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APPALOOSA HORSE CLUB ANNOUNCES 2017 RACE CHAMPIONS

MOSCOW, Idaho— MOSCOW, Idaho— Each year a new crop of Appaloosa Race horses hit the track, and each year, one starter stands above the rest. This year that horse was **Apollos Second Sign.** She dominated this year's two-year-old crop earning the coveted titles of **Supreme Champion Two-Year-Old and Champion Two-Year-Old Filly**. The bay mare sired by the Quarter Horse, Second Painted Sign, and out of Appaloosa mare, Allies Apollo, by Apollo (JC) hit the dirt with keenness in 2017 winning the Cricket Bars Futurity, running second in the Speedhorse Lonestar Paint & Appaloosa Futurity and placing third in the Colors of the Alamo Appaloosa and Paint Futurity. She amassed earnings amounting to \$37,909 making her the highest money-earning Appaloosa in 2017. Congratulations to owner Michael Moss of Talala, OK on a stellar two-year-old year with this filly.

The following Appaloosas earned prestigious titles for their racing prowess in 2017:

- Appollos Second Sign Champion 2-year-old Filly, owned by Michael Moss of Talala, OK
- Ojo Por Ojo Champion 2-year-old Gelding, owned by Racin RNS from Wapanucka, OK
- Jess Cuz Champion 3-year-old Filly, owned by Jeff Adams of Durant, OK
- Col Bucks Champion 3-year-old Gelding, owned by Gary Vaughan of Coalgate, OK
- Catch Jessie If Ucan Champion 4+ Mare owned by Robert Patton of Booneville, AR
- Devine Little Chick Champion Claiming Horse owned by Christopher Brandon of Farr West, UT

The following Appaloosas were South-Central (OK, TX) Regional High-Point Champions in 2017:

- Brace for Thunder 2G, owned by Racin RNS from Wapanucka, OK
- Apollos Second Sign 2F, owned by Michael Moss of Talala, OK
- First Down Geno 2S, owned by Fred Bransford of Atlanta, GA
- Col Bucks 3G, owned by Gary Vaughan of Coalgate, OK
- Jess Cuz 3F, owned by Jeff Adams of Durant, OK
- Gray Chief 3S, owned by Gary Vaughan of Coalgate, OK
- Catch Jessie If Ucan 4+F, owned by Robert Patton of Booneville, AR

The following Appaloosas were South-Central (NM,CO,WY,UT,NV) Regional High-Point Champions in 2017:

- One More Last Time 2G, owned by John White Jr., DVM of Fort Collins, CO
- Cajun Prize 2F, owned by Ralph Hartline of Idaho Falls, ID
- KT Kong 4+G, owned by Tisa Helmick and Brandon Fielding of Hooper, UT
- Una Mas 4+F, owned by Barbara Atwood of Idaho Falls, ID

The following Appaloosas were Northwest (MT,ID,OR,WA) Regional High-Point Champions in 2017:

- One More Last Time 2G, owned by John White Jr., DVM of Fort Collins, CO
- Tisatimetotakecash 2F, owned by Andy & Mary Atkinson of Pocatello, ID
- KT Kong 4+G, owned by Tisa Helmick and Brandon Fielding of Hooper, UT
- Una Mas 4+F, owned by Barbara Atwood of Idaho Falls, ID

Not only are Appaloosa horses honored for their contributions to racing, the ApHC is proud to announce the Leading Breeder, Leading Owner, Leading Trainer and Leading Jockey based on wins in 2017.

- Ralph Hartline of Idaho was named Leading Breeder,
- Michael Moss of Oklahoma was named Leading Owner,
- **Don Atwood** of Idaho was named Leading Trainer,
- Mario Delgado of Oklahoma was named 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 2018!

For more information, please visit www.appaloosa.com or email racing@appaloosa.com.

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 4 races and 23 starters competing for \$12,000 in total purses. In 2017, 63 starters competed in 170 races for \$1.75M in total purses.

The Appaloosa Horse Club (ApHC) was established in 1938, with a mission of preserving, promoting and enhancing the Appaloosa breed. The ApHC has since registered more than 670,000 Appaloosas, which are known for their distinctive color, intelligence and even temperament. True to their reputation as an extremely versatile breed, Appaloosas can be found in nearly every discipline, including racing, endurance riding or serving as reliable family horses. The international breed registry is headquartered in Moscow, Idaho; the heart of the Palouse region, the Appaloosa breed's namesake and point of origin.

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