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Editor's Note June 2010

Summer is finally here and with the warm weather we have been having I think it's going to be a good one, although I think we can all do without the flies that seem to be enjoying it as much as we are. Everyone that can is encouraged to get out and enjoy the various Horse Shows available in our area, be it App, other breeds or Open Shows. We all know the versatility of our precious Appys and know they can excel at almost any discipline put upon them without difficulty. So get out there and participate or at the very least show your support!

I apologize for not getting this Newsletter out on a more timely basis but the last few weeks have been a bit hectic and traumatic for me as well. Lack of sleep in waiting for the arrival of my new "baby" App kept me up most nights for at least 2 weeks and on May 30th at 2:30 a.m. my beautiful Appy colt Skip's Tehya Whichiwi (name pending) which means Skip's Precious Dancer in Native American, was delivered into the world by my lovely mare, Abby (Skip's White Cloud). Being a first time mom, Abby had a few problems accepting her new baby boy but with the very much appreciated help of Jeff and Gail Melanson (who by the way didn't hesitate to come when I called them at 2:30 in the morning), within a few hours, all was well and mom and baby bonded very nicely and Abby is quite protective of him now. She is an awesome Mom!

On a sad note, four days after my new "baby boy" was born, I had to put my beloved "Hunter" dog to sleep. He had been sick for a while and even with the medication he was taking, he could just not hold on any longer. I really miss my "puppers" but I know it was the kindest thing I could do for him and he is no longer suffering and is healthy and happy in heaven with all kinds of other new friends to play with. He is now resting on our property between the two apple trees that he spent a great deal of time hanging around, barking at and chasing squirrels – he really hated those squirrels! I got a new puppy a few days ago. He will never replace my Hunter but having a new "fur baby" to love really helps to take away a lot of the hurt in my heart. His name is "Scooter" and he is sitting at my feet as I type this editorial.

This Newsletter issue was to be dedicated to "new arrivals" for this year but it seems either there were not a lot of new babies born or our Members are keeping them under wraps until the Weanling Futurity in September. I only have three photos to post including my own but I guess some is better than none.

Not much to put in this issue so it will be short and sweet and hopefully there will be more to include in the September Issue – if anyone out there would like to include a poem, funny story, etc., please email it to me and I will make sure it gets into the next Newsletter.

Remember to get out to the Shows either as an Exhibitor or Spectator, either way; you will have a great time! The Atlantic Appaloosa Horse Club is having their show in Fredericton, on the weekend of June 26 & 27, 2010. There will be both App classes and Open classes so get out there and show your support.

Apps Rule!

Kim Derrah
Newsletter Editor



Ever wonder what the whorls on your horses face and body mean? I am sure you have all heard the older “horse people” talking about them and what they mean. Well, here is an excerpt from Horsewyse Magazine that you may find rather interesting.

AROUND THE WHORL

Hair whorls come in a huge variety of shapes, sizes and positions!

A whorl, (also called a swirl, crown, cowlick or trichoglyph), is where the hair grows in the opposite direction from the hair surrounding it. Most horses have one somewhere on their face, although the position and shape varies. The whorl can be high, between the eyes, or low on the horse’s face and be big, small, round, lone, messy.....some horses can even have two or more.

Types of whorls include:

- *Simple, where the hairs converge from different directions into a single focal point.
- *Tufted, where the hair seems to converge and piles up into a tuft.
- *Linear, where hair growing in opposite directions meet along a line.
- *Crested – same as linear, but the hair merges to form a crest.
- *Feathered, where the hair meets along a line but falls at an angle to form a feathered pattern.
- *Sinuous, where two opposing line of hair growth meets along an irregular curving line.

About 78% of horses have one of the above facial whorls, while 16% have double whorls and only 6% having three or more.

You have a hair whorl on top of your head (check it out) and about 2-5% of people have two whorls and it is thought the direction of your hair whorl.....clockwise or counter clockwise.....indicates if you are left or right-handed.

Whorls can be found on other areas of the horse’s body such as the neck, chest, belly and in front of the stifles. Part of the breed standard for Exmoor ponies lists facial whorls as being desirable as they help divert water away from the eyes.

Bedouin horsemen placed great significance on a horse’s hair whorls and used them to determine the value of a horse. One Arabian horse was said to have had 40 whorls on its body! (the Average is six). They also believed whorls between the ears means the horse was swift while any on the side of the neck were called the “finger of the Prophet”.

Another marking is the “Prophet’s Thumbmark” which is a small indentation in the horse’s neck, although it can also appear on other areas of the body. The legend goes that the Prophet Mohammed tested his horses by depriving them of water for several days. He then released them near a waterhole but before they reached it, he sounded his trumpet to summon them. Only five mares responded and returned to him, and these were kept for breeding. He pressed his thumb into their necks, leaving an indentation which

they passed on to their offspring. It is said any horses bearing the mark are blessed, and the person whose thumb exactly fits the hole is the horse's true owner.

Many Arabian horses have the mark, as do Thoroughbreds, which descended from Arabian bloodlines. Other Bedouin beliefs included:

*A whorl on the chest meant prosperity.

*A whorl on the girth was a sign of good fortune and an increase in flocks.

*Whorls on the flank were known as "spur whorls" and if curved up, safety in battle or if inclined downwards, prosperity. The Byerley Turk, an Arabian who is one of the founding sires for the Thoroughbred breed, was said to have been born with the Whorl of the Spurs and was never injured in the many battles he was ridden in.

*The whorl of the Sultan was found on the windpipe and meant love and prosperity.

They also believe in evil whorls:

*A whorl above the eye meant the master will die from a head injury.

*The whorl of the Coffin was one positioned close to the withers, sloping downwards towards the shoulder and meant the rider will die in the saddle.

*A whorl on the horse's cheek meant debt and ruin.

*A whorl on one side of the tail meant misery and famine.

In the Indian Marwari breed, few will consider buying a horse with a whorl positioned below the horse's eyes as it is considered a bad omen, however a long whorl down the neck is known as a "Devman" and believed to be lucky.

Whorls are individual to every horse (like our fingerprints) and many breed registries use them as identification as they can never be brushed or clipped out. Trainer Linda Tellington-Jones believes whorls can indicate a horse's temperament:

*A whorl positioned above the eyes is the most common and indicates a horse with an uncomplicated nature.

*Horses with whorls below the eyes usually have above average intelligence and like to make a nuisance of themselves by opening gates, etc.

*Whorls positioned on the left of the face indicate a complicated but trustworthy horse, while horses with whorls on the right can be uncooperative.

*Horses with one long whorl (also called a "feather mark" and is the equivalent of a human hair part) are people-friendly and Linda says that a horse with this type of whorl who isn't friendly should be investigated as it is likely they are in pain or being abused.

*Horses with two adjoining whorls can be emotional and difficult to handle and do not make good mounts for inexperienced riders.

*Three whorls on the forehead is extremely rare and can indicate an unpredictable horse, or, if a stallion, dangerous to handle.

So what kind of whorl does your horse have on his/her head?

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GENERAL MEETING

April 10, 2010

- Called to order at 2:15 p.m.
- Minutes of Annual Meeting of November 7, 2009 were read.
Motion #1 – Jen McNamara moved that we accept minutes as read. Seconded Chris Bell. Motion Carried.
- Treasurer's Report
As of April 7, 2010 5,886.52
Motion #2 – Roberta Gorham moved we accept Treasurer's Report as read. Seconded – Carol Hill. Motion carried.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Ronnie Wilkins Memorial Horse Show

- Judges are booked.
- Some sponsorships are already in place.

Computer Software

\$175.00/year – compatible with ApHCC.

Motion #3 – Jen McNamara moved we pay for a licensing fee for the NBAPHC to purchase Show Secretary[®] and Point Keeper[®] up to a maximum of \$300.00. Seconded – Carol Hill. Motion Carried.

Equine Review

- 2 booths @\$64.00 each have been booked (to be paid for by NBAPHC)
- 4 horses will be on display

Breeders Committee

- Sponsoring weanling futurity @ RWMHS
- Calendars sold well.

NEW BUSINESS

Horse Fair in Truro

- There will be no booth this year as there was no interest forthcoming from the ApHCNS and not enough people from the NBAPHC to man it.

New Banners

- Sue Groundwater has kindly made up 4 new banners and the cost will be around \$200.00

ApHCNS Show

- ApHCNS will be pointing the Ronnie Wilkins show for their year end awards.

Motion #4 – Jen McNamara moved we NBAPHC point for year end awards the July 3rd and 4th show in Nova Scotia. Seconded – Sharon Turner. Motion Carried.

AApHC

The Atlantic Appaloosa Horse Club show will be held June 26th and 27th. The 26th will be an Appaloosa show only and the 27th will be an open show.

Motion #6 – Sharon Turner moved we NBAPHC point for year end awards the June 26th show in Fredericton sponsored by the AApHC. Seconded – Dennis Carson. Motion Carried.

National Director's Report

Trevor read the National Director's report.

The ApHCC is starting an identification program for all Appaloosas (registered/non registered). This will eventually become mandatory through Equine Canada so they are jumping on the bandwagon early to try and generate revenue for the club.

The ApHCC is always looking for new ideas to improve service and the club in general. Please feel free to e-mail Trevor or the national club directly with ideas and suggestions.

Robert Gorham moved we adjourn at 3:45 p.m.

Electronically signed,
Roberta Gorham
Recording Secretary



*New
Arrivals*



SKIP'S TEHYA WHICHIWI
(Name Pending)



“Tehya” (Colt) was born May 30, 2010

DAM: Skip’s White Cloud (F3 App Mare)

SIRE: Mr. Navigator (Northern Dancer Line Bred
Thoroughbred)

Owned and loved by Kim Quinn-Derrah & Newtown Equine Stables.



DUNDEE'S CHARMING LIZZY



“Lizzy” (Filly) was born May 8, 2010

DAM: Two Eyed Charming HB

SIRE: Mr. Dundee

Owned and loved by Pamela Allen-LeBlanc & Hidden Brook Farms



C — C Mister Ed (Pending)
Barn Name: Special Ed
(Colt)



DAM: C — C Del Little Rose
SIRE: Mister Dundee

Owned and loved by the Carson Family and Double C Farms

