## WELCOME TO Q.B. ARABIAN RANCH'S ANNUAL SEMINAR

The format for this year's seminar will be the theme "18 Months of Preparation." This of course pertains to the Arabian mare from her selection to the foaling process and neonatal management. Dr. J. Warren Evans and his Associate Dr. Webb from Texas A & M University will be presenting the breeding seminar, which will include several audience participation sessions. We are fortunate to have these two experts in equine reproduction for our seminar, and Linda and I know you will enjoy their presentations and learn some valuable information regarding the reproductive physiology of the Arabian mare.

During the weekend we will also be presenting a number of our Spanish bred Arabians in a unique fashion. The pedigrees for the horses presented are in your notebook, please keep these handy during the presentation, as this will help you understand our breeding philosophy and some of the results of specific breeding selections. The Q.B. Arabians will be presented by dam lines, so that you can better relate to the consistency and quality which we have achieved through various forms of linebreeding and outcrossing.

There will also be a silent auction of selected Arabians. Bid cards have been included in your seminar notebook. The prices on a number of the sale horses have been reduced significantly, hopefully this will be appreciated as this sale will provide an opportunity to purchase some of the highest quality Spanish bred Arabians at prices substantially below future market value!

If you feel this type of seminar is a valuable educational tool, we ask that you encourage other breeders to attend in future years. Linda and I want to provide extra-ordinary educational opportunities, and it is our intention to continue to provide seminars involving experts in various equine fields such as: Spanish Arabians, Arabian horse industry, veterinary medicine, training, and judging the Arabian horse.

Please let us know if you enjoyed this weekend's topic, as well as the idea of an annual seminar.

Sincerely,

Gary and Linda rickson