



# Summer 2023 Newsletter

## From the Arena Fence

What a lot of pretty babies we've seen this year! We've been posting many of them for our Foal Crush Friday posts on the ICAA Facebook page. We also have Working Horse Wednesdays, spotlighting some of our horses that go out and work, in one form or another. Some of these foals and working horses will be in this Newsletter as well. If you haven't "liked" our page, please do so! See the last page here to learn how to find us.

Our mailing address will more than likely be changing in a month or so. Please see page 3 for more information.

Sharon January  
Chairman

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## MOUNTED PATROL UNIT By Amanda Hubbert

For several years the Spokane Community Oriented Policing Service (C.O.P.S.) Unit has held its annual training for volunteers. The trainer is Nate Ostrander. The ladies that run this program are Traci Ren and Karen Rice. They have both worked with the C.O.P.S. MPU for several years, with community relations and outreach programs; a community outreach program where our volunteers bring their horses to the local city parks so that families and children have the opportunity to pet a horse, meet the volunteers, and talk about crime prevention. Not only are we going to local parks, but we are out in Parades, retirement homes, and other events!

C.O.P.S. Volunteers recognize that there are problems in most city parks. This is an opportunity to 'host an event' in the city park that draws families and children into the park in the effort of moving out the problems the parks often see. Our Mounted Patrol Unit visits National Night Out events, parades, open houses, Summer Concert series, school events, and visits over 12 local city parks throughout the summer! The MPU needs volunteers and ground support, so



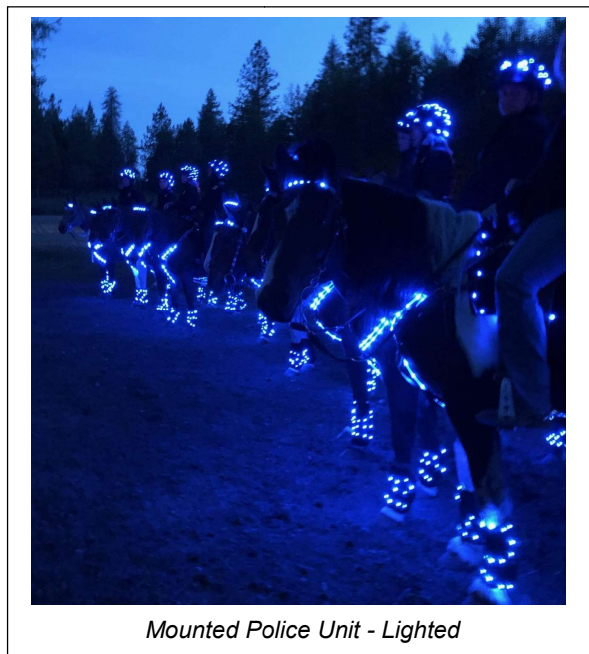
*Smooth By Design (F3) with owner Amanda Hubbert in training for the Spokane C.O.P.S. Mounted Police Unit*

if you aren't comfortable riding in public, parades, or through parks, you can always volunteer to support others from the ground. The MPU also puts together trading cards! The horse has a head shot taken after the training with the horse's bridle or halter on. Details are written up by the owner about the pictured horse, and they are handed out at the events.

Ground support; the true HERO's of MPU! From crowd control to pick up, the ground support helps to keep things manageable. Some children can become very excited to get to see the horse! As we can imagine, many little children run up, holding a balloon or something else that may be spooky to your horse. This is where ground support and the handler can step in front of the child and be a buffer. The handler then is able to concentrate more on the horse and less on the child. Another option with MPU is the Drill Team, where you work as a unit to bond with your horse and others, to perform as a single unit!

The Handler is in charge of the horse! The horse and handler have gone through training, and many are repeat handlers and bring in new horses to pass the training. During the training you experience some scary situations, such as flags, pool noodles, and tarps. The horse, instead of being desensitized, is encouraged to face the problem, and take cues from the handler. At one point the scary bag on the stick becomes a point of chase for the horse and rider. The trainer shakes the bag in unexpected areas; front, rear, and both sides. The rider is given a warning to get ready themselves, but the horse is taken by surprise. The rider gains control of the horse and situation by turning the horse to face the noisy thing. As the trainer starts to jog backwards the horse is encouraged to go forward, actually chasing the bag and the trainer to a certain point where the trainer stops. The horse is encouraged to go up and touch its nose to the bag. All this training seems like desensitization, but Nate says it's not. This is building confidence in your horse that you will take charge of the situation and face it together!

The MPU also offers confidence building clinics for the public. Several clinics are offered throughout the year and costs \$60.00 for



Mounted Police Unit - Lighted



**June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

Riverside Equestrian Arena

**Path to Partnership**

Build Communication, Connection and Confidence with Your Horse



Expose your horse to new situations in a controlled environment with nearly 100 obstacles and items to work through. Water features, moving obstacles & more. Ninety minute blocks of time are assigned to each rider. Choice of morning or afternoon sessions. Clinicians available to assist.

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Hosted by Spokane COPS Mounted Patrol  
 Open to the Public  
 Saturday: 8:00 am  
 Check-in begins

Fee: Registration Entries, Waiver and Payment due by June 5th.  
 \$60 for each scheduled time slot  
 \$30 for 2nd horse with same rider  
 Youth 10 & under \$30

Day of Event Registrations:  
 Accepted day of event as time allows.  
 Add an additional \$15.00

For safety reasons, ALL participants must wear boots and equestrian safety helmets. No spurs, please.

June 10<sup>th</sup> is a FREE Discover Pass day

A special thanks to our volunteer partners from Free Rein Therapeutic Riding



each first horse and \$30.00 for 2nd same horse with a youth rider. They expose your horse to new situations in a controlled environment with nearly 100 obstacles and items to work your horse through; water features, moving obstacles and much more! Each block is 90 minutes. This allows the time for you to work through the course with your horse and a guide! Some of the items you'll see and use are pool noodles, tarps, skeletal horse, and umbrellas. Your horse is exposed to these things and your horse learns they aren't so bad!

If you're interested, please contact your local Police department to see if they have a C.O.P.S unit. This is a great opportunity to get your Appaloosa out and learn to handle them in a scary situation. It's a great opportunity to teach your Appaloosa and yourself how to handle those situations we all find ourselves in on trails and while generally just riding. It's a great way to get yourself out there and to help your community! If you have questions or comments please feel free to contact me!



**Suspensions Status/Member Removals**

Jan Dobson's suspension from the Board of Trustees has been removed. Jan chose to resign from the board prior to a scheduled meeting with her.

Cheryl Miller-Yurcak has been removed as a member of ICAA due to conduct unbecoming an ICAA member and continuous attempts by Cheryl to further damage the ICAA after she was removed from the Board of Trustees.

The next ICAA Quarterly Meeting will be held on **Saturday July 22, 2023 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!



Sample MPU Trading Cards

## International Colored Appaloosa Association, Inc

### Dedicated to the Development, Preservation, and Promotion of the Purebred Appaloosa

- ❖ Foundation was a place to start. The ICAA is building the finished product -- a breed for the future, one generation at a time.
- ❖ Founded in 1991, the ICAA is well established and in it for the long haul.
- ❖ The only registry offering a program to track a horse's training from birth.
- ❖ The only registry building a database of breeders who are producing five-plus generation horses.
- ❖ A "stand-alone" registry that does not require prior registration in another registry if the horse is the product of an ICAA registered sire and dam.
- ❖ The only registry using the full-generational concept of eight-generations plus, with no out-crossing, to produce a true, purebred Appaloosa, following the generally accepted genealogy method of generational identification.
- ❖ 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.

### MAILING ADDRESS UPDATE

We've let you know previously that at some point, the mailing address for ICAA would be changing. We will finally be moving to Oklahoma in the very near future, unless something goes terribly wrong. We should be there prior to the next Newsletter coming out, but we do not have a definite date yet. That is dependent on a couple of things.

I will be trying to get forms updated prior to the move so they are ready to be put on the website at the last minute. All of the current forms online have said for awhile now, **in red letters**, to check the website for the current mailing address prior to mailing anything. This is why; the easiest thing to change quickly is the address that shows on the website. People still have old forms, prior to our putting the notation on the forms to check the website, and some even older with the very old Shipshewana address.

Several years ago, someone had really old transfers that had the old, closed Shipshewana PO Box. We were ready to do duplicate certificates when, at the last minute, three months later, the envelope was finally returned to him. Forwarding addresses with the post office are only good for one year, so not that long.

We will be sending out the new address via email, the website, Facebook, and the next Newsletter once we have a definite date to give you, so please be advised and stay alert!

### ICAA Quarterly Meeting

The meeting was held on April 22, 2023 via Zoom. The last minutes were read and approved, and the Treasurer's report was read.

#### Old Business

- Name Change - this was tabled for a later date.

#### New Business

- Introduction of new Officers.
- BOT – Jan Dobson stepped down.
- District Reps – Mariclaire Stearns stepped down.
- 2022 taxes have been filed with the IRS.
- We are working on an audit.
- Suggestions were made for the Stallion Service Auction to make it better for all.
- Records were withheld when they were moved from Cheryl Miller's house. It's probable that ICAA will expunge the records prior to the date they were picked up by Sharon January out of necessity, since we have no way of knowing what all was withheld. A discussion will take place at the next Quarterly meeting.

## New Registrations



KR Prairie Smoke Patty (F4)  
Black Near-Fewspot Filly  
Owned by Sherri Ritter



PJA Ghostwind Shadow (F4)  
Black Leopard Mare  
Owned by Sherri Ritter



MHS Color Mia Legend (F4)  
Chestnut Fewspot Stallion  
Owned by Whitney Wrzesniewski



KR Bay Adaire (F4N)  
Bay Solid Mare  
Owned by Whitney Wrzesniewski



MHS Still Orion (F4)  
Black Near-Leopard Stallion  
Owned by Tom and Karen Freund, Mount Hope Stables



MHS Conquered Chaos (F4)  
Black Leopard Colt  
Owned by Tom and Karen Freund, Mount Hope Stables

## New Registrations



RA Royal Valentine (F6)  
Buckskin Snowcap Filly  
Owned by Sherri Ritter



Sumrall Gun Smoke (F5)  
Dark Bay Blanketed Stallion  
Owned by Bre Ramirez



HHA Midnight Monarch (F4)  
Black Snowcap Filly  
Owned by Amanda Hubbert and Daniel Daher



Blackland Labyrinth (F5)  
Dark Bay Snowcap Stallion  
Owned by Jim Keith and Cynthia Evans

### Other Registrations

WRZ Heart of a Warrior (F4)  
Bay Leopard Colt  
Owned by Whitney Wrzesniewski

MHS Miracle Warrior (F4)  
Bay Near-Fewspot Stallion  
Owned by Tom Freund, Mount Hope Stables

### **Welcome New Members!**

Bre Ramirez, Utah  
Thomas Grommersch, North Carolina  
Siri Olson, Washington  
Nicole Campbell, Washington  
Dustin J Hill, Washington



*One of our new 2023 babies, BCA Red Deers Chabudo (pending F7 filly!) This precious little girl is extremely rare and owned by Charles Potts of Blue Creek Appaloosas.*

## **We Need More Geldings!** **By Sharon January and Joanne Jordan**

What do we need more of? GELDINGS! Between 2018 to today, 42.4 % of ICAA's registrations were stallions/colts, 50% were mares/fillies and a paltry 7.8% were geldings. Take another look at those stats. We've registered nearly as many stallions/colts as mares/fillies. There are more stallions registered than we can shake a stick at, but only a handful of geldings. Why is this? Why aren't we as breeders, not protecting our hard work of building a quality Appaloosa line, by only selling the utmost best of our colts/stallions intact? Why are we placing mediocre quality intact colts/stallions into novice hands to do with as they choose? And buyers, if that colt/stallion doesn't meet the highest standards, why aren't you gelding him?

Breeders and buyers should ask themselves if that colt, young stallion, or even an older stallion is stallion material. Regardless of whether or not he is high-generation, has the most beautiful coat pattern/genetics, the finest pedigree, trophies and ribbons lining your walls, and yes, even if he is 6-panel negative--if he has even the slightest conformation, temperament, movement, or trainability issues, he should be gelded without a second thought. A stallion should always out-produce themselves--is yours doing that? If the stallion already has foals on the ground and the foals are not at the very least as good as the sire, then the stallion should be gelded.

We've all seen the 5-figure, well-trained riding geldings on the various auction sites. Geldings are highly sought after and can bring good prices. Especially those with flashy coat patterns, pretty heads, good minds, good pedigrees (yes, pedigrees matter in geldings, too), and are well trained. And they are in short supply. While some prefer to ride a mare or stallion, the average horse owner likely prefers the steady temperament of a gelding. And while it might not be our top priority, offering geldings to the general public vs intact colts/stallions encourages novice horse buyers to consider our amazing Appaloosas even more since there is no need to first geld them.

Our ICAA membership is striving to produce a Purebred Appaloosa. It is imperative to produce the Purebred Appaloosa with incredible conformation, good minds, gentle natures, trainability, "pretty" to look at, good feet and legs--horses that can go out and work hard for years, going into their senior years sound. Can we really do that with mediocre stallions' genetic contribution?

An old saying is, "A good stallion will make an exceptional gelding."



### *Integrity*

*Choosing courage over comfort; choosing what is right over what is fun, fast, or easy; and choosing to practice our values rather than simply professing them.*



*One of our upcoming Working Horse Wednesday photos; Delia Ghost Dancer (F4) and Meaghan Monahan*



*One of our posted Working Horse Wednesday photos; RSecretJoe Medallion (F3) with Kim Rumpsa*



Another of our upcoming Working Horse Wednesday photos; PJA Ghostwind Shadow (F4) and Sherri Ritter



Another one of our new 2023 babies, a little bay filly (pending F4) by Poplars Zamocho (F6N) and out of Miss Navajo Jingles (F3). Owned by Joan Collins.



Another one of our new 2023 babies, WRZ Black Fire Poseidon, by DREA Rainwaters Fire and out of FVF Black Satin (F5). This colt is owned by Whitney Wrzesniewski.



Another one of our new 2023 babies, a buckskin colt (pending F4) by AR Ima Silver Coyote (F4) and out of WA Miss Silver Daisy (F3). He's owned by Fiona Plunkie, Antler Ranch

**You do not need to own an Appaloosa to be a member and support ICAA.**

***Memberships can be paid for and submitted online.***

***Registrations and other work can also be paid for and submitted online if paperwork is quality scanned and emailed.***

**As always, thank you for supporting the best breed and remaining true to the Appaloosa!**

**All letters to the editor, materials submitted for publication, and advertisements should be sent to [icaa@icaainc.com](mailto:icaa@icaainc.com).**

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Visit our website at [www.icaainc.com](http://www.icaainc.com)

Like us on Facebook (type International Colored Appaloosa Association in your Facebook search engine)

## 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!

*The Prince of Jokers  
(F3)*

*Owned by Amanda  
Hubbert*



## Our Horses Work!

# The ICAA APPALOOSA



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