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Breeding, Halter and Western Pleasure

BEGINNINGS

I was born and raised in the Appaloosa industry. This year I attended my 29th consecutive Appaloosa World Championship Show. I started competing as a youth in Halter, Western Pleasure, Hunter Under Saddle and Gaming events. My mentors included my parents Doug and Sue Schembri, Ted Turner, Brett Parrish and Stanley Ryan. The Appaloosa industry has always been a part of my life and continuing our family's business is important to me.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

My successes include accumulating more than 75 Appaloosa World and National Championships. Each of these is special, not only for our farm, but also for the owner and breeder to see their goals reached. One thing many people may not know is that one of my first National Championships was in the Rope Race when I was a youth. My first open halter World Championship was in the weanling geldings with Pardon My Secret, by The Secret, where I also won the Limited Halter Futurity, which has now been renamed in honor of my father, Doug Schembri.

OTHER INTERESTS

With my mom, sister and Cheryl we manage a large horse training and breeding farm with 100 or more horses year-round, so there is not much time away from the farm, unless we are at a horse show.



LEGACY

Riding and especially showing horses can be very challenging and can test you on many different levels. I encourage my students to strive to learn and improve and to focus on having fun. In most cases this is their hobby and enjoyment, and it is important never to lose sight of why they are here.

FUTURE OF THE HORSE INDUSTRY

The horse industry is changing and we are in an exciting time. The internet has reshaped how horses are purchased and sold, and the horse industry is grappling with those changes, shifting how horses are marketed. There has been a decline in breeding over the past several years, largely due to a struggling economy and lack of a market. Moving forward, as a breeder, I feel it is important to shift the focus to the small breeders and the regional shows as they are the backbones of our industry. Those people who buy our horses want a place to participate, a game to play, and if we can continue to create that game, whether it be a limited halter futurity at a national level, or a local weanling or yearling event, the focus needs to be on creating a fun environment for Appaloosa owners to participate and enjoy their horses.

