



ONTARIO APPALOOSA HORSE ASSOCIATION

You can learn a lot from an Appaloosa!



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President's Message



By Vance Blackmore

As we prepare for our AGM and year-end awards banquet, I'd like to look at 2012 and thank the handful of members who were able to attend our special membership meeting in London in March, and to all who have contributed to the rebuilding process of our organization.

As 2012 rushed past us, I quickly found out how much time your directors have to give of themselves to keep our club running. To Erin, who took on newsletters, website and social media responsibilities and dealing with the list of requests from the ApHC and preparing for our MAC show, no one knows how much time this involves unless you have done it in the past. Jennifer Lavalley stepped up to the plate to look after our point system and prepare the World Show qualifying report for the ApHC and our own year-end awards.

Sherry Clark has had the "joy" of dealing with the many requests of our bank, only to be told to do it again – all the while keeping a smile on her face and positive attitude to boot. Phil Verzin was always ready to help me with his vast knowledge of our club's history, on how and why we have to do it that way, and with the logistics of setting up our year-end banquet. A big "thank you" to each of our Directors – your time and commitment to making 2012 a success has not gone unnoticed.

When our second show of the year, the Goldrush Classic, needed a show manager, Amy Johnson generously stood up to take on the job. She found a few friends to help put on a great show. A special thanks to Heather Wood-Gill, who, with her ankle in a cast, came out to offer her skills in the announcer's booth. And finally, a big "thanks" to Amy's mom, Carrie, who found out how hectic it is being the show secretary.

The OAHA shows were nicely bookended by the Kawartha Region Appaloosa Horse Club show and the North American Appaloosa Championships. Thanks to these two groups for all your hard work in putting on great shows.

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In 2012, we welcomed a handful of new members, as well as some who had been away for awhile. We hope you enjoyed your experiences showing your Appaloosas in Ontario in 2012 and hope to see you back again next year.

Throughout the year, several of our members travelled to New York and Michigan to play in a few different sandboxes, and in doing so showed our neighbours to the south the calibre of horses we have here in Ontario. Julia McCormick travelled to the ApHC Youth World and National show, returning home with some well-deserved Top 10 placings. We also welcomed back Danny Desmond to our Ontario Appaloosa family, and then cheered him on as he travelled to Texas to win his class at the Reichert Celebration. Erin Blackmore tried a little different venue and attended the All-American Buckskin Congress, proudly waving our Canadian flag and picking up two Top 3 placings.

Having not shown in a riding class for 30 years, this year I decided to put on my chaps (I think they shrunk since the early 80's when I last wore them) and tried my luck in the Walk-Jog classes at the Kawartha and NAAC shows. With these two shows under my belt, I saddled up again at the Buckskin Congress and came home with a Reserve Championship in Trail. What a thrill it was showing again, and I would strongly recommend our shows in 2013 offer these classes. For those who have never shown in a riding class or, if like me, it's been a long, long while since you last did, I encourage you to saddle up in 2013 and give it a try! If I can do it, you can too!

Looking ahead to the future of our club, I ask everyone to focus on living in the present and preparing for the future. I look forward to seeing you all at our upcoming AGM and awards banquet.

Happy Trails!

Vance

2012 Board of Directors

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<p>Director — Irene Kidd 14096 Largie Rd, Dutton, ON (519) 762-5656 liambowman@gmail.com</p>	<p>If you are interested in serving your club as a Director in 2013, please note that the election of officers will take place at the November 24th Annual General Meeting.</p>

It's Banquet Time!

**Make plans to attend the 2012 OAHA
Awards Banquet and AGM**

November 24, 2012

at the

**Comfort Inn & Suites in Barrie. 210 Essa Rd, Barrie
(off Hwy 400, just east of the Essa Rd exit).**

**To reserve a room at the preferred rate of \$79.99,
please call: (705) 721-1122**

**The Annual General Meeting will take place at the same location at
3:30 p.m., with the banquet and dinner beginning at 6:30 p.m.**

Tickets will be \$40 for adults and \$35 for youth.

**We also ask that each member bring an item for our silent auction if
possible.**

**Please contact Phil & Linda Verzin at
(705) 431-8214 or verzin@sympatico.ca**

by November 15 to reserve your ticket!

We hope to see you there!

The OAHA Needs YOU!

The OAHA will need a minimum of five members to step forward to fill vacancies on the Board of Directors for 2013. If you have ever considered getting involved with your regional club, this is your chance! Nominations will be accepted up to and during the 2012 AGM on November 24th. Please contact a current member of the Board if you have questions or would like to nominate a member to sit on the Board. Directors will serve a two-year term.

OAHA HALL OF FAME

2011 marked the 35th anniversary of the Ontario Appaloosa Horse Association, and to honour the people and horses who have impacted our organization and the Appaloosa breed in Ontario, a virtual OAHA Hall of Fame is being set up online at ontarioappaloosa.org

The OAHA Board of Directors is seeking nominations from both past and present members who wish to present a horse, individual or couple/family to be inducted into the Hall of Fame at the 2012 year end awards banquet. If you would like to nominate a horse, person, couple or family, please send a nomination letter to Vance, detailing the merits of the horse/person/people and a photograph if available.

Year-End Points

Please note that year-end points have now been posted on the OAHA website and can be viewed by visiting:

[http://www.ontarioappaloosa.org/
showresults.htm](http://www.ontarioappaloosa.org/showresults.htm)

2012 OAHA Membership Application

Name: _____

Address: _____ **Send Newsletter via :**

City: _____ Province: _____ Postal Code: _____ **Mail:**

Phone #: _____ Fax #: _____ **Email:**

Email: _____

New Membership or Renewing Membership

Membership Type & Fees

Individual: \$20 (an individual 19 years & over as of January 1 of each year or married or divorced individuals in-eligible for a Youth membership)

Youth: \$10 (individual 18 years & under as of January 1 of each year. Married or divorced individuals are in-eligible for a Youth membership)

Couples: \$30 (Husband & Wife or Common-law spouses living in the same household)

Family: \$45 (2 voting adult memberships (either a husband & wife or common-law spouses) and any number of children 18 & under, non-voting memberships, of which the adults are legal guardians of, living in the same household, full or part-time.

Amount Due

Individual: _____ \$ _____

Check if Non-Pro: _____ Novice Non-Pro: _____

ApHC Membership #: _____

ApHCC Membership #: _____

Family: (please list all included in membership below) \$ _____

Youth: _____ \$ _____

Date of Birth: _____ Novice Youth: _____

ApHC Membership #: _____

ApHCC Membership #: _____

Donation to the OAHA in support of your club (optional) \$ _____

Total Submitted \$ _____

Please make cheques payable to the Ontario Appaloosa Horse Association

Family & Couple Membership Information:

Name: _____

ApHC Mem #: _____ ApHCC Mem #: _____

Membership Type: Open _____ Non-Pro _____ Youth _____

Date of Birth: _____ Novice: Yes / No

Name: _____

ApHC Mem #: _____ ApHCC Mem #: _____

Membership Type: Open _____ Non-Pro _____ Youth _____

Date of Birth: _____ Novice: Yes / No

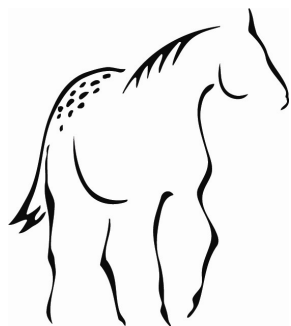
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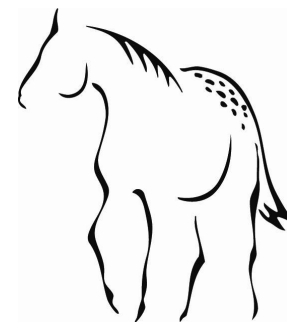
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Date of Birth: _____ Novice: Yes / No

Send all Membership Applications to Erin Blackmore: 1850 Coltsfoot Drive, RR #2, Newbury ON N0L 1Z0



Ontario Appaloosa Horse Association 2012 Sponsorship Program



As a sponsor, you are helping us to keep promoting and advancing the Appaloosa horse in Ontario. Your sponsorship provides our Youth, Non-Pro/Amateur and Open competitors with year-end awards and funding for special club activities. With your help, our members can grow and enjoy all activities with their Appaloosa throughout the year.

Bronze - \$30.00 Donation

Business Directory Listing (text only) on our Sponsor webpage including your website link, one business card or logo advertisement in the Sponsor Directory of our newsletter and your logo displayed at all events.

Silver - \$50.00 Donation

Same as Bronze Sponsorship, plus a scanned business card or logo graphic (jpg preferred) on our Sponsor webpage.

Gold - \$100.00 Donation or more

Same as Silver Sponsorship, plus recognition at our shows with a sponsorship announcements during our shows, your choice of class sponsorship, as well as your business card ad in the Year-End Banquet program.

Platinum - \$200.00 Donation or more

Same as Gold Sponsorship, plus the opportunity for one ringside banner display at our shows or a display table during the 2011 show season, and the opportunity to distribute samples, flyers or brochures to participants and spectators (permission required by hosting facility).

Diamond - \$500.00 Donation or more

Same as Platinum Sponsorship, plus we will offer to display your logo or banner advertising on the landing page of the OAHA website and ringside banner displays at premium locations at all our shows.

Donations to the club may be monetary, gift certificates, services, products or product samples. Payment can be made to the ONTARIO APPALOOSA HORSE ASSOCIATION and can be sent by mail to Erin Blackmore, 1850 Coltsfoot Drive, RR #2 Newbury, ON N0L 1Z0