

# M.Ap.H.A. Spotlights – January 2020

**Show Season** ~ Our 2020 shows begin in May as usual with the Spring Show. Some good news, the blanket fee will remain at \$90 (One Horse or One Rider). *More good news: **No Prepayment required for the Spring Show stalls this year! Also the show remains a 2-1/2 day event.*** Stall and camping fees vary due to the length of the shows and location so please check each show bill. The MApHA is still making every effort to keep showing affordable for those participating. Please note the 7:30 AM start time for the Sizzler Show and the addition of 19 All Breed classes at this show. Please ask about the Circuit Award for these classes! The Classic Show will remain a full 3-day event with classes starting at 8:00 AM on Friday, August 28. Please check each show bill for additions and changes! The Spring Show will use the ApHC 3-judge/4 sets of points provision. Sizzler and Classic will have four judges. Our shows continue to support the ApHC sending \$10,584 to Idaho in national point fees. The MApHA hosts some of the largest approved shows with some of the lowest cost shows for exhibitors in the entire country. Please join us and get acquainted with a wonderful group of people! Many thanks to our exhibitors and the great volunteers who make it all possible!

**Incentive classes** ~ This program, begun in 2014, has paid out \$25,504 in cash awards to MApHA members. This has been wonderful way to give back to and reward members in addition to our great year-end awards banquet. Information and rules are available and posted on our Facebook page and website! This program will continue in 2020 and Open Ranch Horse Pleasure has been added as the 9<sup>th</sup> payout class. As usual, all payouts will be in cash.

**Junior Game Classes** ~ In 2006 Junior stump and stake race classes were added to futurity and so far, in 14 seasons, \$44,625 has been paid out to exhibitors in these two classes! The Michigan Junior Game Classes are designed for Appaloosa game horses 4-7 years old. The Junior classes are offered at all three MApHA shows and the entry fee will be added to the payout at the Classic Show. Many thanks to Mike Mayer and Julie Mayer Hutchinson for all the effort they put in running these classes and finding sponsors AND to the sponsors who have been so generous with their contributions. These two classes continue to grow in entries and payout every year.

**Three Year Old Pleasure Classes** ~ Through the efforts of Jim Hollis and David Wagner and generosity of sponsors, \$12,074 in cash and additional prizes were awarded to exhibitors in these two classes in during the past four years. Jim and David will be working on this again in 2020. Many thanks to all the sponsors who contributed to this success.

**Stallion Expo & Raffle** ~ This year's Expo dates are March 6, 7 and 8. Sharon Clark will be managing the booth and coordinating volunteer efforts. If you would like to help at the booth, Sharon can be reached at 517-589-9711. This is a great way to attend the Expo for free too!!!

**Scholarships** ~ There were two scholarship applicants in 2019. Congratulations to Kennedy Ekovich and Katherine Maiville, they will each be receiving a scholarship check at the banquet. Through donations and fundraising we are able to continue to offer this program. If you are interested in an application or contributing to our scholarship fund, please contact Sharon Clark at 517-589-9711. The form is also available on our Facebook page. Many thanks to Sharon whose efforts have made the scholarship fund grow and prosper!

**Youth & Non Pro Groups** ~ Our Youth and Non Pro's are well organized and extremely active. Thanks to their fundraising efforts, the year-end awards being presented will again be some of the best and most generous in the country! If you fall into either category, please check out information on Facebook or the website get involved. They are also participating in the incentive program. You will enjoy the fun!

***Thanks and congratulation to everyone for continuing to make the MApHA a successful regional association!***