

January 3, 2010

Hello Everyone,

Welcome to the 2010 Michigan Appaloosa Breeder's Futurity. The 2010 Futurity will once again be held in conjunction with MAPHHA Classic Show at the MSU Pavilion in East Lansing, MI. The overwhelming success of last year's Futurity and show has required the show to become a three-day event. The 2010 Michigan Appaloosa Breeder's Futurity will take place August 27-29, 2009. The Michigan Futurity halter classes and the WMAR Stallion Service Sale Futurity will take place on Friday, August 27th. If you have any questions regarding the WMAR Stallion Service Futurity, please contact Amy Schweiger at (810)602-8998. Please review the "tentative" show bill for more information. As in the past, the Michigan Appaloosa Horse Association will be contributing \$2,500 towards the Futurity Paybacks! I would like to thank the MAPHHA in advance for their continued support of the Futurity. Our judges for the weekend will include Bruce Army, James Johnson, Cindy Mergaert, & Harvey Stevens. I would also like to welcome back Andrew Banks of Odessa, TX as our Futurity Photographer. If you would like to contact Andrew prior to the Futurity he can be reached by phone at (432)889-7451 or by email at fidodog79701@yahoo.com.

Combining the Futurity and the MAPHHA Classic Show had a very smooth transition. Thank you to everyone for being patient with the office staff and the volunteers as we worked out this new process. As we move forward we will continue to learn how to make this event run more efficient, however there is always a need for more volunteers. Please remember that the Futurity and the Classic Show are separate shows and you must pay separate show fees if you intend to participate in the MAPHHA Classic Show. The stalls and camping are also completely separate from the Futurity; the MAPHHA is charged for every camp site and stall that is used. These are just items to think about as the show draws closer. Overall the show was a great success and we are looking forward to August!

The Futurity Games classes were a huge success!!! The excitement in the arena was unbelievable. \$2,000 added money was added to the jack potted entry fees in this year's classes. \$1,000 was earmarked specifically for Futurity horses. Futurity game horses are eligible between the ages of 4-7, and must have been nominated to the Futurity for the designated Futurity money. If you have a gaming prospect baby, it would be very beneficial for you to nominate him/her into the Futurity.

Listed below you will find the Top 12 High Point Futurity Horses for 2010. The High Point Futurity Horse Award is a very prestigious award. It is truly an honor to be a contender for this award and we wish all of the following horses the best of luck.

<i>2010 High Point Futurity Horse Contenders</i>			
<i>Name of Horse</i>	<i>Total Points</i>	<i>Name of Horse</i>	<i>Total Points</i>
Dreamin of Romance	28	Nurse Lilly Hammer	11
Inclusive Secret	24	The Package x Encourage Me April	10
Wizzers Covergirl	21	Almighty Redemption	10
One Classic Zip	20	Docs Magnum Mocha	8
Why Not Be Impulsive	20	Nines Last Lace	8
Zips EZ Sonny	19	No Autographs Please	8

We are making progress! The Futurity had a great deal of exposure at the MAPHHA Classic Show. I had many questions regarding "how to enter" and "how to buy-in". The increased exposure and the exhibitor questions

brought the Futurity "Buy-In" Option to the MAPHHA Board's attention. Board discussion created a new change to the Futurity "Buy-In" Option. In 2010 all horses 3 and under will be allowed to enter the Futurity at the Show for a flat fee of \$150. The \$150 flat fee does not include the regular class fees; i.e. color class, longe line, riding classes, etc. If a horse plans on entering the Futurity for a specific class it must be done at least 30 minutes prior to the class. It will still be required for Futurity participants to be members; accounting fees will be charged to nonmembers as memberships are not sold for the Futurity during the weekend. I strongly recommend that you read through the Futurity Rules and Regulations for information and/or to reacquaint yourself with them. If you have any questions regarding the rules, please contact me so may discuss them together prior to the Futurity.

You will find enclosed an Entry Form, the Futurity Rules, a Tentative Show Schedule, a Membership Form, and a Sponsorship Flyer. Please return the white and yellow copies of the Entry Form to me and keep the pink copy for your records. Be sure to review your Entry Forms for any misspellings or missing information. It is essential that ALL Entry Forms be returned Completed! Incomplete Entry Forms Will Not Be Accepted. It is impossible to keep accurate accounting/point records if we do not have proper spelling or complete information. A \$20 accounting fee will be charged to every non-MAPHHA Member. Please be advised that no memberships will be sold Futurity Weekend. Membership forms are enclosed for those of you interested in purchasing a membership. These forms should be mailed to Judy Biber, MAPHHA Treasurer. Judy's information is listed on the Membership Form. All other necessary information regarding the 2010 Michigan Appaloosa Breeder's Futurity can be found in the Futurity Rules & Regulations.

Futurity Sponsorships will only make the Futurity "bigger and better." If you or any other individual is interested in sponsoring a class or purchasing an advertisement for the program; please fill out the enclosed form and return it to me. Any help that you can offer in obtaining sponsorships or selling advertisements would be greatly appreciated.

Your first payment is due and should be post-marked by February 15, 2010. Please include the "one time" office fee of \$5 in your first payment. All payments received after the postmarked date will be assessed a post-payment fee of Double the pre-payment fee per late month. Please refer to the Futurity Rules for any further information.

Your first payment may include:

1 Time Office Fee: \$5

Dam Nominations: \$30 each

Yearling Nominations: \$30 each

Two Year Old Nominations: \$30 each

Three Year Old Nominations: \$30 each

All Checks should be made out to: MAPHHA Breeder's Futurity

All Payments should be mailed to:

MI Appaloosa Breeder's Futurity

c/o Jim Hollis

18445 68th St.

South Haven, MI 49090

Communication is the key to success. I can be reached by phone at (269) 214-6194 or through the Futurity email at miappaloosafuturity@gmail.com. Please let me know if you have any questions or comments. We will once again do our best to utilize our on-line resources to exchange information. The forms and any other information regarding the Futurity will be posted on the website at www.michappclub.com. Please be sure to check the Futurity page and the discussion forum regularly.

I am excited about the coming year and truly look forward to working with each and every one of you. Remember, if you have any questions please be sure to contact me.

Sincerely,

Jim Hollis

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MAPHA Futurity, Chairman
