

COMPACT QUARTER HORSE STUD

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Actively breeding all round performance and working Quarter Horses since 1963, Compact Quarter Horse Stud is one of the oldest and continuously breeding Quarter Horse Studs in Australia.

The Stud has operated in five States of Australia over its' fifty-year span. Now located in the Southeast of South Australia, Bill Amos established the stud in the Hay/Oxley area of New South Wales in 1963. Bill had always been a horse lover and was very impressed with the Quarter Horse for its temperament, physical athletic ability, and cow sense.



Photo: - Bill Amos – early 1960s

Bill started out by breeding good type station mares of solid confirmation and solid dark colour to outside stallions to get some of the best of the old bloodlines available in those days. Bloodlines which today are recognised as the foundations of the Australian Quarter Horse, VAQUERO Q-1, MESCAL Q-35, QUARTER MASTER Q-32, QUARTER ELGRANDO R1-167, and TOP HAND R1-168. Bill remembers taking one mare to each ELGRANDO and TOP HAND and four mares to QUARTER TWO R1-360 and the resulting progeny were six fillies, a positive start to this young Quarter Horse Stud.

By 1971 Compact Quarter Horse Stud had purchased their first purebred Quarter Horse stallion, BROOMFIELD KING'S BEAM Q-483 by HILL KING PISTOL Q-119.



Photo: - BROOMFIELD KINGS BEAM Q-483 – 1971



Photo: - BROOMFIELD KINGS BEAM Q-483 making the Bass Strait trip

Bill married Mary Lu in 1974, who luckily was as obsessed with horses as he was; Mary Lu was from a ranching area of the USA. The stud made the move to Tasmania in the late 1970's taking the first trained cutting horses into the State. The late Bill Amos was an AQHA classifier and Mary Lou Amos was an AQHA Judge.

The bloodline of BROOMFIELD KINGS BEAM Q-483 was used extensively over mares showcasing a variety of bloodlines including COMMANDERS BOY (IMP) Q-215, CHICKASHA DAN (IMP) Q-444, DELL MINGO (IMP) Q-118, BREEZY HOLLYWOOD (IMP) Q-304 and VAQUERO (IMP) Q-1. The Compact prefix was widely represented on the Tasmanian Western Show scene in several disciplines – notable was COMPACT MAGESTIC Q-3780 who attained Amateur ROM Performance, COMPACT OOMPH FM-03793 who placed in many cutting events and gave demonstrations to newcomers, and COMPACT DENNIS R1-1023 who sold to the mainland and achieved a number of ROMs.

Over the next ten years whilst living in Tasmania, the stud grew in numbers with the injection of new bloodlines, CLOVER CRACKERJACK Q-378, TONDARA DICKIE-DI-DO Q-994, MOORE PARK COBBLER Q-1256, WAR CREEK (IMP) Q-546 and DOC'S CYLIP (IMP) Q-1449. Whilst in Tasmania Bill also spent a lot of time breaking horses into harness, including several of the Compact stock.

In 1982 Bill and Mary Lu shipped most of the stud back to the Hay NSW area. It was the biggest single consignment of horses to leave the State in one consignment according to the transport company at the time. 'The horses had travelled every which way, but fly,' said Mary Lu.

In 1984 Bill and Mary Lu plus three children moved north to Western Queensland. By this time, they had sold BROOMFIELD KING'S BEAM and acquired a colt by CLOVER CRACKERJACK Q-378 (by JACKHAMMER IMP Q-47) out of CRY BABY R2-313 from Jack Reeves. This young liver chestnut stallion CRACKER JAKE Q-4812 went on to sire the next long-term sire for the Compact Stud. A jet-black colt (out of a Breezy Hollywood/Chickasha Dan granddaughter) COMPACT LADY LUCK Q-3245. The black colt was fittingly called COMPACT QUART POT Q-13655.



Photo: - CRACKER JAKE – 1982

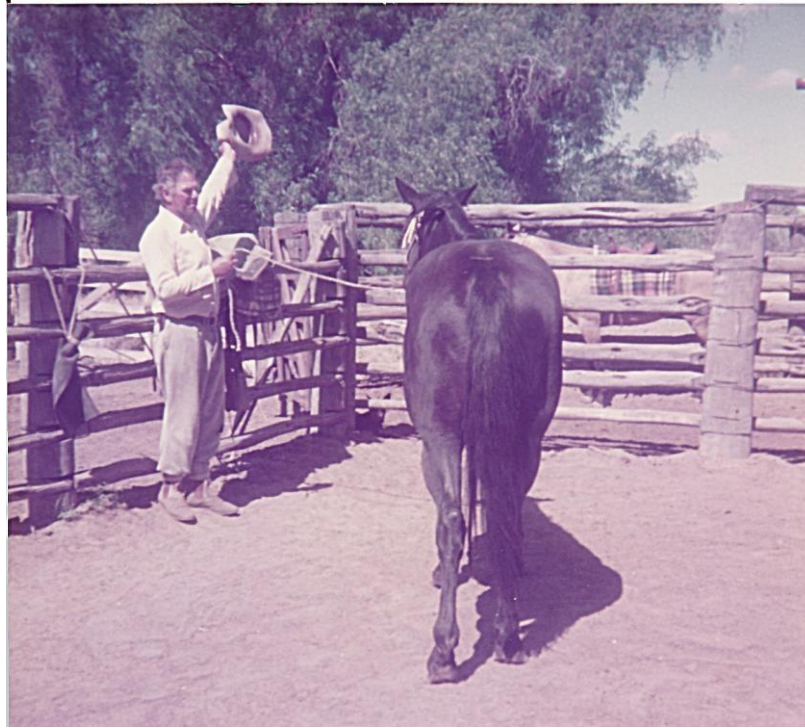


Photo: - COMPACT QUART POT Q-13655

QUART POT went on to sire many good working horses in Western Queensland. QUART POT was joined by the next junior sire HANCOCK HOLLYWOOD Q-21892 (purchased from Rita Randall, Miles, Queensland). This bigger liver chestnut stallion with a lot of scope, athletic ability and brains showed a depth of the old established successful cutting/working bloodlines. At 15.3hh, "Rooster", as he was called, improved the overall standards of excellence of the foals and many of the existing broodmares of the twenty-first century Compact Stud go back to him.



Photo: - 1986 Queensland – station stock on far left and right, chestnut mare in middle an own daughter of Del Mingo, palomino mare Breezy Hollywood/Del Mingo.

Bill had always been impressed with the Clover Leaf bloodlines and purchased a JACKHAMMER Q-47/CLOVER CHERRY Q-56 grandson in 1990 from Graham Ward near Rockhampton, Queensland. Here was the ideal coolheaded working blood to cross into present bloodlines of the time. Unfortunately, CLOVER SMOKODOO Q-6692 was injured in the paddock and after lengthy vet supervision, had to be humanely put down. But "Smokey" had sired some phenomenal fillies to carry on this excellent cross to produce "cow horses".

A BEAVER DOC Q-2980/DOCS SPINIFEX (IMP) Q-5015 colt was purchased from John Barton, Toogoolawah Queensland to replace "Smokey". BEAVER BROOK Q-24730 crossed genetically very well with the mares in the stud to produce blue ribbon quality, cool headed, and thinking cutting horses as well as general performance for all events. BEAVER BROOK was sold to Rusty Ferguson of Thargomindah, Queensland and was standing there and in the Roma area, producing excellent foals.



Photo: - BEAVER BROOK 1995 Richmond Queensland

As a junior sire to BEAVER BROOK, Compact Quarter Horse Stud purchased a young colt by STRUTTIN HIS STUFF (IMP) Q-25612, out of the well performed mare MISS ULTIMATE Q-17232. Both sire and dam have been very successful performance horses with numerous lifetime points awarded in "A" shows.

GEST A STRUTTN DOC Q-37535 is registered in both Australia and the USA and has been shown successfully and produced a swag of eye-catching foals showing the optimum conformation, temperament, brains and athletic ability to participate in all sectors of the horse world. GEST A STRUTTN DOC fillies make up the bulk of our broodmare band due to their ideal qualities, they are now producing outstanding palomino and buckskin progeny to the "old school" HELIOS XANTHUS Q-63469. Although no longer fertile GEST A STRUTTN DOC lives out his "golden years" in luxury where he can see some of the mares and still feel a part of things.

The year 2000 saw the Compact Quarter Horse Stud move yet again. This time to Western Victoria where Mary Lu took a position in Senior Management in Local Government. It was in Victoria that Compact Quarter Horse stud took a new direction in stud stock production. Whilst the calibre of stock is excellent in conformation, temperament, athletic ability and cow sense, there was an opportunity to value add to existing bloodlines through producing colour, that being palomino's and buckskins.

HELIOS XANTHUS was bred by the stud – out of an old favourite COMPACT MERRIMAC R2-3031, by the well performed WAGON COOK colt, CEE COOK Q-25200. HELIOS XANTHUS showcases tried and true bloodlines including HOLLYWOOD RETURN, BREEZY HOLLYWOOD, DELL MINGO AND CLARENCE ROBINSON.



Photo: - HELIOS XANTHUS Q-63469 - 2018

Progeny that we are particularly proud of include HELIOS ANTARTIC Q-69525 who has excelled as a rodeo horse at National level, COMPACT PENNY Q-63601 who spent a number of years cleaning up at the Palomino shows and COMPACT ZEPHYR whose exceptional nature sees him carry his Para Equestrian owner at State and National level.

Our junior sire BWQ HOOTCHY KID OKIE Q-60341 is registered both in Australia and the USA. Compact Quarter Horse Stud purchased BWQ HOOTCHY KID OKIE for several reasons. His sire HOOTCHY KOOTCHY KID Q49706 and dam PROUD MISS HOLLYWOOD Q-40483 are both proven performance horses and he has a fair bit of Palomino in his pedigree, great older style bloodlines and an ideal temperament.

Over the years there have been very successful Compact Quarter Horses, many of the stock have done well in the show ring in most disciplines including cutting, campdrafting, rodeo, halter, hacking, team penning, showjumping – the list goes on! Now, over half a century and five States down the track, Compact Quarter Horse Stud may have finally settled into their final home, but it comes at the cost of large scale breeding. We will now focus on producing maybe three or four foals a year and enjoy watching others take our many years of quality breeding into the future.



Photo: - HELIOS ANTARTIC Q-69525 – WA



Photo: - COMPACT PENNY Q-63601 – VIC



Photo: - COMPACT VANGUARD Q-80375 - NSW



Photo: - COMPACT TEDDY Q-74350 – SA



Photo: - HELIOS ANTARTIC Q-69525 – WA



Photo: - COMPACT QUESTRO TWO Q-63821 – VIC



Photo: - HELIOS NUTMEG Q-80178– NSW (centre)



Photo: - COMPACT LEOPOLD Q-58617 - SA

Bill Amos passed away in 2014 and the stud numbers were cut dramatically from about 80 down to the current 23. Colts have had several years of not breeding due to drought and time constraints, but Bill and Mary Lu's daughter, Helen, has not taken over management and plans are in place to continue the stud well into the future.



Photo: - COMPACT VANGUARD Q-80375 – NSW

Testimonial from Natalie Mellors – COMPACT ZEPHYR – As breeders we love to see any of our horses out competing and doing themselves and their owners proud, but this little horse has a special place in all our hearts.

My name is Natalie Mellors. I am a Grade 3 Para-Equestrian Dressage rider. I was born with a congenital myopathy and had a stroke at the age of 19 months of age and I am the proud owner of the Australian Quarter Horse known as Compact Zephyr.

In 2015 I was on the lookout for my next competition horse. Having a disability that affects all my body I need a horse that would be able to deal with my spasms but not react to them, be able to perform the movements I need without unbalancing me too much.

With the help of Kathy Angel I found him. Kathy knew of a little 14.3hh Palomino Quarter Horse that was for sale. To make it extra special her partner, (the late) Shane Cooper had broken him in.

He means the absolute world to me. He takes everything in his stride. My first dressage competition with Zephyr was February 2016 at the Adelaide Hills Dressage Club scoring 56.05% in his very first outing and he didn't put a hoof wrong!

We compete at the RDA Dressage Competition every year and have competed at the Riding for the Disabled Association Australia (RDDA) Dressage Championships in 2017 and 2019 which includes competing in Dressage, working Trails and we've jumped to 35cm.

We went to Boneo Park, Victoria to compete in the Equestrian Australia Para Equestrian event in 2017.

Zephyr also helps me at the Barossa and Light RDA Centre where I coach, I am allowed to coach on horseback which allows me to physically show the riders what to do visually rather than just telling them. Riding for the Disabled Association is much more than just giving pony rides, we encourage the riders to be as independent as possible.

The clients keep more focus and Zephyr enjoys being out there too.

My plans are to do our absolute best, give back a little of what I've gained from RDA and go as far as we can in the RDA/Para Equestrian world and I love that he is mine and Zephyr is with me on this journey.



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