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Wonderful, Wild, Windy and Wet Bishop Mule Days 50th Anniversary

It was the 50th year anniversary for Bishop this year. It was a nice turnout of contestants and spectators. The weather was a little wet and chilly, you just never know what you are getting into. The day of the parade though the weather was perfect.

The classes seemed to be better than last year and more organized. A lot of contestants in the ranch and trail classes, it so nice to see all the participation of members and others.

I noticed a lot of Board Members with their vests on and we also had a table in the barn area to answer any questions about our association.

It seemed that everyone had a great time and no major accidents. I saw a lot of blue ribbons hanging at all the barns and at camps.

Bishop has become a tradition to a lot of contestants and hopefully there will be another 50 years and new contestants and new AMA members to keep up this wonderful tradition of Bishop.

Also let's think about all our other wonderful shows. Yeah, they are smaller, but you know what, they are a lot of fun, you learn more and if you participate in just 3 shows for the show season you are eligible to win year end awards. We need everyone's help to keep this going and to get the young ones interested in our wonderful animals and association.

Jody Lowrey, Secretary



President's Message

Hello All,

Another summer has started, as we closed spring, so many of our AMA members brought home big awards from Bishop. All across the board you can see our members bringing home World Championships!! Way to represent my mule and donkey fellows!! We have a lot of shows left to attend and I hope to see you there. We have our summer meeting coming up with some rule changes to take care of. We are always trying to improve the shows for our mules and donkeys. So, as always I urge you all to get us any suggestions. Be brainstorming ideas and new rule changes even though it is a couple years out. I know how those deadlines sneak up and that book is an ever changing beast! Be sure to send in any stories or thoughts to our newsletter editor. We want to hear what you and your longears are doing!!

Thank you,

Casie Fairbanks



Condolences to Dr Morris Aron and his wife Judy for the loss of their old girl, "Grandma". I did an article on her several years ago; she worked at the Grand Canyon where she carried numerous special people to the bottom of the canyon for many years. Morris and Judy gave her a great retirement home after her years of service.

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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Website Tidbits

Remember to use The American Mule Association website , there is a great deal of information on the site including:

- *AMA events*
- *AMA rulebook*
- *Classified ads*
- *Photos*
- *Articles*
- *Membership*
- *Mule & donkey registration forms*
- *Judge's list*
- *Mules newsletter (current and past issues)*
- *AMA show results*
- *AMA scholarship application*



Calendar of Events

July 6, 9:00am		AMA Board Meeting, Halfway Station, Atascadero, CA
August 2-4		Bear Valley Springs Mule and Horse Show, Tehachapi, CA Info: Debbie dumphreys16@yahoo.com
August 23— Sept 2		Oregon State Fair Mule Show, Oregon State Fair & Exposition Center
Sept 6-8		Blossom Trail Show, Sanger, CA Contact Kathy Pettit 559-903-0707
Sept 21-22		Gold Country Mule & Donkey Show, Lincoln, CA Info: (916) 390-1861

Youth Driver!



My Bishop Mule Days was enlightened by sponsoring a youth driver, Jillian Barr. Jillian is a member of the team of youths with One Spade Youth Group. These kids range from 8 years to 18. They are the most polite bunch I have come upon in quite a while. They are managed by a gentleman named Reid Hopkins and he does an excellent job. Jillian also works on a USFS project each Spring and Fall. The kids go up into the mountains to a Public Pasture and maintain the fence.

Jillian had driving experience when she volunteered to show Cooper this year. She has shown with a team in driving classes and farm equipment. We spent some time together this Spring for practice driving and log skidding. During that time we would take breaks and play cards. I had to shuffle for her a lot, so let's just say I'm getting her an automatic card shuffler!! (Inside joke) It has been a lot of fun to work with an energetic and happy young person. Sponsoring a youth has been a great experience for both John and myself. Everyone should try it!!



NOT in my wildest dreams!

In all of my years of riding & showing horses I never would have even considered riding a donkey. Heck, I didn't know you could! After hearing my co-worker talk about the AMA, amazing Mules, understanding Donkeys, and insisting I come out to one of the shows to meet some of the AMA Members & animals; I did. I went to a show in Lincoln, and everyone was so friendly, even competitor to competitor (which is something I have never experienced before). It was there that I fell in love with the longear world. Michele even let me ride a green donkey! It was wonderful! The environment was so different and refreshing. Everything she told me was true- you all fit her description as family. So recently I got tossed from my horse and what was the first thing I heard after are you OK? - "It never would have happened if you were riding a donkey" from Randy in the background. Then I had to ask for a ride to the ER.

Please AMA and its members - don't change, but educate others to these so misunderstood animals. What got me to become a new AMA member? Michele & you all did. As AMA members, you did not know me but helped me, and you welcomed me into your family. Keep helping others, keep being friends, keep doing what you're doing, and don't get wrapped up in what others organizations are doing. Your organization is unique and special. It's too bad that you don't have walk trot classes-they are definitely needed. Maybe you can consider that? Horses play with your emotions - but Donkeys touch your soul.

A new long ear lover! Erin

Co-written with Michele



*Congratulations to World Champion and Reserve World Champion
AMA mules, donkeys, owners and riders in Bishop, 2019*

WORLD CHAMPIONS & RESERVE CHAMPIONS

(2019 BISHOP MULE DAYS CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS—ONLY AMA MEMBERS AND REGISTERED ANIMALS ARE INCLUDED)

WORLD CHAMPION HI POINT MULE

RESERVE CHAMPION LUTHER'S TOO SUPER MORGAN VALCHECK LOU MOORE-JACOBSEN

WORLD CHAMPION GREEN WESTERN PERFORMANCE MULE

RESERVE CHAMPION LUTHER'S TOO SUPER MORGAN VALCHECK LOU MOORE-JACOBSEN

WORLD CHAMPION YOUTH AGE 14-17 YRS

CHAMPION STRAWBERRY G JOY MCCAIN ABRIANA JOHNSON

WORLD CHAMPION COW WORKING MULE

RESERVE CHAMPION SHUFLY TUCKER SLENDER TUCKER SLENDER

WORLD CHAMPION GREEN COW WORKING MULE

CHAMPION LUTHER'S TOO SUPER MORGAN VALCHECK LOU MOORE-JACOBSEN

WORLD CHAMPION GREEN RANCH MULE

CHAMPION LUTHER'S TOO SUPER MORGAN VALCHECK LOU MOORE-JACOBSEN

WORLD CHAMPION PERFORMANCE DONKEY

CHAMPION MR EAR E SISTIABLE VEDA ROSE POPE DAWN MARIE HENDERSON

RESERVE CHAMPION CADDOKLAHOMA JACCI GAINES JACCI GAINES

WORLD CHAMPION TEAMSTER

CHAMPION BONNIE & CLYDE RICK EDNEY EMILY BERMAN

WORLD CHAMPION SPEED DRIVER

CHAMPION GYP & JUDE RALPH ATKINSON RALPH ATKINSON

WORLD CHAMPION MODEL SADDLE MULE

RESERVE CHAMPION HSF TRICKY ELVIS LORI VALERIO MICHELLE CHICO

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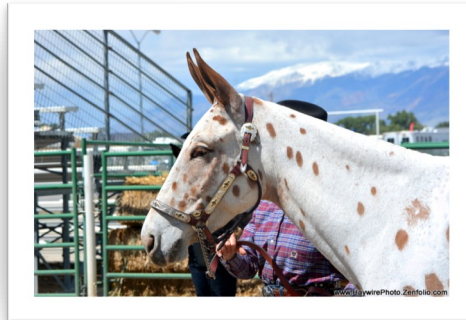
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Redman's Yosemite Sam with his fan club



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*Bishop Mule Days 50th
Anniversary Celebration*



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Barbara & JB Brown



Kelly & Cooper