

Vince Amlin



Vince recalls getting his first horse when he was around 13. A settlement he received after a motorcycle accident, at age 18, financed the purchase of his first stallion and Vince Amlin, officially became a breeder.

Working as an Ontario Provincial Police officer, from age 21 until his retirement after 30 years on the force, Vince continued his involvement in the horse industry settling on Quarter Horses as his preferred breed. He recalls watching people such as Leroy Kufske, the Bishops and the Coverdals when they came to south western Ontario to show their horses, as well as the, more local, Peter Van Erp, as a means to improve his horseman skills and increase his knowledge.

Serving as a OQHA Director for some years, Amlin became President of OQHA for 1979 and for 1980. He also ran a very successful Quarterama Horse Sale in the early 1980's. An AQHA Judge for over 25 years, Vince also holds judge's cards with a number of associations, judging about 30 shows a year throughout Canada, the U.S. and Europe.

Along the way, Amlin raised a number of prominent Quarter Horses. One example being Double First Edition, by Impressive Rey, who his daughter, Niki, won the title of OQHA All Around Youth with, and who also became an AQHA Youth Champion.

Currently, Vince runs a large purebred cow/calf business at his West Lorne farm. He also has a very successful Quarter Horse breeding operation, with the help of his family. He presently has about 25 mares in his brood mare band and stands two stallions, Scotch Bay Time and Zippo Pine Three, who has an AQHA Superior and has offspring with over 3000 AQHA points. Vince's oldest daughter, Michelle, has two children, Carter and Mia, while other daughter, Niki, also has two children, Olivia and Chase.

A self confessed "horseaholic" and proud of it Vince Amlin truly enjoys what he does, as a judge, stallion owner and breeder. He continues to serve the OQHA as an active member of its Past Presidents Committee and by chairing its Disciplinary Committee.

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Al Patterson



As a youngster and young man, Al Patterson, assisted in the management of his family's Toronto area, boarding and riding stable. As an adult, he and his wife, Lynne, have developed their Quarter Horse breeding operation, Quarter Ridge Farm, in Millgrove, Ontario, where they stand their, well regarded, stallion, Mito's Mister Blue. The couple also own two businesses, A.L. Choppers and A.L. Distributors which are located in Hamilton, Ontario.

Al began his work as a volunteer within the horse community by serving on the Ontario Quarter Horse Breeders' Futurity from 1991 till 1996, where he took on such responsibilities as Stallion Avenue and Promotion and Publicity. He was a member of the OQHA Board of Directors from 1992 through 1996 where he served in a number of areas, including representing OQHA with the Ontario Equestrian Federation. As a Director of OEF, Patterson, chaired a number of committees and helped redefine the OEF structure into a more diverse group that better represented the members, horses and associations in Ontario. The OEF honored his dedication with the Volunteer of the Year Award in 1998 and the President Special Award in 1999.

Al was elected OEF President for 2001-2003, a position he filled with great distinction. It was a particular highlight for him to have the pleasure of meeting Queen Elizabeth and escorting her around a horse exhibit during her Golden Jubilee visit to Toronto.

Elected as a Director to the Board of Equine Canada in 2002, Patterson is currently, in 2008, serving his third and final year as its President. He also served for several years as the Equine Representative to the Ontario Federation of Agriculture.

Praised by presenter, Joe Carter, for his initiatives in areas that have helped all horse owners such as property tax issues, Patterson was quick to note that he has been very fortunate to be able to work with so many people who shared his dedication to the horse industry. Commenting on the opportunities his volunteering has allowed him, Al said that he has had the good fortune to travel to, among other places, the mid-east, to lunch with a Princess and to meet with Sheiks. He has also had chances to host meetings, here in Canada, for a number of countries.

Al and Lynne are the parents of three sons and have three grandchildren. Adam is the father of Sarah and Tristan, while Aaron is the father of Natalie. Their youngest son is Andrew.

Al Patterson will continue to work for the horse industry. While still serving as President of Equine Canada, he is again on the Board of Directors for the OEF is taking a special interest in issues regarding identifying livestock premises and traceability from the "equine" point of view. He continues to be a member of Royal Agricultural Winter Fair Cavalcade of Horses Committee and a number of other groups.

Fred Fisher



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Fred Fisher has become somewhat of an icon in the annals of the history of the Ontario Quarter Horse Association. He started showing Quarter Horses very in the game and, indeed, recalls riding his horse, Conrails Dude, in the parade at the first Quarter Horse Show held at the Horse Park in Lexington, Kentucky

For many years, Fred showed both his own and other peoples Quarter Horses throughout Ontario and the U.S. Along the way, he owned such greats as Sin Hank and Tillie Gal.

He was the OQHA Treasurer for some years. A position he claims to have obtained by default when the 'real' treasurer left the records on his doorstep on his way to Texas. Somehow he 'sorted it out and found out where the bank account was' and kept things proceeding. Those really were different times.

Fred remembers starting what became Quarterama along with 'Walter Scott, the Coverdales, Roy Inson, and Doug Rapson with \$125.00 in the bank'.

As a long time member of AQHA and OQHA, Fred Fisher has been very supportive of the shows, the Ontario Quarter Horse Breeders' Futurity and exhibitor general. He is especially noted for his encouragement of new members and youth.

A well known breeder of excellent quality Australian Shepherd Dogs, Fred, every year for many years, donated one of his Aussie pups to raise money for the OQHA Youth Association.

Few people would know that Fred Fisher served our country with distinction during World War II, being awarded four medals for his efforts.

After his very humorous acceptance speech at the Hall of Fame Awards presentation, Fred Fisher received a well deserved standing ovation. Fred and his companion of many years, his wife Phylliss, currently live in Welland, Ontario.

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Peter Cameron



For over 50 years, the name Peter Cameron has been synonymous with the western horse industry in Ontario. A founding member and first official judge of Western Horse Association of Ontario, Cameron never stopped educating himself where horses were concerned.

During the 1960's, Peter found the time to show Quarter Horses for Peter Froese and rode Daymar, for George Southward, to many honours. He was in charge of the very popular AQHA Show held every year at Virgil, Ontario for four years, and is very proud to remember that it was an "A" Show for those years.

As a judge and a show manager, Pete was quite aware of the importance of having a qualified Ring Steward, and so, when the Ontario Quarter Horse Association started the Quarterama Horse Show, he volunteered for that position. He continued in the job for 5 years, in spite of the fact that he was the only Steward and the show often ran for 18 hours straight.

His talents did not go unnoticed by AQHA officials and Peter Cameron was invited to be a Ring Steward at the AQHA World Championship Show for 4 years as well as conduct a Ring Steward Clinic for AQHA in Kansas City that was very well attended.

After obtaining his AQHA Judges Card, he became the first Canadian to judge both the All American Quarter Horse Congress and the AQHA World Championship Show.

At one time, Peter had the record for the number of various Judges Cards held, but after 12 years as an AQHA Judge he gave up that card and most of the time to concentrate on judging Arabian Horses. When he eventually retired from judging he had judged a total of 885 horse shows, of various breeds, over a 46 year period.

Over the years, Peter Cameron has received many distinctive honours. He is in the St. Catharines Sports Hall of Fame (as an athlete), the Judges Hall of Fame in California, and the Arabian Horse Association Judges Hall of Fame. He is also a life member of the WHAO.

An enthusiastic collector of Western memorabilia, Pete has an extensive variety of ever changing and diverse items in his collection. Peter Cameron and his wife of 55 years, Velma, have 4 children and 4 grandchildren. The couple make their home in St. Catharines, Ontario.

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Jim Pratt



As President and founding member of the Lambton County Saddle Club, Jim Pratt has had a long and positive influence on the horse industry, particularly in southwestern Ontario. He was an Ontario Quarter Horse Association Director, serving as its President in 1967 and again in 1968. Jim Pratt was instrumental in naming the great horse show and event produced by the Ontario Quarter Horse Association for so many years, Quarterama.

Over the years, just some of the noteworthy horses owned by Jim Pratt include: Bunny Whipple, AQHA Champion and CQHA English Pleasure Champion; Dunnys Bimbo, ROM; Frisky Bar Fly, ROM; and Sonarilla Sue. He won the 1st Reining ever held at the Royal Winter Fair, in Toronto, in the late 1960's.

Jim Pratt held Judges Cards with a number of groups. They included Arabian, Pinto/Paint, Appaloosa, American Equestrian, Canadian Equestrian, NRHA, N and WHAO. He was a proud AQHA Judge for many years.

Many consider Jim Pratt to be an Ontario Quarter Horse pioneer, who took his experiences judging throughout North America and brought the knowledge he gained back to Ontario sharing the information with his fellow horsemen for the betterment of the industry.

James Pratt has also been inducted into the Sarnia/Lambton Sports Hall of Fame. He remains active by participating in modern square dancing and round dancing.

Jim and his late wife, Simone, were married for over 60 years. They have 3 children, 9 grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren. James Pratt continues to reside at his home in Wyoming, Ontario.

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Ralph Pearson



A move to Brooklin, Ontario in the mid 1960's and his daughters interest in horses, led Ralph Pearson first to Picov Downs and shortly into a long time interest in the Quarter Horse industry.

By 1969, Ralph was a member of the Quarter Racing Owners of Ontario Inc. and actively racing his own horses. Pearson served as President of QROO from 1973 through 1978 and again in 1984 to 1988. Just a few of his accomplishments there involve getting para-mutual racing approved for Picov Downs and the Markham Fairgrounds, as well as starting (1973) and organizing their Futurity and Stakes Race programs.

Some of his horses were Stakes Race winners. They include: Helen of Innisfree, Gina Gay, Hot Snuff, Alady A Lady, and Social Sadie (who still holds a track record at Picov Downs).

In 1989 Ralph Pearson was awarded an AQHA Register of Merit, in recognition of his work in the development of Quarter Horse Racing in Ontario.

In 1972 Ralph became an active member of the Ontario Quarter Horse Association. Along with his friend, the late Dr. John Rose, Ralph became active in the Ontario Equestrian Federation, serving as its Treasurer in 1976 and 1977, becoming OEF President in 1978. It was at this time that he started working on the Quarterama Committee where he was Chairman from 1980-1983 and from 1986-1989.

While on the Quarterama Committee Pearson was instrumental in starting both the Canadian Sired Stakes and the Canadian Foaled Futurities at the show. He also developed the Canadian Youth Team Tournament at Quarterama and brought in Open Cutting and the initial "big money" Barrel Racing Classes.

Serving for years on the Ontario Quarter Horse Association Board of Directors, Ralph Pearson was President in 1985 and 1986. He was very involved in setting up the OQHA drug testing program, beginning in 1984.

Somehow Ralph found the time to be the Ontario Quarter Horse Breeders' Futurity Stallion Service Chairman, from 1983-1985, setting up the system they use today.

He Show Managed the Futurity Horse Show from 1985-1988 and also managed a number of Youth Shows and the February Warm Up Shows.

Ralph Pearson was born in Scotland, emigrating to Canada in 1953, where he built a very successful window washing business in Toronto. He and his former wife, Patricia, have 4 daughters, 5 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild.

He currently lives in Toronto, but continues to race Quarter Horses and even has a brood mare. With his love of Quarter Horses and his considerable business acumen, not to mention people skills, Ralph Pearson, for almost two decades, worked constantly to improve all aspects of the Quarter Horse industry in Ontario.

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Joan McMann

With her daughter and husband going to horse shows, it was only natural for Joan McMann to be part of the team. Of course being Joan McMann, she almost immediately began working to help out the organizations who were behind the shows they were attending.



Joan became an active participant in a number of Ontario Quarter Horse Association activities. She served as an Area 11 Director for a number of years, taking charge of their monthly newsletter.

As a Co-Chairman of the OQHA Queen Contest Committee for 4 years, Joan was very instrumental in supporting the OQHA Queens as they performed their official duties such as attending The Congress. She continues to help with this Committee as well as being one of its sponsors. Joan is a founding member of the OQHA Hall of Fame Committee and continues to be a part of this group.

A long time member of the Ontario Quarter Horse Amateur Association, she has served as a Director for the past few years, assisting with their clinics and fund raisers. Joan also wrote the very popular Monthly Amateur Spotlights for the OQHA News for 3 years.

Anyone who has enjoyed the Wine & Cheese Party at the Ontario Quarter Horse Breeders' Futurity should be aware that Joan McMann has organized that for some years. Another of her tasks as a member of that Committee has been to take charge of the fund raising and fan Silent Auction.

Joan McMann was born and raised in Selkirk, Ontario. After graduating from Hamilton Teachers College, she was employed as a Kindergarten Teacher for 10 years in Hamilton, Ontario. She married Ron in 1960 and they have one daughter, Kelly.

Joan has a degree in music but truly enjoys her ability to "play by ear". While Joan and her son-in-law, Bill Smith have entertained at a number of OQHA Bar (Joan on keyboards, Bill on fiddle) they also volunteer entertain at other venues such as seniors residences. What many people don't know about Joan McMann is that for a number of years she was the piano accompanist to the thousands of children who appeared on the very popular TV show, Tiny Talent Time, on Channel 11, CH TV in Hamilton.

Joan's family and many friends are grateful that she has recovered from a serious illness, in 2005, and look forward to sharing some very happy times with her at horse shows in 2006 and beyond.

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Ron McMann



Having grown up with horses on his family's farm in Port Dover, where he was driving work horses at age 10, it seemed very natural for Ron McMann to introduce his daughter Kelly to them. Pony rides became riding lessons. The date of that first riding lesson, October 31, 1974, which took place with Ron reluctantly participating, has become an annual family celebration. A horse was soon purchased (from Joe Carter, for \$800.00) and at 10 years of age, Kelly started her show career, under the watchful eyes of her Dad.

People who remember the McManns from those early saddle club days, also remember, that while Kelly was Ron's main focus, he always was willing to quietly help with the numerous chores involved in running a horse show, such as opening gates and setting barrels or obstacles.

Sadly a fire destroyed their city home in 1977 and recognizing that horses were going to be a big part of their family lives the McManns relocated to their current home, a 14 acre hobby farm in Binbrook. It was right about then that Ron started taking a more visibly active part in the running of the Ontario Quarter Horse Association.

He served a number of years as an OQHA Director and was the Amateur Liaison on the Board for 2 years. Ron was a big part of the formation of the Hall of Fame Committee and was Treasurer for 2 years. A long time member of the Ontario Quarter Horse Breeders' Futurity, Ron is always available to help out with the show. The family has also sponsored the 3 year old Hunter Under Saddle at the Futurity for some years.

A graduate of Sir Wilfred Laurier University, with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Geography and Psychology, Ron taught Vocational and Secondary School in Hamilton for 35 years.

Currently, Ron McMann is enjoying his retirement, by working with and taking care of the family horses. When he does attend a Horse Show you can bet he will be doing something positive to help out.

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Leon Peroian

According to a hilarious speech once given by Leon Peroian, it was the gift of a free pony to his children that led his family down the slippery slope of horse ownership and thus to the fun and family friendly area of showing at Ontario Quarter Horse competitions.

With four children competing, the family was on the road, together, most weekends and as a family friend recounts, "then Leon had to take time off "work" the next week, to bale hay, clean stalls and keep the truck and trailer in top shape, so they could do it all over again the next weekend." Leon Peroian is one of Our



most highly regarded lawyers. He received designation of Queens Counsel (1975) and was presented the Charles Clark Humanitarian Award in 2002. He has specialized in Civil Litigation since 1981.

In giving back to an association that he felt had offered so much enjoyment to his family, Leon served as an OQHA Director from 1975 until 1983. An Honorary Lifetime Member, he has been OQHA's official Solicitor since 1975 and has never submitted a bill for his substantial services. With his induction into the OQHA Hall of Fame, Leon Paroian is rightly recognized as a shining example of a member who has used his considerable knowledge and skills to the betterment of the Association.

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Aidan Finn



When Aidan Finn (already an experienced newspaperman and publisher) first joined the Ancaster Saddle Club, he was truly shocked at the lack of information available regarding activities in the western horse world.

His enjoyment of recreational riding and interest in the industry soon led him, in July 1970, to found The Western Rider. Still publishing, now as The Rider, The Western Rider also includes The English Rider and The Canadian Quarter Horse Journal and Aidan has consistently the publication to solidly support all aspects of the horse world. He volunteered as a part of the Quarterama Committee beginning in 1971, continuing most years through to 1993, where he offered his strong background skills in advertising, publicity and promotion to help see the show grow in size and success.

Along the way, Aidan was a strong supporter of pari-mutual racing at Picov Downs and even, personally, raced a Quarter Horse there. He produced 5 International Horse Shows (in the early 1970's) that promoted all the western breeds including Quarter Horses.

Through founding The Rider and continuing to publish over 35, sometimes difficult, years, Aidan Finn has made a huge impact on the growth and development of the Quarter Horse industry and is a worthy recipient of inclusion in OQHA's Hall of Fame.

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Walter Hellyer



"Mr Walter" as he is affectionately called, has been a major force in the Cutting and Quarter Horse industries, not just in Ontario, but internationally. He has served as a National Cutting Horse Director since 1965 and a Canadian Cutting Horse Association Director since 1961.

A Canadian Quarter Horse Association Director for 10 years, he was also its President for a year. He was inducted into the CCHA Hall of Fame as well as the NCHA and is an Honorary Life Member of the National Reining Horse Association of Canada. He served as an Ontario Quarter Horse Association Director for the first 10 years and chaired the OQHA Breeders' Futurity in 1962. Walter has also been a member of the advisory board for horse related issues for both Hum College and the University of Guelph.

Walter Hellyer has owned a large number of great horses. Doc O Lena, who has had a great impact on the Cutting Horse industry, Guthrie Buck and Fancy Bar are three that come immediately to mind.

A Hellyer Farms horse sale, held at the Horse Palace, Exhibition Place, Toronto, in 1969, was enhanced by Clinics produced by OQHA and ultimately became the forerunner of Quarterama.

Walter Hellyer has contributed greatly to the success and growth of the Quarter Horse industry and is truly deserving of this honour.

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Alex Picov

The late Alex Picov became somewhat of a legend in the horse business.

From a penniless husband and father, who didn't even speak the local language, as a 21 year old immigrant from the Ukraine, he managed to parlay his



considerable horse trading skills into one of Canada's largest horse sales operations with offices in Pickering and Montreal.

He began importing Quarter Horses in the early 1960's and opened Picov Downs Quarter Horse Race Track, in 1969, on his farm. This enterprise was followed by a horse complex and tack shop. AQHA acknowledged his accomplishments with a plaque that stands proudly today at Picov Downs.

According to his youngest son, Norm, "My dad (Alex) enjoyed seeing youth involvement in the Quarter Horse industry and encouraged young people to be interested. He loved people. He was known as a trustworthy businessman, and always took time to chat with everyone. In his later years you could find him in the Tack Shop, seated in his favourite chair, waiting to talk 'Horses'."

Induction into the Ontario Quarter Horse Hall of Fame is a fitting tribute to the late Alexander Picov.

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Joan Mather



Along with her late husband, Harold, (himself a member of OQHA's Hall of Fame) Joan Mather has been a dedicated volunteer for the Association they both valued so highly.

Like so many other parents, it was her child's (in this case daughter, Lynn's) involvement in showing horses that led Joan Mather to her many years of service to the Association.

Beginning with her participation on the Quarterama Committee in 1978 (she served as Chairperson of the Canadian Foaled Futurity for 8 years), Joan Mather dedicated a major portion of her time to OQHA. She was first elected to the OQHA Board of Directors in 1983 and continued there serving, along the way, as Awards Banquet Chairperson (3 years), who also organized OQHA's 25th Anniversary Awards.

Elected as 2nd Vice President of OQHA in 1991, she advanced to 1st Vice in 1992 and in 1993 became the first, and to date, only, female President in the history of OQHA. She also found both time and energy to act as Secretary/Treasurer for the Ontario Quarter Horse Breeders' Futurity over a 14 year time span. Joan continues to volunteer, currently involving herself with the OQHA News. A truly dedicated volunteer, it is more than deserving that Joan Mather take her place as a member of OQHA's Hall of Fame.

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Bob Tweed



One of the founding members of OQHA, Bob Tweed has served the Association with great distinction over its history. He was an OQHA Director for 25 years, serving for 3 years as Vice-President.

Bob helped found the OQHA Breeders' Futurity and served as its chairman for a number of years. He was also Advisor to the Congress Youth Team. Bob Tweed is noted for importing the first registered Quarter Horse Stallion, Fly Away Mac, to Ontario in 1955 and, along with his family showed him and his offspring with great success over a number of years.

An often unacknowledged sponsor of many events over the years, Bob Tweed has used his considerable business acumen and impressive knowledge of horse care to the great betterment of Ontario's Quarter Horse industry and inclusion in the OQHA Hall of Fame is a fitting tribute to his service.

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Sue Nye

Sue Nye has previously been honoured as the First Lady of the OQHA, a distinction well deserved.

A member since its inception in 1959, Sue has literally been responsible for first developing many programs such as the OQHA News and their point system are today taken for granted.



Sue Nye was the show secretary for the first Quarter Horse show in Ontario (Galt, 1960) and continues her long time position as Show Secretary of the OQHA this day. Much of the early success of Quarterama could be attributed to Sue Nye's hard work and dedication to the Association.

An important part of the OQHA for its entire four decades, Sue Nye truly deserves her new title, Hall of Fame Member.

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Pat Carter



Pat Carter is the first lady to be inducted into the OQHA Hall Of Fame, and a most deserving honour it is!

Pat has been involved in OQHA for many decades and has the distinct honour to have won the AQHA Honour Roll Trail Horse three times, as well as a World Championship in Trail at the very first AQHA World Show in 1974.

Pat lives in St. George, Ontario, with her husband Joe, a well respected AQHA judge. She is an active and extremely proud mother and grandmother who prides herself in always putting her family first. She first began showing horses in the late 1950's at Open Shows, with her buckskin mare, Whinnie May, whom she broke from an orphan foal, broke and trained herself, and went on to numerous wins in Trail and Pleasure.

Pat and Joe met at a horse show in 1959 and this was the beginning of one of the best known training teams in Ontario. In 1968 the Carter's purchased Cov Dream for owners and good friends, Gil and Molly Henderson.

In 1970, with Pat's training, this pair won the WHA Hi Point Saddle. In 1972, this same duo won the Trail at Quarterama and went on to capture the AQHA Honour Roll Trail Horse.

In 1973, Iris and Peter Emick sent their young gelding, Peppy Otoe, to the Carter's for training. He was broke trained and shown by Pat in Halter, Pleasure and Trail. This pair too, captured the prestigious AQHA Honour Roll title in Trail.

In 1974, Pat showed Copperhill Otoe, also owned by the Emick's and won the Jr. Trail again at Quarterama. They had earned the required number of points to qualify for the very first AQHA World Show in Louisville, Kentucky, to which they hauled, showed and won the World Championship in Jr. Trail.

It was at the 1975 Congress that Joe Carter privately purchased Leo Sand, a 1972 red roan, 16.1 hand gelding. After bringing him home, Pat began to work magic with Sandy and soon a mutually warm and caring relationship was formed. Sandy became Pat's show horse and Joe was forced to abandon his plans to sell the gelding.

Among his many accomplishments with Pat, this horse earned AQHA Superior awards in both Trail and Halter, AQHA Honour Roll Trail Horse and Hi Point Ontario AA horse for several years. Pat feels that she was truly privileged to have had the opportunity to work with such an exceptional horse.

Other horses Pat has shown to victories over the years are: Otoes Mark, Wonder Seeker, AQHA Supreme Champion, Super Venture, Ironside McBar, Suga Reed, Show Tip, Impressive Flower and Thermo Twist. She also helped to complete 15 AQHA Champions, and trained the AQHA Youth Champions Miss H Shot and Secret Desire, shown by daughter Patti Carter, now herself an AQHA Judge.

In later years Pat was responsible for developing the Western Coaching System over a 10 year tenure at Humber College Equestrian Program, as well as Part Time Equestrian studies. She helped develop the CEF Western Coaching Program and has served as Ontario Master Course Conductor since its inception. She has presented clinics all over Canada and the USA including Quarterama and the All American Congress.

She has also judged Open shows throughout Canada and the USA and has many training and coaching articles published in numerous equine publications.

In her spare time, Pat Carter makes time to volunteer for the United Way.

In addition to her impressive records in the show ring, her leadership and inspiration have formed the foundation for the hundreds of successful students whose lives she has enriched. This quiet spoken instructor has taught her students to treat their horses as she does her own, with kindness, sensitivity and patience.

Pat's personal and professional success combined with her devotion to the advancement and education of Quarter Horses, has made her a leading role model.

within the Quarter Horse Industry. Ontario is proud to welcome Pat Carter to the 1998 OQHA Hall of Fame.

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Harold Mather



Harold Mather was known among his friends for his integrity and his decency. Harold, with his wife Joan have both devoted their lives to OQHA and have inspired many others to take an active part. Their daughter Lynn Dillabaugh and her daughter Hayley are both horse enthusiasts as well. There are not many young people that can say they travelled around the world three times by the age of 21, but Harold did just that!

He served in the Fleet Air arm of the British Royal Navy for six years, seeing duty all over the world. He experienced active service on two very large aircraft carriers, HMS Fromidable and HMS Implacable. Harold saw duty in Atlantic and Russian convoys before joining the America Third Fleet based in Australia, during the attacks on Japan's mainland.

Harold and his family first became involved with Quarter Horses in 1968 when they purchased a mare, Pickle Puss, and her foal. This was followed by the purchase of Lynwood Farms, where they ran a breeding and boarding operation for 27 years.

Their horses were shown locally at Cedar Valley Riders in Burlington, a club which Harold eventually became President for many years to follow. Ultimately, Harold was instrumental in the concept of the development of the very popular Bayview Park in Burlington.

Harold was first introduced to the Ontario Quarter Horse Association in 1970, by his friend Fred Fisher, who also encouraged the entire family to become members. That was the beginning of a 28 year association with OQHA that saw an outstanding record of services.

The Mathers went on to have their share of prize winning horses. In 1978, they owned Mr Co Jets who was an OQHBF winner that year as well as the Hi Po Ontario Gelding. In addition, their yearling stallion Oakie Bars was named Grand Champion at Quarterama '78. Harold has also exported horses to Cuba and Austria. He had proved to be a leader who was totally dedicated to the betterment of OQHA.

Harold was the only OQHA member to have held three prestigious offices of OQHBF Chairman (1970), OQHA President (1980-81), and Quarterama Chairm (1995). Some of the many other offices he has held are OQHA Director for many years, CNE representative, Chairman of the Past Presidents Committee, C News Editor (1989) and a founding member of the OQHA Disciplinary Committee.

Harold was also a loyal and faithful ambassador for Quarterama for 15 years, and was Honourary Chairman of Quarterama '98 as well as Director of Corporate Sponsors and Finance. Harold foresaw a bright future for OQHA and hoped that the membership would all work together to promote and enjoy the American Quarter Horse. Harold liked to remind everyone that the Futurity, Banquet and Awards, Hall of Fame, Quarterama, Incentive Fund Program and the many other venues OQHA members enjoy, are things that just don't happen. They take volunteers who give of their time and expertise and strongly urged members to take the experience of being involved.

Harold himself has worked tirelessly to improve and promote the OQHA, undertaking all tasks with professionalism. A fine and generous man, Harold had the say of his induction into the OQHA Hall of Fame, "In my many years of being involved in OQHA, I have had many great memories, but I can assure you all it doesn't get any better than this!".

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Roy Ianson

The name, Roy Ianson, is synonymous with the Quarter Horse industry. He has been involved with horses for over 45 years, in nearly every aspect of the business from breeding, training and showing to judging and marketing. Roy lives in Acton, Ontario with his wife, Joan. They have three children, and the entire Ianson family is involved with horses.

Roy has the reputation of owning horses that have not only good conformation, but are also always well fitted and groomed. Roy's equine career began in 1954 when he brought the first Quarter Horse to show in Ontario. Purchased from Cletus Hulling, the horse's name was Bucks Waggoner. Quarter horses were suddenly found to be in demand in Ontario. Roy led the way, importing loads of them by tractor trailer. He recalls the memory of people anxiously awaiting the arrival of a new load and the thrill of people clamoring to actually buy a Quarter Horse.

In 1955, Flying Jacket, owned by Roy, was the first Quarter Horse stallion to stand stud in Ontario. Then came other winning stallions such as, Magnolia Sor Stopper Nick, Nunes Pocoweed, Eternal Dial, Spanish Skip, Impressive Oiler and Sassy Doc Joe. Also with Roy's expert handling the following horses earned their AQHA Championships: Flying San, Poco Fury, and Sugar Joe Reed, followed by Rags to Riches Futurity Winner - Top Azure Rocket (Winner of \$37,000) owned and bred by Roy and Joan.

Another great horse imported by Roy was the 2 year old, King Clipper Joe, who went on to fame and ultimately induction into the 1997 OQHA Hall of Fame. He also owned and showed many champion cutting horses, including the first one in Ontario, Gypsy Maid (1955), followed by Caballero and Blue Hornet. Roy has



the latter to England in 1965 to participate in the "Canadian Way Of Life" Exhibition.

On November 22, 1959, Roy Lonson organized a meeting of Quarter Horse people in London, Ontario. This turned out to be the founding meeting of the OQHA and Roy was elected as the first OQHA President. One wonders if he had any idea at the time that his initiative and hard work would be the start of such a big industry!

Roy's record of service in the horse industry over the years has been nothing less than impressive! He served as treasurer of the WHA for 2 years, and was President for 6 years. He has been a Director of the Ontario Rodeo Association, Ontario Reining Horse Association, Ontario Cutting Horse Association, Ontario Quarter Horse Racing Association, Canadian Professional Horsemen's Association and the Canadian Horse Show Association.

Roy was Vice President of the Canadian Horse Council and on the Board of Advisors for Humber College. He assisted in forming both the Quebec and Mari Quarter Horse Associations, and has judged Open shows for 40 years, throughout Canada, the USA and Bermuda.

Roy has worked hard in past years to make Quarterama a success, having served in such capacities as Announcer, Co-Assistant Show Manager, a Director of the Quarterama Committee, as well as ably assisting at the Quarterama Horse Sales.

He feels very privileged to have sold many people - all long time friends - their first Quarter Horses. Just a few of these names are George Coverdale, Don Nye, Walter Hellyer, Dr. Jim Henderson, Jim Babcock, and Dale Purdy, etc.

Roy Lonson has truly been a leading ambassador for OQHA. Everyone who has had the privilege of knowing this vibrant and enthusiastic man, realizes how approachable, friendly and well respected he is.

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Mick Pettypiece



The name Mick Pettypiece has become very familiar to a whole new generation of Quarter Horse owners, thanks to his excellent columns, titled "Looking Back" and subtitled "He Who Fails To Look Back, Cannot Intelligently Go Forward", that are being published in the O.Q.H.A. News.

Given the number of great Quarter Horses that reside in Southwestern Ontario, it's difficult to realize that just 40 years ago, Mick Pettypiece was the only person in that area (west of London, Ontario) to own registered Quarter Horses. Along with his fellow inductees (George Coverdale and Don Nye) and a number of other Quarter Horse supporters, Mick was instrumental in founding the Ontario Quarter Horse Association.

He was elected O.Q.H.A. Director for nine years and it's second President, serving a two year term. During his tenure as President, Mick Pettypiece saw all three goals achieved. Firstly: Mick Pettypiece was a major force in starting the Ontario Quarter Horse Breeders' Futurity, that is now ranked as one of the top twenty Futurities in North America. Secondly: He also organized and produced the first "Quarter Horse" Clinic in Ontario, held at Ridgetown Agricultural College March, 1963, with the clinicians (all from Michigan) donating their time and Bob Tweed, Roy Lonson, George Coverdale and Welber Higgins brining the horses to be used in the demonstration. The clinic was a huge success and proceeds from the one dollar admission were added to the coffers of the O.Q.H.A. Thirdly: the founder of the Leamington Quarter Horse Show that later moved to Harrow (a show that he and his family produced for over 20 years), the goal of having a major Quarter Horse Show in his area was achieved.

Some prominent horses owned by Mick include: Bingos Bonanza (Hight Point Halter, Superior Halter); J K Hired Pal (A.Q.H.A. Champion, Hight Point West Riding); and Johnny Go Te (Winner Aged Stallions, Quarterama). He also judged Open horse shows in Ontario, Michigan and Ohio over a 35 year period.

Now retired from the business world, Mick has continually been a part time farmer and had always worked within the construction industry, first as an excavator company owner, then an educator of heavy equipment operators and finally as a public works employee and superintendent. He proudly states: "I've never had a job I didn't like".

He has served for a total of 40 years as an elected official of his County or Township in positions ranging from the County School Board to chairing the Police Committee, to mention just a few of the civic duties he has fulfilled.

Mick and his wife Norma live in Amherstburg, Ontario, on their property, which is next door to the farm where he was born. They have 4 children and grandchildren. Mick Pettypiece comments: "One of my biggest enjoyments is to visit with horse people and to have good horses. I honestly feel that while there are halter horsemen and there are pleasure horsemen, I've never met a "good" horseman that didn't want a pretty horse that would ride". Of his induction into the O.Q.H.A. Hall of Fame, Mr. Pettypiece notes "I have been recognized in many areas, but this award is one of the highlights of my life. I am very proud of the honour".

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George Coverdale



Anyone in Ontario who is at all familiar with Quarter Horses, will immediately recognize the name, George Coverdale. George grew up on his family's Campbellville farm around work horses and saddle horses. Already a Quarter Horse owner, when the Ontario Quarter Horse Association was formed in 1951 George Coverdale became a founding member. He served as its President in 1964, 1965 and 1966 and was instrumental in launching Quarterama. George the Quarterama Horse Sale for a number of years and was Co-Chairman of the event in 1977.

Cricket Whipple was shown by George to become the first Ontario A.Q.H.A. Champion and he also exhibited Cody Sue to win the Joanna Jensen High Point Around Award (for Ontario). The Coverdales actually started into the Quarter Horse industry when they purchased the young Quarter Horse stallion, Three K from Cletus Hulling, in 1956. Some Quarter Horse mares, most notably, Annie San, were added to their stable and so began on of Ontario's first Quarter Horse breeding establishments. Three Kings was sold to Quebec interests and the Coverdales started standing Hired Hank and then later Triple Otee. Both of these sires have had a tremendous impact on the Quarter Horse industry, in Ontario and on an international level with their get earning numerous awards in a huge variety of disciplines. George Coverdale has been on the A.Q.H.A. Leading Breeders List. He has also represented Ontario at a team cutting held in Ohio.

In the late 1960's George, along with Don Nye and Doug Rapson, formed Red Ribbon Sales and they subsequently held a number of horse sales at Hay's S Barn in Oakville, Ont. The Western World All Breed Horse Show was held for several years in the mid '70's in the fall, at Exhibition Place, Toronto and was co-founded by George.

Exporting of Ontario Quarter Horses to Europe and other places was yet another field where George Coverdale led the way. In the 1970's he sent horses to Germany, and since then he has shipped his horses to England and other parts of Europe and South America.

There are many people in the horse world today who were friends of Leroy Kufske. All of these people remain truly grateful to the Coverdales for taking Leroy home during his illness and allowing him to spend his last months of life surrounded by friends in a family, rather than an institutional setting. At some time himself, George Coverdale came to the aid of an officer who was in a life threatening position and was given commendation by the Halton Police for his brave

George Coverdale is a "Hoisting Engineer" who worked for over 40 years in the construction industry. During this same time he was also part of the family farm operation which in various years has included cattle, cash crops, and of course, always Quarter Horses. George and his wife Barb live on the Campbellville farm the house where he was born. The couple have three children and grandchildren.

For his personal enjoyment, George Coverdale has always especially liked working cattle from horseback. He has spent a number of years travelling each farm with a good horse or two, to the Port Elgin area, to help in the community pasture round up, and has always appreciated competing in various aspects of cut events. Commenting that he's not now a real show horse "enthusiast", he is "truly proud to see so many horses we've bred and raised go on to give so much enjoyment to the good people who purchased them". He notes that "certainly a lot of our horses have won 'big' in the past and are still doing so today, but I'm equally proud of the horses I've bred that have just gone to owners who've enjoyed owning and riding them".

Regarding his induction into the O.Q.H.A. Hall of Fame, George Coverdale "very much appreciates that I was picked to receive this great honour".

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President, that A.Q.H.A. Approved Quarter Horse Racing became a reality in Ontario, at Picov Downs in Ajax. Also during his term, the Ontario Quarter Horse Youth Association was formed and possibly most importantly, Quarterama was initiated.

A founding member of Quarterama, Don was its first Chairman, serving in that position for 3 years. Nye continued as a member of the Quarterama Committee a number of years, where he was greatly valued for his hard work and knowledge.

Officiating as chairman of the O.Q.H.B.F. for a year was yet another service Don performed for the Association. Nye was a member of the Board of Directors of the Canadian Quarter Horse Association for some years and the manager of the Western Horse Show Division of the Canadian National Exhibition for 20 years.

He held judges cards for W.H.A.O., Appaloosa and Paint Horses and is widely credited with originating the concept of professional show management and stewarding that continues today on the Quarter Horse circuit. Don Nye was honoured by being the only Canadian to serve on the committee that formulated and oversaw the first A.Q.H.A. World Championship Show.

Don spent most of his working life employed within the areas of the stationary industry. He was awarded the title of Distinguished Salesman of the Year, on 12 separate occasions. Don enjoys golfing and competing in tournaments and was employed as a part time Golf Consultant by Dynamic Golf in Hamilton. Or Don credits his wife Sue, with much of his success, noting: "She's always worked with me on all of the projects and now we're enjoying some time spent together on the golf course." Both Don and Sue are very proud of their four children and their grandchildren.

Don Nye remarks, "The O.Q.H.A. has had many tremendous achievements in its history and I am very proud to have been a part of its beginning and of help to set up and forward many of the programs which continue to thrive today. Back in the early years, none of us really had any idea that our ideas and hard work would be the beginning of such a huge industry. Basically, we were just working together to promote a breed of horses we all loved - the American Quarter Horse."

Don Nye



It is a special honour to be one of the first HALL OF FAME inductees and to share this occasion with long time friends and co-workers, George Coverdale and Mick Pettypiece. The Hall Of Fame ring that I have been awarded, will truly be my most treasured possession".

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Im A King's Pistol

1974-1991



By Poco Ray Mount, out of Ima Queen, by Kings Pistol, Ima Kings Pistol was foaled in 1974, in Shanty Bay (near Barrie), Ontario. His breeder was Fred Lenz.

The colt was started by Lee Foster and Kim Allen recalls first seeing him at a Picov's winter show in 1977 and subsequently purchasing him from Fred.

After Kim helped solve some of the colts early health problems, the pair quickly moved forward to earn a slew of significant honors. Trained by Kim, the attractive hh, bay, went on to achieve a 6th place finish, ridden by Kim, in Amateur Western Pleasure at Quarterama '77. Back at Quarterama in 1978, they placed second Senior Western Pleasure. To get a sense of how big that was, it should be noted that the pair were beat only by Tommy Manion on Physical Ed.

Ima Kings Pistol also won a number of Championships at the Ontario Quarter Horse Breeders' Futurity.

Again, ridden by Kim Allen, Ima Kings Pistol was declared World Champion Amateur Western Pleasure winner in 1979. Along the way Kim also earned Superior Amateur and Superior Open Western Pleasure titles.

Kim sold the horse in 1980 and this well bred, well trained, gelding went on to continue his winning ways for a number of owners. To mention just a few of his subsequent awards: 1981 Congress Champion Amateur Western Pleasure; 1984 3rd place Congress Youth Showmanship and Reserve Champion Congress Western Pleasure Maturity.

Ima Kings Pistol was top ten at the World show 6 times and top ten in the nation 5 times, including High Point Western Pleasure Gelding in 1981. He achieved 11 ROM's, including a Youth ROM at 16 years of age.

All in all, Ima Kings Pistol earned a total of six Western Pleasure Superior Awards, and one Superior in Showmanship.

In accepting the Hall of Fame Award, a beautiful drawing of Ima Kings Pistol, by artist, Mark Grice, Kim Allen spoke, eloquently, about the horse. Noting that he is unusually smart and willing with a lot of heart she said, "Chester was just a real good pony".

It is horses such as Ima Kings Pistol, who have helped prove, literally to the world, that top quality, world class horses have been and are being bred right here in Ontario.

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Otoes Goldenrod

1965 -1992



Otoes Goldenrod was an amazing stallion, who had a tremendous impact on Ontario's Quarter Horse breeding programs and whose offspring proved to the world there were great quality Quarter Horses being bred in the province.

By the legendary, Otoe, Goldenrod was out of Poco Yellow Pine, an own daughter of Poco Pine. Foaled in Oklahoma, he was sold to Larry and Nancy Powell of Indiana as a yearling.

The attractive dun stallion had an excellent show career which saw him attain an Open Superior Halter and an Open Performance Register of Merit becoming an AQHA Champion. He achieved, in total, 78.0 Open Halter and 12.0 Open Performance Points.

For Ontario, it started when Peter and Iris Emick purchased Copperhill Otoe, as a weanling and Miss Otoe Charge, as a two year old. Realizing the quality of the horses, the Emicks returned to Indiana, in 1974, and purchased their sire, Otoes Goldenrod and four of the Powell's top quality brood mares. It was a purchase that would definitely advance the Quarter Horse industry in Ontario.

Copperhill Otoe went on to become the Open World Champion Jr Trail Horse, trained and shown by Pat Carter, at the first World Championship Show, held in Lexington, Kentucky in 1974. He attained a show record of 21 Open Halter and 47 Open Performance Points over his show career. Miss Otoe Charge became a AQHA Champion in 1972, when Joe Carter showed her to a number of wins in Western Riding. She also has 72 Open Halter and 73 Open Pleasure Points on her record.

The Emicks purchased another Goldenrod sired mare, Otoes Grand Gal, this time as a youth horse for their young daughter, Lori. This team achieved numerous Around Youth Awards and were declared Hi Point Canadian Youth winners at several Quarterama's in the early 1980's. Another outstanding son, Peppy Otoe was declared the AQHA Open High Point Trail Horse and Open High Point Jr Trail Horse in 1973, trained and shown by Pat Carter. He was an Open Superior Trail horse and has an Open Performance ROM on his record.

Otoes Goldenrod sired well over 150 registered foals during his time in Ontario. Overall his offspring acquired: 1 Halter ROM; 36 Performance ROM's; 2 AQHA Championships; 1 Superior Halter and 16 Superior Performance and well as 1 Open World Championship and 1 AQHA High Point win. In total they achieved 27 Performance Points and 346.5 Halter Points.

What the records don't show was that Otoes Goldenrod was not just beautiful in appearance, he was kind and well mannered and, most importantly, passed the admirable traits on to his offspring. The records also don't acknowledge the many Goldenrod sired horses who remained unshown at Quarter Horse events but were greatly prized for their exceptionally good minds.

The Emicks sold Otoes Goldenrod, in 1981 to the Dixie Bridge Co. Inc. of Lexington, Kentucky, who retained ownership until his death in 1992 at age 27.

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Shes A Mac

Picture Coming Soon

Born in 1970, the brown filly, She's A Mac, sired by the legendary Fly Away Mac, out of the great producing mare, Midnight Beauty, was most definitely destined a show horse. Breeder, Doreen Tweed, recalls, "it really seemed like she was meant to be (her son) Michael's horse from the beginning".

Michael remembers "working with Dad (Bob Tweed) to break her as a two year old" and the "incredible feeling" when he was given She's A Mac as a present on 12' Birthday. The pair certainly shared a very successful show career. From 1973 until 1979, the two earned over 75 Open Points and over 260 Youth Points. They were awarded an AQHA Open Champion, Open Superior Halter and Open Performance Register of Merit, as well as Youth Champion, Youth Superior Showman and Youth Performance Register of Merit.

More locally they received an OQHA Certificate of Merit Youth Showmanship as well as OQHA Breeders' Futurity Certificates of Merit in Halter, Western Pleasure Reining.

In 1979, Michael Tweed, showing She's A Mac was AJQHA Youth Reserve World Champion in Showmanship. Michael remembers his mare as "somewhat sensitive and very unfriendly to people unless I was around". His mother, Doreen, proudly recalls, "they made a great team. Michael just seemed to do everything right with her".

As a broodmare, She's A Mac also proved to be a winner with 6 of her 7 foals performing and between them, acquiring a whopping 565.5 points in a wide variety of classes, as well as winning at almost all the Ontario Futurities of the time. Michael is proud to say that he managed to be at almost all of her foalings. One of She's A Mac's foals had an exceptional show career. Michael remarks, "Spectral Morning, a 1982 brown mare, by Mito Commander, was really special, but she was also extremely sensitive. We turned down some very good offers for her until we had the chance to sell her, as a 2 year old, to Lynn Palm of Michigan, for one of her exhibitors. We knew Lynn would treat her kindly and things really turned out well".

Spectral Mornings went on to win an Open Performance Register of Merit (1985), a Youth Superior Western Pleasure (1986), 3 AQHA Youth Performance Register of Merit (1986, 1988, & 1998) and an AQHA Open Superior Western Pleasure (1987). At the Youth World Show in 1987, she placed 9th in Western Pleasure. In 1988 at the Youth World Show, the mare placed 10th in Western Riding.

There is a strange but true story involving Michael and She's A Mac. On a 4 month trip to Nepal, Michael remembers he awakened suddenly from a deep sleep, he was staying in a guest house there. He says, "I was suddenly, wide awake, sitting bolt upright, convinced that I'd heard someone calling my name. No one else was awake, so I did go back to sleep, but the next day I found myself really agitated and upset. Thinking something might be wrong at home I called there and was assured, by Mom, that everything was OK, but, again, unusual for her she didn't really want to chat. When I returned home about a month later, she told me that the time of my abrupt awakening, (January 30, 2001) my mare had passed away from natural causes, at age 31. Mom hadn't wanted to tell me when I was so far from home."

Michael still owns one of She's A Mac's daughters. The 1983 mare, Instantly Yours, lives at the family farm.

She's A Mac was born, lived most of her life and died at the Tweed's farm in Waterloo, Ontario. She was one of the more extraordinary Quarter Horses that have been produced in Ontario.

Kemps Poco Star

When the attractive dun gelding first came into Patti Carter's care, he was pretty much burned out as a show horse. His later success is a result of about three years of hard work, by Patti, who was coached along the way by her mother, Pat.

Picture Coming Soon

The work paid off tremendously when beginning in 1982 the pair started their path to acquiring some major honours. In 1982, Kemps Poco Star received: Open AQHA Champion, AQHA Youth Champion, AQHA Youth Superior Western Pleasure, AQHA Youth Superior Western Horsemanship and was 10th place AQHA Youth All Around High Point Horse.

The winning continued in 1983 with an AQHA Superior Hunter Under Saddle, AQHA Superior Hunt Seat Equitation, AQHA Superior Showmanship, AQHA Youth Performance Champion and was AQHA 6th place Youth All Around High Point Horse.

In 1984 the pair acquired an AQHA Youth Supreme Champion and 6 top ten Youth High Point awards including 3rd place AQHA Youth All Around High Point Horse.

He won the Quarterama Versatility Class twice and Patti rode him to win the Quarterama All Around Youth in 1984. Kemps Poco Star had several top 5 placings The Congress and finished his illustrious career with 161 AQHA Open Performance Points and 810 AQHA Youth Performance Points.

Patti recalls "You could put a mechanical hackamore and splint boots on him and he could beat the contest horses and then come out from that, put his pleasure him, lope some circles and go win the pleasures. He truly was an outstanding individual who changed our lives forever. This year, Kemps Poco Star rightfully took place in the AQHA Hall of Fame.

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Fly Away Mac

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Bio Coming Soon

Style Bars

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Bio Coming Soon

Leo Sand



Bio Coming Soon

Show Tip

The Little Horse With The Big Heart

On April 22, 1960, on a dusty ranch in Ozona, Texas, Darky Jo Spark foaled a fiesty grandson of Wimpy. Although no one had high expectations for the little horse, he was going to show the world just what a superior Quarter Horse could do. The colt's name was Show Tip and his story has become legend.



Shrouded in mystery, Show Tip's past paralleled a soap opera until a heartwarming letter was written by a man whose life had been deeply touched by the sorrel stud. He felt that Show Tip had a story to tell, hence the letter addressed to Paul Oswald Waterloo, Ontario - Show Tip's owner at the time. The man was G.A. Jones of Fort Stockton, Texas, and his letter, sent on May 14, 1970, has become as important to Show Tip's history as his pedigree.

Mr. Jones describes his first impression of the horse as "Having the worst pulled down head condition you can imagine, a broken bone or two in his neck just behind the head." No-one knew exactly how those bones were broken and Mr. Jones thought Show Tip's chances of survival were slim. Yet, he saw something special in the horse. A certain classiness that caught his eye. He needed a stud for some good fillies he was raising so he "took him home to breed - if he lived." Mr. Jones hoped that Show Tip would be able to get around a bit, although he never expected to ride him. All that was to change when the horse's care was taken over by Mr. Jones' 11 and 13 year old daughters.

The little stud was being stabled with a palomino gelding about the same age (20 months). Those two unbroke horses were just too much for the girls to resist. Their father came home one day and found them riding both horses without the benefit of a saddle, bridle, or even a halter. Show Tip was so well behaved, the youngest girl, Debbie, nicknamed him "Sweetie". Unfortunately, Mr. Jones lost the lease on one of his ranches and didn't need so many horses. "Sweetie" was sold.

Mr. Jones ended his letter by saying that Show Tip had always been a bright spot in Debbie's life, even to the day she died of cancer at age 14. Debbie's remarkable relationship with this son of Showdown, was to mark the beginning of his impressive career. Mr. Jones began working Show Tip into a pretty handy little horse, thereby giving the broken necked sorrel a chance for a future. And what a future it turned out to be.

Leroy Kufske bought Show Tip, imported him into Canada and eventually sold him to Paul Oswald. Paul began to haul the stud and a gelding named King Clipper Joe. Later, Paul Oswald and Greg Rapson, together, campaigned the two horses a major portion of North America, touring the show circuit. The two horses hated each other vehemently. Paul's trailer had been equipped with a full partition to avoid their coming to blows.

Show Tip was now in top condition and fully aware of his power. His increasing sense of self-importance and his hatred of being captive in a box stall soon earned him a new nickname - Ugly. Most strangers would have considered him downright rank with his wild displays of laid back ears and charging. The aggressive behaviour always kept him just one step ahead of the castrator. Fortunately, his owners saw these performances as "All Show". Anyone could enter his stall, scratch his back and have him loving as a baby.

Perhaps it was this fierce spirit that gave him the self-confidence and determination to win. For win he did; A.Q.H.A. World and Canadian Champion, Superior in Western Pleasure, Reining and Western Riding, with points in Halter, Trail, Jumping, Reining, Western Riding, Western Pleasure, Cowhorse, Huntseat and Youth Working.

After Show Tip's long campaign was completed, Paul gave Show Tip to Greg. One day Greg's small daughter, age 3, was found in Show Tip's pen. She was like her dad, always wanting to be around the horses, so Greg gave Show Tip back to Paul insuring his daughter's safety. Show Tip was passed around the Oswald family for a few years before being sold to William Hawkins of Woodstock, Ontario. When he came up for sale again in February 1977, Ed and Sue Zacharczuk jumped at the opportunity. They had been watching the sorrel stud for many years while boarding their horses at the Oswald's. Show Tip was exactly what they wanted as a sire for their reining horse breeding operation. Since then, Show Tip has sired 45 foals for the Zacharczucs, most of which were sold to Ontario, Quebec and U.S.A. His total Registered A.Q.H.A. Get was 95 plus a number of Registered Paint foals.

Although there were no outward signs of the broken neck he suffered so many years ago, he did have a peculiar tilt to his head when he looked sideways - a trait he seemed to have passed on to many of his foals, oddly enough.

Show Tip epitomises the old type Quarter Horse; short, heavily muscled, highly intelligent and full of good old fashion cow sense. The very best of his traits were passed on to his foals as is evident in many show rings across North America. Show Tip had beaten the odds and proved himself a superior Quarter Horse. The kind a breeder dreams of. The kind legends are made of.

Show Tip died June 7, 1993. Show Tip has been laid to rest at the Zacharczuks' farm in Gadshill, Ontario in the reining pen.

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King Clipper Joe



A LEGEND FOR GOOD REASON

No horse has ever had a more consistent show record for over a period of 15 years showing. Joe placed 1st or 2nd consistently for all those years, very seldom placing lower. Page after page, year after year 1st and 2nd's. Every Horseman that ever hauled in Ontario or U.S. knew the "Legendary Joe".

The Ontario Horsemen that were at the congress in 1970 will still tell you "No one will ever see 2 patterns in Western Riding laid down like that again." Joe showed at Quarterama five times from 1965 to 1974 in Western Riding, Reining and Halter placings were: 1st, 1st, 2nd, 2nd, 1st, 2nd, 1st, 1st and 2nd. For over ten years consecutively the Joanne Jenson trophy was won by either KING CLIPPER JOE or SHOW TIP.

KING CLIPPER JOE was the 2nd AQHA CHAMPION PRODUCED in Ontario three months after George Coverdale's CRICKET WIPPLE became a champion. The year was March of 1966. He was only 4 years old, Joe had 27 Halter and 4 Performance points.

Joe as a gelding Proved himself on his own merit. He is remembered today as being the best in Ontario on what he did himself. Joe has influenced the Ontario Industry; Everyone strived to have a great horse like him.

Joe's Total Points:

- 55 Grands
- 42 Reserves
- 202 Halter
- 216 Western Riding
- 3 Trail
- 18 Western Pleasure & 30 Hunter Under Saddle

KING CLIPPER JOE showed the Quarter Horse Industry what champions were made of by the records he made - Western Riding: 103 wins out of 143 shows and 31 seconds for a total of 216 points. Reining: 80 wins out of 124 shows and 36 seconds for a total of 202 points. Halter: 55 Grands and 42 Reserves out of 114 shows for a total of 202 points. Remember a class with 28 entries back then only gave 2.5 points. That same class today would earn you 5 points! These classes included - Western Riding - Western Pleasure and Trail.

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