

**Billy Allen**  
**2004 KQHA Hall of Fame Inductee**

As a youngster growing up on a farm with cattle and work horses, Billy Allen had a dream of becoming a world champion roper. However, after competing in rodeos, he decided in his mid-twenties that training horses professionally would be a more rewarding career. From that point his success as a trainer and involvement in the Quarter Horse industry has been almost legendary.

Billy trained and showed 11 World Champions and many Honor Roll horses including Zan Parr Bar, Zan Gold Jack, Zippen Zanita and The Highfalutin Dude. In fact, in 1976 Allen campaigned three different horses to win high point titles in reining, calf roping and team roping. While descendants of Harlans Tyree and Two Eyed Jack have been prominent in his training program, Allen believes his best known student is probably Zan Par Bar. One of the reasons Allen has been so successful as a trainer is no doubt due to his philosophy that you need to break the horse, then let him tell you what he wants to do. Allen also believes that good horses make good trainers.

In addition to training Allen is also known for standing several top stallions at his Scott City ranch and the creation of some well-known products too. A number of years ago when Allen tired of searching for a good performance feed, he developed his own. Currently 250 to 300 tons of his feed is sold every month to customers in many states. Besides feed, he also created a popular bit mouth piece that bears his name and is a staple with most horsemen.

Allen is also a well-known figure in both the American Quarter Horse Association and the Kansas Quarter Horse Association. A long time member of both organizations, he has served as a member of the KQHA Board of Directors and is a past president of the association. On the national level he has served on the judges committee selecting new judges to officiate at AQHA approved shows. In addition, he has helped at numerous clinics for youth and amateurs. He is also an AQHA judge whose assignments have included all major livestock shows, the Quarter Horse Congress, the AQHA World Championship Show, and the AQHA World Championship Show & the European Championships. An interesting side note is that the Allen family has contributed 3 AQHA judges as Billy's sons Doug and Jeff are also approved judges.





## **C.A. Cofer**

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As a lifetime member of both the national and state Quarter Horse associations, C. A. Cofer of Wichita has been prominent in a wide range of activities. A member of the Kansas Quarter Horse Association Board of Directors, Cofer has also served as a past president. In 1979 he initiated the Midwestern Quarter Horse Circuit and directed it for 20 years. He also began the Flatland Circuit in 1984 and directed it until 1991. Over the years, Cofer has managed and served as auctioneer for numerous KQHA sponsored horse sales.

As an AQHA judge from 1974-2000, Cofer he has overseen shows from coast to coast and border to border plus Hawaii. He has officiated at many of the top shows in the country including the

AQHA World Championship Show, the All-American Quarter Horse Congress, and multiple AQHA World Shows. His international judging experiences include Mexico and Canada, plus Germany, Italy, Switzerland and France. Cofer also holds judging cards in the Palomino and Paint Horse associations, judging many prestigious events for both of these groups.

Cofer was elected an AQHA national director in 1992 and was elevated to Director Emeritus in 2002. He is currently a member of the Show and Contest Committee and Chairman of the World Show Subcommittee.

No stranger to the show arena, Cofer has bred, raised, and/or shown numerous KQHA year-end high point winners and futurity champions. Among these have been such greats as H. H. Dee, an AQHA Champion; Deedle Breeze, AAA; Deedle Betina, AQHA Champion; Mr. Cool Breeze, High Point Gelding of the nation in 1974; Deedle Will, AQHA Champion; Deedle Deedle Dee, Superior Pleasure; Pretty Me Too, AQHA Champion and Superior Western Pleasure; Silver C Cash, third at the World Show in Junior Calf Roping; Sandy Widette, multiple futurity winner, High Point KQHA yearling; and the list goes on.

Among the stallions that Cofer has owned and stood at stud are Bar's Bert, AQHA Champion; Wilbur Bradley, AQHA Champion son of Win or Lose; Bar Y Sandy, a superior sire son of Silver Cash; and Cash Dominator, AQHA Champion, Superior Performance Horse, sired by Silver Cash.

Among his other accomplishments and careers, Cofer was the owner and president of Western Heritage Tack Company from 1988-1999; a sales manager and auctioneer from 1955-1990, and manager of MJB Quarter Horses from 1978-1981.