

Nebraska Appaloosa Club

**NEWSLETTER
APRIL, 2006**

June 2006 Classic Equine

June 1-2-3-4

Special Challenged Riders class Friday at 7pm

July 2006 Classic Equine

July 21-22-23

Classic Equine Tuff-n-Nuff to Wear Pink

October 13-14-15

*Be sure to wear pink to help promote
Breast Cancer Awareness.*

See You There !!

Lots of Changes.

Lots of Prizes.

You won't want to miss it.

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The Youth of the Nebraska Appaloosa Club would like to thank all the people who donated items or purchased items at the Spring Meeting auction. The Money from the auction goes to buying spurs for the "Earn Your Spurs" program." In the past, **Staci Cole, Lauren Stewart, Dana Totten, Lydia Placzek and Colt Andrews** have earned their spurs. Several kids are really close to earning their spurs and should complete the requirements this year.

Darron Locke and Elizabeth Kronfield have been busy obtaining sponsorships and prizes for the NAC shows. Thank you, Darron and Elizabeth, for your tireless support of the club.

Contact Laurie Andrews for stall reservations. The stalls are already starting to fill up, so get your name in soon! 402.694.2248 or andrews4@hamilton.net

Be on the look out this summer for the little curly-haired girl. She'll be the girl without a momma because her momma is preparing to serve our country in Iraq. And what does a little curly haired girl do when her momma is heading to Iraq? She heads to her grandpa, grandma and uncle's house where she gets to love, and ride, several appaloosas.

Mackensie Layne Fisher is the niece of Colt Andrews and the granddaughter of Gary and Laurie. Her momma is Nicole Andrews Fisher, who used to show *Abdually Yours* at the app shows several years ago.

When this adventure began, Grandpa Gary wasn't sure he was ready for an almost two-year old in the house and Grandma Laurie couldn't understand the hesitation. By the time Mackensie came to stay, Grandpa Gary couldn't wait for her to move in, and Grandma Laurie was beginning to wonder if they were ready for the invasion. Now that Mackensie is here, both Grandpa and Grandma know that there is a reason why people have babies when they are young.....It is exhausting!!!

Mackensie thinks it is great fun to ride the appaloosas in the pasture. She rides River, Sunday and Tucker and never worries about falling off. Her other favorite things to do include: totally undressing during the night and then yelling for grandpa to come help her get dressed because she is cold, chasing the doggies, and playing with dress-up clothes. (Oh my, she is definitely her mother's daughter.)

Mac Attack has developed a special attachment to Uncle Colt and can't seem to understand why Uncle Colt isn't thrilled to play dolls with her. Teaching her how to ride horses and shoot guns is more to Uncle Colt's liking. She thinks Uncle Colt should wear a matching outfit when he takes her in leadline but hasn't convinced Uncle Colt of that...yet.

So if you see the little curly haired girl, give her a hug and tell her thanks for being without a momma for a while. Remember, **Freedom isn't Free** and this little girl is paying a price for our freedoms.



Every year the Nebraska Horse Council looks at the equine industry throughout the state of Nebraska to find individuals that promote

*and support horse activities. This year, Congratulations go to **Jim Jirkovsky**, the Nebraska Horse Council 2006 Equine Honoree. Jim was presented the award at the Nebraska Horse Expo held at the Lancaster Event Center in March.*

Minutes of the 2006 Nebraska Appaloosa Club Board of Directors Meetings

February 11, 2006

The meeting of the Nebraska Appaloosa Club Board of Directors was called to order by President Jim Jirkovsky at 5:00 P.M. on February 11, 2006 at the YMCA in Kearney, Nebraska. Members present: President Jim Jirkovsky, Vice-President Darron Locke, Treasurer Amy Placzek, Secretary Laurie Andrews, Elizabeth Kronfield, Steve Schafer, Jeff Schimmer, and Annette Renken. Members absent: Dana Vettel and Amye Lilienthal.

Motion by Steve Schafer, second by Darron Locke, **to approve the minutes of the December 18, 2005 meeting.** All in favor, motion carried. Amy Placzek presented the Treasurer's Report. **Motion by Steve**, second by Elizabeth, **to approve the report.** All in favor, motion carried.

Jim reports that the deadline for the Directory ads has been extended to February 15 to enable participation by the sponsors in the directory. At this time, there has been \$8150 acquired in money and products.

Jeff Schimmer states that he visited with Fonner Park regarding obtaining contracts at an earlier date but Fonner Park will not determine rates until their May meeting so contracts will not be sent until after that meeting. Jeff will talk with Fonner Park about providing more dumpsters for trash and will also discuss the difficulties with the PA system. Jim would like to have more recognition provided about the exhibitors while they are in the arena.

Laurie Andrews will email the showbills to Valerie Townley for publication in the Appaloosa Horse of the Upper Midwest. Jim will have a half-page ad placed in the Appaloosa Journal.

Darron tells of \$2000 worth of hi-point prizes to be donated by Classic Equine. They would like the prizes to be provided at the June and October show. The shows will be re-named in appreciation of this donation: June 2006 Classic Equine, July 2006 Classic Equine, Classic Equine Tuff Enough to Wear Pink.

Bobby Main, AAA President, has requested NAC and CON to participate in a circuit award including Sioux Falls, Grand Island and Des Moines shows. After much discussion, the Board chooses to re-evaluate the benefits of such an award next year.

Denise Wiese resigned due to personal reasons. Jim will ask at the general membership meeting if the club would like to have a new Board member voted or appointed.

Amy Placzek states that she is not intending to be treasurer again at the completion of this year, and the club may want to consider purchasing Quicken Books for approximately \$160. This would be beneficial to any future treasurer.

Jim would like to develop some type of lifetime recognition to individuals that have been instrumental to the Nebraska Appaloosa Horse Club.

Motion by Darron Locke, second by Amy Placzek, **to adjourn.** All in favor, meeting adjourned.

A BBQ supper was eaten and the General membership meeting was called to order at 7:20 P.M. Amy presents the Treasurer's Report.

Jim reports that the Board has chosen to keep the July show for 2006 in order to keep the dates at Fonner Park. This will provide an opportunity to determine the success of the October show. There will be three shows in 2006. Jim also informs the club about the extension in directory ad deadline until February 15. Show bills are available for review and there is a slight fee increase and a few changes in the show bill.

Darron presents information on the sponsorships and that the name of the shows has been changes in appreciation of the sponsorship. Dave Voss is trying to get pink number and pink saddle pads for the October show.

Denny Placzek requests the purchase of the Quicken software program which would assist the Treasurer in maintaining the financial records at a cost of about \$160. **Motion by Floyd Holt**, second by Darron Locke, **to purchase Quicken.** All in favor, motion carried.

Martha Tacha inquires if NAC is intending to make a donation to breast cancer at the October show. The Board had discussed this possibility and would like to make a donation but wants to wait until the show to determine if the club can make a donation. Tami Radney suggests holding a silent auction at the October show with proceeds going to Breast Cancer Awareness.

Motion by Tami Radney, second by Denny Placzek, **to allow Jim Jirkovsky to appoint a board member to fill the vacancy for a one year term and then elect a member for a two year term at the fall banquet.** All in favor, motion carried.

The Urbains will do the office for all three shows and have informed Jim if the October show is not successful, they will not charge their fee.

Martha suggests paying people to work at the shows to help relieve the club members of duties. Darron suggests using the GI visitors Bureau for volunteers instead. Denny voices concern that if we hire people, others may not volunteer.

Amye Lilienthal suffered a leg injury and the club sent a card to her.

On a National level, Jim reports that the National show will be moving to Jackson, MS in 2008. There is also discussion about bringing back the solid colored apps which would be retroactive.

An auction was held with Neal and Matt serving as auctioneers. \$397.50 was raised for the youth.

Respectfully Submitted,

Laurie Andrews
Secretary
Nebraska Appaloosa Club

DRAFT MINUTES....SUBJECT TO BOARD APPROVAL

March 15, 2006

The meeting of the Nebraska Appaloosa Club Board of Directors was called to order by President Jim Jirkovsky at 7:16 P.M. on March 15, 2006 at the home of Dana Vettel in Phillips, Nebraska. Members present: President Jim Jirkovsky, Vice-President Darron Locke, Treasurer Amy Placzek, Secretary Laurie Andrews, Elizabeth Kronfield, Steve Schafer, Jeff Schimmer, Amye Lilienthal and Dana Vettel. Members absent: Tami Radney and Annette Renken. Also present, Alice Stewart.

Motion by Jeff Schimmer, second by Steve Schafer, **to approve the minutes of the February 11, 2006 meeting.** All in favor, motion carried. Amy Placzek presented the Treasurer's Report. Darron questions how to track *cash* vs. *product* sponsorship donations. Amy Placzek states she will keep track of the donations.

A lengthy discussion takes place regarding vendor booth space at the horse shows. The indoor booth space shall be reserved for current sponsors. **Motion by Elizabeth Kronfield**, second by Steve Schafer, **to charge all vendors \$100/year for outside booth space.** All in favor, motion carried.

Darron presents a list of the prizes and sponsorships that have been obtained. Some sponsors have specific classes where they would like their prize presented. **Motion by Jeff Schimmer**, second by Steve Schafer, **to allow Darron, Elizabeth and Jim to make the decisions about presentation of sponsorship prizes.** All in favor, motion carried. At this time, \$10,550 in sponsorships have been obtained.

Dana Vettel states she will organize thank-you notes for winners to send to the appropriate sponsor. Laurie Andrews states she will provide double-sided show bills for all three shows. Sponsor banners will go up at every show and the win shots will include the banner.

A show committee will be formed to help run the shows and determine ways to improve the shows. The show committee will include Darron Locke, Elizabeth Kronfield, Gary Andrews, Laurie Andrews, and Dana Vettel. Jeff Schimmer will look into return cattle panels as a way to improve the cattle classes.

Alice Stewart inquires about the date of the year-end banquet. It was determined that having a membership meeting at the shows would not be successful so the club needs to have a fall banquet. It was decided to have only the category name, and not the winner name on the buckles. This will allow Alice to order the buckles earlier and have the buckles for the banquet.

Amy Placzek will check on insurance and Dana Vettel will check about a semi-truck to store shavings at the shows. The pizza party will be held in June and a BBQ will be held in October. The Board of Directors will meet again after the show committee has met.

Dana will organize the walk-trot and leadline prizes and will also organize social events for the youth. Jim will contact Susan Rosenbach to do gift baskets for the judges again this year.

Motion by Darron Locke, second by Steve Schafer, **to adjourn.** All in favor, motion carried and meeting adjourned at 9:20 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted;

Laurie Andrews
Secretary
Nebraska Appaloosa Club

Remember to sign the lease agreement if you want the points to count towards year-end awards.

Nebraska Appaloosa Club Youth Lease Agreement

The Nebraska Appaloosa Club (NAC) allows a youth member to lease one and only one horse for competition in NAC pointed shows during a calendar year. This form identifies a youth/leased horse team for the current calendar year. The youth/horse team may compete in any youth classes. However, points earned by the team will count toward NAC year-end awards only if: 1) This completed form is submitted to the **Club Secretary prior** to the date of the show when the points are earned (once annually), and 2) both the youth and owner of the horse are members of NAC. A youth riding a leased horse is ineligible to earn national points (ApHC Rule 801.A.).

Youth Name _____

Address _____

Youth signature _____ Date _____

Leased Horse _____

Registration Number _____

Owner of Horse _____

Owner signature _____ Date _____

NAC Secretary Signature _____ Date _____

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To be eligible for any performance or halter points in any NAC show or NAC cross-pointed show: the owner and exhibitor need to be members of NAC. Points will only be maintained from the time one becomes a member and as long as he/she is in good standing.

Nebraska Appaloosa Club By-Laws, 2001

I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their volunteer help with the shows the past few years. Denny Placzek did a great job before me and gave me a great foundation on which to grow the shows. When he handed the reins to me, my goals were: to grow the shows, to help improve the shows so exhibitors would want to come to our shows, and for everyone who attends to have lots of fun. I believe I achieved my goals, but only with the help and support of so many people. It was definitely a team effort. Denny provided guidance, Jim and Sandy helped with my many questions, Jeff Schimmer was always there to help, Dana Vettel pulled together the youth, and all the volunteers that said "yes" when I called and asked them to help. I especially want to thank my wife, Laurie. Without Laurie helping and supporting me, I never could have pulled it off.

I am happy to now hand over the reins to Darron Locke and Elizabeth Kronfield. I wish you great success and hope that I have also left you a strong foundation on which you can build even bigger and better shows. Good luck.

Gary Andrews

Nebraska Appaloosa Club - 2006 Membership Application

Annual dues are \$25 (individual or family) for the calendar year. Please print and send the following information and a check payable to the Nebraska Appaloosa Club to:

Amy Placzek, Treasurer
4726 Ave. G
Kearney, NE 68847

Name: _____ **ApHC #** _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip Code:** _____

Phone Number: (_____) _____

Email Address: _____

Other family members, if applicable (if youth, please include birth date):

Name: _____ **ApHC:** _____ **DOB:** _____

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