

APPALOOSA RACING ANNOUNCES 2015 HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

MOSCOW, Idaho— The Executive Race Committee is pleased to announce the 2015 Racing Hall of Fame Inductees. The Appaloosa Racing Hall of Fame was created in 1988 with a purpose of recognizing individuals and horses whose contributions have made an impressive and lasting impact on the Appaloosa racing industry. Each year nominations for the Racing Hall of Fame are submitted by the racing community and Appaloosa Horse Club members. The Executive Racing Committee then review each nomination and vote to determine the horses and individuals this prestigious honor will be bestowed upon.

2015 Inductees:

The Executive Race Committee is pleased to announce the following inductions into the 2015 Racing Hall of Fame:

✿ **GRANITE GIRL** (Red Granite (JC) X Pepper Red Cat by Rock Bottom Red)
Mare, 1976-2007. 44 starts, 23(11)-10(5)-6(4). \$77,501
Bred by Mel Stoltenberg, owned by Don Heil, Sr. (1976-1983), Bill Blackmon (1983-2007) and trained by Don Heil, Sr.
“She became a record-setting Appaloosa that legendary trainer Don Collins once described as the best racing mare he'd ever watched on California tracks.”

✿ **THE HOOPER HONKER** (Private World (JC) X Bar-B-Call by Bar Gill)
Gelding, 1975-2006. 13 starts 11(3)-1(1)-1(1). \$51,880
Bred by Don Korth, owned by Jay Thompson (1975-2006) and trained by Jay Thompson.
“He was a racehorse who became a queen’s ambassador.”

✿ **MARVIN LARSON** – breeder, owner, trainer
Marvin was a very active father to seven children and married for 46 years to his wife Doris. He was a member of the Appaloosa Horse Club from 1959-1982 when he finally retired from training full time. Marvin was a big promoter of Appaloosas and dedicated to improving the breed both on the track and in the arena. As the Ranch Manager and trainer of Leo Marsters horses in Payette, Idaho, Marvin helped make Marsters the leading owner of Appaloosa race horses during the mid 1960’s.

The above inductees will be honored at the 2015 Year-End Awards Banquet held in conjunction with the National Championship Appaloosa Show in Fort Worth, Texas. In addition, each Hall of Fame inductee will be recognized on an engraved plaque featuring a photograph and biography to be on permanent display in the Appaloosa Museum.

To purchase tickets for the 2015 Year-End Awards Banquet or to purchase a 2015 Appaloosa Yearbook, contact the Awards Coordinator at (208) 882-5578 ext. 245. For information about the Appaloosa Museum please contact Crystal White at (208) 882-5578 ext. 279.

To learn more about past and present ApHC Hall of Fame Inductees visit www.appaloosa.com.

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 675,000

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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