

## 2006 HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE

### YULGILBAR QUICK SILVER

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The Australian Quarter Horse Association honours YULGILBAR QUICK SILVER with induction into the Hall of Fame.

**Sire:** CHICKERAMIC Q-337  
**Dam:** COLONY MYSTIC BAR R2-1183  
**Breeder:** YULGILBAR QUARTER HORSE STUD MERRICKS NORTH, VIC  
**Owner:** JUDITH COTTERILL YARRA GLEN, VIC  
**Profile:** 21/11/1981 – 17/10/2003 BUCKSKIN GELDING



The buckskin gelding YULGILBAR QUICK SILVER was foaled in 1981. Bred by Yulgilbar Quarter Horse Stud and by the famous CHICKERAMIC, out of COLONY MYSTIC BAR, YULGILBAR QUICK SILVER was purchased by the Cotterill Family in April, 1984 and became affectionately known as 'Silver' and spent the remainder of his life with the same family.

YULGILBAR QUICK SILVER has demonstrated the versatility of the Australian Quarter Horse having won points in the traditional Western

Performance events and put up credible performances in the working events of Cutting, Working Cow Horse, Team Penning, and as a timed event animal in Barrel Racing and Roping. He has also competed in Working Hunter, and in fact, there is little that this horse has not done!

His lifetime points total 1323.5 which include 427.5 Amateur and 532.5 Youth. His lifetime winnings add up to \$45,000, however, the most precious and special award achieved is the Supreme Performance Medal. There are many AQHA Champions and National Hi Point winners but there are only a small handful of **Supreme Performance Medal winners**. This Medal is only awarded to a horse that has gained two Superior Performance Horse Awards in any event and been awarded a Register of Merit in one of the following:- Steer Wrestling, Calf Roping, Campdrafting, Cutting, Working Cow Horse and been awarded 15 or more points at a National or State Championship event or approved capital city Royal Show.

A very poignant quote came from the American judge Bob Loomis, who summed up 'Silver's' versatility, 'I have seen it all, that yellow horse won a Pleasure yesterday, and a trail, and do you know what he has just done?...Well the sucker just roped a cow and did it well, and hell, he only has one eye!'

YULGILBAR QUICK SILVER has accumulated many awards during his career including AQHA Champion, AQHA Performance Medal, AQHA Youth Champion, AQHA Youth Versatility, Two Silver Century Awards, Seven Superiors, Nine ROM's, Three Youth ROM's and One Youth Superior.

YULGILBAR QUICK SILVER'S show career started as a two year old with Sue Farrell taking him to the AQHA National Championships held in Melbourne where he placed 1st in the 2yo Gelding and 5th in the Snaffle Bit Pleasure Futurity from a class of 55! In July of the same year, he went to Dubbo for the 2nd round of the Snaffle Bit Futurity, making the semi-final in a class of 55 entries with Paul Farrell riding. During the year the successes kept mounting, winning the Snaffle Bit Pleasure, Champion Gelding and Hi Point Horse at the S.A. Championships with Trish (Fuchs) Wettenhall in the saddle. Judy says it was Dick and Trish Fuchs (now Wettenhall) who were a great help with QUICK SILVER'S showing career and a lot of credit must go to them.



***Photo description: Winning the Trail Class at Melbourne Royal with Trish Fuchs his partner.***

As a three year old, QUICK SILVER won the Moonbi three year old Reining Futurity and was taken to Queensland by Dick to compete in the Australian Reined Cowhorse Association Snaffle Bit Futurity placing in the top six. Still as a three year old at the Victorian State Championship Show, QUICK SILVER won the Snaffle Bit Western Riding, Snaffle Bit Reining, and Snaffle Bit Trail and placed in the top six Snaffle Bit Pleasure, taking out the Hi Point Snaffle Bit Horse.

'Silver' was to win the Snaffle Bit Maturity the following year, 1986 as a four year old in Queensland with \$10,000 guaranteed prize money.

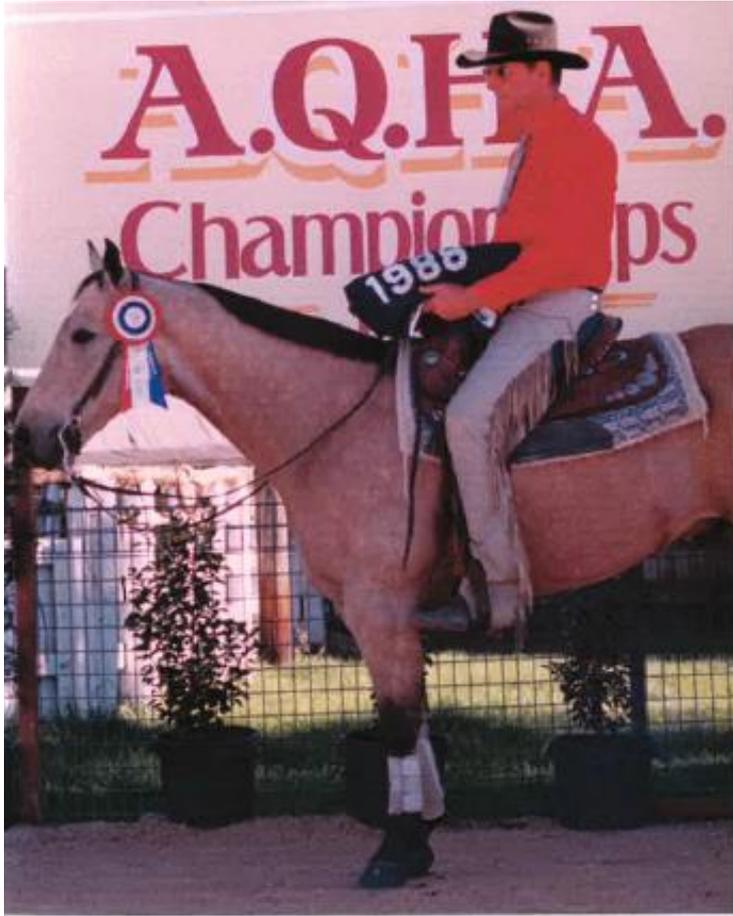
At the South Australian Championship Show in 1985 QUICK SILVER placed 1st in the Cow Horse, 1st in the Trail, and 2nd in Pleasure and took out Hi Point Horse of the show. In the 1985/86 Southern Circuit, 'Silver' took out Hi Point Snaffle Bit Horse at Yarra Valley Classic, Lara and West Gippsland, plus Supreme Exhibit. Judy Cotterill remembers fondly 'At these bigger shows, 'Silver' would get to chase a cow in the Cowhorse Event, usually at the end of the show. He was smart enough to behave himself all day as he just loved to get that cow, this was his reward, plus the jelly babies that he loved so much!'

At the 1986 Victorian State Championships 'Silver' again took out Hi Point Snaffle Bit Horse, again at the South Australian State Championships winning the Snaffle Bit Cowhorse, 'The more people that yelled and cheered, the harder he went, 'Silver' was a total showman!' said Judy.

In 1987, YULGILBAR QUICK SILVER again won the Hi Point Snaffle Bit Horse, the Victorian State Championships Snaffle Bit/Hackamore Reining and Western Riding, Reserve Champion Cowhorse and Hi Point Snaffle Bit/Hackamore Horse. In 1987 'Silver' tried out for the prestigious Diamond and Champagne Versatility Stakes, at the NSW Premier State Show coming a very credible 2nd overall.

<b>A W A R D S</b>		
<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Award</b>
00/00/0	Performance	Youth Versatility
00/00/0	Youth Hunt Seat Equitation	Register of Merit
00/00/0	Youth Hunter Under Saddle	Register of Merit
00/00/0	Youth Western Horsemanship	Superior Horse
00/00/0	Youth Western Horsemanship	Register of Merit
30/04/1985	Halter	Register of Merit
30/04/1985	Performance	Register of Merit
31/03/1986	Trail Class	Register of Merit
30/04/1986	Performance	Quarter Horse Champion
30/04/1986	Reining	Register of Merit
28/02/1987	Western Pleasure	Register of Merit
31/10/1987	Trail Class	Superior Horse
30/11/1987	Halter	Superior Horse
28/02/1988	Working Cowhorse	Register of Merit
30/04/1988	Reining	Superior Horse
30/04/1990	General Performance	Register of Merit
30/04/1990	Western Pleasure	Superior Horse
17/11/1990	Trail	Bronze Century
17/11/1990	Trail	Superior Horse
17/11/1990	Trail	Register of Merit
31/07/1991	Performance	Champion Youth Horse
02/09/1993	Halter	Bronze Century
02/09/1993	Performance	Performance Medal
02/09/1993	Reining	Bronze Century
02/09/1993	Trail Class	Bronze Century
05/02/1994	Trail	Silver Century
06/06/1994	Trail Class	Silver Century
19/12/1994	Western Riding	Register of Merit
20/10/1997	Western Riding	Superior Horse

Another big year for 'Silver' on the Southern Circuit at Yarra Valley was 1988 where he won Hi Point Horse at Western District Q.H. Assoc and Hi Point Horse and Supreme Quarter Horse Exhibit at Sun and Surf. At the Victorian State Championships, he took out Hi Point Horse. Then the ultimate, the 1988 AQHA National Show, 'Silver' won the Cowhorse, Reining and placed in the Pleasure and Trail, taking out Hi Point Senior Horse. At the Premier State Show in NSW he was Hi Point Trail Horse. Another outing at the Diamond and Champagne Versatility saw 'Silver' placing 2nd again.



*Photo: 1988 AQHA National championships. YULGILBAR QUICK SILVER ridden by Dick Fuchs, winner of both the Reining and Working Cowhorse national titles and Champion Halter Gelding and placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in Western Pleasure.*

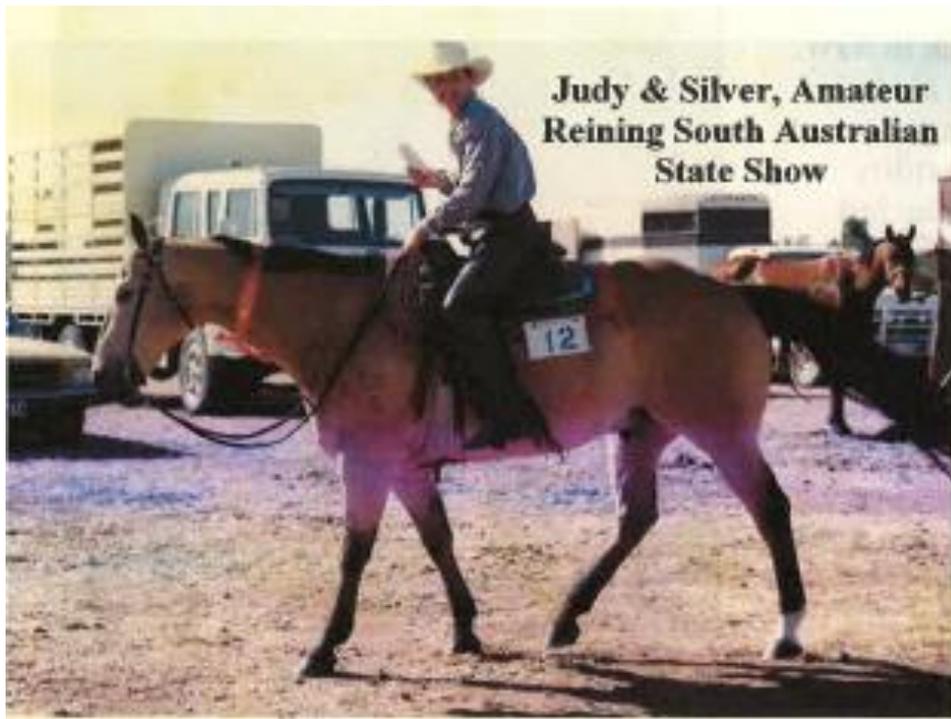
It was at this point that the decision was made to give 'Silver' a well-deserved rest. During this rest period 'Silver' sustained an injury which was to change his life 'or so we thought at the time' said Judy. 'To save his life we had the vet remove his right eye and "Silver" spent a full month in hospital. The vet had indicated that we should get on with things for if we were to treat 'Silver' as if he were an invalid then he would become one' explained Judy.

And so, the now one eyed super star, returned to the show ring in 1989, at the NSW Premier State Show where he won the Open Bridle Reining and his third try at the Diamond and Champagne Versatility Stakes winning the halter section for the 3rd year in a row, the Trail/Reining section, placed 2nd in the Pleasure and Cutting and placing in the Cowhorse section. The judge was totally amazed at his ability to know exactly where that cow was! Still in 1989, 'Silver' won the Versatility and the Trail at The Royal Melbourne Show and the Hi Point Bridle Horse Trophy at the South Australian State Championships.



In 1990 at The Sydney Western Riding Club's Penrith Nissan Non Pro Amateur Versatility 'Silver' and Judy had a great time placing 2nd overall and Judy can still clearly hear Dick yelling at me in the Reining Section "Whoa Maam"!!! During 1990 'Silver' was also competing for Judy's son Paul who had started to do some Cowhorse and Trail and also competed in some roping and station cutting events.

*Photo description: Jade Thomas with 'Silver' winning Snr Youth Horsemanship 1995 Championship. Photo: Mike Kenyon.*



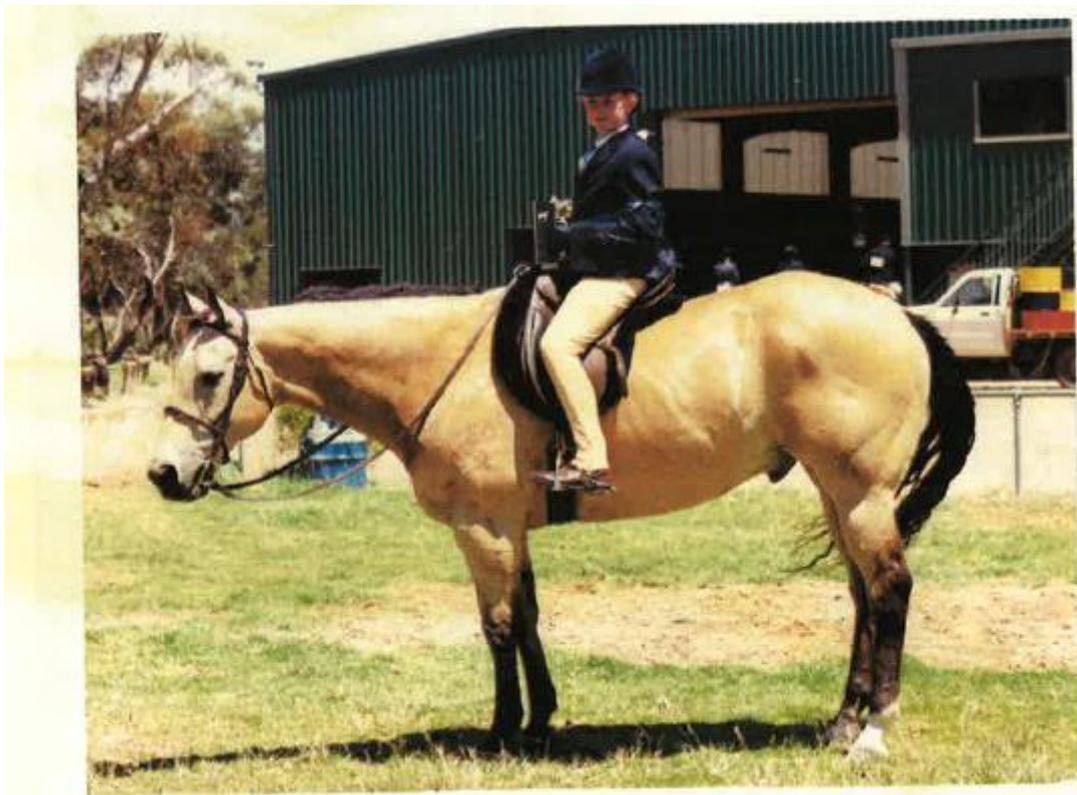
From 1991 to the end of 1998 QUICK SILVER was ridden by Youth – the first being Rebecca Fleming. 1991 saw 'Silver' again Reining – winning the prestigious Jeff Hutson Bridle Reining at the Hunter Valley Quarter Horse Association, and taking a young Rebecca Fleming to a win in the Youth Reining. The winning didn't stop there, at the Victorian State Championships Rebecca and 'Silver' took out the Youth Reining and the Youth Western Riding and Youth Trail plus Judy's son Paul placed 3rd in the Bridle Trail and Judy took out the Amateur Western Riding. Even further success followed with 'Silver' and Rebecca winning the Youth Reining and Youth Western Riding at the NSW State Championships - three Youth Reining Championship titles in three States in the same year!

1992 to 1994 were reasonably quiet years for QUICK SILVER, doing some smaller shows and enjoying life.

In 1995 Jade Thomas showed 'Silver' winning the Western District QH Association (Sun and Surf) Versatility and going on to a very successful AQHA Nationals where Jade and 'Silver' took out Hi Point Senior Youth, winning the Senior Youth Western Pleasure, the Senior Youth Western Horsemanship and the Western Riding, placing in the Trail and Reining and Judy winning the Amateur Western Riding.

Also in 1995/96 season 'Silver' won the Victorian Quarter Horse Association Hi Point Senior Horse for the second year running and AQHA Hi Point Western Riding Horse.

A change of Youth riders saw Jess Oldham take over the reins from Jade. Jess and 'Silver' were also a very successful team, winning a total of 39.5 points before 'Silver' was retired at the end of January, 2000.



**1997 South Australian State Championships- Hi Point Youth**

Another of YULGILBAR QUICK SILVER'S career highlights was representing the Quarter Horse at the Moomba Parade in Melbourne with the crowd loving it. The Quarter Horses performed like the perfect horses they are, Swanston Street was closed off totally and the floats, people and horses walked down the main road, with people up to 20 deep screaming and yelling and clapping.



***Photo: Kevin Shaffer, Paul Cotterill (on 'Silver'), Di and Lani Fender made up the display team.***



***Photo: YULGILBAR QUICK SILVER with Paul Cotterill in Melbourne for the Moomba Parade.***

'Silver' spent his last years being ridden around his paddock by Judy's granddaughter Aimee, mostly bareback with just a halter! He was allowed to wander through the orchard to get the apples and pears that had dropped to the ground and very happy living at Judy's daughter Jo's place. At this point of his life 'Silver' was getting arthritis and needed medication to help him through but enjoyed three years of love and attention before being put to rest at the Cotterill home in Yarra Glen Vic on 17<sup>th</sup> October, 2003 at the age of twenty-two.

YULGILBAR QUICK SILVER remains in the thoughts of those who knew and loved him and in the memories of those who were honoured to watch this great buckskin gelding that truly was a Super Horse – a Quarter Horse!

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