

2008 KQHA Hall of Fame Inductees

Dean Smith



During the past 50 years, native Kansan Dean Smith has accumulated innumerable accolades in the show ring in numerous types of events. He's trained and shown many state and world champion reining, cutting, halter and pleasure horses. A top cutting horse trainer, Dean Smith has also made a substantial impact on the entire equine industry. He was the person competitors strived not only to beat, but also sought to emulate his training. As an equine breeder, he has produced top quality horses. He's trained many successful non-pro riders and handlers through the years, and he's helped develop some of the top trainers in the country. Without a doubt, native Kansan Dean Smith is a legend not only in the cutting industry, but in the equine industry as a whole.

Dean was presented with the very first NRHA bronze trophy awarded in 1969 when he rode Miss Sue Skip owned by Gloria Oursler of Coffeyville, KS to the win in the futurity. He was also awarded the trophy in 1970 as the NRHA open winner riding Miss Sue Skip.

In the 1970's and 80's Dean was a fixture on the KQHA circuit showing horses for Delmar Wessler and Darrol Keener. He won the KQHA high point all around several times even donning English attire to show one winner. Recently Dean has specialized in the cutting industry.

Tardee Too

Foaled in 1965

Sire: Mains Leo Buck Dam: Pretty Plush

Bred By: Alan Holmgren, Crawford, NE Owned By: Sonny Thomison, Wichita, KS

Performance Point Earner (6.5) & Halter Point Earner(14). An AQHA All-Time Leading Sire.

Tardy Too sired 628 AQHA registered foals in 21 foal crops of which 208 were performers, 207 in the show area and 1 on the race track. In the open division he sired 16 superior halter and 15 superior performance winners, 46 performance ROM;s and 3 AQHA champions with a total of 2, 368 halter and 2,045 performance points. In amateur he had 2 superior performance winners and 10 performance ROM's with a total of 44 halter and 566 performance points. In the youth division he had 17 performance ROM's, 5 youth AQHA champions, 3 superior halter and 1 superior performance winner for a total of 508.5 halter and 1056 performance points. The AQHA Incentive fund earnings from basically 1 season nomination were \$11,895.67. Foals earned \$1,372.78 in NCHA cutting competition, \$638,21 in NRHA reining competition, \$26,140.38 in NSBA competition, \$2,251.25 in NRCHA reined cow horse competition along with 327 PHBA halter and 198 PHBA performance points.

At the world show he sired 4 open and 1 youth world champions, 3 open and 1 youth reserve world champions. Noted offspring include Tardys Gangster the 1975 Reserve World Champion Aged Gelding who also placed that year in the Jr. Western Pleasure, Tardys Bar Maid 1 winner of the 2 Yr Old Mares and the Jr Western Pleasure at the 1974 world show, Tardys Tuffy 1 the 1975 World Champion 3 Yr Old Stallion, Jazzie Tardy the 1979 Youth World Champion Yearling Mare, ET Tardy who won the 1983 Youth World Res. Champion 2 Yr Old Gelding, Its Tardy Time winner of NRHA and NRCHA money, Tina Tardy a PHBA point earner and AQHA Champion, Tardys Sneaky Pete with wins in both AQHA and PHBA competition.