



## **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 Harlan's 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 AJQHA 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.