

# **MISSISSIPPI QUARTER HORSE ASSOCIATION**

## **HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES**



**Photos are on the south  
wall of the Glass Room on  
south east end of  
Kirk Fordice Equine Center**



Wayne Stinson  
inducted  
January 2024  
(posthumously)

Wayne Stinson has been a trainer and showman of American Quarter Horses for most of his adult life. He promoted Quarter Horses in but one of his biggest contributions to the Mississippi Quarter Horse Association was his work with the MQHA's Fall Futurities. These

Futurities showcased the best of the up-and-coming young Quarter Horses.

Wayne worked tirelessly to be sure every aspect of these futurities were successful and enjoyable to all that participated.

Son of John Rea and Mattie Lorraine, Wayne Stinson was born in Yazoo, Mississippi on December 4th, 1936. After graduating in 1954 he joined the Navy for a four-year stint before returning to farming and then graduated from Mississippi State University with a degree in Animal Science in 1972.

Wayne had two sons; John and (the late) Lane and two grandchildren

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In 1972 Wayne trained and showed the beautiful quarter horse "PRECIOUSRECIOUS BONNET" owned by Hellen Rawson of Meridian, MS to *AQHAAQHA Championship*

Wayne went on to be a carded judge for Quarter Horses, paints but mostly Palomino.

Please welcome Wayne Stinson (posthumously) to the MQHA Hall of Fame



## George Shepherd inducted January 2022



Like many young men, George choose to enlist in the Air Force.

He took a trip to Ericson, Nebraska to the Pitzer Ranch and bought a stud out of Two Eyed Jack. His name was Eyed Do Good. Three months later we had to have him put down due to a problem in his spinal column.

So back to Nebraska they went. It was the first Pitzer Ranch Production Sale. Mr. Pitzer knew they was there to replace the stud that was lost. It was down to the last stud colt in the sale, but as luck would have it, he was the one they had our eye on. Mr. Pitzer stopped the bidding, took the mic and said "George Shepherd, where are you? This is the colt that you need to buy." Well we did just that. We bought lot #81, Two Eyed Sizzler, and never regretted it for one second.

And showing was a family affair. But you would be hard pressed to find Wanda in any photos. She was too busy getting the horses properly groomed for their photo shoots. Daughter, Shayne, did much of the showing of our horses. Their boys, Walt and Spence were mostly involved in Roping Events. There were some long show days since Halter was the first class and Roping the last. They loved every minute of it. Started showing Sizzler in 1979 In 1980 he earned his Superior Western Pleasure Certificate In 1982 he received his AQHA Championship. After getting his championship we retired him from the show circuit to go home and get to work. There were many outside mares as well as their own. They registered 121 foals with AQHA over the years

George served as president of MQHA in 1984. Wife Wanda was secretary for 3 years. The family grew.

# Tom McBeath inducted January 2022



Joined MQHA in 1975 and became a Director in 1979. Tom has served a virtually every committee we have. Most recently he is on the finance committee, the nominating committee, and has served on the Dixie National Committee since early 80's. Tom has served as president many times. 1<sup>st</sup> in 1987 in which he was the youngest person ever elected to serve. Then again in 2001, 2015 2016, 2023 & 2024. He has served as AQHA Director at large for 20+ years Has served as Chairman of AQHA Show Committee & Show Council for the past 3 years. Past AQHA Committee member of Stud Book & Registration. Past AQHA Committee member of Professional Horsemans Council & many more

Judged AQHA, Palomino, Paint World shows multiple times, NRHA futurity & Derby Judge , NSBA World Show Judg, All American Quarter Horse Congress Judge, Internationally – Judged Brazilian Congress, Latin American Championships, European Championships for AQHA & Paint, Australian National Championships

He served as either President or Vice President of 4H for over 20 years.

In 2016 he was selected as the American Youth Horse Council Leader/Mentor of the year. In 2019 was awarded AQHA Professional Horseman status.

Tom rode his youth mare Jeanie Whiz Bar to 1977 AQHA Honor Roll. Jeanie Whiz Bar went on to be the Dam of Top

Sail Whiz NRHA's 12.4 million dollar sire.

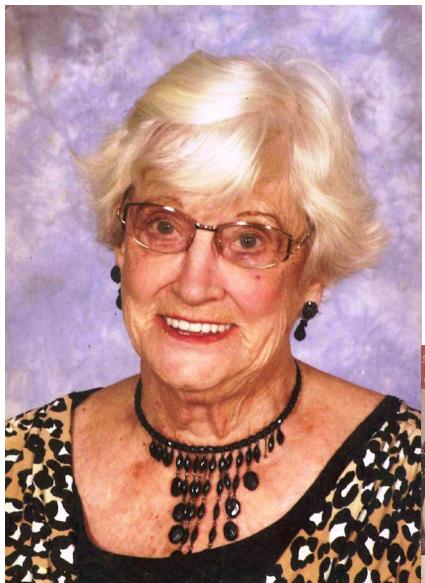
Tom has coached/mentored youth, amateur, selects winning at world shows, regional & local level shows.

He also managed Equine Sales at the Dixie National "The Southern Classic" horse sale for many years as well as facilitated private sales to clients of all levels.

Tom was also a volunteer coach at the Semper Fi/America's Fund Dixie Challenge for many years.

It's easy to see the many lives that have crossed paths with him.





## Thelma Thompson inducted January 2021



For those of you unfamiliar with the Southern HORSEMAN Magazine, it was the social media for the Southern Horse World for the 1960's, 70's, 80's 90's until it's last issue in 2007

For 45 Years The Southern Horseman Magazine brought the Mississippi Quarter Horse Association to its pages month in and month out, year in and year out, to more than 100,000 readers across the nation.

Thelma Thompson was co-founder of the magazine which started its first issue in October 1962

It was laid out on the kitchen table. The need for the magazine was simple. The Thompson family was horse showing every weekend, and during the week, calls were constantly coming in to ask where the next show,,sale or event was taking place.

The Southern HORSEMAN was always a constant list of coming shows, sales and equine events across the South.

Being the official publication of MQHA, the Show winners,,Circuit Champions and Year end High Point Award recipients were regular items in the Southern HORSEMAN

By 1975, Thelma Thompson decided to take in Texas and Oklahoma which went over so well in the horse industry, it was decided, despite the name, The Southern HORSEMAN, to go nationwide

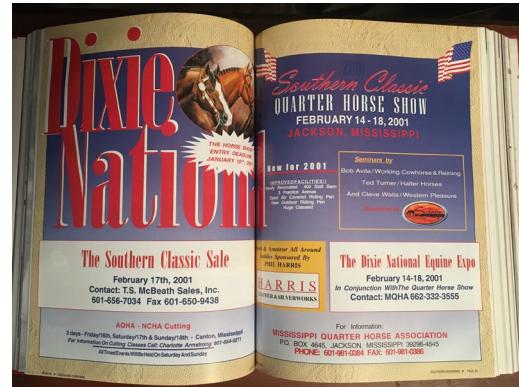
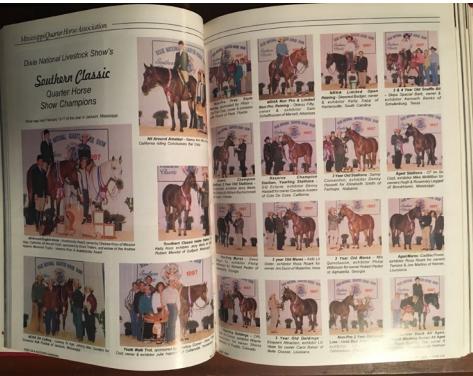
This move had the magazine growing extensively. It also meant that it was able to take MQHA with it, to more and more exposure across a nation of horse industry like never before.

By the 1980's growth in the horse industry and in the Southern HORSEMAN had everyone working at full tilt. Readership grew to over 100,000 The stallion issues of the magazine had over 500 pages And still all production was being done under one roof at what was now Southern Publishing Company, a top scale magazine, all produced on state of the art equipment. From concept to finished product, delivered to the post office, The company did everything but make the paper.

Southern Publishing Company also published the magazines for the Palomino Horse Breeders of America and the Paso Fino Horse Breeders of America in addition to commercial printing.

During this time, the Mississippi Quarter Horse Association was at the point of putting their own quarterly newsletter out, and Southern Publishing Company helped with the production of this publication in addition to running national MQHA news in the Southern HORSEMAN

The Dixie National Quarter Horse Show was growing to be one of the largest in the nation and the Southern HORSEMAN was devoting numerous pages to it's promotion



Five decades together 1962=2007



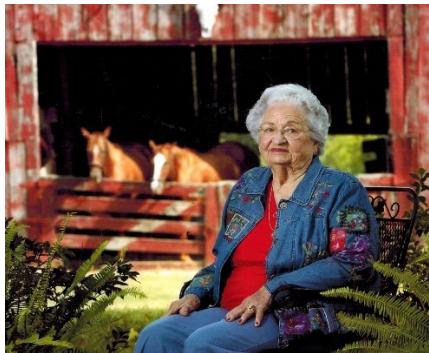
Charlie Temkovitz  
inducted  
January 2021

Charlie was involved in breeding, training and showing his American Quarter Horses.

Charlie served on the Mississippi Quarter Horse Association Board of Directors for many years, cumulating in him serving as President of the Mississippi Quarter Horse Association in 1986.

He showed many halter horses in the early futurities such as the infamous Grand Twenty Futurity, as well as the futurity conducted by the Mississippi Quarter Horse Association. He rode the horses he trained in the early Dixie National Quarter Horse Shows and at various shows around the region. His sights soon took to his family and their desire to be involved in speed events. Charlie had some luck in that arena with Cakes N Candy, Nobles Alibi, Ms Dixie Cousins. Each of these were winners of over 100K in lifetime earnings. Ms Dixie Cousins competed in barrels at the Dixie National Quarter Horse Show and won Dixie Nationals SR barrel racing champion numerous times and was also awarded her AQHA ROM in barrel racing.

Charlie and his family continue to be involved in the horse industry doing speed events and Little Britches Rodeo competitions.



#### **MQHA Hall of Fame Induction, Dot Cox, posthumously**

## **Dot Cox**

**January 11, 2020**

Pictured L to R, Brantley Chamblee, husband of Casey, Casey Chamblee, granddaughter, Ron Terry, husband of Dorothy, Dorothy Cox Terry, daughter, Chair Induction Committee Tom McBeath, Percy Quinn, grandson & Elizabeth Quinn, wife of Percy

Dot Cox was a very active member during her lifetime, but most of her time was spent behind the scenes. She was a do-er. If you needed something done, it went to Dot, and it got done. She was instrumental in the establishment of the Mississippi Junior Quarter Horse Association, now named Mississippi Quarter Horse Youth Association. She was also involved with the Mississippi High School Rodeo and was very active as these two state youth association evolved over the years. As a parent and grandparent, Ms. Cox was very proud of four girls in her family, who were crowned Miss Mississippi High School Rodeo Queen, and she celebrated her grandson Percy Quinn who was successful in the cutting at the American Junior Quarter Horse World Show. Dot and husband, Murray, were owners of Heavenly Hills Ranch, in Madison, MS, where some of the largest MQHA shows in the 60's and 70's were held. Dot and Murray Cox were co-owners of Cox-Jackson Quarter Horses, a top breeding and showing facility, that spread many Skipper W horses throughout the state. Ms. Cox's family was present and the award was accepted by her daughter, Dorothy Cox Terry.



**Hall of Fame Induction Barbara Rodriguez February 11, 2020**

Pictured L to R, Sandy McBeath, MQHA 1st Vice President, Barbara Rodriguez, AQHA Director at Large and Chairman of MQHA Hall of Fame Committee, Tom McBeath

## **Barbara Rodriguez**

### **January 30, 2020**

Barbara Rodriguez was the next inductee to our Hall of Fame. A lifetime member of MQHA, Ms. Rodriguez follows in her family's footsteps with this induction. Both her mother and father are members of the MQHA Hall of Fame. Ms. Rodriguez served over 25 years on the MQHA Board of Directors and served two separate terms as President. She also served on the finance committee of the Dixie National Quarter Horse Show for two years. Ms. Rodriguez and her family were instrumental in establishing the first "youth sponsored and produced" horse show for the Mississippi Junior Quarter Horse Association. This show was first held in Carthage, MS, and later moved to her hometown of Natchez, MS. Still today the "youth show" is named in honor of her father, the Roland Stacey Memorial Horse Show. Ms. Rodriguez has made several contributions to MQHA activities. Two contributions that stand out are the Dixie National Quarter Horse Show and the MQHA Scholarship program. Over years of successfully showing quarter horses, MS. Rodriguez's family acquired an enormous number of trophies from the 1960's and 1970's. After her father's death, Ms. Rodriguez donated these trophies to the 50th Anniversary Dixie National Quarter Horse Show and Equestrian's with Disability Shows. Given to class winners at the Dixie, these trophies retained their original plates, and a second plate was added for the 50th Anniversary Show. Secondly, Ms. Rodriguez and family were also very good friends with Orrin Mixer, who is known for his western prints, one of which can be seen as "the official American Quarter Horse" image used by the American Quarter Horse Association. Over many years, Ms. Rodriguez has donated numerous of Mr. Mixer's prints for auction with thousands of dollars being raised for the Mississippi Quarter Horse Scholarship Fund. Ms. Rodriguez was present at the banquet and jubilantly accepted her award surrounded by many friends and family.

**January 12, 2019**

The Seal Family



Rev. W. Otis Seal



Dr. A. Otis Seal



Rob Seal



**Mr. David Howell  
inducted  
January 12, 2019**





Ben Emison  
inducted  
January 2018



The Alman Family  
inducted  
January 2018



Albert Paxton  
Inducted  
January 2017



Johnny Mac Sanders  
inducted  
January 2017



George Phillips  
Inducted  
January 2016



H.A. Becknell  
inducted  
January 2016



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Ruth Stacy  
inducted  
January 2015



Lloyd R. Smith  
inducted  
January 2015



Jacqueline Smith  
Inducted  
January 2014



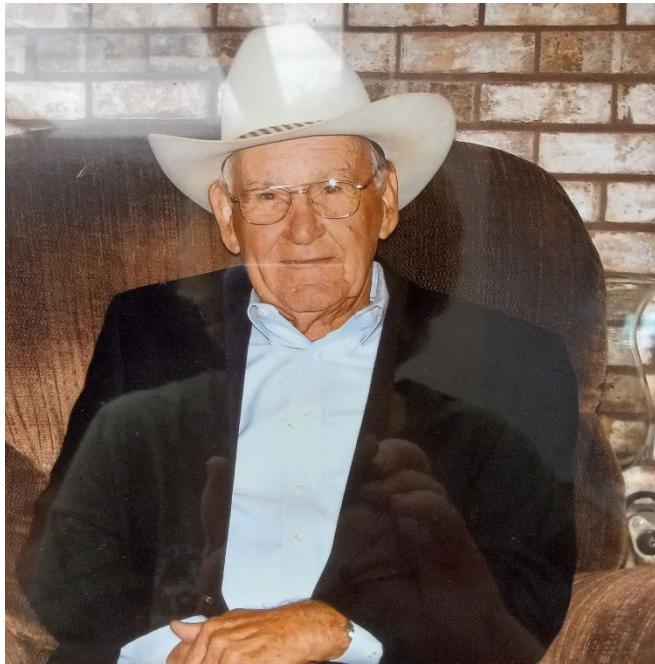
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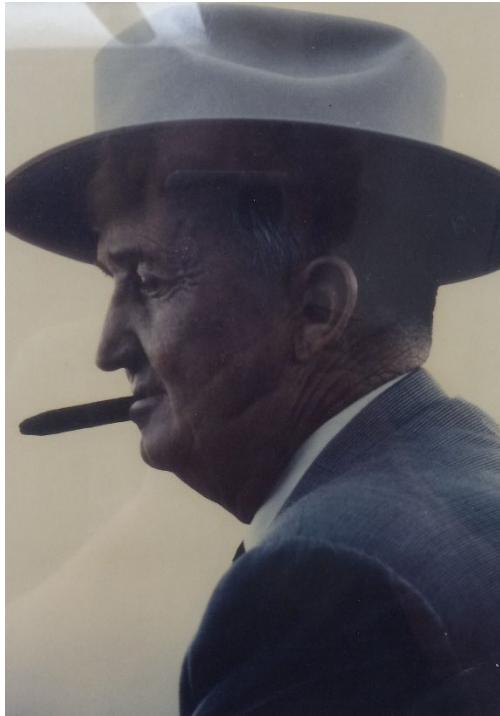
Garry Woodruff  
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Mary Hopkins  
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Gil Switzer  
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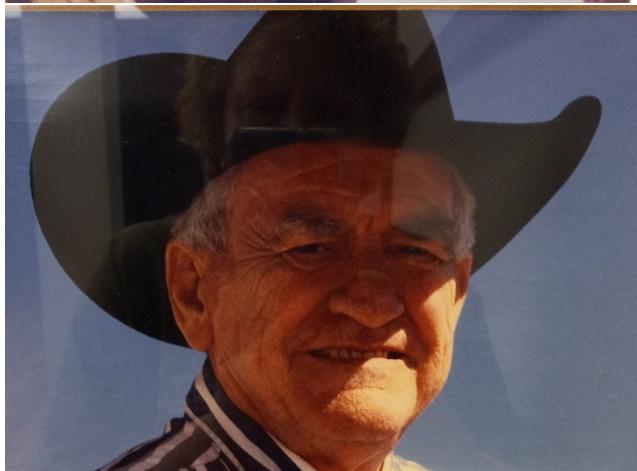
Dorris Bellow  
inducted  
January 2008



Edwin Johnson  
inducted  
January 2007



Roland "Pee Wee" Stacey  
inducted  
January 2007



Dr. Lamar "Doc" Thaggard  
Inducted  
January 2007