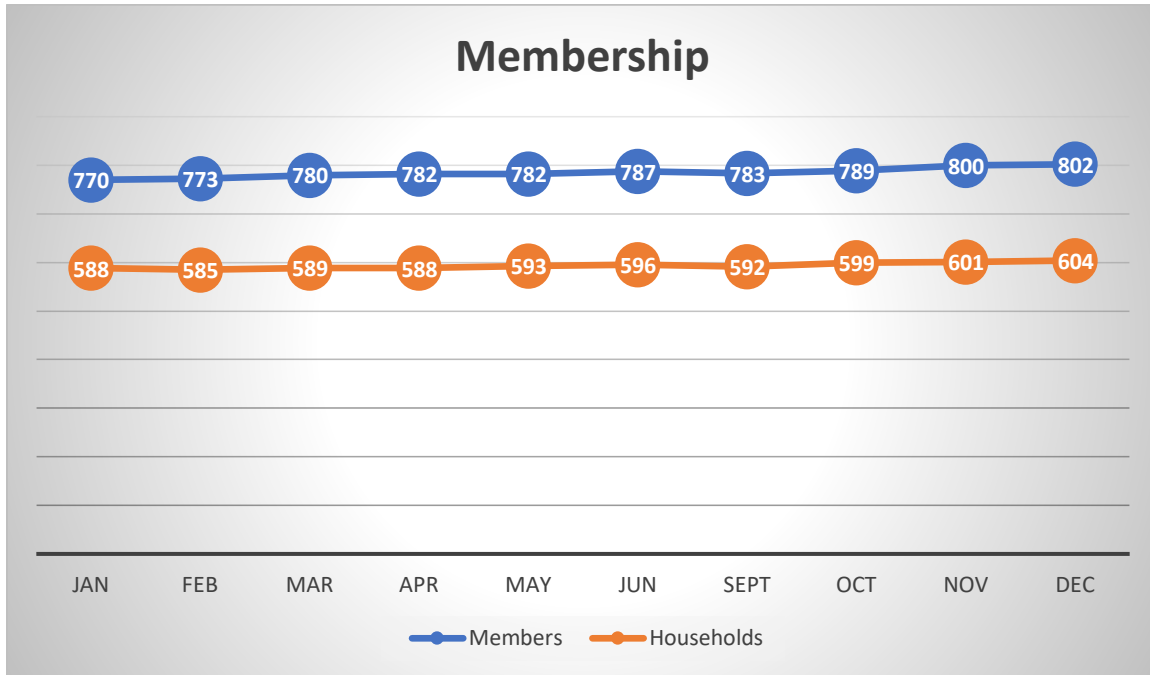




2022 USIHC Annual Reports



Treasurer's Report

• USIHC Total Cash End of 2022	\$176,070.63
• Deductions (American Youth Cup, Breeding, Educational Outreach, Judge Scholarship, WC & Youth)	\$24,560.80
• Revised Total Cash	\$151,509.83
• 2022 Income and Expense (Net Income)	\$22,748.43

2021 vs 2022

- Income Increased 35%
- Expenses Increased 19%
- Net Income Increased 102% from the prior year
 - Competition/Sport Income & Expense
 - Virtual Show Entry Fees down 14% and sponsorship down 60%
 - IceTest fees increased 115% (due to increase in shows)
 - FEIF World Ranking Competition Fee increased 123% (2 world ranked shows)
 - National Ranking Competition Fee increased 140% (due to increase of live shows)
 - Membership Related Income & Expense
 - Funding Programs
 - Flagship funding for Clinic/Schooling Shows increase 60% (due to more affiliated clubs hosting clinics)
 - Flagship funding for National Ranking Shows increased 400% (due to more live shows)
 - Registry Income increased 32% and Expenses increased 43% (this is mainly due to DNA testing)

Icelandic Horses Registered for 2022

	Domestic Bred Under 12 Months	Domestic Bred	Imported from Iceland	Imported from Canada	Imported from other countries	Total Registered		Total Transfers	
Mares	19	13	14	4	0	50		43	
Stallions	23	4	2		0	39		11	
Geldings	1	8	42	2	1	54		49	
Total 2022	43	25	58	6	1	Total	143	103	
Total 2021	37	9	69	10	3	Total	128	111	
	6	16	-11	-4	-2		15	-8	

2022 Total number of horses registered: 143
2022 Total number of horses transferred: 103

Domestic horses registered in WorldFengur: 3592
Imported horses registered in WorldFengur: 3233

Total number of horses registered in WorldFengur: 6825

Affiliated Clubs Committee Report

Defining the duties of the Affiliated Club Committee (ACC) and Chair

The purpose of the Affiliated club is to promote the knowledge of the Icelandic Horse and its correct use as a competition and riding horse in accord with the policies of FEIF and the United States Icelandic Horse Congress. If the club's by-laws are revised at any time during the life of the club, they must be re-submitted for approval.

Duties of the Affiliated Club Committee Chair:

1. Review applications of clubs seeking recognition as an Affiliated Club of the USIHC. Maintain records of required documents.
2. Review renewal applications of clubs seeking to maintain their status as an Affiliated Club of the USIHC. Renewal period begins the first of August and ends the last day of August of each year.
3. Maintain club member lists of each Affiliated Club, these lists are required of clubs renewing and applying for recognition as an Affiliated Club of the USIHC.
4. Assist in calculating the USIHC/regional club census for FEIF renewal documents (Fall of each year)
5. Oversee committee discussions and present any proposals to USIHC board of directors, act as liaison between the clubs and the board.
6. Oversee any programs dedicated to the Affiliated Clubs.
7. Review icelandic.org website pages dedicated to Affiliated Clubs on a Quarterly basis and submit any necessary changes or updates.
8. Keep the clubs informed of information from the board meetings.
9. Promote and facilitate club to club interactions.
10. Arbitrate any club to club issues, if needed.

Duties of the Affiliated Club Committee Members:

1. Encourage clubs to share ideas and discuss them in a constructive manner.
2. Encourage clubs to promote USIHC membership among their members.
3. Review club information on the icelandics.org website for accuracy on a quarterly basis, report any needed changes to ACC chair.
4. Share information back to your Affiliated Club, report any relevant feedback or comment back to this committee.

Review of 2022

- We ended the year with 13 regional and no activity club(s):
 1. Alaska Icelandic Horse Association
 2. California Icelandic Horse Association
 3. Cascade Icelandic Horse Club

4. Flugnir Icelandic Horse Club
5. Frida Icelandic Riding Club
6. Hestafolk
7. Klettafjalla Icelandic Horse Club
8. Kraftur
9. NEIHC
10. NWIHC
11. Saint Skutla Icelandic Horse Club
12. Sirius Ohio Kentucky Icelandic Horse Club
13. Toppur

USIHC-FEIF Census and Affiliated Club Renewal Report (Fall 2022):

Thirteen regional clubs have renewed their USIHC Affiliated Club status and contributed member lists for the census report. The Sleipnir activity club has discontinued.

The census number reported to FEIF will be the number of USIHC members at time of FEIF request.#

	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017*
Total USIHC members	789	778	767	748	682	653

Total USIHC and Regional Club members		-			1008	1008
			953	1003		
Number reported to FEIF#	789	778	767	748	1008	1008
Regional Clubs (reported members)**	653	623			643	664
			623	688		
Alaska IHA	46	33	33	48	52	73
Cascade	20	26	21	24	32	24
CIA	17	19	19	17	22	23
FIRC	68	103	114	85	60	60
Flugnir IHC	52	38	35	69	60	93
Hestafolk	33	23	23	29	33	33
Klettafjalla IHC	54	54	48	43	54	58
Kraftur	42	43	44	42	26	67
NEIHC	180	157	164	190	170	150
NWIHC	28	22	22	26	11	7
Saint Skutla IHC	36	34	33	34	30	34
Sirius OH KY IHC	46	40	34	31	49	38
Toppur IHC	31	31	33	35	32	7
USIHC members who belong to No RC	-	-			339	-
			285	288		
% RC members who also belong to USIHC	60.1%	58.2%	62.4%	47.5%		
# RC members who also belong to USIHC	361	337				
			355	295		
People who belong at least one RC	601	579	569	621	-	-
People who belong to 1 Additional RC	21	33			-	-
			45	46		
People who belong to 2 Additional RCs	5	6			-	-
			8	11		
People who belong to 3 Additional RCs	1	4			-	-
			4	5		
People who belong to 4 Additional RCs	-	-				
			1			

2017* data was merged by Doug Smith. Regional Club numbers collected by Leslie Chambers. 2018-2020 data collected and merged by Leslie Chambers.

2021 data collected by Leslie Chambers

** numbers do not account for multiple club memberships

Originally, the census number reported to FEIF only included USIHC members. In 2017, FEIF decided to allow countries to also count members who belonged to regional clubs, but not the USIHC. This counting method allowed the USIHC to increase their voting power in FEIF. However, it created a problem with how the USIHC was billed for World Fengur (basically we were being billed for the additional members, who because they were not USIHC members, had

no access to World Fensure). Therefore, in 2019, the Board (see BOD meeting minutes from 9/10/19) decided to report the number of USIHC members only to FEIF.

2022 Data	Regional Club	Also USIHC member	% USIHC members
Regional Clubs (reported US members)	653	394	60.5
Alaska IHA	46	41	89.1
Cascade	20	8	40.0
CIA	17	17	100
FIRC	68	37	54.4
Flugnir IHC	52	25	48.1
Hestafolk	33	23	69.7
Klettafjalla IHC	54	25	46.3
Kraftur	42	19	45.2
NEIHC	180	108	60.0
NWIHC	28	20	71.4
Saint Skutla IHC	36	11	30.6
Sirius OH KY IHC	46	39	84.8
Toppur IHC	31	21	68.0

Summary of FEIF Census:

Fall 2022, the USIHC reported 789 members*.

Please note the continued increase in USIHC membership over the last 6 years (2017-653, 2018-673, 2019-748, 2020-767, 2021-778).

Regional Club Clinic Support - Policy #31, 2022

Summary of 2022 Clinics:

Four (of 13) Regional Clubs were able to hold clinics which were supported by Policy #31 funding in 2022. COVID, still affected many clubs ability to hold their group events. The USIHC paid out \$1000 of the \$3500 budgeted for this program. Each club was

eligible for one grant not to exceed \$250 in 2022 (grants were based on number of USIHC members in participation).

1. Alaska IHA: clinic in Wasilla, AK
2. Hestafolk: clinic in Lakewood, WA
3. NEIHC: clinic in Claverack, NY
4. Toppur: clinic in Truro, IA

Summary of 2021 Clinics:

Two (of 13) Regional Clubs were able to hold clinics which were supported by Policy #31 funding in 2021. COVID-19, still affected many clubs ability to hold their group events. The USIHC paid out \$500 of the \$3500 budgeted for this program. Each club was eligible for one grant not to exceed \$250 in 2021 (grants were based on number of USIHC members in participation).

Summary of 2020 Clinics:

One (of 13) Regional Clubs held a clinic supported by Policy #31 funding in 2020. Due to COVID-19, most clubs had to cancel their group events in 2020. The USIHC paid out \$250 of the \$3500 budgeted for this program. Each club was eligible for one \$250 grant in 2020. (No more than one grant/club was approved. Maximum of \$250.)

Summary of 2019 Clinics:

Ten (of 14) Regional Clubs held 10 clinics which were supported by Policy #31 funding in 2019. The USIHC paid out \$2275 of the \$3500 budgeted for this program. Each club was eligible for one \$250 grant in 2019. (No more than one grant/club was approved. Maximum of \$250.)

Summary of 2018 Clinics:

Ten (of 14) Regional Clubs held 10 clinics which were supported by Policy #31 funding in 2018. The USIHC paid out \$2500 of the \$3500 budgeted for this program. Each club was eligible for one \$250 grant in 2018. (No more than one grant/club was approved. Maximum of \$250.)

Summary of 2017 Clinics:

Ten (of 14) Regional Clubs held 17 clinics which were supported by Policy #31 funding in 2017. The USIHC paid out \$8500 of the \$12000 budgeted for this program. Each club was eligible for two \$500 grants in 2017. (No more than two grants/club were approved. Each at a maximum of \$500.)

Summary of 2016 Clinics:

Eight (of 12) Regional Clubs held 8 clinics which were supported by Policy #31 funding in 2016. The USIHC paid out \$4000 of the \$6000 budgeted for this program. Each club was eligible for one \$500 grant in 2016. (No more than one grant/club was approved. Each at a maximum of \$500.)

The committee's request to continue funding of Policy #31 for 2023 has been modified to encourage the use trainers and judges found listed on the USIHC website (icelandics.org). Funding of \$6500 has been requested, Budget meeting is set for February 7 2023

Promotion: Regional Clubs banner Update:

Promotions working in collaboration with AC committee was budgeted \$1960 in February 2020 (\$140/club, figuring 14 clubs) for creating banners to promote both the affiliated club and the USIHC. A Google form has been provided to each club to submit their request, files and information. To date, four clubs their banners.

Banners Received:

1. Sirius (2020)
2. Hestafolk (2020)
3. Klettajalla (2020)
4. NEIHC (2021)
5. Toppur (2021)

Banners in Planning:

1. CIA (2023)
2. Cascade (2023)

Funding will be requested to continue into 2023 for the clubs who have not yet received/requested their banners.

Breeding Committee Report

There were two breeding events in the U.S. in 2022; one FEIF official assessment, and one educational event with FEIF judges. The official assessment took place August 30-31 at Harmony Icelandics in Truro, Iowa. Judges Silke Feuchthofen and William Flügge assessed five horses in total (2 official “full” assessments, one official conformation assessment, one full mock assessment, and one mock conformation assessment. After the second ridden assessment, William Flügge presented a seminar on conformation and movement.

The educational event took place at Montaire Icelandics in Middleburg, Virginia on May 21-22. Judges were Heimir Gunnarsson and Odinn Johannsson. Although no horses were officially assessed, 7 horses were presented for mock assessment. Heimir and Odinn used the opportunity to educate participants and observers about FEIF standards and scores. They showed videos and gave lectures. Everyone involved benefitted and enjoyed the experience.

In an effort to highlight quality stallions available for breeding in the U.S. the USIHC has created a Stallion Listing on the website. Stallion owners can advertise their breeding programs through their the farm listing. Pictures, scores, and a description of each horse are listed. Hopefully, this will help potential breeders.

Breeding chair Virginia Lauridsen wrote three articles for a *Focus on Breeding* series in the Quarterly. The first article discussed the pros and cons of breeding and important considerations for potential breeders. The second article discussed care of the mare and foal, and the third article discussed how to sell domestic-bred foals and the importance of quality breeding to the growth of the Icelandic breed in the U.S.

The breeding committee also began working on parameters for the use of Frozen semen in breeding. Andrea Barber is working on language to be added to the USIHC Policies and Procedures document.

The breeding manual created in 2021 was distributed to interested breeders throughout the year. It is still available on the website and hard copies are \$15. Anyone interested should contact the breeding chair at breeding@icelandics.org.

In 2023, there are three breeding events planned: a full assessment on May 13-14 at Montaire Icelandics in Middleburg, Virginia; a clinic with Olil Amble on “How to Ride a Breeding Assessment” on August 25-27 at Harmony Icelandics in Truro, Iowa and Young Horse and Foal Assessment in Colorado September 30-October 1 in Colorado. The breeding committee hopes that these events will encourage more domestic breeding. We now have many highly evaluated stallions and mares in the U.S., which could help raise the quality of domestic breeding. Well bred horses have a much better chance of good health, better movement, good temperament, and longer lives. We encourage anyone interested in breeding to join us in this endeavor.

Education Committee Report

2022 saw significant educational achievements throughout the USIHC. The education committee invested substantial time and effort in developing, thoroughly vetting, and putting in place a Fast-Track trainer certification program. The Fast-Track program sought to alleviate the significant geographical challenges we face in the United States to spend time working with other FEIF-certified trainers while at the same time maintaining very high standards to achieve a trainer certification. The first Fast-Track trainer certification testing took place this year at Harmony Icelandics in Iowa. Qualification for the Fast-Track program required a three-month (cumulative) internship with FEIF Level III trainer, along with fulfilling six of ten categories of qualifications. Candidates then needed to pass twelve exams (written, in-hand, lecture, gait, horse assessment, individual instruction, obstacles, dressage, oral, ponying, riding, group instruction, and longeing). Six candidates sat for the exams, and the USIHC is proud to announce that three candidates earned their FEIF Level I licensure.

Tamangur Icelandics also hosted the first in-person judging seminar in June in Larkspur, Colorado. Six candidates attended the FEIF Sport Judging Seminar, four candidates sat for the challenging examination, and two candidates earned their FEIF Sport A judging licenses. This is a significant gain for the USIHC, as it is the first time in years where multiple people earned their Sport A judging certification. We hope to see this reduce the costs and challenge in hosting sport events in the US going forward.

2023 looks to be a successful year for the education committee as well. USIHC President Virginia Lauridsen is hosting the 2023 Virtual Education Series with four separate online seminars in the fields of shoeing, confirmation, saddle fitting, and gaits.

Leisure Committee Report

2022 Sea 2 Shining Sea Ride: Followed The Ride of Her Life route of Annie Wilkins

103 Riders
19 Teams registered
10 Individual Riders
Pierre Lessard, furthest individual rider 1,272.40 miles
West Coast Tölting Girls first to finish
11 Teams completed the 4,000 Mile Virtual Ride

2022 Finisher Teams

Ice Trekkers 8,497.20
West Coast Tölting Girls 8,051.72
Hestafolk 2 5,746.40
Northcountry Töltingers 5,346.15

Cedar Tree Icelandics 5,342.60
Team Toppur 4,986.44
Frozen Tundra Tölterers 4,807.04
Solheimer Deram Team 4,444.56
Solfaxi 4,276.20
Hestafolk 4,183.80
Merrimack Valley Icelandics 4,170.80

2023 Ride

2,400 Mile route

600 hours or
11.5 hours per week avg.

Currently:
16 Teams
71 Riders

Sign up Today at:

www.icelandics.org/sea-2-shining-sea-ride

Promotion Committee and Website Report

Policy 21

USIHC budgeted \$750 to support Affiliated Clubs attending expos and riding in demonstrations to promote the breed. In the past, this Policy has helped us reach over thousands of equine enthusiasts each year. Three Affiliated Clubs did receive Policy 21 funding in 2022:

Toppur - Iowa Horse Fair, Des Moines IA
Sirius OH KY- Equine Affaire, London OH
Flugnir – Minnesota Horse Expo, St Paul MN
Northeast Icelandic Horse Club - Equine Affaire, Springfield MA

USIHC Partners

USIHC continued Partnerships to support Membership benefits. USIHC Partners include:

Scootboot - USIHC members receive a 10% discount on Scoot Boot products.

Flying C Ranch Tack Shop - USIHC members receive a 10% discount for Flying C Ranch Tack Shop

Website Stats

2020	2021	2022
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 16K visitors, 26k sessions, 75k pageviews• 50% of traffic was direct, 30.5% was organic search, 13.2% was from social, and 6.2% was referral.• Top 5 pages visited were<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Registered Horse Search▪ Sea 2 Shining Sea Ride▪ Farm List▪ Registry▪ Quarterly Magazine	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 16K visitors, 28k sessions, 91k pageviews• 50% of traffic was direct, 34% was organic search, 10% was from social, and 7% was referral.• Top 5 pages visited were<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Sea 2 Shining Sea▪ Farm List▪ Registered Horse Search▪ Virtual Show▪ Registry	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 17k visitors, 30k sessions, 93k pageviews• 54% of traffic was organic search, 33% was direct, 8.4% was from social, 3.7% was referral• Top 5 pages visited were<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Sea 2 Shining Sea Ride▪ Farm List▪ Registered Horse Search▪ Competition▪ Registry

New Features

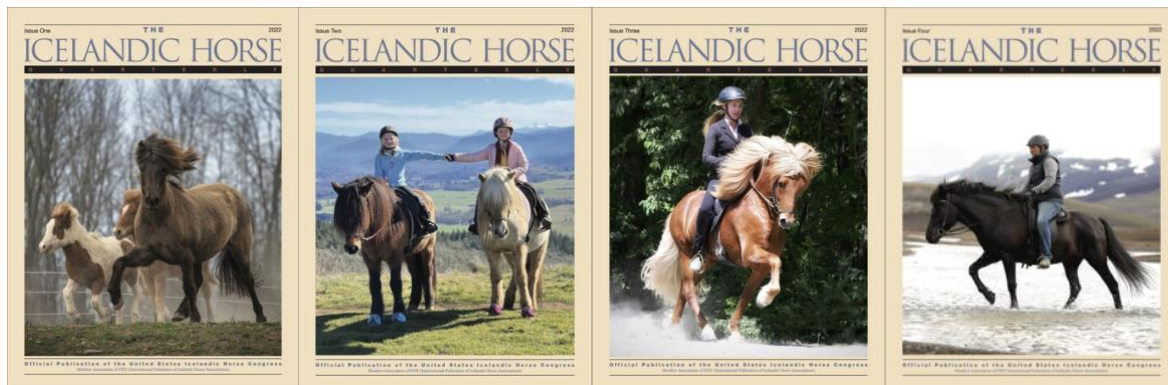
Farm List: allows viewers to filter Farms based on State and Services. Each farm has their own Farm Profile that includes a short farm description, logo, location map, and contact information/website.

Stallion Listing: highlights stallions in North America and continue to support US Breeding. The Stallion Listing features photos, description, video, scores, bloodlines, and offspring photos.

National Ranking: addition of US Green Horse Tolt and US Green Horse Four Gait, all US born horses are also marked in the ranking, addition of P2 Test

USIHC QUARTERLY COMMITTEE 2022 ANNUAL REPORT

Nancy Brown and Nicki Esdorn, co-chairs



In 2022 our 20 committee members produced four 52-page full-color issues of *The Icelandic Horse Quarterly*. As many as 50 contributors per issue provided the exceptional content and editorial oversight that makes the Quarterly such an effective “face” of the USIHC, as well as the advertising that helps us produce such a high-quality magazine.

Our committee membership itself is widely representative of Icelandic horse owners in the U.S. We have members from Maine to Alaska. We are professional writers and editors, photographers, illustrators, and graphic designers, but also horse trainers, a veterinarian, college professors, and business people. We are trail riders, competition riders, and breeders. Some of us have many horses, and some only one. Some are new to the breed, and some have over 25 years of experience with Icelandics. The only thing we don't have on the Quarterly committee are any men! We'd love to have you join us (male or female).

Please also continue to send us your stories and photos. You don't need to be a committee member to contribute to the Quarterly. And remember that we are always looking for "Wow!" photos for the cover.

In keeping with the USIHC mission statement, the Quarterly committee has three broad goals:

- to promote the knowledge of the Icelandic horse within the United States and its correct use as a competition and riding horse;
- to facilitate communication among all USIHC members;
- and to encourage Icelandic horse owners in the US to join the USIHC.

As one of our goals is to educate Icelandic horse owners, we focus on commissioning and printing stories about training (basics, groundwork, training methods, and fitness), stories highlighting the versatility of the Icelandic horse, and stories that promote the welfare of the horse. In 2022, we printed feature stories, for example, on:

- searching for and choosing your first Icelandic horse
- helping imported horses adjust
- the true cost of raising a foal
- the need for protein in a horse's diet
- summer eczema
- bone spavin
- equine massage
- the Hólar training pyramid
- showing a green horse
- eventing
- competitive trail riding
- endurance riding in the US and Iceland
- trekking in Iceland
- the blood mares controversy
- what horses teach us about ourselves
- the new USIHC trainer certification program
- trainers and judges
- books about Icelandic horses and horse training in general.

In keeping with our goal of providing a two-way communication channel for the Board, the Committees, the Affiliated Clubs, and the members, we dedicated 90 of the total pages printed in 2022 (208) to USIHC News and announcements, FEIF News, and Club News. Paid advertising accounted for another 50 pages, bringing in over \$8000 to offset the cost of publishing the magazine.

As last year, we printed 600 copies per quarter. Member households and magazine contributors received 525 copies in March, 541 in June, 526 in September, and 549 in December. (Please note that, while USIHC members in December resided in 604 households, some members choose to receive only the e-Quarterly). As the magazines are mailed at the most economical rate, printed copies were received by all members by the end of March, June, September, and December.

Thanks to webmaster Emily Potts, the e-Quarterly of each issue was posted on the USIHC website and announced on Facebook in the first week of March, June, September, and December. They have been added to our online archive and topical index.

The additional copies printed each quarter support the third goal of our committee: to promote the USIHC and the Icelandic horse in the US. We accomplish this through our policy of giving out free copies of the magazine to Quarterly contributors and advertisers and to other USIHC members for distribution to prospective new members at expos, demos, and other events. We welcome requests from any USIHC member or club for copies of the magazine to use to promote the USIHC and the Icelandic horse at 2023 events, but please get your order in early, as we may have to increase our print run to cover these requests.

We'd like to thank Jean Ervasti for doing a great job as our advertising representative. We thank, as well, treasurer Lori Cretney for handling invoicing and helping us track our advertising income.

Thanks for your support in 2022. We hope to bring you four more spectacular issues of *The Icelandic Horse Quarterly* in 2023.

Sport Committee Report

First off I want to thank Martin Nielsen for his work as the Sport Leader for the past two years. I look forward to keep working on the projects Martin got started and working with our committee members.

National Ranked Events in 2022

Show	State	Month	Judge(s)
CIA OPEN	CA	April	Þorgeir Guðlaugsson
Virtual Spring Show		May	Nicolai Thye, Sophie Kovac, Alexandra Pregitzer, Jana Meyer, Freija Thye
Flugnrkeppni	MN	June	Johannes Hoyos
NEIHC Open	NY	June	Þorgeir Guðlaugsson, Alexandra Pregitzer
Youth Virtual Show		August	Will Covert
Solheimar LaborDay Show	VT	August	Hulda Geirsdóttir
Toppur ^3	IA	September	Will Covert, Þorgeir Guðlaugsson, Hulda Geirsdóttir, Guðmundur Skúlason, Silke Feuchhofen
AIHA I	AK	September	Pétur Jökull Hákonarson
Tamangur Fall Show	CO	September	Nicolai Thye
AIHA II	AK	September	Pétur Jökull Hákonarson
ICE Championships ^3	KY	October	Hulda Geirsdóttir, Florian Schneider, Þorgeir Guðlaugsson, Alexandra

Solheimar Fall Show	VT	October	Dannenmann, Alexandra Montan Gray, Alexandra Pregitzer
Five-Gait Fall Show	OR	November	Alexandra Dannenmann Will Covert
Virtual Fall Show		November	Hulda Geirsdóttir, Sophie Kovac, Alexandra Montan Gray, Coralie Denmeade, Þorgeir Guðlaugsson, Alexandra Pregitzer

*FEIF World Ranking competitions ^3 separate Sanctioned Shows Held

Year End National Ranking 2022 Award Winners

Test	Rider	Avg.
T1	Ásta D. Bjarnadóttir-Covert	7.39
T2	Laura Benson	6.79
T3	Jeff Rose	5.90
T4	Laura Benson	7.27
T5	Lori Cretney	5.95
T6	Samantha Harrigan	5.67
T7	Eveline Clark	5.80
T8	Emelia Stewart	6.50
V1	Caeli Cavanagh	6.74
V2	Alexandra Venable	6.34
V3	Jackie Harris/Lori Cretney	5.82
V5	Emelia Stewart	5.90
V6	Emelia Stewart	6.33
F1	Caeli Cavanagh	6.53
F2	Heidi Benson	5.57
F3	Samantha Harrigan	5.53
P2	Jamie Jackson	12.7 sec.

US Bred Green Horse Tölt

Álfasyrpa from Aslan's Country 6.00

US Bred Green Horse Fourgait

Viðar from Five-Gait Farm 5.77

In 2022 We had three of our riders nominated for the Good and Harmonious riding list of FEIF.

Leading the list is Caeli Cavanagh with 5 nominations, Laura Benson with 3 nominations and Paetra Hennigar with 1 nomination.

Caeli Cavanagh, Laura Benson, Jackie Harris, Virginia Lauridsen, Alexandra Venable, Lucy Nold, and Molly Stotts, all made it on to the WorldRanking lists in the disciplines they competed in.

The highlight is Laura Benson leading the 2022 T4 Ranking with a total score of 7.265 and 2nd in the WorldRanking list of T4 over two years with 3 scores averaging at 7.167. FEIF keeps WordRanking both annually where you need 2 scores over 5.5 in the same year to get on that list and also a 2 year WorldRanking list where you need 3 scores over 5.5 in a 2 year period.

USDF All Breeds Dressage Icelandic horse Winners:

1st. Place Herkúles from Dalalif ridden by Virginia Lauridsen 64.653

2nd Place Ísak from Four Winds Farm ridden by Paetra Hennigar 62.929

New Judges were certified at the Judges seminar in Colorado in June, 2022

Three new judges qualified for the US National B judges license. Coralie Denmeade and Paetra Hennigar both passed the test in Colorado and Alexandra Montan Gray was added based on her Swedish judges license after taking the seminar in Colorado as well.

Youth Committee Report

USIHC Virtual Youth Show

In 2022, the USIHC hosted its first Virtual Youth Show with good attendance from our youth riders! We were pleased that this was a success and hope to continue to offer this excellent opportunity for our youth riders. We are excited to offer another Virtual Youth Show in 2023. The registration deadline will be July 28th with video submissions due August 4th. The show will offer the classes T1, T2, V1, F1, V6, and T8 for riders 18 years of age or younger. The show will follow the same rules and guidelines as the other USIHC Virtual Shows.

The USIHC plans to offer a Virtual Youth Show additionally in 2024 however plans to have the dates in accordance with the FEIF Youth Cup Tryouts which will take place in February 2024. This Youth Show/Tryout will allow for videos submitted to be filmed up to 6 months in advanced so that riders in cold weather areas are able to film before bad weather hits. Please plan accordingly if your youth rider would like to submit videos to the 2024 Virtual Youth Show/Tryout.

FEIF Youth Camp 2023

FEIF Youth Camp 2023 will be held in Finland on July 14th-17th, 2023. The FEIF Youth Camp is an international camp for young people who will TURN 14, 15, 16 or 17 years of age in the year of the FEIF Youth Camp. The camp is arranged every second year in one of the member countries of FEIF. The goal of the FEIF Youth Camp is to bring together young people from different countries who will improve their horsemanship skill and better understand cultural differences in our approaches to the horse. The common language of the Camp will be English. In order to take part in the FEIF Youth Camp, riders do not have to own (or bring) a horse, but they should be interested in Icelandics, and have some riding experience. Throughout the week a

challenging program – with and without horses – will be offered, aimed at fostering international friendship and raising standards of all aspects of horsemanship. For information about applying please contact youth@icelandics.org

Pen-pal Program

The youth committee encourages youth members to sign up for our pen-pal program to get to know other youth members from other areas of the country! Youth members can sign up by filling out a form on our website and writing their first letter to their pen-pal. They will then be connected with another youth member to exchange letters with for the year. A list of topics and ideas for these letters will be provided. Each year youth participants will receive a new pen-pal

but can decide to also continue writing with their previous pen-pals. We hope this will forge new friendships for youth who love Icelandic horses!

The Spaeri Youth Award

Spaeri is the Icelandic name of the Icelandic endurance horse known as Remington, famous for his determination, passion and indomitable will. This award is intended to inspire and encourage these same qualities in our youth when spending time with Icelandic Horses.

The Spaeri Award will be given annually to a youth who clearly demonstrates commitment to and love for Icelandic horses. The recipient of the award will be chosen from USIHC youth who submit articles demonstrating these sought after qualities for publication in the Quarterly during the calendar year. Articles will be reviewed at the end of the calendar year, and the Quarterly staff and Youth Committee will select one winner who will receive the award, along with \$50.

How to Qualify:

A recipient must be a USIHC member under 18 years of age during the entire year the article is submitted. The recipient must submit a self-written article for publication in the Quarterly, along with a high resolution photograph of him/her and the horse or activity. To demonstrate the desired qualities, the article may describe any horse-related activity, such as trail or competition riding, driving, gymkhana, endurance, dressage, team penning, or jumping. Participation in non-riding activities such as 4-H, therapeutic riding, rescue and adoption, or simply training or caring for Icelandic horses, as long as the activity demonstrates love and commitment to the Icelandic horse. The youth writing the article need not own the Icelandic horse. Youth Articles for submission should be sent to quarterly@icelandics.org identified as a Youth Article submitted for the Spaeri Award. Submissions must be received by December 31 to be considered.

The winner will be notified early in the following year and announced in the first issue of [The Icelandic Horse Quarterly](#) of the year.

North American Youth Cup 2023

The North American Youth Cup 2023 will be held at Montaire Icelandics in Middleburg, Virginia on July 10th-16th, 2023. This will be the fourth North American Youth Cup held and is a wonderful opportunity for youth Icelandic horse enthusiasts. The application includes a riding video, a written application and two reference letters. Twenty participants will be selected to participate and upon arrival will be placed in four teams. Throughout the week, the teams will work together and take lessons from four trainers in preparation for the weekend competition. Participants will connect and form strong bonds with other youth riders dedicated to Icelandic horses. Applications will be due April 1st and results announced April 15th.

