

2001 HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE

ROBERT HARRINGTON BALDWIN

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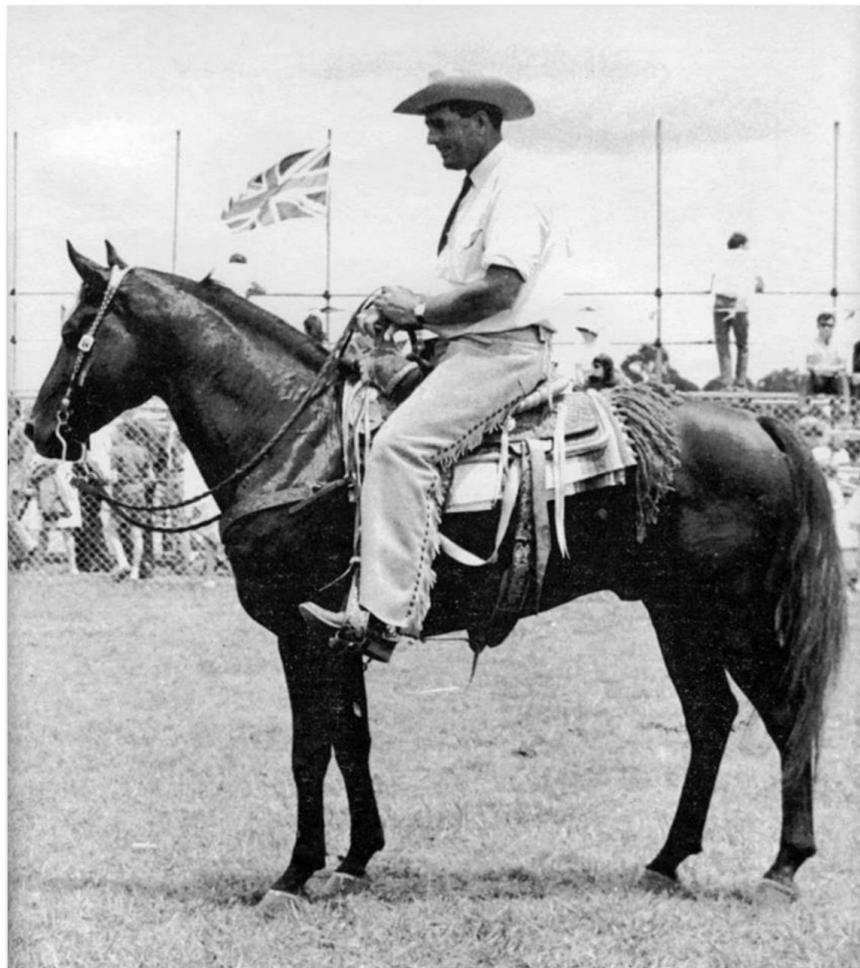
The Australian Quarter Horse Association honours ROBERT HARRINGTON BALDWIN with induction into the Hall of Fame.

Robert's enthusiasm for the Quarter Horse breed was inspired by a chance conversation at a social gathering in Walgett with a city businessman who knew of the breed in about 1959.

Since he had been riding and showing ponies and stock horses from the age of six, when he made contact with the breed he was converted.

His first association with Quarter Horses was through the inimitable horseman, Jack Reilly and later his partner, Sam Hordern from whom Robert purchased his first stallion, RETFORD QUARTER STAFF R1-322 in 1961 and later JACKAROO KR Q-34 in 1967.

Robert Baldwin and Mr Moore 8 (Imp)



Robert was elected to the Board of the Australian Quarter Horse Association and remained a Board member from 1965 to 1976, becoming Treasurer in 1973/74 and President in 1976.

He became its first classifier, apart from Jack Reilly, and instigated the formation of the New Zealand classification system, having been sent to New Zealand by the AQHA and as a delegate to the 1974 American Quarter Horse Convention.

He was an AQHA Judge for many years, carrying out these duties in Norfolk Island, New Zealand, Western Australia and every Royal Show on the east coast of Australia. Robert was also invited to judge Quarter Horse shows and cuttings in the U.S.A. and Canada which he was not able to accept.

Robert has held judging qualifications with the Equestrian Federation of Australia and the AQHA and was on the Show Societies Council of N.S.W. for four years. He was foundation President of the N.S.W. Quarter Horse Association that ran from 1980-1992. This Association presented him with an Award of Appreciation for 10 years' service in 1990 and in 1989 a Certificate of Appreciation was presented to ROC'O'LENA Q-1662 for recognition of an outstanding contribution to the Quarter Horse industry of Australia.



In 1981/82 Robert was awarded AQHA Quarter Horseman of the Year and holds Honorary Life memberships with AQHA, National Cutting Horse Association of Australia and Walgett P. & A., of which he was their President for five years from 1969.

Robert instigated the formation of the Euroka Cutting and Western Performance Club in 1971-72 and ran the first two Cutting Futurities approved by the AQHA and the then Australian national Cutting Horse Association at the Walgett Show in the same year. He wrote the first Constitution of the NCHA in collaboration with his solicitor brother, Peter and was an original Board member of same and is a dual Hall of Fame inductee recipient of this organisation.

Robert's equine fields of interest have been Campdraft, Cutting, Western Pleasure, Trail, Dressage, Halter and many more. Having been, and still is, fanatical about a horse's confirmation and movement, he has also an extraordinary perception of a new born foal's future ability and field of competition. He is one of the very few in the industry to breed, train and exhibit his own horses and jealously guards his non-professional status.

He has bred and ridden many successfully shown horses, having won the first Western Pleasure at the Sydney Royal, riding DURANGO, and also bred the first three winners of this event.

He has over the years, imported six stallions from America whose bloodlines have left an indelible mark on the industry and has acquired three other imported stallions already in Australia to add to his breeding programs. One of these, DOC T BAR Q-1341 was eventually exported back to the USA after Robert had trained and shown him here. DOC T BAR was to eventually finish in the "Top Ten" of cutting in the States.

The stallions are:	RETFORD QUARTER STAFF R1-322	by MESCAL
	JACKAROO KR Q-34	Acquired in Australia
	WAR BEAVER Q-206	1970 Imp by Robert
	MR MOORE 8 Q-207	1970 Imp by Robert
	JOLLY BARON Q-655	1974 Imp by Robert
	TWO EYED CHAP Q-656	1974 Imp by Robert
	ROC'O'LENA Q-1662	1976 Born in England
	DOC T BAR Q-1341	1977 Acquired in Australia
	KOOL SMOKE Q-3004	1983 Acquired in Australia
	BAR DOC HICKORY Q-29399	Imp by Robert

Robert has also acquired, within Australia, some outstanding imported mares to add to his band, DOC'S MISTY MORN Q-594 in 1976 and HOLIDAY STREAK Q-3566 in 1983 and others.

In 1976 Robert heard of mares who were stranded in England in quarantine and negotiated to purchase them, sight unseen, but their pedigrees and records said it all. One of these was ROSANNA BAR Q-1158 who produced a colt in England by the great DOC O'LENA (USA-493297) – ROC'O'LENA Q-1662. The other mare was DOC'S SUSIE BAY Q-1159.

Although he is known as an aggressive personality, he does not seek personal rewards, but converts the recognition for his horses. Unbeknown to all, except those involved, he, at many times, has assisted others "down on their luck" by way of paying entry fees, loaning horses and equipment even to the point of lending imported mares to breed with, facts which have been closely guarded by him.

Robert is immensely proud of the number of employees and associates of Eureka Quarter Horse Stud who have progressed to become great breeders, showmen and administrators within our industry and he hopes that he can still encourage people to breed, train, ride, and show Quarter Horses.

Robert has had total involvement and dedication from 1959 and in later years has been active with the Association Stud Book Committee from its inception to its demise and is still active on the Disciplinary committees.

He is a firm believer in the history of the Association being recorded for posterity and adamant about its accuracy.

Robert has spent many hours over the years promoting the Quarter Horse through showing and his classification trips in the early years and is still doing so today. Robert has made the Quarter Horse his business, his pleasure and recreation for almost 40 years.

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