

# Winter 2021/2022 Newsletter

## From the Arena Fence

It's hard to believe, but 2021 is almost in the books. It wasn't without its challenges but we made it thru.

ICAA continues to grow and we are getting closer to the elusive 8 generation full bred Appaloosa.

We hope you all had a very Merry Christmas and wish you a Happy and Prosperous New Year with lots of spots in your pasture.

*Cheryl Miller-Yurcak  
Chairman/CEO*

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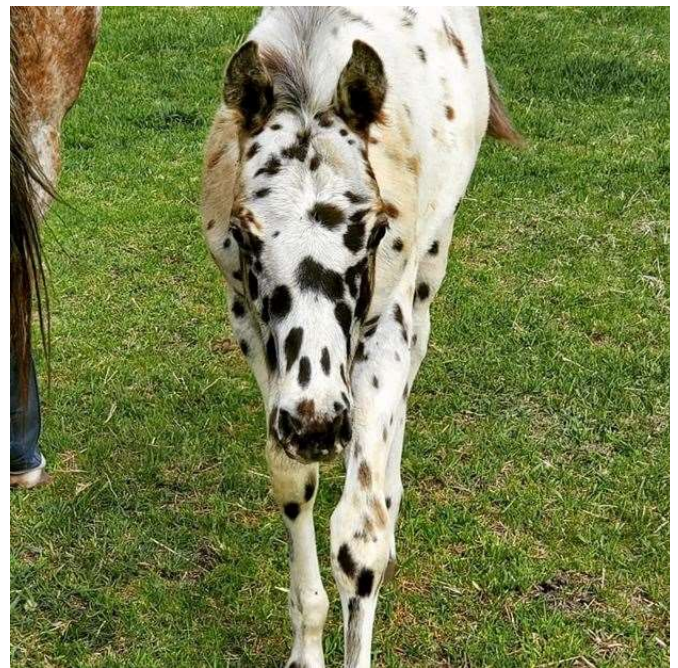
## Valentine's Day Gift to World Champion By Samantha Peterson

Valentine's Day came along. My husband, being the most unromantic person I know, never told me Happy Valentine's Day. He never gave me so much as a flower. Next day after came along, and I was still pissed. He went out to do chores to try and cheer me up. Keep in mind, I live in Minnesota so it was the dead middle of winter. The high of the day was like 5 degrees (yes only 5 whooping degrees) and the last thing I wanted to do was go outside. He calls me up and "you need to come out right now". He didn't sound happy at all. So I got up, bundled up, and made my way to the barn. "Go to Quinn's stall. I need to get the horses some water." As he's looking at me weird, I make my way to her

stall. She steps aside and there's this foal, spotted nose to toes. Quinn didn't listen to me wanting a filly so she gave me a colt instead! I was pissed the colt wasn't a filly. I never had a gelding before, was always a mare person. But here I was, colt looking at me. With it being so close to Valentine's Day, I named him Cupid.

Cupid never was a friendly colt. We had to corner him in the stall to do anything. To get anywhere near him, you had to trick him into a corral to work with him. Between breaking a window in my horse trailer and kicking me in the head at a horse show (which landed me in the emergency room with 7 stitches), I didn't know what I was going to do. Time moved along and it was time to get weaned. His attitude went to a complete brat to the most friendly weanling overnight. I'm talking night and day difference. Our training sessions started going more smoothly. He was doing extremely well.

Time moved along, and sooner or later, he was a yearling. I put as much ground work on him as I possibly could. My little crapster turned into the best behaved yearling I knew. We were finally ready; our first breed show. Cupid placed



*YM Taks Two to Tango, F4-2792 "Cupid"*

first in all of his classes, except for showmanship. That one was due to human error. I met so many wonderful people there. Breed shows were our place to be and I loved it. Everyone was so kind and helpful. They asked what my goals were with him, and I immediately said "World's". No one doubted me. I was offered a ton of help. Someone even offered to drive him down for me. Every show we went to, he was either Grand Champion Stallion or Reserve. The huge goal of World's that was way out of my grasp went to just at my fingertips.



*Samantha and "Cupid"*

The time to leave for World's arrived. We left at 4 in the morning and boy was it the longest ride of my life. The drive to Texas took a long 17 hours. We arrived at about 9 that same night. The facility was huge and the show nerves set in. I was really set on wanting to place well for the Foundation Destination Pedigree Stallions class. I walked in the ring, and headed straight for the judges. He set up perfectly for the inspection. Trotted past and he held his head up high, just like he was proud to be there. We lined up and waited for the judges to look at the other stallions. We were told to go to the side of the ring to await the placings. At the World Championship Appaloosa Show, there are four judges. Therefore four different placings are possible. The first judge's placings were announced. We got second. I thought that's alright, an average of second can make us a reserve champion. Second judge's placings were announced, we were third. I immediately doubted everything. What was I thinking? I

wasn't going to win the World. There was no way a small town girl was going to do well at this large of a show.

There was a pause. They explained that the final two judges had placed everyone the same way so they were going to announce them that way. They announced us as first! I thought maybe I could get Reserve World Champion. I could manage that. They asked us to go to the side of the ring to total up the placings for the final awards. They announced third, and it wasn't us. So I knew we were going to at least get 2<sup>nd</sup>. They announce the Reserve World Champion, and it wasn't us. My heart stopped beating. I couldn't breathe. We did it. We actually pulled it off. They announced "YM Taks Two to Tango is your 2021 World Champion in the Foundation Pedigree Destination Stallions class". That small town girl? Her dream of becoming a world champion came true.

One of our own won the FPD Stallion class at the ApHC Worlds, making him the World Champion in FPD Stallions! As only a long yearling, this boy is going places! Congratulations to YM Taks Two to Tango, F4-2792, and owner Samantha Peterson! You've done an awesome job with him Samantha!

Per Samantha,  
"Today was a surreal day. With having a foundation bred Appaloosa, I had my eye on the FPD Stallions class at World's. Proud to announce Cupid received 1st place, making him the WORLD CHAMPION in FPD Stallions. To describe how proud I am of this young chap is NOT ENOUGH! Love ya Cupid!"

We here at ICAA love you, too, "Cupid"!



*YM Taks Two to Tango and Samantha Peterson carrying home the World Champion trophy*



## **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.**

### **Stallion Selection – What am I trying to build?**

By Robyn Lay

Breeding season is just around the corner. For those who plan to breed foals it is important to look at the factors that will determine what kind of foal you actually build. I have conducted a non-scientific poll asking people in my Facebook group what criteria are vital in their stallion selection. The five most important criteria overall – determined by how often they were mentioned by different people was, 5 Panel N/N, Performance, Pedigree, Conformation and Color. Most people selected color as their least important. Performance and 5 panel testing seemed to be at the top of the list.

The first question to ask is; what you are planning to do with the foals you breed? If you are looking for a specific discipline, you might want a stallion that excels in that discipline. The second thing to look at is what flaws your mare(s) may have that you need to correct in a foal and make sure the stallion you select will be able to address those flaws. Next would be to search for a disposition that is sane, workable, and trainable. A performance record can be proof of a good disposition. Stallions that are able to get out and compete in the public prove they are sane and not just wild breeding machines. This kind of mindset in a horse is vital for a successful life. It should be noted however, that this is not the only benchmark of a good disposition. There is no substitute for meeting the stallion in person and sizing up his demeanor.

Personally I like a horse that handles "new" things in a thoughtful way. Typically, untrained horses do not have this characteristic simply due to never being asked to use the thinking side of their brains. Therefore an untrained stallion really represents a lot of question marks as to what he can bring to the table for your foal. For me, a stallion that has at least been put under saddle and has a sane and impressive temperament is a must.

Two things are very specific to Appaloosa breeders due to the nature of our breed. The first is pedigree. ICAA has strict pedigree requirements and a clear goal of getting to purebred status at 8-generations and beyond. In this regard it is important to select a stallion with as much Appaloosa breeding as possible. However, if there are bloodlines that you prefer in stallions that are lower F numbers we still have a structure whereby they can be added to our collective gene pool. Now is the time to build those lines up to the 8-generation level.

The second specific criterion is color. This is the primary identifying characteristic of the Appaloosa and the best examples of the breed exhibit beautiful color and/or coat pattern. That should always be the goal however; it should not be the only or even the most important criteria. As breeders of colored horses we are constantly criticized by those who do not like our breed as breeding only for color. Conformation is paramount in building a horse that will have a long and productive life and that along with disposition, in my opinion, should be the most important factors to consider. Having said that it is easier now than ever before to breed and get color due to the genetic testing that is available. In breeding a foal to sell I will always try to get color as much as possible but that selection is only made after I consider conformation and disposition.

Genetic testing should have gone at the beginning of my article because it is imperative that we have a genetically clean gene pool with which to create the purebred. With rules added to our registry, all stock needed to be tested and clean by 2017. I applaud the registry for taking a stand on this issue and we are the only stock breed registry to do so.

I think it is just as important to hold your mare to these same standards. As breeders it is our responsibility to do our best to improve the breed by selecting mares and stallions that produce offspring better than they themselves are. Not all horses should be bred. Try to be objective when you look at your horse. I can tell you from experience that it is much cheaper to buy a foal on the ground than it is to produce one. Breeding your mare will not guarantee that her personality will transmit to the foal. I have two out of my mare and neither really has her personality. If that is the only reason for you to breed, I would encourage you instead to find a foal that meets your other criteria because it will be a lot cheaper and you won't have to wait a few years to get her under saddle.

Considering all these criteria and thoughtfully selecting a stallion to pair with your mare will give you a sound, sane and beautiful foal and will improve our registry with the quality that will set our breed apart from all the others.

Happy trails and happy foaling!

The next Quarterly Meeting will be held **on Saturday, January 22, 2022 at 12:00 noon EST**. Emails will be sent out as a reminder as well as the dial-in number and access code. Hope to "see" you all there!

**Reminders:**

Stallion Reports are due by December 31<sup>st</sup> for all ICAA stallions who bred any mares. Please include any grade or other breed mares. The report is free when filed on time and can be emailed when coming from a known email address.

Memberships are due for 2022. If you have not already sent in your membership fees, please do so.

Forms have all been updated to reflect the reminder to please check the website prior to mailing anything via snail mail to be sure the address on the form is correct. Note: there are a lot of old forms out there, especially transfers that have never been sent in, that do not have the correct mailing address, and the Secretary will be moving at some later date in the future.

Also, the AGI Test Submittal Form has been updated with IMM added as an individual test for those horses that only have a 5-Panel. Starting January 1<sup>st</sup>, all horses being registered will be required to have a negative IMM test (for a 6-Panel), so we recommend testing all your breeding stock so that each foal does not have to be tested.

The ICAA Distance Program has been updated and the form has been updated as well to reflect a lower mileage requirement in line with the North American Trail Ride Conference and their new guidelines.

Please print out current forms for use!



Our new ICAA Banner hanging in the John Justin Arena at the ApHC World Show. Thank you so much **Amanda Hubbert** for your donation to purchase two of these beautiful banners! These are great advertisement for ICAA, and will be in use for a long time for Members who want to use them at future shows!



**ICAA is proud to announce the registration of two F7 (7-generation) colts! BCA Iron White Star F7-2808, and BCA Yamas Misqualu F7-2810 can be seen below in the New Registrations.**

**Slowly but surely, we are nearing the first purebred Appaloosa horses in history! Once 8-generations are reached, the new International Fullblood Appaloosa Association will be opened!**



The 2022 ICAA Stallion Service Auction is currently running and bids will be accepted through January 15, 2022! We have some amazing stallions this year, including two F6s and one F7! Some of the stallions are new to the auction this year so please give them a look!

You can see them and bid on them on the Facebook auction page at <https://www.facebook.com/icaastallionserviceauction> and you can see them on the ICAA website at <https://icaainc.com/stallion-service-auction>

## New Registrations



AR DoubleLacedSilver, F4-2804  
Buckskin Near-Leopard Filly  
Owned by Fiona Plunkie



HHA Soxs To Be You, F3-2803  
Black Blanketed Filly  
Owned by Amanda Hubbert



AR Silver CoyoteRose, F4-2805  
Dark Bay or Brown Near-Leopard Filly  
Owned by Fiona Plunkie



ARNorthernSilverSign, F4-2806  
Bay Near-Fewspot Leopard Colt  
Owned by Fiona Plunkie



ARMightySilverCanvas, F3-2807  
Chestnut Fewspot Leopard Colt  
Owned by Fiona Plunkie



Iron White Star, F7-2808  
Black Near-Fewspot Leopard Colt  
Owned by Charles Potts, Bluecreek Appaloosas



BCA Zamos Muldoon, F6-2809  
Black Near-Leopard Colt  
Owned by Charles Potts, Bluecreek Appaloosas



BCA Yamas Misqualu, F7-2810  
Black Near-Leopard Colt  
Owned by Charles Potts, Bluecreek Appaloosas



BCA Yamas Otamba, F6-2811  
Black Blanketed Mare  
Owned by Charles Potts, Bluecreek Appaloosas



Ghostdance Juma, F5-2812  
Dark Bay Solid LP/LP Mare  
Owned by Charles Potts, Bluecreek Appaloosas

**Welcome New Members!**

- Lauren Smith of NJ
- Leslie Spires of NE
- Manuel Puehringer of Austria
- Romana Puehinger of Austria
- Whitney Wrzesniewski of TN

The Newsletter is available almost exclusively online, other than for those who request that a hard copy be mailed to them. We also send a hard copy to new members in the US for one year. If after the one year any new members desire to continue receiving a hard copy, please let us know.



It's with great sadness that we have to report the passing of two of our great ICAA stallions. Both Zippospots Galore, #2780, and Dancen Magic, F2-1397 passed away on 10/21/21 and 11/27/21 respectively. Our thoughts and prayers go out to their owners as they were with them for many years and a part of their family.



Dancen Magic



Zippospots Galore

**As an ICAA member you will receive reduced registration fees, reduced transfer fees, reduced testing fees, and other fees at reduced rates.** You can file your ICAA **Stallion Reports for free** if filed by Dec 31st of the breeding year. You can enroll your Appaloosa or Youth in the **Open Show Point Program, The ICAA Distance Program,** and/or enroll in the **ICAA Horsemanship Program,** and you can receive **Production Achievement Awards** for your mares producing 5 (five) colored ICAA registered foals, or for your stallions producing 15 (fifteen) colored ICAA registered foals. You can **advertise** your ICAA registered stallions **for free** in the **Stallion Showcase,** as well as **advertise** your ICAA registered horses for sale in the **Sale File,** also **for free.**



### Annual Membership Form

*Clip and mail with fees to:  
ICAA, PO Box 427, Whiteface, TX 79379  
or pay online and email this form*

*(See website prior to mailing to be sure address is current)*

Membership runs from January 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup>

I am a NEW Adult Member (\$15)

I am a NEW Youth Member (\$15)

I want to RENEW my Adult membership (\$15)

I want to RENEW my Youth Membership (\$15)

Payment for year(s) \_\_\_\_\_

ICAA Membership (if renewing) # \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Date (if Youth) \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE PRINT

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Web Site URL: \_\_\_\_\_

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**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!



HHA Twisted Iron, F4-2801

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