similarities are clearly apparent to knowing horsemen.

The herd of Guy Lamb's father was also decimated by one mass theft, whose trail led through northeastern Oregon to southern Idaho. There are more horses in the far west tracing their ancestry to these Appaloosas than most breeders are aware. The advantage to the present day breeder, whether he knows it or not, is that these animals did not suffer the dilution to various outcrosses including draft stock, that much of the descendants of the captured herd of the Nez Perce war horses did experience.

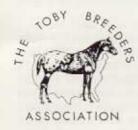
Among horses tracing back to Knobby are Babe of the Hoodoos, Sizzle Britches, Durango, Storm Cloud F., Patchy 416, Anchors Wynook, Simcoe's Sarcee, Apache Patch, Double Patch, Chief Smokey and Toby III.

Some programs have outcrossed themselves practically out of the Appaloosa picture, and it is for these, as well as the new breeders, that we provide a reservoir of Appaloosa traits in strength, that will not greatly change the type of horse a potential customer may be breeding, be they race horse, pleasure horse or refined almost to the Arab level. We will not sell a horse that does not fit the buyer's desired situation.

No discussion of a breeding program is complete without mention of the mare bands. Quality to match the stallions is the beginning standard, since a good horse does better with good mares. Our mare bands contain grand-daughters of Red Eagle by Toby 1, selected old line Appaloosas of refinement from some of the older families in the Idaho panhandle, direct descendants from the last of the Nez Perce herd at Nespelem, selected Apache mares having leopard grandparents, and grand-daughters of Patchy 416 who are half sisters to Charlie Brown H. one of the foremost Northwest racing geldings.

A good horse is no accident, and neither is the mating that produces him. The day of the chance mating to produce a lucky accident in a cheap horse market is past and rightly so.

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