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Letter From the Newsletter Editor



Welcome to May

I hope everyone is enjoying a warm and wonderful May, with plenty of time spent in the saddle and looking ahead to a busy and exciting season.

The Spring issue of the Appaloosa Journal has officially shipped, and this one is especially meaningful as we celebrate the magazine's 80th anniversary.

As always, thank you for being part of the Appaloosa Horse Club.

Best,
Thora



Top News

Early Bird Entries

Entries for the 2026 ApHC National & Youth World Show opened May 1, and exhibitors are encouraged to take advantage of Early Bird savings.

Non-Pro and Youth exhibitors who submit their entries online by **May 20**

at **11:59 PM CDT** qualify for discounted entry fees, the lowest rate available, and are guaranteed a listing in the official show program.

All entries must be completed online or received in full by **May 31 at 11:59 PM CDT**. After this deadline, entries will only be accepted on-site in the show office. Please note that paper entries and on-site payments made by credit card will incur a 4% processing fee.

To ensure a smooth entry process, exhibitors should prepare digital copies of membership cards, registration papers, and Coggins in advance, and verify eligibility requirements for horses and exhibitors. All names must match official records exactly, and exhibitors are responsible for confirming eligibility prior to submission.



[Show Entry Form](#)



SHOW DEADLINES

ONLINE EARLY BIRD ENTRIES: MAY 1–MAY 20

ONLINE PRE-ENTRIES, NON-EARLY BIRD: MAY 21–MAY 31 BY 11:59 PM CDT

MAIL-IN ENTRIES: DUE IN OFFICE BY END OF BUSINESS DAY, 5:00 PM CDT, ON JUNE 1

RV RESERVATIONS: MAY 1–JUNE 14

SHAVINGS PRE-ORDER: MAY 1–JUNE 23 BY 6:00 PM CDT

STALL RESERVATIONS: APRIL 25–MAY 31

STALL-LATE RESERVATION: JUNE 1–JUNE 14; ALL STALLS AN ADDITIONAL \$50



[AYA Events](#)

The AYA is gearing up for the Youth World Show!



[Chief Joseph Trail Ride](#)

The 2026 Chief Joseph Trail Ride will take place July 19–25, traveling

We are excited to bring back some of our traditional events and to introduce new activities as well. From Adults vs. Youth Dodgeball to Redneck Showmanship, Find the Pony, and a Drawing Contest, we are excited to head to Waco, gather together, and enjoy these activities and more.

Also, don't forget our annual Photo and Art Contest has begun! Show off your artistic skills for a chance to win some cash prizes. The contest runs until August 31st, so grab your camera or your pencils and get creative!

We are also honored to offer the AYA Member Memorial Scholarship again this year. Initiated in 2025, this \$500 scholarship is for graduating high school seniors planning to attend college, trade school, or enter an apprenticeship program. This scholarship honors all AYA members who have passed away at a young age.

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from Bannock Pass to Edie, Idaho.

This unforgettable journey offers riders the chance to experience breathtaking scenery, rich history, and the camaraderie of the Appaloosa community.

Applications are now open, with a May 15 deadline to avoid late fees and secure your official ride t-shirt.

A completed application and a minimum \$150 deposit (including a \$75 non-refundable portion) are required to reserve your spot.

Please note that all participants must hold a current ApHC membership.

Riders are responsible for submitting all required paperwork by the deadline, including release forms, medical forms, and proper horse documentation.

Don't miss your chance to be part of this incredible ride!

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Special HARDSHIP Registration

BEING OFFERED MAY 1ST - JULY 31ST, 2026



In Memory of Endo the Blind

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The Appaloosa Horse Club is proud to honor the remarkable life of Endo the Blind, an Appaloosa gelding who inspired countless people by thriving after losing both eyes.

Endo defied expectations and earned three placements in Guinness World Records for blind horses, including achievements in speed, jumping, and riding maneuvers.

Following his passing in March 2026 at the age of 26, ApHC is continuing Endo's legacy by promoting equine resilience and accessibility within the breed. **From May 1 through July 31, 2026, ApHC is offering a special \$80 hardship registration fee for eligible Appaloosas.**

Hardship registration is available for geldings and spayed mares that may not meet traditional pedigree requirements but display Appaloosa characteristics. This initiative provides an affordable pathway for more owners to register, document, and celebrate their horses, helping preserve the integrity and future of the breed.

Special Hardship Registration Information

Appaloosa
Journal



Summer Journal Ad Deadline

Now's your chance to be featured in the Summer 2026 issue of the Appaloosa Journal, shipping just in time for the National Show!

Advertising reservations and artwork are due by May 15, 2026.

Premium opportunities are still available, including the coveted back cover placement, perfect for showcasing your horse, stallion, or brand.

Celebrate the moments that matter! Submit a "good luck" ad for competitors, or recognize your graduating seniors in a special tribute section highlighting Appaloosa Youth achievements.

Whether you're promoting horses for sale, products, or congratulating exhibitors, this issue offers the perfect platform.

Sponsorship Opportunities

Have a class, championship buckle, or even an entire day you'd like to sponsor at the 2026 National & Youth World Show?

This is your opportunity to make a meaningful impact while supporting the Appaloosa community. Sponsorships not only help elevate the show experience for exhibitors and spectators, but they also offer valuable visibility for your farm, business, or brand.

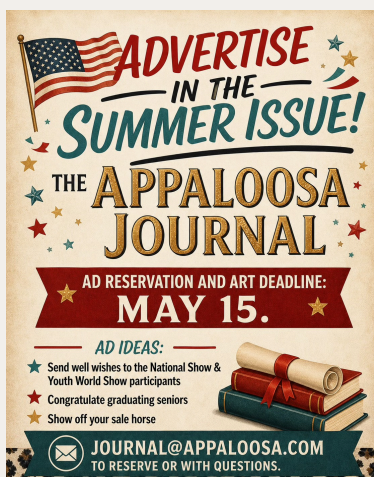
To make the process simple, all sponsors and donors can use ApHC's convenient online portal to browse available opportunities, select the classes or awards that align with their interests, and complete their sponsorship with ease.

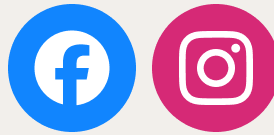
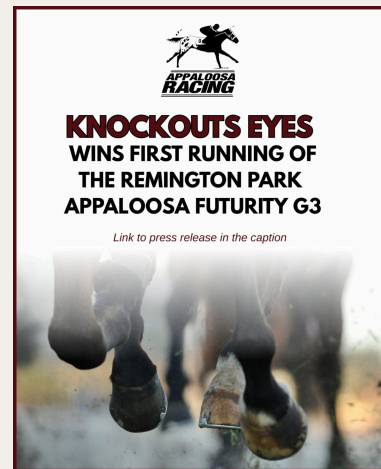
Be part of what makes this event unforgettable. Your support truly makes a difference.

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This Month's Shows

- May 8-10:** MAPHHA SPRING SHOW - *East Lansing, MI*
- May 8-10:** MPAPHC COLORADO SPRING CLASSIC - *Longmont, CO*
- May 9:** BROKEN ARROW APPALOOSA SHOW 1 - *St. Clair, MO*
- May 14-17:** FRANCE PRESTIGE SHOW - *Brazey-En-Plain, France*
- May 15-17:** BETTER TOGETHER HORSE SHOW - *Mill Spring, NC*
- May 15-17:** DAL-WORTH SPRING SPECTACULAR - *Ardmore, OK*
- May 16:** NO SPOTS NEEDED - *Peoria, IL*
- May 22-24:** KEYSTONE CLASSIC - *Logan Township, NJ*
- May 22:** MOMENTUM APPALOOSA CLASSIC - *Cannon Falls, MN*
- May 23-24:** IOWA APP ASSN SPRING FLING - *Iowa Falls, IA*
- May 23:** SPRING FOR FUN APHC OPEN SHOW - *Spokane, WA*
- May 29-31:** ALL BREED RANCH CHALLENGE - *Billings, MT*
- May 29-31:** 2026 GEAR - *Logan Township, NJ*
- May 29-31:** MIDWEST SPOTTED OPPORTUNITY - *Gifford, IL*
- May 29-31:** MISSOURI RIVER CLASSIC APHC - *Bismarck, ND*
- May 29-31:** THE SPOTTED SPRING SPECTACULAR - *Eugene, OR*
- May 30-31:** SPOTS OF SPRING - *Olds, Alberta, Canada*
- May 30-31:** SUNSHINE N WINE ALL BREED 2 - *Clements, CA*

2026 Save the Dates

- July 1-10:** 2026 National & Youth World Show
 - July 19-25:** 2026 Chief Joseph Trail Ride
 - Aug. 29-31:** 2026 ANCER & ANCCTER
 - Oct. 30- Nov. 7:** 2026 Appaloosa World Show
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