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ApHC Announces Passing of ApHC Judge and Board Member Steve Bennett

MOSCOW, Idaho — It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of Steve Bennett on Thursday, August 29, 2024, at Duke University Hospital. Born on July 18, 1948, in Forsyth County, Steve earned a Business Management degree with a minor in psychology from the University of North Carolina, Charlotte. Steve devoted over 50 years to the HVAC industry, serving as the Vice President of the HVAC Division at Cregger Company.

For forty years, Steve was an esteemed judge for the Appaloosa Horse Club. He also held roles such as Vice President (2011) and member of the ApHC Board of Directors (2009-2011, 2023-2024). A skilled horseman, Steve's passion for the Appaloosa was evident as he led many horses and clients to numerous World and National titles. Dee Dee Douglas, ApHC Director of Judges and Memberships, expressed, “Steve Bennett touched so many lives- he had the gift of connecting with people, understanding them, and making them feel special. Steve epitomized ApHC with his high moral and ethical standards and was a true gentleman and talented horseman. Though I am heartbroken over Steve's passing, I will always treasure the joy we shared while judging together, and the laughter we enjoyed.”

A devoted family man, Steve took great pride in his children's achievements and cherished moments with his wife, Jill. Known for his warm smile, sense of humor, and willingness to assist others, he embraced life wholeheartedly. Steve will be deeply missed by all who had the privilege of knowing him.



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 700,000 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 and 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.