

HONKIN HUNTER

AN IMPRESSIVE NINE silver medallions have earned Honkin Hunter (also known as Tonka) a permanent spot in Appaloosa history. The 2006 gelding by Hall of Fame Appaloosa sire The Hunter and out of Temons Tonka was automatically inducted into the Appaloosa Horse Club (ApHC) Hall of Fame in 2014. He was bred by Char-O-Lot Ranch of Myakka City, Florida, and is currently owned by Shannon Rohn of Fort Worth, Texas, who purchased him in October of 2011 as her son Cameron Rohn's first show horse.

This is Cameron's last year of youth competition, and the Rohn family could not think of a better way to conclude his youth career than to see his beloved horse inducted into the Hall of Fame. The gelding is not only Cameron's first show horse, but he is also his first Appaloosa.

When asked to describe Honkin Hunter, Shannon Rohn kept thinking of the Ralph Waldo Emerson quote, "What lies behind you and what lies in front of you, pales in comparison to what lies inside of you." She believes this quote embodies her son's journey with Tonka under the guidance of his trainer, Mason Lyons. She has used all of the ink in her printer printing out the classes and numerous awards won by Honkin Hunter and said, "the most important attribute of this horse has been his ability to gift us all with hope and life lessons. It is miraculous what a horse of this caliber can teach you about yourself, and there are truly no limits as to what you can accomplish in life and in the show arena with dreams, a great teacher/trainer and the willingness to work diligently."

Honkin Hunter earned the last of the admirable nine silver medallions required for automatic induction into the Appaloosa Horse Club Hall of Fame at the 67th National Championship Appaloosa Show in Senior Hunter Hack. Honkin Hunter has earned silver medallions in Working Hunter, Senior Hunter Under Saddle, Senior Hunter Hack, Working Hunter, Pre-Green Hunter, and Junior Hunter Under Saddle. Additionally, he has earned a bronze medallion, seven Registers of Merit (ROMs), nine Year-End Top Tens, four Superior Event Awards and a Club Champion Award. He has also, as of press time, accumulated 482.0 show points in English events in Youth, Open and Non-Pro divisions.

The Rohn family would like to thank everyone involved in helping Honkin Hunter achieve this prestigious honor, particularly, Char-O-Lot Ranch, Mason Lyon, Rusty Miller, Heath Gunnison, Nancy Sue Ryan, Virginia Williams and his previous owner, Jennifer Carter.



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