

WELCOME TO OUR

# Monthly Newsletter

*we're so glad you're here!*



## A letter from the editors

Happy Spring to our ApHC family! We can confidently say that we are all smiles here in Moscow to finally say goodbye to winter.

As you navigate through this newsletter, you will find updates about registration, show, race, and the Appaloosa Youth Association. We have also included a new sponsor highlight and another regional club highlight! We invite you to find your place in the ApHC in one of these areas.

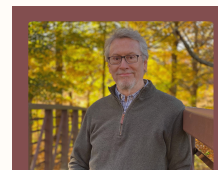
Also take a moment to meet one of our team members, get some save the dates, and learn what shows you can be a part of this month. We wish you all the best this April!

Warm Regards,  
Hannah Ruth & Gracelyn

## PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT

### ✦ Racing Program ✦

The ApHC has a long-established and successful racing program. The racing department recognizes and records race results in which horses are registered with the ApHC. Races will also be recognized in which Appaloosas compete with a horse registered with AQHA, Jockey Club and APHA. Our department offers awards annually. Champion Year-End horses, Medallion earning horses and Regional High-Point Champions. Registers of Merit (ROM) can be earned anytime by obtaining a speed index of 80 or higher at recognized official distances and will be part of the horse's official racing record. The Executive Race Committee works with the department to determine a Grade for Stakes races, updating racing rules. The department works with Equibase, the official supplier of racing information and statistics of handicapping products on Appaloosa racehorses.



**Race Coordinator**  
Lex Smurthwaite

## EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

### THIS IS JACQUELINE, SHE IS A REGISTRATION SPECIALIST

Jacqueline has been working for the ApHC for the last nine years. Her duties include registering foals, answering member questions regarding registrations, transfers, and other duties as assigned. In the office, Jacqueline is known to not only be a dependable coworker, but she's also fun to work with! We appreciate her sense of humor and the way she cares about each of the people she works with. She said, "I have a passion for horses and working within the equine industry has allowed me to see the industry from a wider perspective—gaining a new insight to the breeding aspect of horses." Outside of the club she enjoys riding, training, and showing her own horse in dressage. She also is a busy mom to her toddler!



## April Shows

April 5-7: Western States Desert  
Classic - Scottsdale, Arizona

April 12-14: Garden State Spring  
Fling - Logan Township,  
New Jersey

April 12-14 : Oregon Easter  
Classic- Eugene, Oregon

April 20-22: Get Spotted-  
Cloverdale, Indiana

April 21: Spring Spots- High  
Ridge, Missouri

April 26-28: Freedom Special-  
Cloverdale, Indiana

April 26-28: Gator Classic-  
Newberry, Florida

## 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!



## April AYA Event

We are excited to announce our first Appaloosa Youth Association event of the year! On April 16, 2024 at 5 p.m. we will be hosting a zoom panel discussion that all youth are welcome to join. Trainers Sandy Jirkovsky, Darren Vincent, Katie Sikes, Clint Fullerton, and Mackenzie Fallis will join as guest panelists. These trainers will discuss show preparation with the 2024 show season under way. Scan the QR Code below to join!



## DNA Samples Address Change

Effective now, all DNA Samples sent to our lab must be sent to the following address:

**Bureau Veritas Laboratories**  
3843 Union Rd Box 256  
Cheektowaga, NY 14225

Please note that this is a different address than previously used. This change became effective yesterday, March 31. Please contact the registration department with any questions or concerns.

Email: [registration@appaloosa.com](mailto:registration@appaloosa.com)  
Phone: 208-882-5578 ext. 300

## Registration Celebration

The registration department would like to report that we are at approximately a 2 week turnaround time on transfer work and approximately 3 week turnaround time on registration work. Please keep in mind that this excludes mailing time. Now is a great time to send in your registration work.

## Sponsor Highlight

The Appaloosa Horse Club is proud to announce a new Platinum Sponsor for the 2024 year! Iron Horse Ranch out of Grandbury, Texas is officially a corporate sponsor of the ApHC. Owners Lonnie and Tawni Ledbetter, have played a key role in the ApHC as breeders, and exhibitors. The duo have shown both halter and performance horses at the National and World level. We are elated at the opportunity to expand our partnership with the Ledbetter's.

We extend our warmest regards to the Ledbetter's. Welcome to the ApHC Corporate Sponsor family, Lonnie and Tawni. We are excited to join you in this journey.



## Show Department Update

Stall reservations opened today! Be sure to reserve your stall by May 15 before prices increase! Stall reservations will take the same format as last year. We can't wait to see you there!





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Photo of Regional Club Member Danie Bogner

### 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 Spotted Valley ApHC.

Bruce Berg founded the Spotted Valley ApHC in the 1980's and they held the first big show of the year at the LA Equestrian Center. The club currently works in conjunction with the Calizona, Southern Cal, and the E WA TOM LIH KINH regional clubs to produce shows. The Casino Classic in Las Vegas is the largest show they cosponsor at this time. To encourage youth participation in events, the club offers free youth classes!

Outside of the show ring, the Spotted Valley regional club also hosts trail rides in Southern California.

The club is proud to be a representative of the Appaloosa Horse Club and looks forward to growing their membership.

We wish the Spotted Valley ApHC luck as they embark on the 2024 year.



**Dennis Dean**  
ApHC Board of Director  
&  
Spotted Valley ApHC  
Member

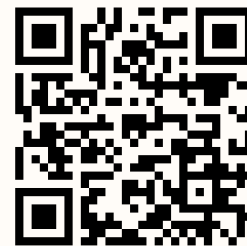
### Regional Club Near You

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!



Interested in learning  
more about the Spotted  
Valley ApHC? Check out  
their website.



### 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