

Meet Deborah Ann New!

*Deborah is currently living in South Africa but will be joining us here in the USA in the near future!
(Editor Update: Deborah is now in the US and living in Missouri)*

I'm an October 1948 model American who was born in Missouri and got my first pony, a pinto Shetland/Quarter Horse cross when I was 3. My parents had waited 23 years to have me so in a way I was a bit spoiled with the pony but that was offset by my Mother's expectations that I get straight A's in school and excel in everything I did.

I lived at home and rode my Quarter Horse while earning a Bachelor of Business Administration at University of Missouri—Kansas City. I rode at Van Vleet Arabian Stud with Ken Crooks and became friends with his daughter, Deb Crooks, while earning a Master of Business Administration at University of Colorado—Boulder.

My professional career mainly revolved around the US Government with progressively more responsible civilian jobs with the US Air Force, US Fish and Wildlife Service, Bonneville Power Administration, and finally the Bureau of Land Management. I married and divorced during the 28 years of Government service

I always loved Appaloosas but had Arabians and Quarter Horses until I moved to Virginia to work for BLM. I bought a wonderful, old fashioned Appaloosa mare and she became my favorite horse of all time. Purchasing her led to a leopard from B and L Horse Ranch and a couple of others.

When I met my late husband, Pieter Buchan, in Virginia, he became enamoured with the Appaloosas. Due to a directed reassignment, I retired 10 years earlier than I intended to and Pieter and I moved to his home country of South Africa and married in October, 2004. Pieter imported a total of 3 Appaloosa mares, all unrelated and in foal to unrelated stallions, and a stud colt for my wedding present. They were all negative/negative for the 5 genetic conditions having been tested for PSSM1 after they arrived in South Africa. Their offspring were also 5 panel negative/negative so I was VERY fortunate regarding PSSM1! The stud colt, a 5 panel negative/negative grandson of Dreamfinder, was Storm Runner by Argentarius, bred by B and L. Storm Runner is the only Appaloosa in South Africa that has achieved Top Five in two ridden disciplines against all breeds at the prestigious Horse of the Year Show in two different years. Storm was also the Appaloosa Horse Breeders' Society Appaloosa of the Year and earned many other awards.



Deborah Ann New and Calcrete Texas Belle



NHF Lasst American

I also bred NHF Scotch n Snow who was imported in utero. He was trained by Armand van de Merwer and won the first AHBSSA Western National Championship in 2010 under Chuck McWhirter, then ApHC President. Snowy was Pieter's personal riding horse and when he was no longer able to ride, Angus Buchan, an amazing Christian and genuine man bought Snowy as his personal mount. Snowy is now the most famous Appaloosa in Africa because Angus preaches many of his weekly, televised sermons from Snowy's back or with Snowy standing next to him.

Unfortunately the majority of Appaloosas in South Africa have the conformation and build of Warmbloods and the club members emphasize English disciplines over all other activities Appaloosas can excel in. I got out of



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NHF Star Storm SA 2012

Appaloosas a few years ago. Pieter, before he passed away in 2011, imported a very well bred Quarter Horse mare for me. I had her dual registered AQHA/APHA. She gave me a son by CT Gunner who is my current riding horse. The photo is of me on a very lovely Quarter Horse mare that was bred and trained at Calcrete Stud in the Free State. Belle took me to my first blue ribbon in the show ring and is now in Namibia. I have never shown very often and much prefer trail riding on an attractive, very well trained horse.

I have kept busy writing for the monthly National equestrian publication *HQ Magazine* (originally called *Horse Quarterly*) since 2005, traveling with Pieter to see all of the fascinating wildlife and geological areas of Southern Africa, and serving on various horse sport and Breed Boards of Directors. I look forward to coming back to the USA and will be bringing my two Cardigan Welsh Corgis females home. I hope to become active in Kiwanis, my church, and with local riding clubs. I would like to help ICAA if needed. I intend to get a job so that my mind can stay as active as my body.

I plan to relocate to either Tennessee or Kentucky and plan to be back in the USA no later than May 31.

Appaloosas are my first love and, as soon as I get back to the USA and get settled I will be looking for my next Appaloosa.



Storm Runner

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NHF Lasst American has had an awesome production record—even Warmblood breeders in the Cape have used him.

NHF Star Storm placed over the imported National Champion Foundation Pedigree stallion that came into South Africa a few years ago.