



APPALOOSA HORSE CLUB RACING

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APPALOOSA HORSE CLUB ANNOUNCES 2011 RACE CHAMPIONS

MOSCOW, Idaho— Each year a new crop of Appaloosa Race horses hit the track, and each year, one two-year-old stands above the rest. This year that horse was Captain Bucko, earning the titles of Supreme Champion Two-Year-Old and Champion Two-Year-Old Sprint Colt. The colored colt sired by Cartel Success (AQHA) and out of Joyball by Whirling Fastball (AQHA) hit the dirt with gusto winning 6 of 10 starts including the Victoria Ennis Memorial Handicap, O.H.A. Paint & Appaloosa Futurity, and the famed Cricket Bars Futurity and setting a track and world record along the way. His winnings amount to an outstanding \$81,199. This colt was bred by H and V racing of Oklahoma and is proudly owned by the Racing RN's and Anita Ruiz of Oklahoma and trained by Luis Villafranco. Congratulations Captain Bucko!

Appaloosa Racing's Horse of the Year award was bestowed to Moon Bully for the fourth year in a row. The 8-year-old gelding earned the award after an astounding year with wins in the Cowboy Hall of Fame Handicap and Sequoyah Stakes. Moon Bully is sired by Man With The Power and out of TB Fancy Moon (AQHA) by Moon Lark (AQHA). The Champion Four-Year-Old and Older Gelding title was also awarded to Moon Bully. The Tennessee-bred Appaloosa earned \$33,759 in 2011, bringing his lifetime totals to \$217,012. This racing wonder is proudly owned by Jeff Adams of Oklahoma and Rebecca Bailey of Ohio and trained by Trainer of the Year Leslie Padilla. Moon Bully was bred by John Holley of Mount Juliet, Tennessee.

The following Appaloosas earned prestigious titles for their racing prowess in 2011:

- Captain Bucko named Champion 2-year-old Sprint Colt
- Good As Gone named Champion 2-year-old Sprint Filly
- Big Brown named Champion 2-year-old Sprint Gelding
- Circle The Wagon named Champion 3-year-old Sprint Colt
- BG The Widow Maker named Champion 3-year-old Sprint Filly
- Tequila Noches named Champion 4-year-old Sprint Horse
- Moon Bully named Champion 4-year-old Sprint Gelding
- Texas Royal Snow named Champion Claiming Horse



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The ApHC is also proud to announce the Leading Breeder, Leading Owner, Leading Trainer and Leading Jockey for their contributions to the racing industry in 2011:

- Jeff Adams of Oklahoma was named the Leading Breeder and Leading Owner.
- Leslie Padilla of Oklahoma was named the Leading Trainer.
- Adalberto Candanosa was named the Leading Jockey

Congratulations to all the Appaloosas, owners, breeders, trainers and jockeys in Appaloosa racing. The ApHC is looking forward to another exciting race year in 2012!

Appaloosa Racing

Appaloosas have long been an integral part of one of America's most popular spectator sports—horse racing. The Appaloosa Horse Club (ApHC) officially recognized the sport in 1962, beginning Appaloosa racing history with four races and 23 starters competing for \$12,000 in total purses. In 2011, 127 starters competed in races for over \$2M in total purses. Racing fans can find Appaloosas crossing the finish line in California, Colorado, Montana, Idaho, Nevada, Oklahoma, Oregon, Texas, and Wyoming.

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