

# Pennsylvania Arabian Horse Association SW PAHA NEWS

## LOCAL EQUESTRIAN WINS NATIONAL TITLE



Pam Thompson of Cochranville won a Reserve Championship National title in the third annual Sport Horse Nationals held from September 21 to 25, 2005 at the Virginia Horse Center, Lexington, Va.

At the Third Annual Sport Horse National Arabian and Half-Arabian Championship Horse Show (Sport Horse Nationals), held from September 21-25, 2005, at the Virginia Horse Center, Lexington, VA, the following exhibitor, Pam Thompson from Cochranville, PA won a Reserve Championship national win in Training Level Dressage AND a Top Ten Championship national win in First Level Dressage. The equine partner sharing this accomplishment was RH Independence, a purebred Arabian, owned by Mary-Jo Hrubiec, of Unionville, PA.

The show featured 69 classes in four divisions: sport horse in-hand and under-saddle, dressage, pleasure carriage driving and hunter/jumper.

Besides the visual spectacle, there were activities every evening. Wednesday kicked off with the finals of Pleasure Carriage Obstacle Driving. Thursday was Open Barn Night and Friday featured Musical Dressage Freestyle. The Saturday lineup, named the *Horse Illustrated* Celebration of Arabian Sport Horse, included afternoon clinics and book signing presented by pioneer Hilda Gurney and Olympic

eventing gold medalist, David O'Connor. Pam Thompson had the honor of participating in the clinic with Hilda Gurney, riding Morgen, a purebred Arabian owned by Jan Finseth, of Mullica Hill, NJ.

Each Top Ten received a walnut plaque with brass plate and ribbons. Reserve and Champion were presented with a rose neck garland or blanket and a Gladys Brown Edwards trophy statue depicting the renowned Ideal Arabian Horse. Awards for FEI levels included gold jewelry, and select classes received additional prizes such as bridles and saddles.