

Nancy Sanderson

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California Horse Races were robust throughout 1970s—80s decades and Nancy Sanderson was at the frontline of preserving the history of this horse racing period. Nancy is from Norco, California and had horses growing up. Before entering the race horse industry, Nancy had pleasure horses, however eventually both she and her husband began to own and breed Appaloosa Race Horses. In 1987, they were listed as one of only 22 owners/breeders.

Nancy said she's always been a writer and developed a passion for breeding and pedigrees. It was only fitting that she began writing about the Appaloosa Race industry in California.

During the 70s/80s Nancy visited the farms of Appaloosa breeders and traveled to many of the California Appaloosa racing tracks. During those visits she interviewed breeders, trainers, and owners to gather racing information that she would later use in her publications. Accompanying these publications were pictures she had taken, forming a complete recount of racing history at the time. Her articles totaled at least 41 and were dated from 1976—1987. They can be found in three different magazines including the Appaloosa News, Don Walker's Spotted Horse, and Emma Hollingsworth's The Appaloosa Racing Record.

Hall of Famer, Robert Lapp said, "No other author, including editors and staff writers for those publications, even came close to publishing the sheer number of racing articles and depth of information provided by Sanderson."

Records show that in 1987, Nancy was the Cal-Western's Publicity and Yearbook Editor. Pairing this with her other publications, she now finds herself being coined as a historian of Appaloosa racing and her contributions are considered a cornerstone in the ex-

tensive history of racing during that time.

Even after retiring, Nancy continued writing—she published five children's books about girls and their horses. We are thankful for Nancy's diligence in promoting the Appaloosa breed, preserving the history of California race horses, and her commitment to the equine industry as a whole. We are proud to induct Nancy Sanderson to the ApHC Racing Hall of Fame.

