

1998 HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE

QUARTER ELGRANDO R1-167

Sire: MESCAL (IMP) Q-35

Dam: SNOW JOY (TB) FM-15573

Elgrando was a remarkable horse who, with limited opportunity, has left a considerable legacy. He was bred by Sam Hordern and purchased at the age of 13 months by Max McTaggart. He was broken in at 14 months and spent 22 months on the road droving sheep.

They formed a unique partnership which encompassed many years together showing in all eastern States promoting the equine skills and versatility of the Quarter Horse. Cutting was Elgrando's game, but he had other talents as well. At the Quarter Horse Show at Penrith in 1973 he won the \$1,000 Open Reining and at the same show his three year old daughter, Elamo, won the \$1,000 Open Cutting.

In those days there were limited opportunities for crossbred stallions so he was gelded as an eight year old, but not before Max McTaggart built his breeding program on a small band of well performed Elgrando mares, having left their mark on the AQHA Performance registry in a significant way.

From 1976 onward, Elgrando was owned and shown successfully by Hugh Sawrey, one of Australia's most famous artists. He was retired from Open Cutting at the age of 19.

Some of Elgrando's achievements are:-

- AQHA Special Crossbred Award
- Silver and Bronze Century Award for Cutting
- AQHA ROM Performance, Achievement Halter and Cutting
- AQHA Leading Maternal Grand sire of Performance Point Earning Progeny.
- AQHA High Point Cutting Horse of the Year several times.
- 1984 NSW Quarter Horse Association Certificate of Appreciation.
- NCHA Hall of Fame inductee
- 1973, 1974 and 1975 NCHA High Point Horse of Australia
- 1975 and 1976 NCHA High Point Gelding.

In 1981, five of Elgrando's daughters were given Q status by the AQHA Board on their performance and/or the performance of their progeny. Elgrando was the sire of NCHA High Point Mare of Australia, "Elamo" in 1974 and that brilliant little grey gelding, "Wagga", who was shown by some of the best AQHA Youth riders of his era. Elgrando's daughter, "Lee Jay" won every round of the Calf Roping with Gary McPhee at the National Finals Rodeo in Cootamundra. She was in foal at the time!



Quarter Elgrado & Max McTaggart
