



## Tony Chamblin

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**1974-1976 AHP President**  
**1977-1983 AHP Executive Director**

AHP is known as a friendly organization that embraces new members and makes them feel part of the family immediately. Tony Chamblin took that on as his personal mission while both AHP president from 1974 to 1976 and its executive director from 1977 to 1983.

A stalwart of the Thoroughbred industry, Tony enjoyed the camaraderie from all facets of AHP, no matter what breed or discipline someone represented. He began his journalistic career as the youngest sports editor in the country at age 23 in the mid-1960s at the *Evansville Courier and Press*. Over the next decades he served as editor, publisher, and/or president of the *Horseman's Journal*, editor of the *Breeders' Cup Magazine*, executive director of the National Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association, president and general manager of Finger Lakes Racing Association, and president of Racing Commissioners International, many of those posts held simultaneously.

Though that kept him busy, Tony always found time for AHP and its meetings. He ensured that all newcomers met everyone and that they were included in AHP's infamous field trips.

"There is no doubt that I would never have witnessed waiters on roller skates at La Niçoise in Georgetown if not for Tony," said former AHP president Tracy Gantz. "And I guarantee that I never would have seen the amazing female impersonators at Finocchio's in San Francisco had I not been with the AHP group, Tony leading the charge."

Tony not only fostered the personal relationships that are at AHP's core, under his presidency he helped institute the annual awards contest in 1974. That contest has soared in popularity, and it has stimulated AHP publications to better their product, resulting in the exemplary service they give to the entire horse industry.

Currently living in Lexington, Ky., Tony continues to provide consulting services and occasional writing for the horse industry. He also owns an antique shop and lifestyle store with his wife.

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*"I fondly remember the happy days in the formative years of AHP and am proud to have been a part of the organization's foundation," he said.*