

WELCOME TO OUR

Monthly Newsletter

we're so glad you're here!



A letter from the editors

As we approach the possibility of warmer days, we welcome the start of March. This month, we are happy to see various events play out for our club, starting with shows and races.

As you scroll, you will see an important update from the registration department to check out. As well as the spotlight of one of our regional clubs!

We trust that this newsletter not only welcomes you into the onset of March but also serves as an informative guide, keeping you in the loop about the exciting happenings within our club this month.

All the best,
Hannah Ruth & Gracelyn

DEPARTMENT UPDATE

✦ Registration Department ✦

The registration department is on track for foal registrations for the month of January, nearly even with this time last year.

We currently run at approximately 4-6 weeks processing time on registration work. We have seen a 34% increase in transfer work for the month of January.

Our department is working hard to file all the 2023 stallion breeding reports that came in at the end of last year, we appreciate your patience while we continue to file these reports.

Warm Regards,

Jacqueline Hickman
Registration Specialist



EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

THIS IS AMBER, SHE IS OUR DIRECTOR OF MARKETING!

Amber has been working at the Appaloosa Horse Club for just over a year. At the club, Amber coordinates all sponsorships, puts together the Appaloosa Journal, sells advertisements, does design work, and oversees ApHC marketing efforts. As a director, Amber oversees three employees and an intern in the marketing department. We appreciate her drive to ensure her work is always done to the best of her ability. Outside of work, Amber is a busy mom of two, a professional photographer and in her spare time enjoys reading, camping, and baking.



March Shows

March 16-17: Casino Classic
Appaloosa - Las Vegas, Nevada

March 20-22: Florida Spring Fling
#1 - Jacksonville, Florida

March 20: Florida Spring Fling #2
- Jacksonville, Florida

Stakes Calendar

March 17: Graham (Speed horse)
Derby G1- Remington Park,
Oklahoma City, OK

March 23: Oklahoma Futurity G1-
Remington Park, Oklahoma City, OK

March 23: Oklahoma Juvenile-
Remington Park, Oklahoma City, OK

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!

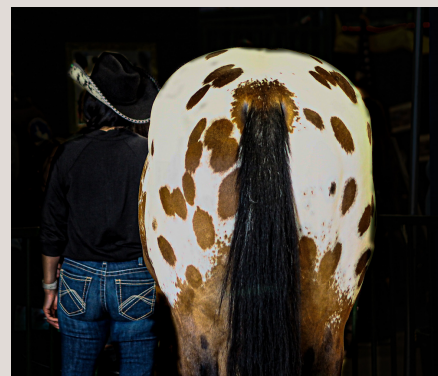


2023 Photo Contest Winners



Owen
Colegrove
13 &
Under
(Right)

Cody
Freeberg
14-18
(Left)



2024 Handbook Changes

We have two changes to our handbook that are already in affect that members should be aware of.

Any horse must be parentage verified, at applicants expense, through DNA analysis by an ApHC-approved laboratory as required by ApHC rules if it is:

- More than 48 months old at the time of registration if foaled after 2009
- Any foal of a dam who is 30 years or more at the time of foaling

Registration Reminders

Heads-up to our lifetime members, as we approach show season, please remember that there's a 30-day rush blackout period leading up to each show. During this time, free rushes will not be available for use.

However, if you do find yourself in need of rush services during these blackout dates, you're more than welcome to proceed, but please note that standard rush fees will apply. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation as we strive to provide the best service possible during this busy period. Thank you for your continued support!

Also don't forget that registration fees are the cheapest before foals reach 6 months of age, so the sooner, the better!

Please refer to this video for a walk through of our registration process.
www.youtube.com/watch?v=ojf1C4HPRXs

If you have any questions or want to learn more about the registration process, you can visit www.appaloosa.com/registration or contact us at 208.882.5578 ext. 300

HALL OF FAME

Honoree

✦ Forever N Stars ✦

2023

Foaled in May of 2004 at the Sheldak Ranch in Sheldon, North Dakota by Hall of Fame Breeders Dave and Kim Utke, Forever N Stars has made a name for herself as a successful broodmare. She has produced nine registered foals to date. Of these nine foals, six have been named Registers of Merit. Forever N Stars is making her way into the Appaloosa Horse Club Hall of Fame in honor of her six bronze medallion-winning foals, all bred by her owners, Jordan Kelly and Jeremy Gardemann.

These foals have produced a total of 11 medallions won starting in 2018. Each of these foals have won medallions for their performance in national and world champion-level halter classes.

Forever N Stars earned her first production plaque in 2020 and went on to earn both her superior and supreme champion production plaques in 2022. Congratulations, Forever N Stars.



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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 Mountain and Plains Appaloosa Horse Club (MPApHC) in Colorado.

The MPApHC was founded in 1954 and their first show was on July 16, 1955. They said in this time they have endured the challenges that come along with regional shows—a testament to the commitment of their members and their Board of Directors.

Throughout the years they have adjusted their offerings to better meet the needs of their members. Currently, the club offers two shows during the year, hosts ranch horse clinics during their September show, partners with other associations to offer more classes to compete in, and hosts an awards banquet. Currently, the MPApHC is working on expanding their offerings for the 2024 year.

The Mountain and Plains Appaloosa Horse Club invites you to come show with them and check out their [website!](#) Thank you MPApHC for your commitment to the Appaloosa Breed and your members.

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

AYA Program Update

The AYA Board of Directors have officially begun their term of service for the youth association. The Board of Directors are planning events catered to the needs of our youth membership, with a focus on personal and professional development; this will include educational events and fun activities where members can connect with one another.

To kick things off in April, our youth Board of Directors are planning a zoom seminar on show preparation. The directors will be reaching out to trainers within the Appaloosa Horse Club to be guest speakers for this seminar.

Moving into the summer, the board is planning fun, engaging activities for youth members during the Youth World Show in Oklahoma City. These activities include a college fair where equestrian programs will have an opportunity to table and speak with youth membership. Mary Meneely will also be hosting her event entitled "So You Want to Ride in College" during this day to share her insight and wisdom in regard to collegiate riding.

We are proud to continue growing this program and offering more events for youth membership. Be on the lookout for future events!

Wondering how you can support the Appaloosa Youth Association moving forward? Reach out to Hannah Ruth Pettyjohn or Rachel Daugherty for more information.

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Letter From the Board of Directors

With the ebbs and flow of life we want to take a moment to recognize and thank two of our former staff members. Keri Leforce and Kristopher Byrd made significant impacts to the Appaloosa Horse Club and their commitment hasn't gone unnoticed.

With 32 years of service, Keri served in a multitude of capacities within the club, stepping down as the Director of Performance and Events to embark on a career at Washington State University. Keri became a cornerstone of the ApHC and where we stand today. We thank her for her time, dedication, and love/grace she showed to both staff and members. Her legacy will not be forgotten.

Kristopher Byrd recently resigned from the position of Executive Director of the Appaloosa Horse Club. Kristopher kept our members at the forefront as he made decisions for the club and would stop at nothing to take care of his staff. We thank him for his wisdom, guidance, and diligence in what he did. We know that the impact he made will carry on for years to come.

As we move forward as an association we want to wish luck to both Keri and Kristopher in their next endeavors.

To our members, we want to assure you that you will continue being at the forefront of our decision making. We are excited to announce coming changes for the National and Youth World Show and are encouraged with the progress already being made in office. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out to any of us on the board and we are happy to respond. Please be patient with us and staff in this time.

Thank you,

Appaloosa Horse Club Board of Directors