



# Arnold Kirkpatrick

*Thoroughbred Record*  
**1970 - 1971 AHP President**

It was the late 1960's and times were changing. Technology was on a roll. The world was becoming Technicolor. And, Arnold Kirkpatrick was publisher, editor and part owner of the *Thoroughbred Record*. He and his horse publishing colleagues were beginning to realize that together they could accomplish more than if they were against each other. And the seed of an idea was planted that would become American Horse Publications in 1970.

Modeled after the American Horse Council, the impetus for starting AHP was two-fold. First, the quality of horse publications wasn't where it needed to be, so the AHP could get seminars going to improve graphics. Second, the publications didn't have individual circulation numbers that would attract national advertisers, but if they combined circulations they might be able to offer deals for national advertisers.

“Never did we dream that AHP would become what it has today,” said Arnold, first president of AHP. “Those that came after us have really driven it to become a high quality, professional organization. I can't tell you how proud I am of AHP. It is an organization of substance and worth, yet still retains the fun we had starting it, and we had a good time.”

Arnold now owns his own real estate company in Lexington, Kentucky. He continues to consult, appraise, do bloodstock work, and, in general, anything equine related.

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*“Many of the people I met through AHP remain good friends today.”*