

WELCOME TO OUR

Monthly Newsletter

we're so glad you're here!

HEY, HOW ARE YOU?

A letter from the editors



Welcome February! In this new month we're looking forward to the Sweetheart Classic, and the Orange Blossom Classic. As a reminder to our regional clubs, your annual reports will be due the 15th!

As you continue on in this newsletter we invite you to check out what the Arkansas Appaloosa Horse Club is up to, get an update on our marketing department, and get a sneak peek at some of our Hall of Fame Honorees!

Have an incredible February and don't forget to find a regional club near you, access the quick links to our sponsors websites, and nominate an ApHC member for the A Hero In Our Midst segment of the Appaloosa Journal!

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Employee Spotlight

THIS IS CYDNEE, SHE WORKS IN THE SHOW DEPARTMENT!

Cydnee has been working for the Appaloosa Horse Club for about 6 months now and has become an invaluable asset! She is currently a senior at the University of Idaho studying Animal Science. At the club Cydnee serves as the Performance Department Assistant. Her role brings a variety of responsibilities including helping with awards, contracts, and invoices. Cydnee says her favorite part of working at the club is the people she gets to work with. We appreciate her kindness, hard work, and her ability to keep us on our toes.



February Shows

Feb 8-11: OQHA Sweetheart
Classic - Eugene, Oregon

Feb 24-25: Orange Blossom Classic
- Bushnell, Florida

Important Reminders

Feb. 15: Regional Club Annual Report
Due

A Hero in Our Midst

Do you know of an ApHC member who is dedicated to the betterment of those around them? We want to feature them in our upcoming journals! [Nominate Them Here!](#)

Our Socials

Are you following us on social media? We are on Instagram and Facebook! On our accounts we post important reminders, photos from recent events, tips from trainers and so much more!



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Regional Club Spotlight

The ApHC is proud to have Regional Clubs showcasing the Appaloosa Horse locally! As a celebration of their success, we want to share what they are up to! This month we are introducing the Arkansas Appaloosa Horse Club.

The Arkansas Appaloosa Horse Club was founded in December of 1961, making it just over 62-years-old! In the 2023 year, the Arkansas Appaloosa Horse Club decided to re-brand their shows.

The club incorporates three shows into what they call the Arkansas Classic Horse shows annually. Open to showing are Appaloosas, Pintos, as well as open horses and ponies. They offer many different classes and disciplines for participants to compete in. To encourage participation, the club offers high-point awards and fun activities at the show. In 2023, activities included a Derby Hat Competition, a Stick Horse Competition, and a costume contest.

This year, the Arkansas Appaloosa Horse Club hopes to continue growing their shows. The Arkansas Classic Horse shows will take place on May 4, August 10, and October 12. Congratulations to the Arkansas Appaloosa Horse Club on celebrating its 62nd anniversary!

Regional Club Near You

Interested in joining a regional club but not sure where to start looking? We're here to help!

Visit the QR Code below and [search for regional clubs](#) by state!



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2024 Save The Dates!

76th National / 2024 World Championship
Youth Show
Oklahoma City Fairgrounds
June 26 - July 3

Chief Joseph Trail Ride
Darby, Montana to Wisdom, Montana
(Big Hole Battlefield)
August 4 - 10

Appaloosa National Championship
Endurance & Competitive Trail Rides
Iron Mountain Jubilee - Cripple Creek, VA
August 23 - 25

Cricket Bars Futurity
Will Rogers Downs - Claremore, OK
September 16 (trials)
September 30 (finals)

World Championship Appaloosa Show
Will Rogers Memorial Center
Fort Worth, TX
October 25 - November 2



Marketing Department Update

Hi Everyone!

Currently, the marketing department is looking to make new corporate partnerships this year and looking forward to continuing our current partnerships. As we strive to create meaningful corporate partnerships, we do still have some opportunities available for individuals to support our events. This year, we have opened up the National Appaloosa Show/Youth World and World Show event sponsorships early to help ensure everyone can sponsor their favorite classes, buckles, saddles, and other awards. Event sponsorships can be purchased [here](#).

By now, you should be receiving the Winter 2024 issue of the Appaloosa Journal. If you have not received your copy by mid-month, please make sure to reach out to the office to get a copy sent to you. We are very excited about the Appaloosa Journal this year and the content that will be in the issues. With new voices, stories, events, and Appaloosas getting out there, we are working hard to make sure there is always something new and exciting in the Appaloosa Journal.

Thank you all for your continued support of the Appaloosa and I can't wait to see you all at the shows and events!

Anber Miller

Marketing Director

HALL OF FAME

Honoree

✦ LM Red Hot Special ✦ 2023

Foaled in March of 2010, LM Red Hot Special has made a name for himself as a successful gelding. LM Red Hot Special was sired by Hollywood Rapper and is out of Bronze Lady Nugget. He was foaled in Mississippi and now calls Iowa home with owners Heather and Lynn Faeth.

LM Red Hot Special has been earning bronze medallions since 2018. That year he earned a bronze medallion in the Figure 8 Stake Race and the Camas Prairie Stump Race. LM Red Hot Special now has 18 bronze medallions in his records from competing in stakes, stump races, as well as keyhole races.

Congratulations LM Red Hot Special on his success and welcome to the ApHC Hall of Fame.



HALL OF FAME

Honorees

✦ Steve Dal Porto ✦

2021

With nearly four decades of showing and breeding success, Steve Dal Porto joins his Hall of Fame stallion Maid's Dream in the Appaloosa Horse Club Hall of Fame. Dal Porto Ranch, located in Brentwood, California, is a name synonymous with high quality Appaloosas. Over the years, Steve and his wife Carol have produced hundreds of World and National Show Champions, most shown by Steve himself.

After attending the University of Colorado, Steve returned back to the family ranch in California. Since then, over 400 National and World Champion horses have been made at Dal Porto Ranch. They have offered youth and adult riding lessons, day camps, and horse training to their clients. Among the countless special awards he has earned over the years, Steve was honored with the prestigious Trainer of the Year award in 1998. In 2005, Steve was recognized for his active support as being one of the leading founders of the Sage Brush show circuit.

Dal Porto Ranch contributed to growing the Appaloosa breed internationally by exporting several horses to Italy, France, and one to Australia. IB A Feature Maid, by Maid's Dream, was exported to Italy and shown at the European World Championships by Steve where she won Grand Champion Mare. Welcome Steve, to the ApHC Hall of Fame!



✦ Nancy Sanderson ✦

2023

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.

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."

Even after retiring, Nancy continued writing—she published five children's books about girls and their horses. We are proud to induct Nancy Sanderson to the ApHC Racing Hall of Fame.



✦ Paint This Kitty ✦

2023

Paint This Kitty was foaled in Oklahoma, and was both bred and owned by Jeff Adams. She had a three-season career from 2012—2014, with lifetime earnings of \$41,545 in 12 starts (3-3-1). She won the 2014 Colors of the Wind Paint & Appaloosa Stake and was third in the 2012 Cricket Bars Futurity.

Beyond her years competing on the track, Paint This Kitty's biggest impact has been in the breeding barn. She has nine registered foals including six starters that have impressive cumulative earnings of \$287,806 to date. Additionally, her foals have won five medallions, one stakes win, four registers of merit, and five regional championships.

Congratulations Paint This Kitty on her induction into the ApHC Hall of Fame!



✦ Deep South ✦

2023

Foaled in 1972, Deep South embarked on a racing and sire career that would be remembered for his record setting and Lifetime Dollars-Earned as a sire. Deep South was sired by Luminary II, an English Thoroughbred registered in the United Kingdom and imported to the United States. He was out of Rose Time, Racing Hall of Fame class 1988. Ocala, Florida's 2007 Racing Hall of Famer Charles Tanner Jr. bred, owned, and raced Deep South. He had 12 starts, seven wins, and four places during his two season career. He earned \$36,258 before being sold to a syndicate headed by Utah's David Nemelka (Racing Hall of Fame, 1991) and Ohio's Ben Mear. He accrued six racing awards, set four Track/World Records, and tied another four Track/World Records. Congrats, Deep South!

