

“I have competed at the top levels in several breeds and I have to say that if you ever have a chance to work with Appaloosas or get involved with any of the many disciplines they excel in, I think you will get hooked for life. There is great appeal in their agility, versatility and great minds, but I think the best thing about them is their willingness to try.”

**Terry Thompson**  
 ApHC member since 1984  
 Aubrey, Texas

ATHLETICS



PATTI WIDICK NEALE

“I live in a pretty big hunter/jumper and Dressage area so to go to these shows and win is a big accomplishment for the Appaloosa. We will hopefully be entering our first rated 2-day event in October. In addition, we are now conditioning for a 20 mile competitive trail ride with NATRC and plan to do some endurance rides. I guess that’s why I love Appaloosa’s so much, they’re so versatile.”

**Heather Brown**  
 ApHC member since 1999  
 Springfield, Tennessee



- Barrel racing
- Challenged riders
- Combined training
- Cutting
- Dressage
- Driving
- English equitation
- English pleasure
- Games
- Halter classes
- Judged trail riding
- Over fences
- Reining
- Roping
- Showmanship
- Team penning
- Trail
- Western equitation
- Western pleasure
- Western riding
- Working cow horse
- 4-H

CATTLE & RANCH



DICK REED

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“I look for four things in cow horse prospects: A pleasant horse with a good eye, good sound conformation, a real strong, natural stop and desire to work a cow I sum this up as ‘a big stop and a big heart.’ Appaloosas have all of these qualities and make great cow horses.”

**Chris Dawson**  
 ApHC member since 1991  
 Whitesboro, Texas

“The best thing about horse on horse competition is that on any given day, anyone can win. You don’t have to have the fastest horse. It’s very exciting and fun to watch. Appaloosa people are family oriented and good people, and the horses are so versatile—there are good ones in everything, we have very nice horses in the top levels of so many disciplines.”

**Sue Scobee**  
 ApHC member since 1979  
 Lawson, Missouri



DEBBIE MEYER



# BREEDING & HALTER



ROBERT DAWSON



## YOUTH

### THE APPALOOSA

The Appaloosa's colorful ancestry can be traced back to earliest recorded time, but it is in the American melting pot that the spotted horse established itself as a true breed.

The Nez Perce Indians of the Inland Northwest deserve much of the credit for the Appaloosa horses we have today. However, the influx of white settlers to the Northwest changed the Nez Perce's destiny and nearly destroyed the legacy of their horse-breeding efforts. In 1877 when the Nez Perce rebelled against the treaties being imposed upon them, war ensued. Finally surrendering in Montana, the Nez Perce were forced to relinquish their horses.

As a result of the war and subsequent raiding of the ranges, the Appaloosa became a "lost" breed, its glorious history neglected until 1937.

Realizing the importance of preserving and improving the spotted horse breed, Claude Thompson, a long-time Appaloosa breeder, along with the help of a small group of dedicated horsemen, established the Appaloosa Horse Club (ApHC) in 1938.

Today Appaloosas are used in nearly every equine discipline from racing to Dressage and roping to jumping. Outside the competitive arena Appaloosas are used as working ranch horses, trail horses, lesson horses and as safe and reliable family horses.

The ApHC is recognized worldwide as the official international breed registry of Appaloosa horses. We are dedicated to developing and providing programs and services to support the breed and ApHC members through both competitive and non-competitive events.



ETERNAL INSTANT

“Appaloosas were my first love. I tried to leave them, and horse training all-together once. But it didn't work. I was drawn right back. The versatility of the breed has allowed me, through my life, to really get a lot of experience in many disciplines. Appaloosas have such great minds, they are capable of taking you as far as you want to go in any discipline.”

**Rusty Miller**  
ApHC member since 1984  
Republic, Ohio

“In today's economy, the Appaloosa is the perfect choice because of its affordability, athleticism, versatility, and visual appeal. When I was a youth we would show halter and showmanship in the morning, do the over fences, all the hunt seat classes, then all the western classes, then barrels, and poles all on the same horse. And then do it again the next day.”

**Rob Meneely**  
ApHC member since 1979  
Conyers, Georgia

“The same Appaloosas that I compete on in mounted shooting, I take out on trail rides, go to gymkhanas, work cattle with and show. My first gelding, Omegalooosa Splash, went top 10 in non-pro halter geldings at the Appaloosa Worlds. We packed up, drove all night back to Arizona, ran in a match the next morning and won our class. Talk about versatility!”

**Diana Olson**  
ApHC member since 1988  
Saint David, Arizona



KRISTIN REITER

## TRAIL & DISTANCE



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