

## Presidents' Message

*Happy New Year to all NASS members and Shagya friends!* It is my distinct privilege and pleasure to serve as President of the North American Shagya Arabian Society (NASS) for 2009. My personal thanks to outgoing President Lori Baker for a job well done.

For those who do not know me, my name is Jamie Buck; an old mare foaled in 1957. The ole' stallion and I live in a modest barn in Oxford Georgia. We have two successful offspring. A young stallion of 31 years and a young mare of 22 years who have long left the stable. We are expecting our first grand-filly in March.

My interests are in endurance riding and raising/breeding Shagyas. I currently own three purebred Shagya mares. For over 22 years I have successfully directed non-profit organizations.

The North American Shagya Arabian Society (NASS) is entering 2009 with its new "501(c) 5" status and "Restated Bylaws".

I encourage our members to be promoters of our organization. Let us lead by example and all recognize 2009 as a year of transformation. NASS' new 501(c) 5 status and Restated Bylaws will allow Shagya owners to unite and work together with common goals. It is with this appointment as President, I pledge to our membership this organization shall follow decorum and the "Restated Bylaws".

This is an Inspection year for NASS members and a busy year for our committees. We are asking members to be hands-on by volunteering some time on committees to get us through this year. Please contact your Regional Director if you can help out!

I wish the NASS membership and your families a healthy and prosperous year. United in our efforts we can accomplish our common goals.

Warm Regards,

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