Events

Oct 30— Nov 1	Gold Country Mule & Donkey Show, Lincoln, CA info: (916) 390-1861
Oct 30— Nov 1	Donkey Welfare Symposium, UC Davis (See AMA website for more info)
Nov 14- 15	Camp Creek Ranch Mule Classic, Mariposa, CA Contact Casie Fairbanks 52mules@gmail.com
Nov 14	BCHC Packing Clinic, Templeton, CA Info: shirleyjras@gmail.com
Feb 27	AMA Awards Banquet, Harris Ranch

Election Time!

AMA Board candidates

This year we have 11 candidates and 7 board positions to be filled.

Michelle Chico

Mules are a gift of equine intelligence and I want to tell the world! That's how I feel about Mules & Donkeys. Spreading the word about these amazing creatures that are so misunderstood & stereotyped. Educate thru awareness about who we are, what we do and what THEY can do is my goal. At age 3 started riding on the family cattle ranch. Mules & donkeys were not spoken of. Trained under Bobby Ingersoll, Bob Avilla, and David James as we traveled the state showing in the AQHA atmosphere. Then became a show mom. Still "New" only 8 years into mule ownership & showing we continue to grow. I am honored to be have served on your board, and would like to continue to be your ambassador help spreading the beautiful world of mule and donkeys.

Casie Fairbanks

My name is Casie Fairbanks. I have been an AMA member for about 20 years now. I have been on the board for a few years and a lot of them were as your President. I love mules and donkeys and the people that show them! You all are my kind of people!! I enjoy working to try to make our association more user friendly and promote those animals we love so much. I would really appreciate your vote this coming election and please email any questions or concerns you may have.

Maggie Moore

In 2014 I was appointed to the AMA board to fill a vacancy. I have been the newsletter editor and the points keeper for a number of years. As an organization I believe that we need to be forward thinking and therefore have introduced a number of rule changes to enhance our association, such as adding the ranch division, all around donkey awards, separating amateur into 3 divisions and criteria changes for all around awards. I figure you don't know if something will work if you don't give it a try or at least introduce some conversation about changes. I truly enjoy all my long-eared pals and their owners are pretty good too. I would appreciate your support.

Randi Goldsworthy

I has been involved in showing mules for thirty years. I started with Mulay Rosay and now have had success with Uptown Girl. I started the Bear Valley Mule show and was manager of their equestrian center for a number of years. I currently manage a cattle ranch in Stallion Springs and use my mules for all the ranch work. I try to be fair, think independently and I am experienced with mule shows and organization. Your support is appreciated.

Jim Harvey

I have been a member since the inception of the AMA and have been on the board for the last 22 years. I served as vice president for 13 years and never missed a board meeting. I am active in Back Country Horseman and AMA, promoting the

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livestock that is essential to our way of life. I work to keep livestock allowed in the back country and keep the shows active to exhibit our amazing mules and donkeys. I would appreciate your vote.

Jessica Bishop

Former board member

Julie Chan

Julie Chan is a long time mule owner, competitor and past board member of the AMA. She would bring her love for all things mules and donkeys as well as a working knowledge of our organization. Julie has competed as an amateur on multiple mules and donkeys in AMA and NASMA shows from Bishop Mule Days to the Great Celebration in Shelbyville, Tennessee. Some of you already know her and her mule "Cheap Seat" aka "Jerry" from shows but he was also the Oakland A's mascot and promoted mules across the country via Sport's Center. With all of this background, Julie would be an asset to the organization.

Jody Lowrey

I started out showing my mule about 24 years ago and knew nothing about showing or even much about mules but I fell in love with the long eared friends and all the people that has always been there teaching me and being friends. I have now been showing donkeys and have loved every minute of it. I hope to stay on the board and the goal for me this coming year is to concentrate on getting more young people involved. Thank you.

Kellie Shields

Thank you for considering me for a Board of Director position. I am a current Board member serving in my 10th year of service to the AMA. Currently, I am in my 10th season as Chairperson for your Year-End Awards Program including planning, designing, purchasing and coordinating over 350 awards . My dedication to our mules and donkeys is unwavering. I am proud of our Association and of our fine group of people who love and respect our talented mules.

Becky Santucci

I joined the AMA about 5 years ago and very quickly became involved in the AMA. I was the vote counter for the first year and then asked to run as a Board member and take over the banquet director position. During this last term I have enjoyed getting more involved with AMA and also getting to know the other Board members and members of AMA. Please consider me for another term of serving on the Board of Directors. Thank you.

Jennifer Berman

I joined the AMA 13 years ago because my daughters, Emily and Olivia, wanted to show mules. Since that time I have come to adore the people, the animals and the organization itself. I am grateful for what the AMA provided to my girls while growing up: friends, mentors, cheerleaders and a sense of belonging

The AMA is having an existential crisis. Unless we expand membership, reinvigorate show participation, reimagine our division and class offerings and get beyond the chronic barriers that prevent the organization from going forward, it will soon cease to exist. I do not want to see that happen.

The value I bring to the AMA extends beyond my affection for it, the people and the animals. I have been a successful business owner for 28 years. I have extensive experience in accounting, marketing, fundraising, networking and strategic planning. I would like to use my extensive knowledge and experience to help chart a path forward for the organization. I would appreciate your vote. Thank you.





AMERICAN MULE ASSOCIATION

BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION BALLOT

There are 15 directors that serve for a period of two years with term of office of seven expiring one year and eight the next year in an alternate manner. This year we are electing seven directors to the board. Deadline to mail in ballots is December 15, 2020. Election results will be announced at the Board of Directors meeting in February, 2021 at Harris Ranch.

Vote for seven (7):

AMA number: _____

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<input type="checkbox"/>	JODY LOWREY
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SEND BALLOTS TO: BRIAN MORRIS
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LOOMIS, CA 95650



AMERICAN MULE ASSOCIATION

2020 Year End Awards Program Sponsorship Opportunities

Sponsors listed on our website and in the awards program!

Our awards are purchased using funds collected at AMA mule shows and donations from mule and donkey enthusiasts. Each year our Association awards more than 30 buckles and over 100 amazing prizes to our top Mules, Donkeys, Youth, Amateurs, Drivers, Teamsters and Packers!

Each year our members are recognized during our awards celebration and banquet.

To sponsor a buckle or award, please send your check payable to:

American Mule Association and USPS Mail to:

Kellie Shields, Awards Chairperson

PO Box 146 Clements, CA 95227

Questions??? Email : kelliejs Shields@gmail.com or text Kellie 209-663-6878

Saddle=\$1500

Division Buckles = \$150

High Point All Around and Reserve Buckles =\$200

TOP TEN AWARD= \$200

Division RESERVE= \$100

Division AWARD= \$75

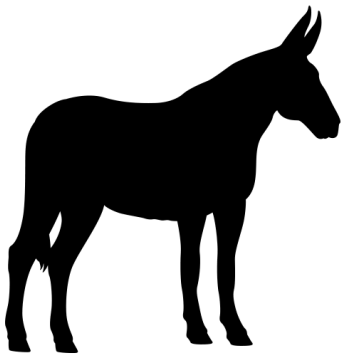
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SPONSOR Program BACK COVER= \$300





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