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HALL OF FAME

Saskatchewan Horse Federation Announces 2020 & 2021 Hall of Fame Inductees

Three individuals and one horse to be recognized for their contributions to equestrian sport and industry in Saskatchewan

REGINA, SK. MARCH 3, 2022 - The Saskatchewan Horse Federation Hall of Fame was established in 2019 to honor and celebrate Saskatchewan residents and horses who have significantly contributed to the growth and awareness of the role horses play in the province's culture, agriculture, industry and sport.

Today, the Saskatchewan Horse Federation (SHF) announced the three individuals and one horse, who will be inducted into the SHF Hall of Fame in 2022. The inductees being recognized are:

Bob Watson Bob's first show was the Regina Winter Fair in 1951, where he rode a fence jumper called Glengary, who would prove to be an outstanding competitor.

The spring Circuit included Regina, Brandon, Saskatoon, and Calgary. In 1955, Bob showed Glengary to 3 Championships and 1 Reserve Championship in the Jumper Division. He also exhibited Brown jug in the Hunter and Jumper Divisions successfully.

Bob showed many horses in his 30 year career competing at the Western Canada Summer games, where he rode Satan in Regina. Another horse he rode was called Gold Coin, Bob was a diverse athlete winning all 3 levels of the Open Dressage classes at Brandon. Bob later began heeling, riding Oakie in the Sask. Team Roping events.

Bob volunteered much of his time as an Inspector for the Canadian Hunter Society (now the Canadian Sport Horse Association), as a Chairman of the Sask. Light Horse Society, as a Sask Representative and Judge for the Canadian Horse Shows Associations, plus being a 4-H leader.

His wife, Norma and his children Kim, Alex and Scott have all competed successfully in equine events. It's been a good ride.

Lil Williamson (d) Lil was born in 1921 in Brandon, Manitoba. She fell in love with horses at a very young age and her passion for equestrian sport lasted her lifetime.

She and her husband moved to Regina in the 1950's where they trained and showed horses on the fair circuits of Western Canada and the United States. Lil rode their horse Bouncing Buster to more than fifty jumper championships.

As a certified Equestrian Canada Judge and Steward, Lil was very busy. In 1976 she was a three day event jump Judge at the 1976 Montreal Olympics. She was a Steward at the International Spruce meadows Championships officiating for all three shows each year from 1979 to 2003.

Lil shared her knowledge and time with numerous horse groups including the Saskatchewan Horse Federation and Equestrian Canada.

For her contributions to equestrian sport, Lil was inducted into the Saskatchewan Sport Hall of Fame as a builder in 1995. In 2004, she was presented with the SHF President's Lifetime Achievement Award. Lil was inducted into the Saskatchewan Agricultural Hall of Fame in 2007.

Christopher Robin Hahn (d. 2021) Robin was born in 1933 in Regina. He attended school at Belle Plaine and Moose Jaw and the University of Guelph. He also farmed at Belle Plaine for many years.

Robin competed internationally in show jumping but his true passion was Three Day Eventing. He was the alternate rider for the 1956 Olympics in Stockholm, represented Canada at the 1967 Pan Am Games in Winnipeg and the 1971 Pan Am Games in Colombia. Robin was a member of Canada's Three Day Event team that competed at the 1968 Mexico Olympics, 1972 Munich Olympics and 1976 Montreal Olympics in Bromont. He also competed at the 1982 World Championships in Luhmuhlen, Germany.

Robin helped to create Canada's equestrian coaching certification program. He was a director of Canada's Equestrian Federation, and an FEI and Canadian Horse Show judge.

In 1980, he was inducted into the Saskatchewan Sports Hall of Fame in recognition of his many accomplishments in sport.

In 1988, Robin and his partner, Kelly Law, bought an equestrian farm which they called Longhouse, in Lumby, BC. For 31 years they trained, showed horses and hosted events and clinics at Longhouse.

Robin had a remarkable understanding of horses and riders from beginners to advanced levels. Those fortunate to be taught by him will always remember his calming voice, patient, positive approach and understanding of both horse and rider.

The Jewel Snipper (d. 2015) The Jewel Snipper was foaled in 1995 at Cowans Quarter Horses in Havre, Montana and was purchased by Whitby Farms & Shauna Getz in 1996.

Snip was shown from 1998 to 2002 earning the titles of:

Cardston Slide-In – Limited Open 3 yr. Old – 5th

Red Deer Supreme – Limited Open 3 Yr. Old – 3rd

Saskatchewan Stakes & Futurity – Open 3 Yr. Old – Top 10

Harvest Gold Futurity – Reining Res. Champion

Saskatchewan Stakes & Futurity – NRHA Ltd Open Champion

AQHA Performance Record of Merit
AQHA World Show Qualifier – Sr. Reining
Canadian Nationals – Open Heeling – 4th

Snip sired 374 offspring with earnings of \$300,000 + in:
NSBA, NRHA, SRCHA, CCA, CPRA, SBRA and STRA.

The Jewel Snipper was laid to rest in his pasture overlooking his mares on November 18, 2015.

These inductees will be recognized at the SHF Hall of fame Induction Ceremony on Friday, March 18, 2022 in Regina during a banquet beginning at 6:00 PM at the Atlas Hotel, 4177 Albert St., Regina, SK. Banquet tickets are \$35 each.

To purchase tickets, contact 306-780-9244 or shfadmin@saskhorse.ca



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