



# BLAZER TIMES Summer 2023

American Blazer Horse Association



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# Notes From the President's Desk

Hello Summer! It's been a busy year so far for the ABHA, the Equine Trail Sports fundraiser at the Idaho Horse Expo was a huge success! We had 49 competitors In-Hand, and 49 under saddle, with multiple Blazer horses and their owners also competing. The board members came together to feed the volunteers and judges, helped to set up obstacles, and provide support in the booth as well.

To keep the momentum heading into summer, there are Blazers being bred, being born, and being shown. So many exciting events occurring including Better Than a Bentley ridden by Abby Layton winning a buckle at the Eagle Rodeo! I have to say this is an exciting time to own a Blazer. New owners are speaking up and telling us how happy they are to have discovered this breed, and long-time owners agree, they are something special.

So what is in the future? What can we do to keep the Blazer in the limelight? Take your Blazer everywhere possible, talk about your Blazer, share your story with us for the publication, go to playdays, schooling shows, open shows, parades, equine trail sport competitions, and any other opportunity that arises! We have a Breed that deserves a place in Equine history folks, and hopefully we can see continued results!

Thank you for supporting the American Blazer Horse, Crystal Tonto

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Laura Bartell on Clear  
Streak of Hope F-2009

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We welcome your feedback and ideas for future issues



# Save the Date

Monthly Meetings at 7:30 pm MT, Idaho  
Center Tickets Building in Nampa,  
Idaho:  
August 23rd, 2023  
September 17th, 2023

August 12, 2023 Blazer Bonanza at Red Top Stables in  
Post Falls

October 21, 2023 Annual Banquet in Pendleton,  
Oregon.

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# Red Top Stables & Blazers

*A future for Blazers...a history of results*

## WE OFFER:

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Jose Rio (F-1816)  
 x Crooked River (F-494)  
 out of Sugar Baby (F-601)  
 Tonka's Legacy  
 (F-1840)  
 x Tivito Dunit AQHQ 4197208  
 out of Merry McGee (F-1599)

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# 2023 Triple B

2023 is the 6th year of the BBB that was developed by Donna Kelleher. This annual show allows American Blazer yearlings to compete in confirmation and an obstacle challenge. The BBB program encourages breeding of the best American Blazer horses while encouraging owners to train their young horses. The show also offsets some of the financial cost of breeding by having payouts to the winners.

## 2023 Results:

Grand Champion -

S&S Sweet Lightning Bug F-2082

Owner Monica Crawford, shown by Linda Crawford

1st in Obstacle Course

2nd in Confirmation

Reserve Champion -

Streak of Shade F-2086

Owner and shown by Bessie Fletcher

1st in Confirmation

2nd in Obstacle Course

3rd Overall -

Hopes Legacy F-2087

Owner and shown by Cheri Jackson

3rd in Obstacle Course

3rd in Confirmation



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## Cutest Baby Contest

Our annual cutest baby contest  
is almost here!



Spring Time is the best time to get those pictures!

We always want to make sure we are getting the best pictures of our new born blazers!

Please make sure the pictures are high quality, in portrait form and far enough away to see your beautiful foals.



# Hybrid Vigor

By: Donna Kelleher

One of the qualities prized by Blazer owners is that Blazer Horses possess great “hybrid vigor”. Hybrid vigor is defined by increase in stature, biomass, and fertility that characterizes the progeny of crosses between diverse parents, such that the progeny is superior to the better of the two partents. The opposite of the hybrid is an evolutionary bottle neck. An evolutionary bottleneck will produce offspring that exhibit the worst traits of a set of parents. In the evolution of horses over 50 million years, nature allowed horses to line breed (sire to daughter or mother to son) for 3 to 4 generations. This was due to the fact that a herd stallion could hold his band together for this length of time, producing offspring out of his daughters and granddaughters, before he was ousted by a younger stallion (that typically came from a different band). If new genetics did not come into the herd, it would approach an evolutionary bottleneck. A herd without new blood would weaken and die out.

In a large gene pool numbering in the tens of thousands of individual animals the chances of an evolutionary bottleneck are limited by wise breeders. It is the goal of every breeder of horses to have the offspring be better than the parents. That is our goal today.

The varied breeds of horses that Little Blaze descended from (Morgan, Thoroughbred, Quarter Horse and Shetland) were the beginning of hybrid vigor in the Blazer Horse. Neil Hinck

further enhanced this quality by the selection of diverse foundation mares. These mares were chosen



for their personal traits and not for any specific breed. Indeed, many of these first mares were crossbred mares themselves. The rules of registration in the American Blazer Horse Handbook state that in order for registration all offspring need to have 8 out of the 15 animals on a 4 generation pedigree (counting the resultant offspring) to come from registered Blazer horses. This is to ensure that outside blood can continue to infuse the Blazer breed and still not lose the traits that make up a Blazer horse. When looking for an outside bloodline to breed into the American Blazer Horse breeders need to be diligent to only bring in animals that can represent and enhance our breed. Some of the traits that a breeder needs to be keeping in mind while looking at potential animals for breeding purposes are: 13 hh to 15 hh at maturity, solid color coat patterns with no white above the knees or hocks (except for acceptable face markings) with solid colored eyes, good bone to body mass ratio (7 inches around the cannon bone just below the knee for a thousand pound animal), clean throat latch, short coupling, well rounded croup, long hip and underline, good feet and overall soundness. Educate yourself as much as possible by researching the prospective breeding animal's history and it's past pedigree. And always bear in mind disposition!

Several years ago the board of the American Blazer Horse Association recognized the fact that the Blazer breed has a limited number of breeding animals. The board lifted the 8 out of 15 rule for a ten year period of time in order to accelerate the opportunity to bring outside blood into the Blazer gene pool. This has produced numerous fine Blazer horses! These offspring from this program are no less designated as "outcrosses" ...remember that the Blazer breed from the beginning is the ultimate in outcrossing resulting in great hybrid vigor!



# 2023 Quarterly Points

## Open Events

### Stallions 3 & Under

### Stallions 4-15

### Stallions 16 & Over

### Mares 3 & Under

Legacy of Diamonds 67

### Mares 4-15

A Music Legacy 19

Shammy's Rose Bud 7

### Mares 16 & Over

Casey's Echo 62

### Geldings 3 & Under

### Geldings 4-15

Pop's Pete 30

### Geldings 16 & Over

## National Champions

### Stallions

### Mares

Legacy of Diamonds 67

Casey's Echo 62

A Music Legacy 19

Shammy's Rose Bud 15

### Geldings

Pop's Pete 40

All points reported to the ABHA  
points committee from  
10/01/2022 - 06/30/2023

2023 points are only shown.  
Lifetime points will be added when  
calculated.



# 2023 Quarterly Points

## ETS Nat. Tournament

## Exhibitors

### Advanced

### Youth 10 & Under

Kayla Zenahlik 3

### Intermediate

### Youth 11-17

Ebony's Cosima 7

Rachel Zenahlik 3

Brooke Smith 2

### Novice

### Adult 18-30

Ebody's Cosima 17

### Youngins 7-11

### Adult 31-49

Shammy's Rose Bud 8

Katie Zenahlik 4

Anthony Zenahlik 2

Monica Crawford 1

### Juniors 12-17

Pop's Pete 10

### Seniors 50 & Over

Carla Herndon 3

Jan Wallace 1

Linda Crawford 1

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points committee from  
10/01/2022 - 06/30/2023

### Specialty

Monica Crawford 1

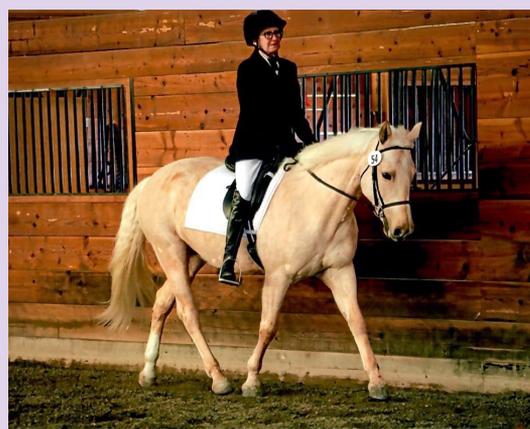
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# American Blazer Horse Competing in Dressage

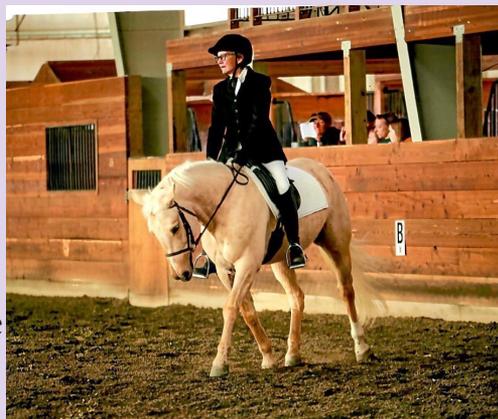
By: Katie Zenahlik

**A**merican Blazer Horses continue to show how their positive attributes can be applied to many different disciplines. Dressage is an equine discipline that involves the execution of precise movements by training a horse to respond to barely perceptible signals from the



rider while improving a horse's strength and maintaining a calm, attentive demeanor. A horse's pace and movements are important to this sport that dates back to 350 B.C. Horse and rider perform memorized patterns during dressage competitions while

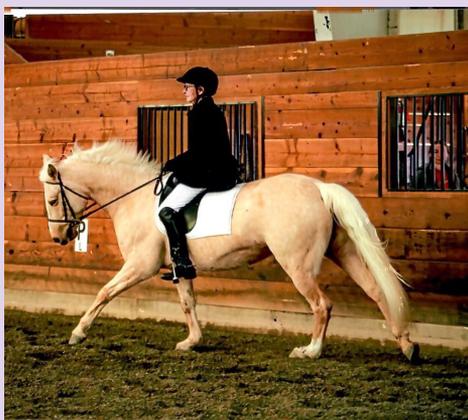
appearing effort-free. Dressage was added as an Olympic sport in 1912, then added to Paralympics in 1996. Laura Bartell of Coeur D'Alene, Idaho and her



American Blazer mare  
Clear Streak of Hope



have started their second year of showing in dressage during 2023. Laura has been riding horses for 51 years and has previously competed in jumping, barrel racing and pole bending. In 2018, 3 year old Hope became Laura's 1st American Blazer Horse, with sire Sleepy Streak and dam Crystal Clear. Prior to dressage, Laura and



hope had participated in Showmanship and Equine Trail Sports. Laura's first show year of dressage was in 2021. Laura and Hope had their 1st dressage show this year at Liberty Grove Farm in



Spokane, Washington April 15th, showing in Training Level 1 and Introduction C classes with 7 competitors. They had amazing rides and placed 1st in Training Level 1 and 2nd in Introduction C! Laura has enjoyed dressage because it allows the rider to be insync with their horse and each ride is progressively training the horse, while building the riders strength. Laura has seen many improvements becoming more smooth while learning to reach out and having gained an

unflappable demeanor during shows. Laura plans to compete again in October with a goal of completing Training Level 1 and 2 classes.

We love to see American Blazer Horses and their owners continue to compete in a variety of events and hope that everyone has a successful year in whichever adventure you choose.



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### Upcoming Events:

★ **Triple B (Blazer Breeder's Best) Yearling Show**  
Saturday, July 15, 2023 at 9:00 am  
& Open Play Day (all breeds & everyone welcome)  
starting about 10:30am. Gem County Fair Grounds,  
Emmett, Idaho -  
need more info call Linda 208-350-9945

★ **Blazer Bonanza, Saturday, Aug 12, 2023** at Red Top  
Stables in Post Falls- Halter classes, showmanship and  
under saddle classes for Blazer Horses only.  
Need more info call Darcy at 951-529-4028

★ **Saturday, Oct 21, 2023- Annual Meeting and Awards  
Banquet at Pendleton, Oregon.**



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Please use the PDF forms to print, fill out and mail along with proper fee(s) to the main office American Blazer Horse Assoc. 16114 Idaho Center Blvd, Suite #3, Nampa, Idaho 83687. See Price list below, required fee(s) are also on the forms.

We are having trouble with individuals processing a payment and not following through with sending in the required paperwork or pictures. (see costs below). All registrations, transfers, memberships, brood book advancements and any other form that has to be sent to the office for processing has been removed from the on-line products and the ability to pay on-line is no longer available. Please send a check with the required form(s) and be sure to include the (8) photos required for registrations. Any questions regarding these registration items, please contact the Registrar, Yvonna at registrar@blazerhorse.com or call 208-461-1055 and leave a message. If you need an invoice please contact Linda Crawford, Secretary/Treasurer at americanblazerhorses@gmail.com or call 208-350-9945. We appreciate your cooperation and understanding with these changes.



Triple B Rules



Triple B Nomination & Year born form



Registration Form



Member Application



Transfer Form

Brood Mare & Stallion



Adoption/Impression



Registration Fees	Member	Non-member
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Membership	\$25	N/A
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Main Registration (up to 90 days old)	\$25	\$50
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91-3 Years Reg.	\$100	\$125
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4 Years or Older Reg.	\$200	\$225
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Update Certificate	\$10	\$20
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Yearly Stallion Report (Due Nov. 30)	\$10	\$35
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Ownership Transfer (less than 6 months)	\$10	\$35
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Transfer Late Fee (if over 6 months)	\$25	\$45
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Duplicate Certificate	\$25	\$35
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Correction of Certificate	\$10	\$35
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Name Change - restrictions apply	\$100	\$100
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Brood Book Advancement (must send in advancement form and original certificate)		
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Stallion	\$100	\$125
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Mare	\$20	\$45
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# LITTLE BLAZE'S KID PAGE

## Summer Word Search



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BALE	BRIDLE	COLT
CROP	FILLY	FIREWORKS
GALLOP	MANE	MUZZLE
OBSTACLE	PASTURE	STIRRUPS
SUN	TAIL	TRAILER
WITHERS		

## RIDDLE Me THIS

What is as big as a horse but doesn't weigh anything?

A horse's shadow

Hey kids!

Do you like to draw? Do you have a joke or riddle you would like to share? Ask your mom and dad's permission.

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# Streak of Chrome Shawnasy Bennett

Check out the next publication to see more new owners





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### What Is A Blazer Horse?

- To be considered a Blazer Horse, the horse must have at least one registered parent with a documented line to the foundation stallion, "Little Blaze."
- Blazer Horses must be between 13 hands and 15 hands at full maturity to be registered.
- Blazer Horses must have a solid coat color with dark underlying skin. These colors include brown, black, bay, and sorrel, as well as buckskin, palomino, and many shades of dun.
- White markings are limited to the face and below the knee or hock. Spotted coat patterns (appaloosa, pinto, paints) are not accepted into the registry.
- To be advanced into the Stud Book, both mares and stallions must be inspected by a veterinarian or certified inspector.



Tonka's Legacy F-1840 and Bold Fresh Asset F-1879 sorting cattle.

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