APHA Leadership gathering 2026
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I attended the 2026 gathering in Ft Worth Texas. I started off the weekend by attending the general membership meeting where we heard highlights about the status of the association from the previous year. I have attached some documents that show the attendance at our shows in 2025 and registration statistics. It was interesting to see that there is still a slight decline in participation of shows but it is holding steady. There is hope this is a sign that a rebound is around the corner. Especially with the great success of the new programs, for example Paynt points and ChromeCash along with other programs in speed events and color horse payouts ($300,000 set aside for color horses). So be sure to nominate your horse on line if you have a horse that qualifies with the required white pattern of 12 inches of visible white for this additional payout!

The day then went into a very interesting workshop on leadership where the association is striving to develop great leaders within our organization. Tina Shanahan was the presenter and offered some great information on leadership styles and best ways to resolve conflict.

We then had a welcome party and meet the board of directors and NLDC candidates.

Saturday the committee meetings were held. I served on the Competition advisory committee this past year. There was some great conversation and debate on most of the walk trot rule change proposals. It is one of the only growing divisions and everyone was supportive of any change that would support and grow that division. Another point of discussion was adding the non pro / amateur and youth green horse pattern classes. We were able to modify the title and get that rule proposal passed to the floor for voting.

Another point of discussion was giving the option to amateur exhibitors to choose the walk only showmanship class.

The second half of the day we heard reports from the committees in the state directors meeting and rules that were passed through for voting.

Sunday we had our state directors meeting session 2.

We reviewed all the rules that were up for voting and had additional discussion on the hot topics.

We then voted for the incoming Board and NLDC.

For NLDC there were four candidates and two positions available. We voted in Jennifer Barbee and Cindy Chilton-Moore

Board of Directors gave speeches and we had six candidates and four positions available.

We voted in :

Rachel Kooiker

Meridith Landy

Mark Resigner

Adam Wainscott

Everyone was then sworn in.

Jaime Howard was sworn in as

President elect

Then Mike Holloway as 2026 President

Our newly sworn in President gave his incoming speech. He thanked everyone on his team and the APHA members.

In closing I would encourage everyone to attend the Leadership Gathering when possible. There is great workshop opportunities, networking with fellow APHA people throughout the world and opportunities to be involved in the changes the association makes each year. Thank you for allowing me to represent our area.

Tamara Whitt

2025 Show Statistics

Month	Shows		Open		Youth		Novice Youth		Amateur		Novice Am.		Amateur WT	
	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025
January	23	22	1619	1438	1684	1,240	474	350	1543	1658	495	522	524	512
February	18	20	1950	1784	1747	1576	590	605	1830	1700	952	922	760	972
March	37	44	2634	3786	2647	3024	900	1097	2838	3739	1106	1490	1291	2096
April	95	74	6690	4693	5514	3311	2283	1215	6799	4269	2921	1768	3241	2851
May	128	128	9992	8320	6803	5388	2262	1749	11090	8094	4487	2919	3525	3581
June	46	38	2658	2587	1007	1267	488	465	2120	2120	719	844	446	664
July	58	56	3434	5087	2363	2481	924	1012	3116	4262	1097	1630	1108	1303
August	106	109	10953	10843	6214	6385	2566	2325	10588	9575	4072	3187	3710	4032
September	54	61	3060	4022	1682	2009	494	640	2950	3662	1224	1305	1082	1588
October	42	45	3094	3479	1815	2249	618	685	3111	3339	1243	1416	1019	1454
November	29	17	1479	873	1714	940	590	316	1364	1104	658	596	934	542
December	20	12	3342	1064	3559	856	1228	344	3318	920	1188	408	1452	456
Total	**656**	**626**	**50,905**	**47,976**	**36,749**	**30,726**	**13,417**	**10,803**	**50,667**	**44,442**	**20,162**	**17,007**	**19,092**	**20,051**
% Change		**-0.05**		**-0.06**		**-0.16**		**-0.19**		**-0.12**		**-0.16**		**0.05**

Total Entries Processed			
Month	**2024**	**2025**	**% CHG**
Jan	6435	5720	-11.11%
Feb	8077	7559	-6.41%
Mar	11675	15232	30.47%
Apr	28202	18107	-35.80%
May	40683	30051	-26.13%
June	8216	7947	-3.27%
July	12630	15775	24.90%
Aug	40819	36347	-10.96%
Sept	11290	13226	17.15%
Oct	11319	12622	11.51%
Nov	6932	4371	-36.94%
Dec	14377	4048	-71.84%
Total	**200,655**	**171,005**	**-14.78%**

Total Horses**			
Month	**2024**	**2025**	**%CHG**
Jan	353	314	-11.05%
Feb	199	237	19.10%
Mar	438	473	7.99%
Apr	727	641	-11.83%
May	747	677	-9.37%
June	270	295	9.26%
July	252	289	14.68%
Aug	434	441	1.61%
Sept	119	174	46.22%
Oct	144	160	11.11%
Nov	92	73	-20.65%
Dec	58	27	-53.45%
Total	**3,833**	**3801**	**-0.83%**

2025 TOP TWENTY SHOWS BY HORSES PER JUDGE

Rank	Show	Location	Date	Horses	Entries	Avg Ent/Hr	2024 Rank	Type	Adjoining show
1	European Paint Horse Championships sponsored by Zone 12 Coordinating Committee	RIEDEN, GM	23-Aug	251	1376	5	1	5 ZOR	
2	Paint the Future sponsored by Texas PHC	WACO, TX	10-Apr	155	780	5	5	4 POR	
3	Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo Paint Horse Show sponsored by Southwestern Expo & Stock Show	FORT WORTH, TX	27-Jan	152	718	5	4	4 POR	
4	German Paint Horse Championship sponsored by Paint Horse Club Germany	KREUTH, GM	17-Jul	148	793	5	16	4 POR	
5	Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo sponsored by HLSR	HOUSTON, TX	15-Mar	143	755	5	11	3 POR	
6	Zone 2 ZOR sponsored by Zone 2 Coordinating Committee	LAS VEGAS, NV	7-May	135	685	5	3	6 ZOR x 4 POR	APHA Zone 2 POR sponsored by Silver State PHC (135/631)
7	Zone 9 Southern Classic sponsored by Zone 9 Coordinating Committee	OCALA, FL	20-Feb	131	750	5	9	6 ZOR	
8	Show of the Year #1 sponsored by California PHA	RANCHO MURIETA, CA	23-Apr	131	664	5	6	4 POR x 4 POR	Show of the Year #2 sponsored by California PHA (129/590)
9	Copper Country sponsored by Arizona PHC	SCOTTSDALE, AZ	1-Jan	130	632	5	12	4 POR	
10	Copper Country sponsored by Arizona PHC	SCOTTSDALE, AZ	29-Dec	127	570	4	7	4 POR	
11	Hearts and Flowers sponsored by Gulf Coast PHC & Texas PHC	WACO, TX	13-Feb	123	654	5	10	4 POR	
12	Spring Fling Part 1 sponsored by Arizona PHC	SCOTTSDALE, AZ	27-Mar	122	572	5	-	2-Judge x 2-Judge	Spring Fling Part 2 sponsored by Arizona PHC (98/564)
13	Fall Color Classic sponsored by Michigan PHC	EAST LANSING, MI	31-Oct	118	659	6	-	4 POR	
14	Margarita Classic sponsored by South Texas PHC	WACO, TX	14-Nov	113	544	5	-	4 POR	
15	Zone One - The Big Paint Show sponsored by Zone 1 Coordinating Committee	NAMPA, ID	6-Aug	112	673	6	14	6 ZOR x 4 POR	Summer Spectacular sponsored by Inland Northwest PHC (108/624)
16	Buckeye Bonanza sponsored by Ohio PHC	WILMINGTON, OH	26-Jul	109	561	5	15	4 POR	
17	Palmetto Classic sponsored by Palmetto PHC	CAMDEN, SC	4-Oct	103	571	6	-	4 POR	
18	Carolina Cash #1 sponsored by Palmetto PHC	CAMDEN, SC	28-Mar	100	613	6	-	4 POR x 2-Judge	Carolina Cash #2 sponsored by Palmetto PHC (100/613)
19	Zone 4 Memorial Day Classic sponsored by Zone 4 Coordinating Committee	WACO, TX	29-May	99	565	6	17	4 ZOR	
20	May Mane Event sponsored by Florida PHC	OCALA, FL	9-May	97	601	6	19	4 POR x 2-Judge	May Mane Event #2 sponsored by Florida PHC (97/601)

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AjPHA Youth Membership Statistics

Total Youth Membership - 1.4% decrease

2025 – 3,139
2024 – 3,183
2023 – 3,017
2022 – 3,509
2021 – 3,478
2020 – 3,258
2019 – 3,613
2018 – 3,934

AjPHA Novice Youth Card Statistics

Total Novice Youth Cards - 4% decrease

2025 – 361
2024 – 376
2023 – 401
2022 – 451
2021 – 547
2020 – 445
2019 – 614
2018 – 679

AjPHA Walk-Trot 11-18 Card Statistics

Total Walk-Trot 11-18 Cards - 21% increase

2025 – 134
2024 – 111
2023 – 97
2022 – 99
2021 – 86
2020 – 81

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Amateur / Novice Amateur History

Year	Group	Total Amateurs	Amateurs	Amateurs with Show Records	Novice Amateurs	Nov/Ama with Show Records	Walk Trot	Walk Trot w/Show Records	Age Group 19-30	Age Group 31-40	Age Group 41-50	Age Group 51-Over	No Birthdates	Show Records No Birthdates
2026	19 - 44	273	46	32	165	100	62	45						
	45 - Over	606	142	117	250	182	214	158	36 (sr)	67 (sr)	71 (sr)	258 (sr)		
2026	* TOTAL *	880	188	149	416	283	276	203	89	124	142	518	7	
2025	19 - 44	1,327	316	250	742	499	269	173						
	45 - Over	1,649	461	373	670	464	518	388	222 (sr)	305 (sr)	340 (sr)	719 (sr)		
2025	* TOTAL *	2,977	777	623	1,412	963	788	562	420	547	583	1,401	23	
2024	19 - 44	1,365	353	295	752	522	260	199						
	45 - Over	1,631	458	393	700	508	473	381	221 (sr)	336 (sr)	338 (sr)	823 (sr)		
2024	* TOTAL *	2,996	811	688	1,452	1,030	733	580	381	557	575	1,471	11	
2023	19 - 44	1,448	368	301	798	569	282	215						
	45 - Over	1,716	472	388	754	523	490	386	214 (sr)	372 (sr)	333 (sr)	863 (sr)		
2023	* TOTAL *	3,166	840	689	1,553	1,093	773	601	359	609	555	1,616	19	
2022	19 - 44	1,540	381	325	869	603	290	239						
	45 - Over	1,779	481	411	761	543	537	426	219 (sr)	393 (sr)	335 (sr)	935 (sr)		
2022	* TOTAL *	3,319	862	736	1,630	1,146	827	665	363	623	581	1,735	12	
2021	19 - 44	1,537	350	295	858	615	329	242						
	45 - Over	1,812	445	382	825	592	542	429	189 (sr)	380 (sr)	342 (sr)	973 (sr)		
2021	* TOTAL *	3,349	795	677	1,683	1,207	871	671	308	639	589	1,806	1	
2020	19 - 44	1,394	333	293	811	592	250	196						
	45 - Over	1,743	425	365	799	553	519	413	174 (sr)	372 (sr)	311 (sr)	946 (sr)		
2020	* TOTAL *	3,137	758	658	1,610	1,145	769	609	275	560	517	1,783		
2019	19 - 44	1,623	412	344	943	678	268	209						
	45 - Over	2,009	542	438	910	650	557	426	165 (sr)	426 (sr)	361 (sr)	1,158 (sr)		
2019	* TOTAL *	3,632	954	782	1,853	1,328	825	635	279	644	587	2,122		

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2018	19 - 44	1,597	403	354	945	678	249	193						
	45 - Over	1,965	523	437	922	655	520	402	131 (sr)	439 (sr)	364 (sr)	1,190 (sr)		
2018	* TOTAL *	3,562	926	791	1,867	1,333	769	595	205	672	570	2,111	3	
2017	19 - 44	1,621	396	340	995	709	230	170						
	45 - Over	1,918	493	438	916	673	509	412	101 (sr)	456 (sr)	351 (sr)	1,252 (sr)		
2017	* TOTAL *	3,539	889	778	1,911	1,382	739	582	161	687	554	2,134	1	
2016	19 - 44	1,830	499	419	1,123	781	208	158						
	45 - Over	2,122	626	536	995	695	501	390	64 (sr)	562 (sr)	360 (sr)	1,443 (sr)		
2016	* TOTAL *	3,952	1,125	955	2,118	1,476	709	548	96	797	597	2,451	7	2
2015	19 - 44	1,815	457	406	1,166	806	192	140						
	45 - Over	2,043	526	464	1,048	731	469	360	2 (sr)	557 (sr)	403 (sr)	1,445 (sr)		
2015	* TOTAL *	3,858	983	870	2,214	1,537	661	500	7	796	609	2,445		
2014	19 - 44	1,910	502	441	1,230	828	178	125						
	45 - Over	2,255	580	497	1,258	829	417	313	1 (sr)	496 (sr)	437 (sr)	1,661 (sr)		
2014	* TOTAL *	4,165	1,082	938	2,488	1,657	595	438	1	756	654	2,754		
2013	19 - 44	1,875	503	448	1,228	848	144	103						
	45 - Over	2,331	610	530	1,356	879	365	254	1 (sr)	454 (sr)	449 (sr)	1,801 (sr)		
2013	* TOTAL *	4,206	1,113	978	2,584	1,727	509	357	1	658	653	2,894		
2012	19 - 44	2,054	586	505	1,358	896	110	68						
	45 - Over	2,299	620	551	1,354	892	325	208	1 (sr)	444 (sr)	470 (sr)	1,929 (sr)		
2012	* TOTAL *	4,353	1,206	1,056	2,712	1,788	435	276	1	639	702	3,011		
2011	19 - 44	2,157	609	526	1,449	972	99	57						
	45 - Over	2,346	633	550	1,486	965	227	125	1 (sr)	389 (sr)	522 (sr)	2,101 (sr)		
2011	* TOTAL *	4,503	1,242	1,076	2,935	1,937	326	182	1	565	756	3,181		