

2011 HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE

BROOMFIELD STUD

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The Australian Quarter Horse Association honours BROOMFIELD STUD with induction into the Hall of Fame.

Established in the 1960's, Broomfield Stud principals Matt and Betty Peel showed great foresight and faith in the budding Quarter Horse industry in Australia. Originally using King Ranch bloodlines and basing their herd on two crossbred stallions – RETFORD QUARTER MILE R1-26 (MESCAL Q-35 x FRENCH COMPANY FM-06050) and QUARTER SPADE R2-8 (VAQUERO Q-1 x QUARTER HOPS R1-127), the Peels realised that they must look for good purebred breeding to advance their goals. They started the stud at Baulkham Hills and then in 1965 bought "Broomfield", a 7,500 picturesque Hunter Valley property. Here they bred Quarter horses and Hereford cattle. Ten years after purchasing RETFORD QUARTER MILE, they sold him and their next stallion was MR BARNEY BROOMFIELD Q-127, (EDDIE BARNES Q-33 (imp) x QUARTER ANITA R2-23).



Matthew Peel

With a broodmare band of around 20, they used their two crossbred stallions over them. But their next step, the import of their two stallions – HILL KING PISTOL Q-119 (HILL KING USA-51289 x PISTOLITA USA-130082) and MR FRECKLES BOY Q-209 (JEWEL'S LEO BARS USA-206037 x CROARK USA-144825) - put Broomfield Stud on the map.

In 1967 Matt and Betty set off on a tour of the United States with a view to seeking a new stallion to bring to Australia. Visiting Shankle Ranch in Texas, they purchased the horse that had caught their eye – HILL KING PISTOL. They liked his bone, breeding, and conformation. He was a double cross to KING, being by a KING son and out of a KING granddaughter. HILL KING PISTOL left the USA on 9th June, 1967 and arrived in Australia, after quarantine in England, in May, 1968. His dam PISTOLITA was by KINGS PISTOL USA-0033528 (bred by Bud Warren of Oklahoma), the 1957 World Champion Cutting Horse and the first stallion to win this award. He was an AQHA Champion, as Superior Cutting Horse and an All Time Leading Sire of ROM qualifiers. Betty Peel said of HILL KING PISTOL that it didn't matter what mare was brought to stud, the foal came out correct and beautifully put together. The Peels were very careful to geld anything that didn't live up to their standards of stallion material.

Some of HILL KING PISTOL's great offspring were BROOMFIELD BRONZE KING Q-520, BROOMFIELD KING Q-734, BROOMFIELD KING ALEX R2-1502, and BOGAN KING Q-924. They excelled in Western Pleasure, working cowhorse, cutting and halter.

HILL KING PISTOL had 252 progeny, the first in 1969, with 33 AQHA point earners achieving 1427 points. It must be remembered that this was an embryonic period in AQHA, with the Association being formed in 1964 and in its infancy.

HILL KING PISTOL had a great influence on the early cutting industry at this time. He is the paternal grandsire of performers like CLEVELAND TYCOON Q-31152 and DONNA LEE Q-2725. He is the Maternal Grandsire of earners of \$76,450. Some of his granddaughters have produced outstanding performers such as BROOMFIELD FRECKLES SUNSHINE Q-9796 (4 offspring earned \$34,866); DOC'S PISTOLENA Q-6514 (5 offspring earned \$42,442); FRECKLES PLAYGIRL Q-11508 (3 offspring earned \$28,512); NAVAN'S DEMELZA Q-4214 (3 offspring earned \$20,348); SPANISH BABE Q-33399 (1 offspring earned \$19,214). Total earnings of grand offspring is \$90,824.58.

In 1970, the Peels daughter Joy (Greystone) selected a new stud prospect for Broomfield Stud. Staying with Buster Welch and training under his guidance for cutting, one of the young horses she rode was a colt, owned and bred by Marion Flynt, named MR FRECKLES BOY Q-209. He showed a lot of aptitude and Joy liked him so much she brought him home. He arrived in Sydney in May, 1971. MR FRECKLES BOY established himself as one of the best sires of cutting horses in the 1970's and 1980's. Some of his famous offspring are BROOMFIELD FRECKLES KING, BROOMFIELD FRECKLES SUNSHINE, BROOMFIELD FRECKLES DALLAS, ARDO QUARTER LYRA, ARRAMINTAS RED BOY, BROOMFIELD HI-FIETTA, FRECKLES COMMANDO, FRECKLES JO JO; FRECKLES MAGNUM, LENA'S CRUSADER, NAVAN'S DEMELZA, and NAVAN MISS FRECOLITA.

His influence is still being felt in the cutting horse industry through his offspring. MR FRECKLES BOY had 302 progeny (the first in 1972) with 45 being AQHA point earners, achieving 1826.5 AQHA points. His influence is also being felt in the arena performance events, with one of the top AQHA point earners, GOLDEN PEPPER Q-19304 (1642.5 points) being a grandson.

The foundation laid by the Peel family and particularly these two imported stallions – MR FRECKLES BOY and HILL KING PISTOL – was an early indication of the confidence that these pioneers had in a fledgling industry that has become a strong entity in the equestrian world around the globe. The bricks were laid for a strong foundation which subsequent breeders have used to strengthen their breeding programmes. Broomfield stud and its principals invested in an ideal, and gave us so many great mares and stallions. Some will always be remembered by their super performances in the

cutting pen and the show arena, while others are remembered for their offspring which are the basis of the strong breeding programme that is available to Quarter Horse enthusiasts today.

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