

Center of the Nation ApHC

August 2012 Newsletter

Heat wave??? What heat wave?? Just kidding. I hope everyone was able to ride and survive this heat wave we had. You have to take care of not only yourself but your four legged friends as well. I hope not too many people and horses wilted in July. Summer is passing very quickly.

July brought many events from the national appaloosa show in Tulsa to the Canadian National Appaloosa show in Brandon, MB, Canada as well as various shows and clinics scattered throughout the region including the Center of the Nation ApHC Special Events show and the Sioux Empire ApHC show. Many of our members participated in these events and more. Please see the various articles and photos included in this newsletter

I know my summer has gone very quickly and has had events both good and bad occur. For the first time in 11 years, I will not be getting a classroom ready as I have resigned from teaching. My students will always have a piece of my heart but new adventures are calling me. Hope to see you on this new adventure!

ATTENTION 4-H MEMBERS!

The Center of the Nation Appaloosa Horse Club would like to say “thank you” to all the 4-H members who exhibit an ApHC registered Appaloosa horse by giving them an opportunity to win a \$50 US Savings Bond!

To be eligible for the drawing the youth

- Must be a member of a 4-H Club
- Exhibit an ApHC registered horse at either a County 4-H Qualifying Horse Show, a 4-H Qualifying Rodeo, 4-H State Horse Show or the 4-H Finals Rodeo
- Complete and submit an application form to the Center of the Nation Appaloosa Horse Club by 11/1/12

For each event or class that the 4-H members compete in using their Appaloosa horse, their name will be entered into the drawing. Two \$50 US Savings Bonds will be awarded.

Contact Lori Richards for more information or to get an application form:
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65th National ApHC Show

The National Appaloosa Horse Club held it's 65th National Show and Youth World Show July 9-21st, in Tulsa, OK. The Center of the Nation Appaloosa Horse Club always has members and horses that do exceptionally well during this show and this year was no different. Danny Bennett came back from a complete knee replacement to ride during Nationals. Danny Bennett won National Champion Non-Pro Working Cow Horse award, Reserve National Champion Non-Pro Judged Heeling award, 3rd place award in Non-Pro Timed Heading and Heeling and 3rd place in the Non-Pro Breakaway Calf Roping! Carly Wettlaufer also made the trek again placing 7th in Non-Pro Heading & Heeling, 4th in Non-Pro Judged Heading, 4th in Non-Pro Timed Calf Roping, and 4th in Non-Pro Working Cow riding Icons Tequila Mama. Lee Bennett rode Hollywood Darlene and was 3rd in Senior Working Cow, 4th in Open Steer Daubing, 4th in Senior Judged Heeling, 6th in Senior Judged Calf Roping, and 8th in Senior Judged Heading. Lee also rode Back to Black to a Reserve National Championship In Senior Judged Heading.

Carly Wetluffer warming up Icon's Tequila Mama.



2012 National ApHCC Show

The 54th Canadian national Appaloosa show was held July 30-August 4th in Brandon, MB, Canada. Some of our members made the trek north of the border and had a fantastic show and reunited with great friends as the 2011 show was cancelled. Lots of laughs as well as a great time was had by all. Terri McCarty rode Sully's Black Jewel to a Canadian national championship in ladies native dress, a title Terri has been chasing for 3 years. She also participated in Amateur Barrel Racing and Amateur Steer Daubing grabbing second in both of those classes. The whole Dutenhoffer family went as well. Rayven participated in her second Appaloosa show and first major show. She received third in both Lead-Line Equitation and Lead-Line Western Pleasure riding All About Pretty (or Big Guy). Colin rode All About Pretty in Senior Working Cow, Non-Pro Working Cow, Amateur Reining, and Senior Reining. He received two 2nds, a 3rd, and a 5th. Denise participated in everything from games to pleasure to cattle events. She took Amateur steer daubing title as well as the amateur poles title. She was runner up to Terri in Ladies Heritage. Plans are already being made for next year's trek north!

Left: All the awards won by Terri McCarty & the Dutenhoffers.



Right: Denise congratulating Terri on winning the title



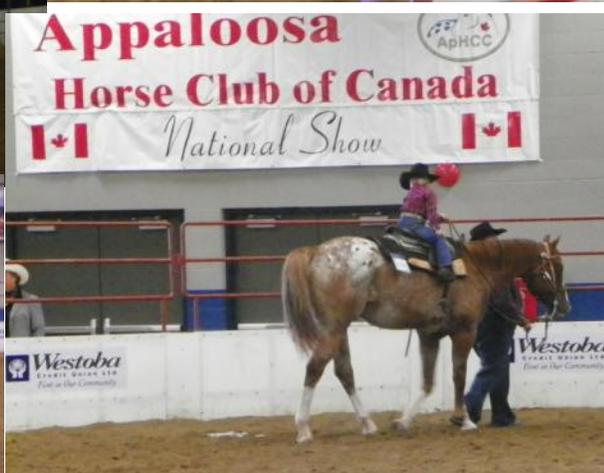
Lower Left: Terri coming out of the chute for Steer Daubing.

Lower Right: Colin getting ready for the cow.



Bottom Left: Judges talking to Rayven during Lead-Line class.

Bottom Right: Rayven riding during Lead-Line Equitation





Director's Corner

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What's Your Dream?

There is a pretty good chance that you have an ideal set in your mind as to what constitutes the perfect horse. While the conformation part of the equation is the same the variables of color, size, and pedigree will vary with each person you ask. The wide array of types of horses that encompass our Appaloosa breed was really driven home while I was on the Chief Joseph ride. Looking at the horses going down the trail each day, or standing side by side on the picket line at night, you would see a rainbow of everything from leopards, solids, blanket patterns, roans, and everything in between. There were big horses, little horses, English type, western type, foundation bred, modern bred and a few that were hardshipped registered, all side by side, doing their job. Horses on this ride came from various backgrounds; show horses, ranch horses, trail horses were all represented, which highlighted the dependability, durability and versatility of the Appaloosa horse on this weeklong adventure of daily riding between 16-20 miles of trail through deadfall, streams, over bridges, around mud pots, buffalo and even a bear and moose sighting....

You are probably wondering where I am going with this train of thought. After all, as Appaloosa owners we are all aware of the various colors and types that encompass our breed. Where I am heading is a challenge to you to CELEBRATE OUR DIVERSITY! It seems that all too often the "groups" wave their own flag and ignore the fact that even though a horse may not meet their own image of the perfect Appaloosa type, if it has ApHC registration papers, it is still an Appaloosa! Talk about a marketing opportunity!! As far as I know we are the only breed that allows you your own "designer" horse! Want lots of spots? We got it! No spots? Got that covered too!!! Prefer ½ Arab with spots? No problem! No outcross in pedigree? Fine! Do you see my point? Our differences should be our strengths, not our weakness.....We all have our "dream" horse envisioned, and it is not the same for each person. Let's be respectful of the dreams of others, and promote the whole, not just our own.

Sincerely,

Lori Richards

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Steer Daubing Clinic

After a rain out for our first date, the steer daubing clinic was held July 21st at the Henrichs' Arena in Ramona, SD. Even though there were heat index warnings of 105 the clinic was held in beautiful weather with temperatures in the upper 80's with shots of sprinkles off and on. After an explanation of what steer daubing is as well as going over the rules, Danny Bennett shared his knowledge with the novices and got everyone following "the steer" or roping dummy pulled by a 4-wheeler. Danny emphasized the proper technique as well as where to put your daub. After a great morning workout, a fantastic potluck lunch was served. Finally, the cattle arrived in the chutes. Then the fun really began. Riders began to see a totally different side of their Appaloosas. At the end of the clinic, a special daubing stick was presented to Lori Richards and her grandson Dustin Richards for being the most improved. Of course, a huge thank you to LD and Jerry Henrichs for the use of their arena and muscle as well as Carly Wetlaufer for the cattle. Many riders are now eagerly anticipating the chance to show off their skills in the arena.



Left: Lori & Dustin with their special award

Middle left: Members listening to Danny

Bottom Left: Practice time!

Below: Danny reading the rules for everyone.

Bottom Left: Dustin coming out after a cow



CON ApHC Special Event 2012

Well, it looks like the Special Event was a success!!! The weather was nice which made for great riding. The event had 17 horses competing with exhibitors from Nebraska, South Dakota, and Minnesota; and I think everyone had a good time! There were lots of smiles and laughs as the day wore on. It was nice to see people having fun while working their horses during their events. It is nice when the announcers get into the day as well by ribbing the riders causing even more laughs. The Cackling Hens (us 4 know who we are) truly appreciated the laughter but we are still waiting for those time deductions we earned! :) The kiddie corral was even a hit with the youngsters. A big thanks to our sponsors for this year's show: T&R Electric and Doblars Arena. Everyone got a Doblars Dollar to use towards either paying back their entry fees or using them at the concession stand. Three lucky riders also were able to receive either \$10, \$15 or \$25 off their bill thanks to T&R Electric. Let's hope plans will be made for another Special Event next year so we can see you there!

Top: The judges shared the sandbox with the kids.

Top: Karen Brakke doing a slide

Bottom: Lee and Kelly waiting for events

Bottom: Janelle Stelk showing in reining.



Sioux Empire Fair Show

After a great Special Events show held on Thursday, many of the participants made the trek over to the Sioux Empire Fairgrounds for the Appaloosa Show held on Friday. With nice weather to start the day, the cattle event classes went very smoothly in the outside arena. Everything was then shifted to the south arena inside the Expo Building. It was great to see everyone who showed especially those who we haven't seen show in a while or showing for the 1st time. Congrats to Hadley Fallang and Hallee Williams on their first ApHC show along with Bree Wetlaufer who is turning into quite the accomplished rider! It is nice to see show many youngsters in the Lead-Line class. See you next year!

Our leadliners: Bree (#744), Hadlee (#774) and Hallee.

Below: Keeping comfy while watching the cattle events



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for more information.

Membership

To join the Center of the Nation Appaloosa Horse Club, send the following information and payment to the treasurer (Dorine Bennett, 23496 454th Avenue, Madison, SD 57042).

Dues are \$10 for Associate Membership, \$20 for Single Club Membership, or \$30 for Family Club Membership. Associate Memberships may earn club points, but are not eligible for year-end awards. All memberships will include newsletters, email announcements, free posting to CON ApHC website for foal announcements, homepage links and classified ads. Single Club Memberships will have one voting privilege and Family Club Membership will have one voting privilege per adult.

List the name and ApHC Number (#) for each member of the family joining. Include birthdate for youth members and indicate if adults are Non-Pro ApHC members. Include birthdate for NonPro members (needed for limited/masters classes.)

(Youth are included in family membership if 18 or under as of 01-01-12)

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