Dear Members

*CONGRATULATIONS*

The Horse of the Year 2015 was another successful for the Appaloosa horses. Appaloosa horses representing the AHBSSA did a fantastic PRO job for the breed at the All Breed Supreme Championship on the Sunday and certainly fit well in with the other horses.

Congratulations to Pauline Huff of 'Belloosa Stud' for her lovely leopard gelding 'BELLOOSA GUNSHOT' who was placed Supreme Reserve Champion Gelding.

And to everyone else who attended the HOY Show - WELL DONE, the Appaloosa is turning heads everywhere - beautifully turned out and shown.

*WELCOME*

Welcome to new Members and Breeders alike - thank you for joining the AHBSSA and showing such an interest in the Appaloosa horse breed. Welcome to those who have re-joined the Society - thank you for the confidence you have placed in the AHBSSA Council - we appreciate it. Our Breeder Members and Non Breeder Members make the Society the success it is today.

*AHBSSA WEBPAGE*

Our AHBSSA webpage is in the process of being upgraded. We will keep it well stocked and updated with what is going on - Events, Shows, Youth, Meetings, Registrations, NewsSpot, Constitution, Show Rules, etc. The AHBSSA 2015 Forms are now uploaded and ready for use.

We have several pages where Breeders/Members can advertise their Studs or horses (for a reasonable fee) with 3 x photographs. Please make use of these pages - people viewing the page are most often looking for horse to buy or thinking of starting up as a stud so lets get those horses out there... Details on the Appaloosa Horses for Sale page.
*CHANGES*

As most of you are aware, there have been a number of changes recently, new banking and postal details (very important to note) and available on the AHBSSA website and each AHBSSA Form. All Registrations and paperwork now go to the Registrations Office (Mercia) at AHBSSAReg@gmail.com.

Any queries can be sent to AHBSSA@gmail.com or you can contact Ros on 082 598 8377.

NB: Invoices for 2015 are currently being sent out to members - please ensure you are up to date with payments, using your Member number as a reference when making payments. Please contact AHBSSAReg@gmail.com for queries re accounts / fees / outstanding amounts / etc.

*CEM - CONTAGIOUS EQUINE METRITIS*

The latest news on CEM testing for Stallions was sent to all Members last week - two documents from the Department of Agriculture, Forests and Fisheries (DAFF) and from S A Studbook.

Please read the details carefully. Only one (1) test yearly is required for each breeding stallion (preferably prior to the breeding season). Annual testing is required due to the fact that Stallions can be exposed to mares that are carriers, etc., during the breeding season and therefore may become infected.

This can be a controversial issue especially in respect of non-registered breeders and untested stallions, but as we are Registered Breeders with Registered stock, it is ethical to keep our stock clear of disease as per Government regulations. Please ensure that all breeding stallions are tested. Foals resulting from untested stallion may not be registered.

*SHOWS/EVENTS*

Please check our Show calendar regularly - the Shows and Events page - for any possible additions or changes. Also remember to contact Pauline Huff at belloosastud@yahoo.com for details regarding the Youth Incentive, points and Annual Award. For those under 18 years of age please register with Pauline to start earning your points.

You are welcome to add photos and details of recent shows to the AHBSSA Showing page on Facebook. https://www.facebook.com/groups/445160272254081/;

*GENERAL*

The AHBSSA is always thankful for any assistance at shows - if you are keen to help at any show, please contact Val at Meadowlark@vodamail.co.za for details.

Sponsors and prizes for the Championship Show are gratefully accepted - sponsors are mentioned on the 'Links' tab of the AHBSSA webpage, as well as being advertised in the
show program and the NewsSpot. Sponsors are welcome to supply a banner for the arena for the duration of the show. Please contact Ros AHBSSA@gmail.com for details or if you would like to offer a sponsored prize.

*NEWSSPOT MAGAZINE*

We apologise for the delay/lateness of the NewsSpot - there have been unavoidable delays and holdups with Reports and also photos from Shows. The magazine will be released shortly. Please contact the Editor, Claire alpha@intekom.co.za or Sub Editor, Mandy mandy@clubelani.co.za for any details/stories/adverts you would like included in the next issue.

*NEXT COUNCIL MEETING*

Our next AHBSSA Council Meeting is on the 11th April 2015. If you feel there is something that you would like discussed as an Agenda item, please forward details to Ros - AHBSSA@gmail.com asap so that I can include for the meeting.

*AFRICAN HORSE SICKNESS*

African Horse Sickness time is at its height. All horses should have had their annual AHS vaccinations by now. Please make sure that your horses are protected, Use Fly sheets/Fly spray regularly if possible, Tabard or Peaceful Sleep sticks are useful for ears and hairless skin.

AHBSSA Secretary
Ros Nightingale
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