

2017 HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE

TAPP FAMILY #18540

The Australian Quarter Horse Association honours the TAPP FAMILY with induction into the Hall of Fame.



Photo: June and Bill Tapp

Charles William “Bill” Tapp is hailed by many as a revolutionary cattleman and horseman, developing what would become the largest privately owned Quarter Horse Stud in the World. On the back of his record-breaking purchase of his first Quarter Horse, QUARTER COMMANDO Q-80 from King Ranch in 1969, Bill Tapp went on to purchase or breed TONDARA CRACKERJACK Q-341 (x BON HAND Q-31), TIMOR REDWOOD Q-1228, VALLEY DANE Q-1623 (x CHICKASHA DAN Q-444), TARZANAMAN (x Zan Par Barr), and KING RANCH PEPPYS VIEW Q-11827 (full brother to Warwick Gold Cup winner).

During the 70’s, 80’s and 90’s, “Killarney” ran on-station Quarter Horse sales of 50 to 70 horses annually, trained by several Australian trainers until the Tapp sons were old enough to undertake the task of training them.

In the 70’s and 80’s mare numbers reached up to 250 with six stallions paddock mated each year. At any one time, there were up to 300 registered Quarter Horses under the Killarney Quarter Horse Stud.

There was a lot of emphasis on breeding for the conditions of the Territory, with many of the Quarter Horse stallions being bred to stock horse and thoroughbred mares, while certain lines were kept more "pure".

Bill Tapp's sons continue to pursue his passion for breeding quality horses. William followed on in his footsteps with the purchase of DOCS CHICKASHA OAKIE Q-16939, HEZA COLONEL Q-19712, FRECKLES FORTYNINER Q-27292, DO REY ME Q-58141, and, most recently, importing a full brother to 2003 American NCHA Futurity Champion, 'Spots Hot' - HOTT SPOT Q-74957.

Joe, Ben, Daniel and the remainder of Bill's children have achieved success in their various fields with horses. They have all contributed to the breeding, training, showing and promoting the Australian Quarter Horse.

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