

January 2, 2008

Hello Everyone,

It is that time of year; time to begin preparations for the 2008 Michigan Appaloosa Breeder's Futurity. This year's Futurity will take place on September 6th & 7th at the Ingham County Fairgrounds in Mason, Michigan. The WMAR Stallion Service Futurity and Silver & Gold classes will take place on Saturday, September 6th with Judge Carol Craig of Crown Point, Indiana. Sunday, September 7th will bring on the Michigan Appaloosa Breeder's Futurity classes. Judging these classes will be Kathy Bogetta of Highland, Michigan. We also welcome back Tim Schoenborn as our Futurity Photographer. Find out more about Tim and view some of his work at www.timschoenborn.com.

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as your new Futurity Chairperson. My name is Jim Hollis and I live in South Haven, Michigan. I have been showing appaloosas for 6 years and have served on the MAppHA Board and Non Pro Board for a combined total of 4 years. I am really excited and fearful at the same time in taking on this new role; however I know that together we can make this year's Futurity just as successful as those in the past.

After many years of dedication and service to this Futurity, Sue Barton has resigned as Chairperson. Sue's talents and energy have helped the Futurity evolve into what it is today. I would like to thank Sue for all that she has done and for everything that she continues to do for me in this transition. Thank you so much Sue!

Although there are not many changes to the rules this year; please make sure that you read them over carefully. There are a number of items and categories that have moved around throughout the entire document. I strongly recommend that you read through them and ask any questions before the Futurity in September.

2008 Futurity Rule Changes:

- ❖ All Nominations, Payments, and Class Fees are now \$30 each.
- ❖ Get of Sire and Produce of Dam class registrations will take place at the Futurity.

Communication is the key to success. I can be reached by phone at (269) 214-6194 or through the new 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.

Listed below you will find the Top 10 High Point Futurity Horses for 2008. 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>2008 High Point Futurity Horse Contenders</i>			
<i>Name of Horse</i>	<i>Total Points</i>	<i>Name of Horse</i>	<i>Total Points</i>
Emerald Impulse	27	Distinct Possibility	15
Umpqua Coco Delight	23	Zips Sweet Tart	15
Zippen On By	22	Zippen With Desire	14
Heza Star Maker	19	LA Looks	14
My Private Doctor	17	Simply Unzippable	13

Finally, you will find enclosed an Entry Form, the Futurity Rules, a Tentative Show Schedule, a Membership Form, a Games Entry 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. A \$20 accounting fee will be charged to every non-MApHA 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, MApHA Treasurer. Judy's information is listed on the Membership Form. All other necessary information regarding the 2008 Michigan Appaloosa Breeder's Futurity can be found in the Futurity Rules packet.

The Games Entry Form is also enclosed in your packet. These classes are open to Any Registered Appaloosa between the ages of 4 & 7. Entries are \$50 per class and should be submitted prior to or at the show. Over \$2,000 in Added Money is given away in these classes, all other information is enclosed on the Entry Form. All questions regarding the Games Classes should be directed to Ron Matthews. He can be reached by phone at (231) 206 – 3885 or through e-mail at ron@verplanktrucking.com.

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, 2008. 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: MApHA Breeder's Futurity

All Payments should be mailed to:

MI Appaloosa Breeder's Futurity

c/o Jim Hollis

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Once again I am extremely 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
MApHA Futurity, Chairman
