



Summer 2022 Newsletter

From the Arena Fence

Spring is finally here and with it comes planting crops and putting up hay. This year is going to be challenging for many as the price of fuel continues to rise. On the positive side the demand for well trained horses has risen along with their prices. ICAA members who can meet the needs of the buyers are beginning to see their hard work and determination payoff.

Buyers have become pickier. They want more than a pretty color for their money. Get those horses riding well and they will sell. And let's not forget the importance of testing, even for geldings, as buyers are asking for test results.

*Cheryl Miller-Yurcak
Chairman/CEO*

The Art of Reining – Go Out There and Do It!!!

By Mariclaire Stearns

As a young teenager, my friend mentioned that reining would become a new class in 4H. I remember curiously looking her way and inquiring, "What is reining?"

It was a sport I knew I "wasn't good enough" to participate in with my little 13.3 hand leopard mare. But darned if I wasn't going to try!!! We loped and changed leads, but lacked roll backs, spins, and the "know how". Regardless, we qualified to 4H districts a couple of years towards the end of my 4H days.

Life then happened; education, careers, marriage, kids, bills, and responsibilities. Continued to compete locally at fun shows but watched reining from afar as an admirer.

I had an epiphany in my late 30's. What am I waiting for? I always loved reining. So, it was time. I am an Appaloosa



Hollidazzle Lena #2782 and Mariclaire Stearns

person so the search was on for an Appaloosa that could compete. For me, she had to not only be Appaloosa, but also ICAA and Rangerbred eligible. I found the perfect horse in a red roan mare named Hollidazzle Lena.

She had the basic maneuvers and was so sweet and willing. She knew more than I did and was an excellent teacher.

I knew we'd figure it out together. Went to a local reining show and realized, I was in over my head. My horse was ready. I wasn't.

There was a reining trainer I would see at the local shows. I had known of her for years. But when I watched her people in the show arena, they won!!! They were amazingly talented. In my mind, I wasn't talented enough to ride with her and the likes of her team.

A mutual friend encouraged me to contact this trainer and just give it a try. My husband bought me three lessons for Christmas. I thought that was all I would do-

3 lessons. What I got was a coach, a team, and a family for the past 4 years.

I know there are some of you saying, that's too expensive. I can't afford a trainer! If you want it, you can. It's like anything in life. What do you want to invest your time, money and energy into? Where there is a will, there is a way! I will tell you my weekly training costs me about the same as 5 or 6 gallons of gas. Affordable and worth every penny!

Nothing feels like guiding a reining horse through a pattern! Reining horses are a stick of dynamite completely under your control! So much power! It's a visceral sensation like learning to ballroom dance or ice skate with fluidity, beauty and grace. But your partner is 1000 lbs!



Hollidazzle Lena and Mariclaire

To look logically at what the rider is trying to accomplish, it doesn't make sense; a human guiding every movement of this animal beneath them. You can't get any more of a connection with an animal. Every thought is translated through every body movement to communicate wordlessly with your horse, who in response performs maneuvers with cadence and grace. In that arena horse and rider become one.

So let's back up. What is reining? To "rein" a horse is to "guide or check a horse by pulling reins". This is as simple as a definition as it gets. There is so much more! Reins are actually a small part of how a horse is "reined". The rider uses every part of their body to communicate with their horse; hands, feet, thighs, butt, all of it! Yes, your horse can feel everything you do and will respond! If this animal can feel a small fly land on its skin, of course it feels everything you do. I was told horses can hear your heart beat from 6 feet away. They are so in tune with us and just want to please. This is what is so amazing about a reining horse. They sense everything about you. They will do whatever you ask by feeling what you are trying to tell them. We are the ones with the language barrier, not the horse.

The sport of reining started as impromptu competition of bravado between cowboys out on the range.

It has developed into a formal competition of patterns to display a horse's willingness and agility. They are the true versatile horses!

Maneuvers are done at a lope, and at times, a gallop. These maneuvers are all the challenges of fulfilling a reining pattern.

Spinning or "turns" are performed with the horse sitting back on their haunches, planting the rear foot on the side of the direction of the spin, and bringing the front of the horse around the rear. Like an ice skater, it's a repetition of fast turns. In most patterns it is 4 consecutive turns one way and then to the other. It is something to get used to as riders can and do, get dizzy! So can the horse!

Rollbacks are performed by running a straight line to a specified point in the pattern. At the end of that line, a stop is performed, and then quickly the horse turns over its haunches 180 degrees and continues the pattern back over the straight line they just made.

Lead changes are done twice in a pattern in the center of the arena. The center of the arena is a place that all reiners need to know and use! It's the most important marker for all patterns.

Transitions or speed changes are in several places in a pattern. A transition up is gradual and down is quick! You build speed and abruptly slow down or stop. Controlled motion is always key. A fast horse should not look out of control or in front of their rider. At slower times, a horse should appear alert and calm but ready to burst into speed. Manners, willingness and obedience are also important. Bucking, kicking out and any disagreeable movements between horse and rider are penalized.

Stops! Stops are exciting! This is where the great slides reining horses are known for happen. At designated parts of the pattern, a run down along a straight line with increasing speed is performed and then a stop is performed. A stop is bold and big! The horse appears to almost sit into the ground and slides several feet with the front legs still digging into the dirt. Dirty flies in a beautiful fan pattern around the horse when the maneuver is completed correctly. The horses do have help of special shoes called sliders that are slippery on their back feet to give them more slide.

Reining is thrilling! It's one of the few horse sports that encourage whooping and hollering during the event! It's energizing and the horses themselves respond to the energy.

Now, I will address the elephant in the room. Most successful reining horses are quarter horses, right? Depends how you look at it.

My mare "Holli" has won the Versatility at CRHA Nationals. We have won reining there several years.

Currently we show in the Western Pennsylvania Reining Horse Association. My ICAA registered mare holds her own against the throngs of quarter horses in the ring. We also have earned respect of our competitors and team mates. My trainer also is the coach of a YEDA team that borrows my Holli in the winter months and has earned several "Horse of the Day" titles with her team. This is leaving a lasting impression on the youth that get the chance to ride her.

She is an ambassador for this breed and an example of the versatility, athleticism and capabilities of the Appaloosa.

She has won over the hearts of die-hard quarter horse people, including my trainer. I share her with the horse world around me as she is showing others what an Appaloosa can be!

In a world where quarter horses rule, we Appaloosa enthusiasts can carve out a reputation of being just as capable and competitive. We can breed some of the best animals on the planet, but we must train them, expose them, and show them off!!!

Falling in love with this sport of reining has opened my eyes to the possibilities with any horse, especially our gorgeous Appaloosas. We all know how intelligent this breed is and how once you have an Appaloosa give you their heart, you have a true partnership.



Hollidazzle Lena and Mariclaire

I encourage you Appaloosa lovers to get out there and just DO! Do what you have always wanted with your horses! It all starts with a step.

Don't worry about not being "good enough". Don't worry about, money, age, or whatever other excuse you can come up with to put a road block in your path! You just have to try! Your horse will!

I encourage you to talk to people in the sport you want to try. Watch YouTube videos! Go to clinics. Take a lesson. It's up to you and your horse.

As Appaloosa people, it is our responsibility to show our horses to others for what they truly are!!! Magnificent, versatile, and capable!!! Get out there and do it!!!

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- ❖ **The ICAA is partnered with AGI and offers members exclusive pricing options on 6-Panel, color, and pattern testing, as well as DNA Profiling. Parentage verification is free on foals from parents who have been DNA Profiled.**

Meet some of our 2022 babies!



BCA Black Mountain, 2022 F7 Black Colt by Zamos Iron Bog F6 2740, and out of BCA Zamos Cherakna F6-2739. He's owned by Charles Potts, Blue Creek Appaloosas.



BCA Yamas Yellowhawk, 2022 F7 Black Colt by BCA Chats Yamahawk F6-2699, and out of BCA Heartbeat Pasxa. Owned by Charles Potts, Blue Creek Appaloosas.



FVF Iron Skye, 2022 F7 Dunskin Colt by RHA Iron Will F6-2625, and out of FVF Oganali Zeva F6-2623. He's owned by Jan Dobson, Foggy Valley Farms.



HHA Sunday Gossip Mill, 2022 F4 Bay Filly by BCA Chats Nuksay F5-2754, and out of Smooth By Design F3-2758. She's owned by Amanda Hubbert.



BCA Nuksay Nooksak, 2022 F6 Colt by BCA Chats Nuksay F5-2754, and out of BCA Tofoz Shandalupa F5-2638. He's owned by Daniel Bjergo.



2022 F3 Buckskin Near-Leopard Colt by AR Ima Silver Coyote F4-2767, and out of WA Miss Silver Sand F3-2762. He's owned by Fiona Plunkie.

New Registrations



Squirrel Creek MyComanche F2-2830
Chestnut Snowcap Stallion
Owned by Jessica Mitchell, Wallawa Appaloosa Stud NSW



BCA Olympic Drizzle F6-2831
Black Blanketed Filly
Owned by Joanne Jordan



Chareds Blu Butterfly F4-2832
Bay Fewspot Mare
Owned by Chelsea Thornton, Horse Creek Farm



Ulrich El Camino F4-2833
Bay Near-Leopard Stallion
Owned by Chelsea Thornton, Horse Creek Farms

Welcome New Members!

Hannah McDonald of TN
Deanna Sluder of TN
Julia Marie Keller of MD

Reminder that it's important to keep abreast of any mailing address changes for sending things via snail mail. I should be moving to Oklahoma at some point, probably within the next year at the very most, if not sooner (hopefully). Forms have been updated with a notation to check the website prior to mailing anything to be sure the address you're mailing to is correct. It is far easier to update the website than to get the forms updated and into everyone's hands, since some people print forms and hold onto them and others get transfers and don't transfer the horse for years!

Sharon January, ICAA Secretary/Registrar



Arctic Eclipse F3-2834
Bay Varnish Near-Leopard
Owned by Fiona Plunkie

The Blue Creek Appaloosas Story, 2016-2022

Re-reading the first iteration of the BCA story in the ICAA Summer 2016 Newsletter, what caught my eye was the statement that "there are 17 head," which is the exact same tally we had starting in to 2022. Proof I guess that you can control the numbers with sufficient resolve.

Six years can make quite a difference as this spring we are having our second crop of F7s. One of our persistent foils is the large ratio of colts to fillies. In 2016 we had four colts, 2 F6 and 2 F5. In 2020 we had four colts all F6, and in 2021 3 colts and one filly, 2 F7 colts and one F6 filly and 1 F6 colt. In 2022, all three F7s were colts, along with two F6s.



*BCA Yamas Ocelot, F7 (pending) Colt
By BCA Chats Yamahawk F6-2699
and out of BCA Zamos Chamula*

This was a problem for us as far back as when we acquired Poplars Zamocha, an F6. We had no F6 mares of our own, and could only find one other F5 mare from Jeff and LaDonna Geiger in Iowa. Consequently, the whole great get of Poplars Zamocha remained at level F6.

We have three F7 colts in 2022, one out of BCA Zamos Chamula by BCA Chats Yamahawk. BCA Yamas Ocelot is a near leopard with unrepressed energy and stature, and lots of white and plenty of spots. Another beautiful leopard BCA Yamas Yellowhawk out of BCA Heartbeat Pasxa also by Yama. And one Black colt, BCA Black Mountain out of BCA Zamos Cherakna, and by BCA Zamos Iron Bog.

For future reference, we are breeding six F6 fillies in 2022, four to BCA Chats Yamahawk, and two to BCA Zamos Red Deer. This will be the last year we can fully utilize Yama and he is spoken for by Verna Roberts at Ghostdance Appaloosas in Lyons, Oregon. Roberts is planning to make his semen available by AI so a wider expanse of territory and breeders can take advantage of his unique characteristics.

Speaking of unique characteristics, BCA Zamos Red Deer tested positive for DMRT3, and has a large white blanket that is not PATN1. Red Deer is heterozygous for Lp/lp, and we are excited about the color combinations he can produce.

The mares, as few as we get, are the backbone of our remuda. The F6 keepers going forward include BCA Zamos, Juliaca, Piinawawi, Bocawatchi, Cherakna, and BCA Heartbeat Pasxa, and BCA Chats Waatnuwas. If we could have our druthers, their offspring could all be fillies, as we have enough already, 5 F7 colts.

It is working out to have blended the great lines of Poplars Zamocha with those from BCAP Tobys Fossil and BCA Tofoz Chatanga. It is with great sadness that we report Chatanga passed away suddenly in January. Our horses are approaching type, as the get of Yamahawk are consistently the same pattern and carry distinct resemblances.

BCA has found new homes for 18 head in the past three years. We need to place a few more this year, so if you are looking for high end Foundation Appaloosas, give us a call. They will be on the for sale page of ICAA. We were lucky to place BCA Yamas Misqualu, an F7, with Jan Dobson of Foggy Valley in Tennessee.

Other new homes for BCA Foundation Appaloosas include with Mariana Burdelis in Ridgecrest, California; Lynette Ramirez in Ontario, California, Dan and Stachia Bjergo in Hill City, Minnesota, Joanne Jordan in Olympia, Washington, Amanda Hubbert in Deer Park, Washington, Leslie Spires in Fort Calhoun, Nebraska, Darla Palacia in Pennsylvania and Alexa Maine in Walla Walla, Washington.

What is taking place at BCA is a slow motion dispersal. I want to run out of horses before I run out of time.

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STARS SUGAR N SPICE F2-2750 was our **GRAND CHAMPION MARE** in our 2022 ICAA Fat and Fuzzy Spring Spectacular virtual show! She is owned by Linda Hokanson, Starmyri Appaloosas in Alberta Canada.



BCA Olympic Drizzle with a little friend already showing the loving disposition of our beloved ICAA Appaloosas. Drizzle is a 2022 F6 black filly by BCA Chats Yamahawk F6-2699, and out of BCA Tofoz Fudasan F5-2637. She's owned by Joanne Jordan.



Congratulations to BCA Zamos Tukanon for completing 50-hours in the ICAA Horsemanship Program, with his owner Mariana Burdelis. Horses under four-years can turn in their time every 50-hours and at the end of each year for certificates of time spent working with their owners/handlers.



The next ICAA Quarterly Meeting will be held **on Saturday July 16, 2022 at 12:00 noon EST**. Emails will be sent out as a reminder as well as the link to current members to join. Hope to see you all there!

These meetings are very informative and a lot of input from members is always welcome!

We used Zoom for the last meeting and it went extremely well! We really will be able to "see" our members now!

Have you ever wondered why you can have a 15 acre field and part of it is chewed down to nubs and the other part has grass a hand high, but your horse is constantly grazing in the chewed down part?

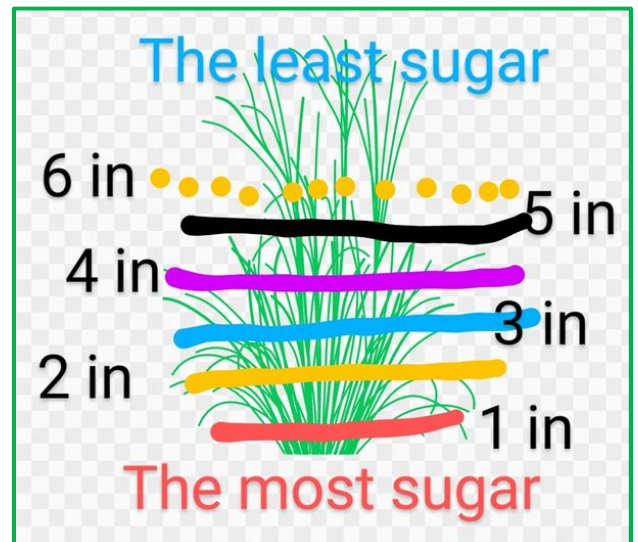
Grass 6 inches and taller has less sugars than grass under 6 inches.

For every inch drop below 6 inches, the fructan (sugar) content rises.

Grass under 6 inches is stressed like it's a Monday morning with a project deadline. It uses sugar to repair itself.

Stop mowing your fields short.

Stop grazing your chubbys on chewed down grass.



ANIMAL GENETICS (AGI) ~ NEW TEST SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS / NEW AWESOME MEMBER PRICING / ApHC AND DNA PROFILES/GENETIC MARKERS

AGI has completely revamped their system. This was supposed to go into effect a year or two ago, but is finally up and running. There are quite a few changes that I've had to decipher, but it seems like it's going to work well and will, I think, be better and easier in the end for most members who sometimes struggle with what to check off on forms.

YOU WILL NO LONGER BE USING THE FORMS TO SUBMIT TESTS. You will let me know what you want to test for and I will have to order the tests online. Since I generally know what people need, this should be easier for some things such as needing only IMM and/or DNA Profiles, or 6-Panel, etc that some struggle a bit with, and if you want to also get color/pattern or gait you can let me know. The procedure will be as follows:

- You will let me know what testing you want/need and I will place the order. I will need to know the registered/pending registration name(s) of the horse(s) as I'll need to add them to our account to place the order.
- Once I've placed the order, they will email me confirmation, with an order number for each horse being tested. I will be able to check off that I'm mailing a check, to delay paying at the time of ordering.
- I will forward the email to you with the confirmation and order number(s), which will also have the tests ordered and the amount due.
- You will then send your hair sample and payment to AGI as you did before but with the order number so when they receive the hair and payment, they can attach it to the order I placed.
- For horses with hair already on file in our account, you can call them with the order number and your credit card information.

From here on out, we will be requiring DNA Profiles (ISAG+) to go under our account. None of the notes from the previous system moved to the new system. It's becoming hard to keep up with who I have permissions for and who I don't, and now that everything is online for me to request/order, including parentage verification, this makes it harder when the horses are not in our account as I have to call AGI to do it for me, and they have to have the permissions from the owners to let us have the access. For the time being, they can look up this information in their old system to find the notes, but it's a lot more work for us and for them. So please do not run these through on your account anymore.

Also, they can no longer move horses from one person's account to the other. I needed to do that for one stallion (I have access to) that has changed hands three times since original testing, for ease of parentage verification purposes, and was going to move him but can't now.

NEW MEMBER PRICING

When AGI updated their system, they put some great pricing in for their combination of packages, which made them cheaper than what we were offering, so I called them about updating our pricing. They worked extremely well with me and offered us some really awesome pricing when combining our packages! I will list all of them below.

- Color package \$50 (went down from \$75)
- Pattern package \$50 (went down from \$75)
- **Combination color/pattern \$75**
- 6-Panel \$75 (stayed the same)
- **Combination color/pattern/6-Panel \$100 (down from \$225; this does not include the DNA Profile. With the DNA Profile, this will only be \$135 to get everything most people test for!)**
- DNA Profile/ISAG+ \$35 (stayed the same)
- IMM \$35 (stayed the same; this is for horses who have already been tested for 5-Panel or are registering off of the parents 5-Panel tests. They are no longer offering the \$25 price for horses with hair already on file).
- GAIT \$75 (this test is normally \$95. Due to a member's request to see if they would give us a discount on that test, I asked, and they delivered!)

Everything is working properly and showing our correct discounted pricing. I was told by a member that there is a coupon that came up on AGI's website offering a great discount for the color/pattern/6-Panel and so she used that rather than going through us, including the DNA Profile that should have gone into our account. After figuring up what she paid and comparing it with our new pricing, she would have only paid an additional \$5 by going through us, and had the DNA Profile in the proper account. So please, before jumping on the deals AGI offers, let's see what it will cost to go through us, or at least order the DNA Profile through us (and then send us the tests results on the other tests).

As always, these are member prices that AGI has offered to our members, and we do not make one dime from you, all money goes straight to AGI! For those who recently submitted tests using our old form (which has been taken offline) and paid the higher prices, I sincerely apologize. The whole revamping of their system and my finding out, working out some bugs with them, and then calling them for updated pricing, all happened within about a week of this email.

NEWS CONCERNING DNA PROFILES/GENETIC MARKERS WITH THE ApHC

We have found out from two different sources that the ApHC will accept the DNA Profiles/Genetic Markers from AGI! This is good news for people who have not liked pulling hair twice for the ApHC and for us to go through AGI. The ApHC will charge you \$30 to input this data, but this is cheaper than what they generally charge you for testing. So, if you want to save some time and money, do this first through us/AGI, and when you get the results (which we always send to you as soon as we receive them) just send those to the ApHC.

Sharon January
ICAA Secretary
ICAA Registrar

A few more of our 2022 babies!



"Rowdy," F2 pending Solid Buckskin Colt by Brandon's Sun Bear F3-2263, and out of Silvers Full Moon #N-2783. He's owned by Cheryl Miller –Yurcak.



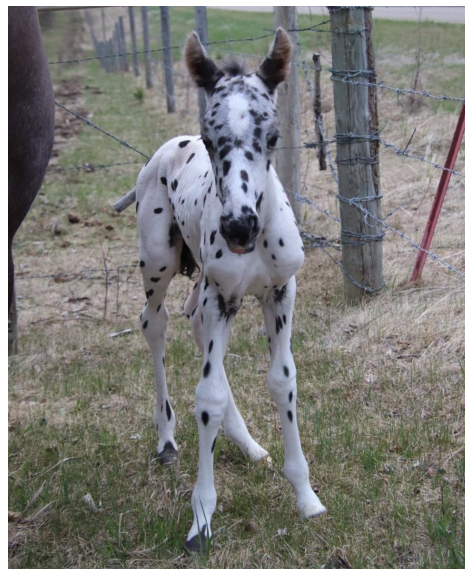
FVF Bellamoon, F5 pending Filly by FVF Strait Magic F4-2703, and out of RHA Joyce Parazoo F5-2660. She's owned by Jan Dobson, Foggy Valley Farms



F5 Pending Colt by BCA Tofoz Chatanga F5-2646, and out of AR Country Rose F4N-2755. He's owned by Verna Roberts.

*Black Filly
by AR Ima
Silver
Coyote
F4-2767,
and out of
Windwalker
Intrepid.*

*She's
owned by
Fiona
Plunkie,
Antler
Ranch.*



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Remember

Current members get discounted rates on registrations, transfers, and genetic testing through AGI. Members can also enjoy the benefits of free advertising on ICAA's website and inclusion in teleconference meetings!

Advertise your ICAA stallions for free in the Stallion Showcase!

Advertise your ICAA sale horses for free in our Sale File!

Show off your ICAA horses on the ICAA Facebook Page!



Olympic Blue Spruce (pending F5 colt)
MHS First Chance x Kellys SunRockMagnum
Owned by Joanne Jordan

Cuteness

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