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I'm sitting here right now trying to figure out what I want to say about our **50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Maine ApHC State Show**. There is so much going on I am hard pressed to know where to start!

By now, you should all know the date – **May 10, 11 & 12**. It's listed on the website, our Facebook page has been sending out the information for 3 months now, our Instagram account has the program & forms showing & you'll be seeing more photos there in future weeks highlighting some of the awards we'll be presenting. I hope that you all will mark your calendars for those dates & meet us there for the fun!

Show Manager Mike Grass is working the phone & beating paths to peoples' doors. He's got a legal-sized yellow notepad where he's been documenting every phone call he's made, people he's seen, donations he's received, etc. You name it, he's got it written down, and right now he has *lots* of filled pages! We are tremendously pleased with the amount of support we're receiving from our current members, past members & the businesses that have been contacted.

We're offering 14 divisions at the show where **High Point & Reserve High Point Awards** will be given: Youth Walk-Trot 10 & Under, Youth 13 & Under, Youth 14-18, Novice Youth, Open Non-Pro, 35 Years & Over Non-Pro, Masters Non-Pro, Novice Non-Pro, Walk-Trot Non-Pro, Performance Horse, All-Breed Youth, All-Breed Adult, All-Breed Walk-Trot & All-Breed Horse. High Point Winners will receive really nice *embroidered Director's Chairs*. The Reserve High Point Winners in each division will receive *contoured Wool Felt Pads* with oil tanned wear leathers.

In addition to the fourteen High Point & Reserve High Point Awards, we will also be awarding **Over-All High Point Awards**. We have seven saddles to give away for this!

- The **“Overall High Point Ranch Horse”** - Appaloosa Youth, Non-Pro & Open Appaloosas along with the All-Breed horses will be competing for a saddle.
- ApHC Non-Pros showing in All of the Non-Pro Divisions [except for the Walk-Trot Non-Pro] will work toward the **“Over-All High Point Non-Pro”** saddle.
- All of the Appaloosa game classes [Non-Pro, Youth & Open] will count toward winning the **“Overall High Point Game Horse”** saddle.
- The **“Overall High Point Youth”** saddle will be awarded to one of the youths competing in all ApHC youth divisions except for the Youth Walk-Trot exhibitors.
- ApHC Youths 10 & Under will work toward the **“Overall Youth High Point Walk-Trot”** saddle.
- And the **“Overall High Point Non-Pro Walk-Trot”** saddle goes to the ApHC Non-Pro competing in those classes.

- The “**High Point Overall All-Breed**” saddle will be awarded to the horse earning the most points competing in all of the All-Breed classes. ApHC registered Appaloosas are not eligible for this award, **but** solid-colored/non-characteristic ApHC-registered horses whose papers are marked “Not Eligible for Race or Show” will be eligible for the All-Breed award as will Appaloosa-colored “grade” horses.

You don’t want to forget our special **Versatility Class** scheduled for Friday evening. This should be a fun event with riders showing just how versatile their horses are by competing in Western Pleasure, Hunter under Saddle & a Camas Prairie Stump Race. Tack changes are made in the ring between classes. We’ve had \$100 donated to this class so far & we’re hoping for more money & items to be donated. We’ll keep you updated as we get more items or money. And before I forget, the Versatility Class will be preceded by a **Dog Race** [\$5 entry fee at the gate]. There are a lot of dogs that come to our shows, and they need to get into the action!

Don’t forget that our **Youth Club** is running a **raffle** for a 55” Samsung Smart TV. Ticket prices are very reasonable, and ticket sales will go to supporting our youth group. Get in touch with Roz or Brooke Clancy to purchase your tickets.

This whole weekend is set to be a very *social* event. Thursday night before the show we’ve got a **Pizza Party** in the works, late Friday afternoon our **Cheese & Beverage Social** is scheduled, and Saturday will see our annual **Lobster Feed** which this year will also have chicken or steak available for our non-seafood lovers. Not only are we looking for our exhibitors to be on hand for this, but we’re also hoping to draw former members to show up & partake of these goodies & reminisce about “the good old days!” This **is** our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Show & over these fifty years we have had many Appaloosa lovers in Maine & New England who have joined us in our love for these great horses. I am really looking forward to spending time with them & sharing memories.

Speaking of memories, we’re looking for photos & mementos from those 50 years for posting on our 4’ x 8’ “memory” whiteboard. The fifty years that we’ve been supporting the Appaloosa horse is no small thing! We need to celebrate & share our history.

Remember that our Flat Entry Fee [for both Appaloosas & All-Breed] has been reduced this year to \$100 down from the \$150 of previous years. The individual class fee was also dropped down from \$32 to \$30. The All-Breed single class fee is \$15. The stall fee for the three-day weekend is \$75. These are all pretty reasonable fees when you stop to consider the amount of “swag” we’re giving away to our exhibitors. There are our 14 division High Point & Reserve High Point Awards described earlier, & the seven Overall High Point Saddles. There is a Free Stall going to one exhibitor in the Open Most Colorful at Halter class. We’ve got random \$20 awards for exhibitors in a number of classes. The “Challenge Classes” have an additional \$200 in added money. Horses competing in the “All- Breed” Ranch classes will be competing for a \$100 award to the overall winner. We’re just going to have a Super Time! I’m looking forward to seeing many of you & your great Appaloosa horses at the **50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Maine ApHC State Show**.

*Margo Carter Condon*  
President