

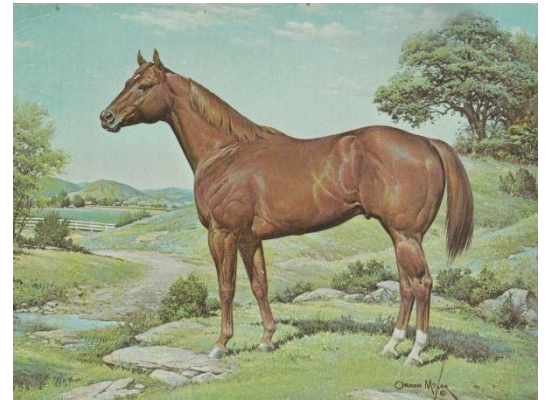
SOUTH DAKOTA QUARTER HORSE ASSOCIATION

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SDQHA Newsletter

AQHA and SDQHA

Proud!



Greetings SDQHA Members,

I hope everyone is having a glorious summer. I know from my perspective it has been a bit busy and not looking to get any quieter soon. I so enjoy seeing my horse family throughout the summer. I have really enjoyed meeting a lot of new American Quarter Horse enthusiasts and reconnecting with old friends in my travels this year. Please reach out to me if you have any questions, concerns, or ideas related to SDQHA- kristen@gonsoirquarterhorses or 605.380.7066. I will be gone August 4-19. I will have my phone but I may not always be able to respond for a period of time. If there is anything that needs immediate attention, please contact a National or State Director. I hope to see more of you the remaining part of the summer and into the fall.

SDQHA and AQHA Proud!

Kristen Gonsoir

SDQHA President



Jim Hootman named South Dakota Horse Council 2019 Horseman of the Year

Jim Hootman was born and raised in Fairfield, IA. He was a “city kid” so didn’t have access to horses of his own, but that all changed as his mentor, Bill BuBois and his wife, Jess, made a “trade-in-kind.” They had horses, but needed a strong young man to help around the place and, in turn, for Jim’s help and dedication he would have the opportunity to work with their horses. Thus 60+ year ago Jim was smitten with the “incurable syndrome” called Horse Crazy. One of the horses that did well for Jim and got his competitive juices flowing was a mare called Cindy Dawson. Jim and Cindy were tough in the show ring and brought him many trophies and ribbons for their efforts.

As Jim grew older the “horse crazy syndrome” never left him, but as is the case with many young men, he began to notice a cute little girl by the name of Kathryn. Jim and Kathryn were soon paired up and married. Together they had two daughters, Susan and Kary whom they raised with the same love of horses that brought them together. The girls showed at open shows in the tristate area and in the SD Quarter Horse Association along with Jim and Kathryn. As Susan and Kary grew up and were married they had children of their own. Susan with one

and Kary with two. Now Jim and Kathryn were grand parents and it just wouldn't be right if this next generation didn't have a chance to get to know and love the American Quarter Horse as they had for son long. So the AQHA and SDQHA became part of the mortar that held this family together, even with the very premature passing of Kathryn in 2018 after 53 year of marriage. But as she would have wished the family was showing in the SDQHA within days following her funeral. But now she would be guiding them from above.

The third leg in the Jim Hootman stool is made up of his talent and dedication as a Store Manager and Director for the HyVee Food Conglomerate. When you walked into a store that Jim managed, there truly was "a smile in every aisle." He was consistently one of the "top" managers year after year.

So Jim's life is kind of a three legged stool. Family first, HyVee second (so he could afford the third leg), and the American Quarter Horse. Jim has made many state and national winners--horses like Mr. Good Bar, April Star Jackie, Miss Kane Is Invited, AKA Oakey, and many more including many successful Futurity Colts. Through the years, Jim has brought prominence back to South Dakota, both nationally and at the state level. He has served on many committees such as the Judge's Committee, Nominations and Credentials Committee, Show Committee, Amateur Committee and as a National Directory and presently, Director Emeritus. He holds a strong belief that our youth are the future of the equine industry. Consequently, he does everything within his power to include young people in all decisions large and small that may affect the horse industry. (story courtesy of SD Horse Council)

SDQHA Summer Shootout

The 2019 SDQHA Summer Shoot out was held June 13-16 at the Brookings Swiftel Center. A



huge thank you to all the sponsors that made this show possible: **Jim Hootman, Larry Larson Photography, Kary Holmes, Lori Tobin, Krueger Feeds, Daktronics, Jodie and Phil Svennes, Sheila and Bryan Prins, Rich and Jo Waldner, Western Edge Quarter Horses, Rachele, Scott, and Sarah Bebo, Gonsoir Quarter Horses, Ann Marie Johnson, High**

View Ranch, Cuka Quarter Horses, Brunner and Beauvais Quarter Horses. The new horse/judge fee was well received with the show having over 100 horses exhibited. Tentative dates for



2020 are June 18-21. The SDQHYA costume class was a fun event!



SDQHYA—SDQHA's Future

Six SDQHYA youth attended the June AQHYA Youth Excellence Seminar in Amarillo, TX—Colin Sprinkel, Adi Kuxhaus, Cassandra Townsend, Emily Johnson,



Shelby Holmes, and Kimberly Johnson. At this event, SDQHYA President Shelby Holmes received her Region 2 Director's plaque.



Sioux Empire Fair Quarter Horse Shows August 9-11

Check out the [show bill!](#)

2020 SDQHA Banquet and Annual Meeting—January 4, 2020

Be sure to put on your calendar the 2020 SDQHA Banquet and Annual Meeting to be held January 4, 2020 at the Pierre Ramkota. It is sure to be a fun day filled with SDQHA business and then an evening of honoring the American Quarter Horse and those that promote and support the American Quarter Horse.

