

## **2000 HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE**

### **LIONEL & HEATHER RICHARDSON #456268**

The Australian Quarter Horse Association honours Heather & Lionel Richardson with induction into the Hall of Fame.

The involvement of Lionel and Heather Richardson commenced in 1965 with the purchase of two infused geldings by "King" a first cross stallion by VAQUERO Q-1. They were so impressed with these two geldings that they purchased a yearling colt to PRONTO MIO Q-4. This colt was destined to become a household name with working Quarter Horse enthusiasts.

In 1966 they purchased another colt, TOM DOOLEY R2-30 who also was highly successful in the early years of Quarter Horse competition. With the aim of breeding purebred stock, in 1967 they purchased the mare CEELIE R2-33 whose first foal for the Richardson's was PINE HILLS QUARTER MOON Q-152, born in 1968.

Lionel and Heather were charter members of the Australian Cutting Horse Association which was formed in 1969 in Brisbane. In this year, the first foals by CATTLEMAN R1-236 out of the Richardson's well respected line of station mares were born.

Lionel and Heather showed both CATTLEMAN and TOM DOOLEY at the first Cutting Futurity held at Brookfield in Queensland in 1970.

In 1971 the Richardson's started the Roma Cutting and Roping Association (being the inaugural President and Secretary). This Club sponsored the first cutting clinic with noted American trainer, Pine Johnson.

Lionel accepted the position of President of the South East Queensland Quarter Horse Association in 1972. In a short period of time, he turned this Association into an active financial Association. Lionel and Heather attended the first meeting of the Australian Quarter Mile Racing Association and were later active members of the Queensland Sprint Racing Association. Even though they never owned a sprint racer, they actively supported any Association which would promote Quarter Horses.

In 1973 the Richardson's headed to Victoria to compete in the Victorian Circuit of shows with CATTLEMAN and TOM DOOLEY.

This year also saw the running of the Australian Horseman's Congress held at Gatton College. As part of this Congress, Heather initiated a meeting between the Australian Cutting Horse Association and the National Cutting Horse Association. It was because of her involvement with the calling of this meeting that Robert Baldwin (who chaired the meeting), credits Heather with being the founder of the present NCHA. As a result of this meeting and an indication of the high esteem with which Heather was held by the early pioneers of Cutting in Australia, Heather and the Richardson's Solicitor were flown to Moree to construct the Constitution of the NCHA.

Between 1974 and 1980 Lionel was an AQHA Board member. In 1978 he chaired a meeting called to set up the Queensland Quarter Horse Association, the first State Association in Australia. Lionel and Heather stayed active members of the executive of this Association for many years and assisted in the organization and running of two successful Quarter Horse sales at Brookfield.

From 1978 until 1984 Heather, in conjunction with Marlene Allanson, produced the QQHA Newsletter, which was sent to every financial member of the AQHA in Queensland. During this time Heather wrote a column in the AWH Magazine and had numerous articles published in the QH Magazine. In 1980 the South Western Queensland QHA commenced and Lionel was the inaugural President with Heather as the inaugural Secretary.

Between 1983 and 1992 Heather organised and Lionel chaired the meeting from which the T&DQHA was formed. They both held various positions in this Club such as President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and Publicity Officer. They assisted the AQHA Executive Director, Kevin Norris, with the organisation and running of an AQHA Convention held in Toowoomba. Heather and Lionel also organised a Sprint Race to be run on a Toowoomba Racetrack as part of the convention. They were responsible for the running of two successful Quarter Horse sales in Toowoomba.



*Heather Richardson & John Langbridge*

In 1984 they sold "Pine Hills" at Wallumbilla to semi-retire to Crows Nest, Queensland. At the time of the sale, the Richardson's had 200 registered Quarter Horses including their six stallions; CATTLEMAN R1-236, TOM DOOLEY R2-30, PINE HILLS QUARTER MOON Q-152, TALK OF THE TOWN Q-375, COMMANDER STAR Q-1009 and the youngster PINE HILLS INTREPID R2-8225.

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