



United States Icelandic Horse Congress 2016 Annual Committee / Officer Reports

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United States Icelandic Horse Congress Inc.
Balance Sheet Standard
 As of December 31, 2016

	Dec 31, '16
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Associated Checking acct.	6,248.96
Associated Money Market Acct.	121,199.79
Total Checking/Savings	127,448.75
Other Current Assets	
CD ownd by USIHC mature 10/7/19	2,000.00
CD ownd by USIHC mature 10/7/20	2,000.00
CDs for Judge Scholarship Fund	
CD-matures 10/5/17	3,141.02
CD-matures 10/5/18	3,065.15
Total CDs for Judge Scholarship ...	6,206.17
Total Other Current Assets	10,206.17
Total Current Assets	137,654.92
TOTAL ASSETS	137,654.92
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
Unexpended Judge Schlshp. Fund	4,000.00
Unexpended World Champshp F...	3,559.82
Unexpended Youth Funds	5,750.74
Total Other Current Liabilities	13,310.56
Total Current Liabilities	13,310.56
Total Liabilities	13,310.56
Equity	
Opening Bal Equity	96,926.56
Retained Earnings	36,880.58
Net Income	-9,462.78
Total Equity	124,344.36
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	137,654.92

**United States Icelandic Horse Congress Inc.
Income & Expense Comparison
2016 compared to 2015**

	Jan 1 - Dec. 31 '16	Jan 1 - Dec 31, '15	\$ Change	% Change	
Income					
Breeding Income					
Breeding Committee Income - Other	0.00	40.00	-40.00	N/A	
Competition Inc.					
Sanction Competition fee	600.00	525.00	75.00	14.3%	
WC Team Tryout Inc.					
WC 2015 Team Tryout Inc.	0.00	881.58	-881.58	N/A	
Total Competition Inc.	600.00	1,406.58	-806.58	-57.3%	
Education Seminar Inc.					
Riding Badge Inc.	80.00	300.00	-220.00	-73.3%	
Interest Income	246.87	272.99	-26.12	-9.6%	
Membership Related Income					
Farm Listing (2016)	3,275.25				
2015 Farm listing		3,122.71			
Total Farm Listing	3,275.25	3,122.71	152.54	4.9%	
Membership Dues					
Family Memberships	6,511.04	1,072.15			
Individual Memberships	14,909.21	1,966.59			
Foreign Friend Memberships	133.63				
Youth Memberships	372.11				
2015 Membership dues					
2015 Foreign Friend		133.94			
2015 Youth Membership		444.44			
2015 Family mbshp		5,472.32			
2015 Individual Mbshp		13,100.62			
Total 2015 Membership dues	0.00	19,151.32			
Total Membership Dues	21,925.99	22,190.06	-264.07	-1.2%	
Quarterly Inc.					
Quarterly Adv. Inc.	6,457.69	5,233.11	1,224.58	23.4%	Actual 2016 ads sold is down 21% from 2015
Quarterly back issue sales	44.11	5.00	39.11	782.2%	
Total Quarterly Inc.	6,501.80	5,238.11	1,263.69	24.1%	
Website Inc.					
Website Ad Inc.	564.51	756.26	-191.75	-25.4%	
Total Membership Related Income	32,267.55	31,307.14	960.41	3.1%	
Other Income					
Booth Deposit/Refund	0.00	-3.50	3.50	N/A	RC dissolution funds given to USIHC
Misc. Other Income	309.42	0.00	309.42	N/A	
Total Other Income	309.42	-3.50	312.92	N/A	
Registry Income					
Duplicate Registration fees	196.80	193.00	3.80	2.0%	
Late Stallion Report fees	1,083.30	2,368.20	-1,284.90	-54.3%	
Registration fees	3,213.63	5,115.80	-1,902.17	-37.2%	
Transfer fees	2,308.37	2,762.71	-454.34	-16.4%	
Total Registry Income	6,802.10	10,439.71	-3,637.61	-34.8%	
USIHC Non-Member fees	494.32	272.10	222.22	81.7%	
Youth Committee Inc.					
FEIF Youth Cup Reimbursement	1,676.48	0.00	1,676.48	N/A	
Youth Cup Tryout Fees	660.00	0.00	660.00	N/A	
Total Youth Committee Inc.	2,336.48	0.00	2,336.48	N/A	
Total Income	43,136.74	44,035.02	-898.28	-2.0%	

Expense	Jan 1 - Dec. 31 '16	Jan 1 - Dec 31, '15	\$ Change	% Change	
Breeding Exp.					
Blood Profile Project exp.	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00	N/A	We expect to get this back as a refund in 2017
Breeding Comm. Equipment Exp.	0.00	103.25	-103.25	N/A	
Cantella YH Evaluation Award	56.98	57.02	-0.04	-0.1%	
FEIF Evaluation fees	81.03	99.96	-18.93	-18.9%	
Elwell Breeding Award	17.23	57.02	-39.79	-69.8%	
Total Breeding Exp.	5,155.24	317.25			
Competition Expense					
National Ranking Award Expense	774.40	917.52	-143.12	-15.6%	
World Championship Expenses					
WC 2015 Denmark Expenses	0.00	1,365.74		N/A	
Total World Championship Expenses	0.00	1,365.74			
Total Competition Expense	774.40	2,283.26			
Education Seminar exp.					
Judging Seminar exp.					
2015 Judging Seminar	0.00	1,744.34			
2016 Judging Seminar	1,431.63	0.00			
Total Education Seminar exp.	1,431.63	1,744.34	-312.71	-17.9%	
FEIF Conference exp.					
FEIF 2015 Conference exp.	0.00	405.00			
FEIF 2016 Conference exp.	1,768.00	0.00			
Total FEIF Conference exp.	1,768.00	405.00	1,363.00	336.5%	
FEIF Seminar Fee Stipend	600.00	0.00	600.00	N/A	
Funding Programs					
Young Horse Eval. funding support	1,000.00	500.00	500.00	100.0%	
Grant Funding Expense	0.00	4,135.36	-4,135.36	N/A	
Flagship Funding exp.					
Flagship Event - Evaluation	0.00	1,000.00	-1,000.00	N/A	
Flagship Event - Sanction Show	8,000.00	8,000.00	0.00	0.0%	
Flagship Event - Schooling Show	250.00	0.00	250.00	N/A	New funding program in 2016
Total Flagship Funding exp.	8,250.00	9,000.00	-750.00	-8.3%	
Total Funding Programs	9,250.00	13,635.36	-4,385.36	67.8%	
Membership Related Expenses					
Administration					
Mbshp. Postage	244.73	441.07	-196.34	-44.5%	
Office/Supplies Exp.	0.00	25.17	-25.17	-100.0%	
Special Awards Exp.	0.00	65.15	-65.15	N/A	
Tax. Prep. Services	375.00	375.00	0.00	0.0%	
Total Administration	619.73	906.39	-286.66	-31.6%	
Annual Meeting Exp.					
2015 Annual Meeting exp.	0.00	4,900.27	-4,900.27		
2016 Annual Meeting expense	2,514.91	0.00	2,514.91		
Total Annual Meeting Exp.	2,514.91	4,900.27	-2,385.36	-48.7%	
FEIF related expenses					
FEIF Mbshp fees	1,396.17	1,615.04	-218.87	-13.6%	
Insurance	715.00	745.00	-30.00	-4.0%	
Quarterly Expenses					
Graphics	4,000.00	4,000.00	0.00	0.0%	
Postage for Quarterly	1,639.74	1,744.59	-104.85	-6.01%	
Quarterly Printing	9,538.38	9,867.10	-328.72	-3.33%	
Quarterly Printing - Other	226.00	0.00	226.00	N/A	
Total Quarterly Printing	9,764.38	9,867.10	-102.72	-1.0%	
Total Quarterly Expenses	15,404.12	15,611.69	-207.57	-1.3%	
Other Membership Expenses	935.43	0.00	935.43	N/A	Projector and Screen purchased in 2016
Bank Fees	0.00	16.00	-16.00	N/A	

Expense	Jan 1 - Dec. 31, '16	Jan 1 - Dec 31, '15	\$ Change	% Change	
Toll Free line	155.40	155.40	0.00	0.0%	
Website	181.40	714.37	-532.97	-74.6%	
WorldFengur Exp.	515.08	1,021.70	-506.62	-49.6%	Paid for 2014 & 15 in 2015
Total Membership Related Expenses	22,437.24	25,685.86	-3,248.62	-12.6%	
Promotional Exp.					
Ambassador award	377.30	309.00	68.30	22.1%	
Display booth shipping	0.00	240.10	-240.10	N/A	
Promotional postage expenses	271.36	235.24	36.12	15.4%	
Promotion Material Printing exp	0.00	1,035.39	-1,035.39	N/A	2015 = brochures & copies of Quarterly for Promo use
RC Co-op promo exp.	0.00	115.00	-115.00	N/A	
Promotional Exp. - Other	0.00	45.88	-45.88	N/A	
Total Promotional Exp.	648.66	1,980.61	-1,331.95		
Regional Club Clinic exp	4,000.00	0.00	4,000.00	N/A	New funding program in 2016
Registry Expenses					
Clerical for registry	2,098.00	3,963.00	-1,865.00	-47.1%	For 11 months in 2016/13 months in 2015
Printing & reproduction-Regist.	188.09	247.19	-59.10	-23.9%	
Registry Office supplies	116.92	228.79	-111.87	-48.9%	
Reg. WorldFengur Sbscrptn exp.	291.86	215.55	76.31	35.4%	
Registry Postage	307.07	413.45	-106.38	-25.7%	
Total Registry Expenses	3,001.94	5,067.98	-2,066.04	-40.8%	
Youth Exp.					
Spaejari Award	98.15	99.70	-1.55	-1.6%	
Youth Camp					
09 FEIF Youth Camp Exp.	0.00	2,664.64	-2,664.64	N/A	used for US Youth Camp in 2015
2016 FEIF Youth Cup fees	0.00	0.00	0.00	N/A	
Total Youth Camp	0.00	2,664.64	-2,664.64	N/A	
Youth Cup Exp.					
2016 Youth Cup expense	3,434.26	0.00	3,434.26	N/A	
Total Youth Exp.	3,532.41	2,764.34	768.07	27.8%	
Total Expense	52,599.52	53,884.00	-1,284.48	-2.4%	
Net Income	-9,462.78	-9,848.98	386.20	-3.9%	loss decrease

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Income		Expense	
		Breeding Exp.	
		Blood Profile Project exp.	5,000.00
		Cantella YH Evaluation Award	56.98
		Elwell Breeding Award	81.03
		FEIF Evaluation fees	17.23
		Total Breeding Committee Exp.	5,155.24
Competition Inc.		Competition Expense	
Sanction Competition fee	600.00	National Ranking Award Expense	774.40
		Schooling Show support funding	250.00
		Total Competition Comm. Expense	1,024.40
Education-Riding Badge		Education Seminar exp.	
Riding Badge Inc.	80.00	Judging Seminar exp.	
		2016 Judge Seminar	1,431.63
Interest Income	246.87	FEIF 2016 Conference exp.	1,768.00
		FEIF Seminar Fee Stipend	600.00
		Funding Programs	
		Flagship Funding exp.	
		Flagship Event - Sanction Show	8,000.00
		Young Horse Eval. funding support	1,000.00
		Total Funding Programs	9,000.00
Membership Related Income		Membership Related Expenses	
Farm Listing	3,275.25	Administration	
		Mbshp. Postage	244.73
		Tax. Prep. Services	375.00
		Total Administration	619.73
Membership Dues		Annual Meeting Exp.	
Family Memberships	6,511.04	2016 Annual Meeting exp.	2,514.91
Foreign Friend mbshp	133.63		
Individual Memberships	14,909.21		
Youth membership	372.11		
Total Membership Dues	21,925.99	FEIF related expenses	
		FEIF Mbshp fees	1,396.17
		Insurance	715.00
		Other membership expense	935.43

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Quarterly Inc.		Quarterly Expenses	
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Quarterly back issue sales	44.11	Postage for Quarterly	1,639.74
Total Quarterly Inc.	6,501.80	Quarterly Printing	9,538.38
		Quarterly Expenses - Other	226.00
		Total Quarterly Expenses	15,404.12
Website Inc.		Toll Free line	155.40
Website Ad Inc.	564.51	Website	181.40
		WorldFengur Exp.	515.08
Total Membership Related Income	32,267.55	Total Membership Related Expenses	22,437.24
Misc. Other Income	309.42	Promotional Exp.	
		Ambassador award	377.30
		Promotional postage expenses	271.36
		Total Promotional Exp.	648.66
		Regional Club Clinic exp	4,000.00
Registry Income		Registry Expenses	
Duplicate Registration fees	196.80	Clerical for registry	2,098.00
Late Stallion Report fees	1,083.30	Printing & reproduction-Regist.	188.09
Registration fees	3,213.63	Reg. WorldFengur Sbscrptn exp.	116.92
Transfer fees	2,308.37	Registry Office supplies	291.86
Total Registry Income	6,802.10	Registry Postage	307.07
		Total Registry Expenses	3,001.94
USIHC Non-Member fees	494.32	Youth Committee Exp.	
		Spaeri Award	98.15
Youth Committee Inc.		Youth Cup Exp.	
FEIF Youth Cup Reimbursement	1,676.48	2016 Youth Cup Exp.	3,434.26
Youth Cup Tryout Fees	660.00	Total Youth Committee Exp.	3,532.41
Total Youth Committee Inc.	2,336.48		
Total Income	43,136.74	Total Expense	52,599.52

Net Income (Loss): -9,462.78

U.S.I.H.C. Breeding Committee Annual Report 2016

Sanctioned Events 2016

EVENT	DATE	LOCATION	OUTCOME
Young Horse Eval	4/24/16	Trout Lake, Washington	15 young horses judged
Young Horse Eval	7/25/16	Proctor, Minnesota	6 young horses judged
Breeding Eval	9/3-4/16	Shelbyville, Kentucky	Cancelled due to financial hardship

Awards 2016

Caryn Cantella Breeding Award Winner

Winner is Kydee Sheetz of Aslan's Country Icelandics in Proctor, Minnesota with the young horse Álfagaldur from Aslan's Country (US2016105113). A red dun stallion by Álfadans from Ingólfshvoli out of Gáta von Birkenlund, Álfagaldur earned 82.76% for conformation, 95.38% for spirit and 77.33 for gaits for a total percentage of 82.57%



Plans for 2017

Young Horse Evaluations

Two Young Horse Evaluations are already planned for 2017, and it is expected that more breeders will apply to participate in this excellent program.

Breeding Evaluations

At this time, no full breeding evaluations are scheduled for 2017. To help revitalize this critically important program, this year the Breeding Committee will emphasize supporting seminars and events that will educate breeders, riders, owners, and the general public about the high value of participating in breeding evaluations with their horses. Various farms are planning education sessions and mock evaluations under the tutelage of International Breeding Judges to prepare and motivate people and their horses for a Breeding Evaluation Series in 2018.

Other Plans for 2017

The Breeding Committee has formed three separate action teams to address issues that we consider vital to the success of Icelandic horse breeding in the US. We are excited to be developing new programs to reach out to professional riders and breeders from other disciplines, educate potential buyers about the value of a well bred Icelandic horse, support US and Canadian breeders through an exciting new breeders' club concept, and promote young horse evaluations and ridden horse evaluations.

Respectfully submitted by Kydee K. Sheetz

Education Committee Report for 2016

Certifications:

Riding badges, April 2016

Organizer: Bernie Willis, Alaska Icelandic Horse Association

Examiner: Janet Mulder

Riding badge Basic Level 2:

Participants passing the exam and getting certified:

- Frank Sihler
- Claudia Sihler
- Susan Dent
- Stefanie Flynn

Projects and accomplishments 2016:

October 6-9

Sport Judge Seminar with Þorgeir Guðlaugsson in Shelbyville, Kentucky.

This was the third sport judge seminar, held again during the Lettleiki Icelandics sanctioned show.

8 people participated and 6 people took the test. Nobody passed all necessary requirements to receive a license as a US Judge this time.

Translation IPZV trainer materials for trainer level 1 courses

We finally finished all translations, which have been reviewed and edited by Kari.

As agreed with the IPZV many years ago, we will forward the translated materials to them.

This is bringing this matter to a close.

Editing Riding badge materials

The editing of the Riding Badge Materials is now completed.

It's currently being reviewed by the Board and will be published after this has been done.

Discussions about prerequisites to qualify as a US Sport Judge

With the collaboration of the Sport Committee and the Board, we agreed to make changes in the prerequisites to qualify as a US Sport Judge, in terms of a residency requirement.

The proposal is already existing and will be brought into the Board shortly.

Discussions about future trainer courses and ongoing educations

The Education Committee came up with a proposal for future trainer educations earlier in 2016, which was rejected by the Board. After that we had some discussions about creating a medal course system instead, but it was not developed further.

Planned activities 2017

- Developing of an ongoing educational system in order to renew licenses of trainers and judges
- Sport Judge Seminar with Þorgeir Guðlaugsson at Thor Icelandics in Claverack, NY
- Further discussions and results regarding trainer educations

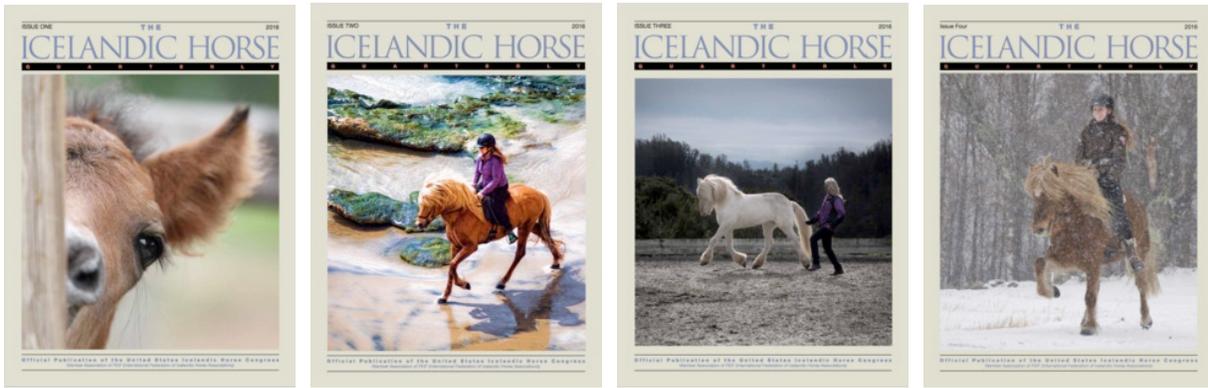
USIHC Promotion Committee

There were 20 entries for the 2016 USIHC Breed Ambassador Awards. Entrants participated in a wide variety of events including mounted trail obstacles, mounted archery, field trials, driving events, clinics and parades. The five winners will be randomly drawn at the 2017 Annual Meeting in Pittsburgh, PA.

In 2017 the Promotion Committee is going to work on updating the USIHC promotional brochure and on developing a USIHC bumper sticker or window decal.

USIHC QUARTERLY COMMITTEE 2016 ANNUAL REPORT

Nancy Brown and Nicki Esdorn, co-chairs



The goals of the Quarterly Committee are to educate and entertain the USIHC membership; to provide a two-way communication channel for the Board, the Committees, and the members; and to promote the USIHC and the Icelandic horse in the US through our policy of giving out free copies of the magazine to *Quarterly* contributors and other USIHC members for distribution to prospective new members.

In 2016 our 19 committee members, led by co-chairs Nicki Esdorn and Nancy Brown, produced four 52-page full-color issues of *The Icelandic Horse Quarterly*. Between 20 and 40 contributors per issue (up to 10% of the USIHC membership) provided the exceptional content and editorial oversight that makes the *Quarterly* such an effective “face” of the USIHC.

For highlights of the year, see our slideshow on the USIHC Facebook page or on YouTube at <https://youtu.be/z2ywHWT8P6o>

Informed by the results of our 2015 readers’ survey, we focused this year on commissioning and printing more stories about Training (basics, groundwork, training methods, and fitness) written by professionals. We continued to feature stories that show the Versatility of the Icelandic horse, as well as stories that promote the Welfare of the Horse. USIHC News and advertisements, FEIF News, and Regional Club News together accounted for 101 of the total 208 pages printed in 2016, or nearly 50%. Paid advertising accounted for another 27 pages.

The issues were released electronically as PDF files and posted by USIHC webmaster Doug Smith on www.icelandics.org on approximately Feb. 15, May 15, August 15, and November 15; we thank Doug for always being there when we need him. The printed copies were mailed approximately two weeks later; as they are mailed at the most economical bulk rate, copies were received by all members by approximately March 15, June 15, September 15, and December 15.

We printed 500 copies each of the March and December issues, and 650 copies each of June and September. Member households received 403 copies in March and June, 414 in September, and 420 in December. Contributors received 2 free copies each (issue totals were 40, 80, 70, and 60 copies, respectively). The additional copies printed (as well as stock on hand from 2015) were used for

Welcome Packets for new members (81 copies) and Promotion (447 copies). As of December 30, we have 3 copies of the December issue and 18 copies of the September issue on hand; these are all reserved for 2017 Welcome Packets.

This year the committee also reached a longtime goal of indexing our online archive of back issues. Thanks to Nicki Esdorn, Connie Kollman, Nancy Brown, and most of all to USIHC webmaster Doug Smith for making our Topic Index (<https://www.icelandics.org/quarterly/topicIndex.php>) a reality. All issues from 2008 to present have been indexed, with the articles grouped into 12 topics: Horse Keeping and Health, Training and Riding Instruction, Tack and Equipment, Breeding, Events and Competition, Pleasure or Leisure Riding, Youth, Trainer Profiles, History and Personal Stories, Riding in Iceland and Other Countries, Books and Films, and About the USIHC.

The Quarterly committee also thanks our new member Jean Ervasti for agreeing to take on the difficult job of advertising representative. With Jean's help, we hope to increase our advertising pages and revenue in 2017.

We thank, as well, Kari Pietsch-Wangard for helping us keep our bills and advertising income on track.

Finally, we'd like to announce the winner of the USIHC's yearly Spaeri Youth Essay Award, a collaboration between the Quarterly Committee and the Youth Committee. The 2016 award goes to seven-year-old Arianna De Forge, who trains in Vermont with Jessica Haynsworth. Arianna's story will be printed in an upcoming issue of the *Quarterly*.

Regional Club Committee Annual Report for 2016

First Quarter:

- RCC with Chair, Anita Sepko, submitted a proposal for clinic funding for the regional clubs.

Second Quarter:

- RCC Chair, Anita Sepko retires and Leslie Chambers takes over as Chair.
- The RCC revises the clinic funding proposal, which is then accepted by the BOD.
- The Central Washington Regional Club dissolves and is reformed as NorthWest Icelandic Horse Club (NWIHC), contact is Debby Dillard.

Third and Fourth Quarters:

- The following clinics are held and each regional club received \$500 from the Clinic Funding proposal.

1. Alaska IHC	Tolt in Harmony with Trausti	August 19-21
2. Flugnir IHC	Marlise Grimm	July 22-24
3. Frida Icelandic Riding Club	Gudmar & Linda Petursson	Sept 14-18
4. Hestafolk IHC	Freya Straum	Oct 15-16
5. Klettafjalla IHC	Gudmar Petursson	Sept 23-25
6. NEIHC	Nicole Kempf	July 27-29
7. NWIHC	Tolt in Harmony with Trausti	Sept 24-25
8. Saint Skutla IHC	Gudmar Petursson	Oct 15-16

- RCC submitted a clinic funding proposal for consideration during the January 24, 2017 budget meeting. The proposal asked for increased funding (\$1000/club) and the ability to split between 2 clinics.
- Voting on RCC proposals are conducted with one vote/regional club (but all committee members are encouraged and invited to participate in any and all discussions).
- Request is made to ask all Regional Clubs to include information on how many of their members are also USIHC members when they submit their club renewals for 2017, this came up in a discussion regarding the 2017 clinic funding proposal.

1/7/17 Leslie Chambers, RCC Chair.

Annual Report: Icelandic Horses Registered for year 2016

	Domestic Bred Under 12 Months	Imported Under 12 Months	Domestic Bred	Imported from Iceland	Imported from Canada	Imported from other countries	Total Registered		Total Transfers
Mares	17	0	7	10	2	1	37	93	
Stallions	20	0	1	2	1	0	24	11	
Geldings	1	0	3	7	3	1	15	53	
Total 2016	38	0	11	19	6	2	Total 76	157	
Total 2015	36	0	68	32	9	3	Total 148	193	
	2	0	-57	-13	-3	-1	-72	-36	

2016: Total number of horses registered: 76
2016: Total number of horses transferred 157

Domestic Horses registered **3179**
 Imported Horses registered in Worldfengur **2674**
 Total number of Icelandic horses registered in WorldFengur 12/31/2016 **5853**



USIHC Sport Committee 2016

Sanctioned Events in 2016

Location	Date	Judge(s)
Youth Tryout Video	January 1	Porgeir Guðlaugsson
Watsonville, CA	March 26-27	Hulda G. Geirsdóttir
Santa Ynez, CA	April 30-May 1	Florian Schneider
Reston, VA	May 18-19	Alexandra Dannenmann, Alexandra Pregitzer
Shelbyville, KY	June 18-19	Will Covert, Alexandra Dannenmann
Claverack, NY	July 30-31	Porgeir Guðlaugsson
Eagle, WI	August 13-14	Will Covert, Alexandra Dannenmann
Shelbyville, KY	June 18-19	Will Covert, Alexandra Dannenmann, Pétur Jökull Hákonarson
Santa Ynez, CA	October 22-23	Nicolai Thye

*FEIF World Ranking competitions

2016 There were a total of 9 Sanctioned Events vs. 8 in 2015

Year End National Ranking 2016			Year End National Ranking 2015		
Award Winners			Award Winners		
Test	Rider	Avg.	Test	Rider	Avg.
T1	Asta Covert	7.35	T1	Asta Covert	7.80
T2	Asta Covert	7.40	T2	Asta Covert	7.35
T3	Laurie Prestine	6.45	T3	Mitch Martin	6.20
T4	Alexandra Venable	5.95	T4	Alexandra Venable	5.95
T5	Elizabeth Robertson & Alicia Flanigan	5.90	T5	Elizabeth Robertson	5.90
T6	Jessica Blough	6.40	T6	Not Awarded	
T7	Hannah Bailey	5.75	T7	Tammy Martin	5.55
T8	Alicia Flanigan	5.70	T8	Elizabeth Monsef	6.75
V1	Asta Covert	7.55	V1	Asta Covert	7.25
V2	Kathy Love	6.35	V2	Mitch Martin	6.23
V3	Jessica Blough	6.05	V3	Colleen Monsef	5.80
V5	Jess Berman	5.28	V5	Kelly Blough	5.30
V6	Alicia Flanigan	6.03	V6	Elizabeth Monsef	6.50
F1	Terral Hill	6.45	F1	Terral Hill	6.45
F2	Gabrielle Pittman	4.69	F2	Gabrielle Pittman & Willy Ma	4.40

United States Youth

2016

USIHC Youth Committee



Alicia Flanigan and Thengill frá
Ragnarheidarstöðum from Stoerj
van't IJperveld winning 4th place in
T3 at FYCup 2016

United States Youth Report 2016

It was another exciting year for the United States in Youth Icelandic horsemanship.

Inspired by the successful American Youth Cup in 2015, young people strove to find opportunities to ride together more often, including participation in shows, parades, group trail rides, and clinics.

Most exciting, we received a record number of applications from young US riders to participate in the FEIF Youth Cup in 2016. Eight riders applied to fill the U.S.' three team spaces, and in the end the United States was proud to send a team of four talented young riders to the Cup, accompanied by our U.S. Team Leader Kevin Draeger.

Looking forward, the Youth Committee is deep in planning for the second American Youth Cup which will take place in California in July of 2017.

U.S Team to the FEIF Youth Cup 2016

In July the U.S. had the privilege of sending four riders to the FEIF Youth Cup in Exloo, The Netherlands. The U.S. team was welcomed warmly by Jaap and Yvonne Groven of the beautiful farm Stoerij van't IJperveld in Den IJp. The

Grovens generously offered to the U.S. the opportunity to borrow their talented horses and train on them at the farm prior to the commencement of the Youth Cup. This was a great experience and privilege for the U.S. riders.



The US Team on their first evening in Den IJp. From left, team leader Kevin Draeger, team members Alicia Flanigan, Olivia Rasmussen, Jamie Blough and Jessica Blough

The team were trained on their talented horses by Yvonne and Jaap, as well as Matisse Brummel, a team leader at the Cup and a friend of the farm. But the trip was not all fun and horseback riding, Team USA also jumped in and helped work on the farm, bringing in the hay for the summer prior to heading to Exloo.



Once in Exloo, the team got to work preparing for the competition, and with the help of their excellent horses they performed exceptionally well. The U.S. Team is very grateful to the Dutch Organizing Committee, Gundula Sharman and the FEIF organization, Jaap and Yvonne Groven and Stoerij van't Ilperveld, and Matisse Brummel for making the experience so enjoyable and successful. In a particularly touching display of international friendship, Yvonne Groven chose to march in the closing ceremony with the United States Team, making the team really feel part Dutch! U.S. Team members left pieces of their hearts in Holland.



Team USA and Yvonne Groven marching in closing ceremony in Exloo.

Preparing for AYC 2017

Back in the U.S., the Youth Committee is preparing for the second American Youth Cup, to take place at Coast Road Stables in Santa Cruz, California in July 2017. The University of California at Santa Cruz has facilities for lodging and food that will make the event both convenient and cost-effective for many youth to participate. The organizers are now focused on recruiting horses and trainers for the event, and publicity to encourage applicants should begin shortly. We hope to have as successful an event in 2017 as we did in 2015.

Youth Ridership in the United States

There are 12 regional Icelandic Horse clubs registered with the USIHC. Youth membership stayed consistent with approximately 110 youth riders registered in regional clubs and the USIHC. Youth numbers in the United States remain difficult to track because they are typically listed as family memberships in an effort to preserve youth privacy. In total there are approximately 428 Household (Family) memberships in 46 of the 50 US States. It is difficult to quantify how many individual youth that includes, as a household membership may include only adults or multiple youths. The three largest clubs in the United States, the North Eastern Icelandic Horse Club (NEIHC), Flugnir in the Midwest, and the Northern California Icelandic Horse Club (Kraftur) boast approximately 70 youth members between them.

Youth membership is growing in the mid-West, helped by the leadership of Carrie Lyons-Brandt in Kentucky and Coralie Denmeade in Colorado. Forty-six of the fifty U.S. states are represented in the USIHC membership, and the USIHC also boasts youth members in areas as geographically and culturally diverse as Alaska, Vermont, Florida and Hawaii.

Encouraging Ongoing Involvement by Young Adult Riders

The Youth Committee and our local clubs continue efforts to encourage riders who have “aged out” of events to return and help with leadership and organization of the events. For example:

- The Youth Committee organizers recruited Kevin Draeger (21) to be a team leader for the FEIF Youth Cup,
- American Youth Cup organizers created an award specifically designed to encourage young adult riders to return to assist with the program, offering older AYC rider Julia Hasenauer a scholarship to return to the AYC as a team leader in 2017.
- AYC leadership is already recruiting young people who have recently aged out of the youth category to participate as assistants and team leaders.

- Ayla Green (CA) is currently in Iceland pursuing her studies at Hölar University.
- In California, New York, Iowa, Minnesota and other US States young adult riders organize and lead youth events such as group trail rides, camps, and parades.
- At least one of our young riders plans to head to Europe to volunteer at the World Championships in 2017.

National Support for Youth

The USIHC continues to support young riders directly in many ways. USIHC has traditionally offered financial assistance to youth for educational opportunities such as clinics and seminars, and to cover some costs related to participation in international activities. In 2016, youth riders were awarded stipends to participate in the FEIF Youth Cup, and for other show participation, camps and clinics.

Communicating with and creating relationships across a membership that is as diverse as the United States membership remains a challenge. The USIHC's primary methods of communicating, and of connecting its geographically dispersed members are the website, www.icelandics.org, and The Icelandic Quarterly publication. The magazine, offered free with a USIHC membership, is an informative and entertaining magazine published by the USIHC and avidly enjoyed by all of its members, particularly the youth. Youth regularly contribute articles for the Quarterly, and the Spæri Award is presented annually by the USIHC to the young rider who best expresses his/her love for the Icelandic Horse through a written article.

The Icelandic Quarterly continues to provide youth with a way to connect with each other, share their experiences, and feel a part of a larger community of Icelandic horse lovers.

Regional Clubs Support for Youth

As always, U.S. Regional Clubs were active in supporting youth events throughout 2016, including sanctioned shows, all of which provided youth-oriented classes such as V6 (Youth Four Gait), VBR (Beginning Rider Four Gait), T8 (Youth Tölt) and TBR (Beginning Rider Tölt). The majority of the shows also incorporated fun, youth-oriented classes such as pairs, costume classes, lead-line classes, and youth horsemanship classes.

Regional clubs also organized youth-oriented activities such as trail rides, camps, parade participation, charitable events and fundraising activities, and clinics throughout.

About The USIHC Youth Committee

The Youth Committee of the USIHC consists of any USIHC member who wishes to participate. It has members from across the United States, including California, Wisconsin, New York, Massachusetts, and Virginia. It meets by phone once a month, and additionally as needed. It communicates with members primarily through regional club communication lists, through the USIHC website, and through the Icelandic Quarterly magazine (see Communication and Publicity above).



Olivia Rasmussen and Jamie Blough bond with their horses, Numi frá Ilperveld and Gumi frá Ilperveld in between classes at the FYCup competition.



**Blood Profile Project
2016 Annual Report**
Submitted by Andrea Barber

2016 saw the blood profile project in full swing!

- The contract between Cornell University and the USIHC was signed in late spring. The USIHC also gave an initial down payment of \$5,000 towards the estimated \$14,000 project costs.
- Over the summer 121 Icelandic horses around the country were sampled to meet our 120 goal. The following farms and individuals provided samples. It's important to note that samples were not only provided from farm owners, but from boarders' horses as well. In addition, at each location local veterinarians provided their services at no cost to the project. We are extremely grateful for the time and effort that all put into getting these samples for the project. Thank you!
 - Cornell University, NY
 - Sand Meadow Farm, NY
 - Gloria Verrecchio and clients, NC & SC
 - Winterhorse Park, WI
 - Florida Icehorsefarm, FL
 - Lone Cedar Icelandics, WA
 - Creekside Farm, GA
 - Lettleiki Icelandics, KY
- In addition to those that provided samples, many individuals (below) answered our call to provide monetary donations to the project. This drive was so successful that we received over \$12,000 in donations! This was enough to allow us to add another important test (sCD14 – and inflammatory marker) to the project. It was exciting to see that so many cared about the project enough to donate funds to it. Thank you!
 - Susan Wellington
 - Doug Smith
 - Jacie Alschuler
 - Marilyn Tully
 - Antje Freygang
 - Sara Marie Lyter
 - Melanie Stabler
 - Elizabeth Haartz
 - Kristina Behringer
 - Martin Nielsen

- Frances Rospotynski
 - Christine Schwartz
 - Kari Pietsch-Wangard
 - Linda Templeton
 - Virginia Lauridsen
 - Andrea Barber (in memory of Kalman frá Lækjamóti)
 - Nancy Adler (in memory of Eloise)
 - Amanda Halperin (in honor of Magni)
- Cornell started testing the samples as soon as they received them – and this testing also continued into the fall and winter. Though many of these tests are usually just run through a machine, for the study to be most accurate many of these tests are also being checked over under the microscope by “hand”. So this means getting the final results from all 121 samples will take some time.

What's next for 2017?

- The testing of the samples will continue into the first part of 2017. At the end of this phase we will then know if there is a need for any additional samples due to problems with samples already received. Additional samples won't be a problem as Cornell imported several more Icelandics for the Wagner lab in the summer of 2016. So these horses could easily be used if we need more samples.
- Once the data collection is complete, the researchers, Bettina Wagner and Tracy Stokol will then begin the exciting analyzing the data and drawing conclusions. As eager as we all are to get results this type of work does take significant time. So we all need to be patient. However, we hope to have the final results from this project by the end of 2017. So good things to look forward to!

Questions? Please contact me anytime at bpproject@icelandics.org

Thanks for all your support for the project in 2016!