

2000 HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE

LINDEN SUPER STAR R2-1528

Sire: BAR BELL'S STAR Q-843
Dam: NUG NUG WILD ROSE R1-2451
Breeder: WESTLEY HALL, GREENS BEACH, TASMANIA
First Owner: CHARLES ROBERT HALL, SCOTTSDALE, TASMANIA
Owner: LEONIE ROWLINGS, CARRICK, TASMANIA
Profile: 1975 - 1976 – PALOMINO - 2 Registered AQHA progeny.



LINDEN SUPER STAR was destined to be a light to shine bright in the “Apple Isle”. His public career started when he was merely a few days old in the Scottsdale Agricultural Show Animal Nursery and from then on he kept winning the hearts of all ages, all over Tasmania.

Foaled in 1975 at Charlie Hall’s Linden Quarter Horses, Scottsdale, Tasmania, LINDEN SUPER STAR was kept as a colt until he was three years of age. He sired several foals, among them, LINDEN SUSIE STAR A-2037 and LINDEN REBECCA A-2222. Wes Hall started his saddle education with cutting, reining, pleasure and trail in mind, and the horse took to his tasks with talent shining through. Wes felt he was one of the best trail horses around. He was a consistent performer and didn’t seem to lose his expression in the event.

After he was gelded he was sold to Leonie Rowlings who continued his education. At this time, the Quarter Horse image in Tasmania seemed to be identified with rodeo and barrel racing. Some Quarter Horse riders decided to change that image and took their horses to every Show in the State competing in open company and when there were no classes for Quarter Horses, they gave demonstrations. Leonie and the gelding set out to illustrate that Quarter Horses were educated, if not better educated, than most English show horses. LINDEN SUPER STAR led many a public parade, school fetes giving Quarter Horse rides and also worked with the disabled. The size of the audience didn’t matter – the task was to put the breed in the public eye. LINDEN SUPER STAR’s excellence in the trail event became a show stopper – particularly when his finale included see-sawing on a rocking bridge.



The Quarter Horse had to compete in a lot of open company (both in led and ridden) as not all Shows catered for the breed in their schedule. LINDEN SUPER STAR did the breed proud. Leonie made sure that he was in every grand parade at the Agricultural Shows, and if there was a street parade to publicize the Show, they were in it as well.

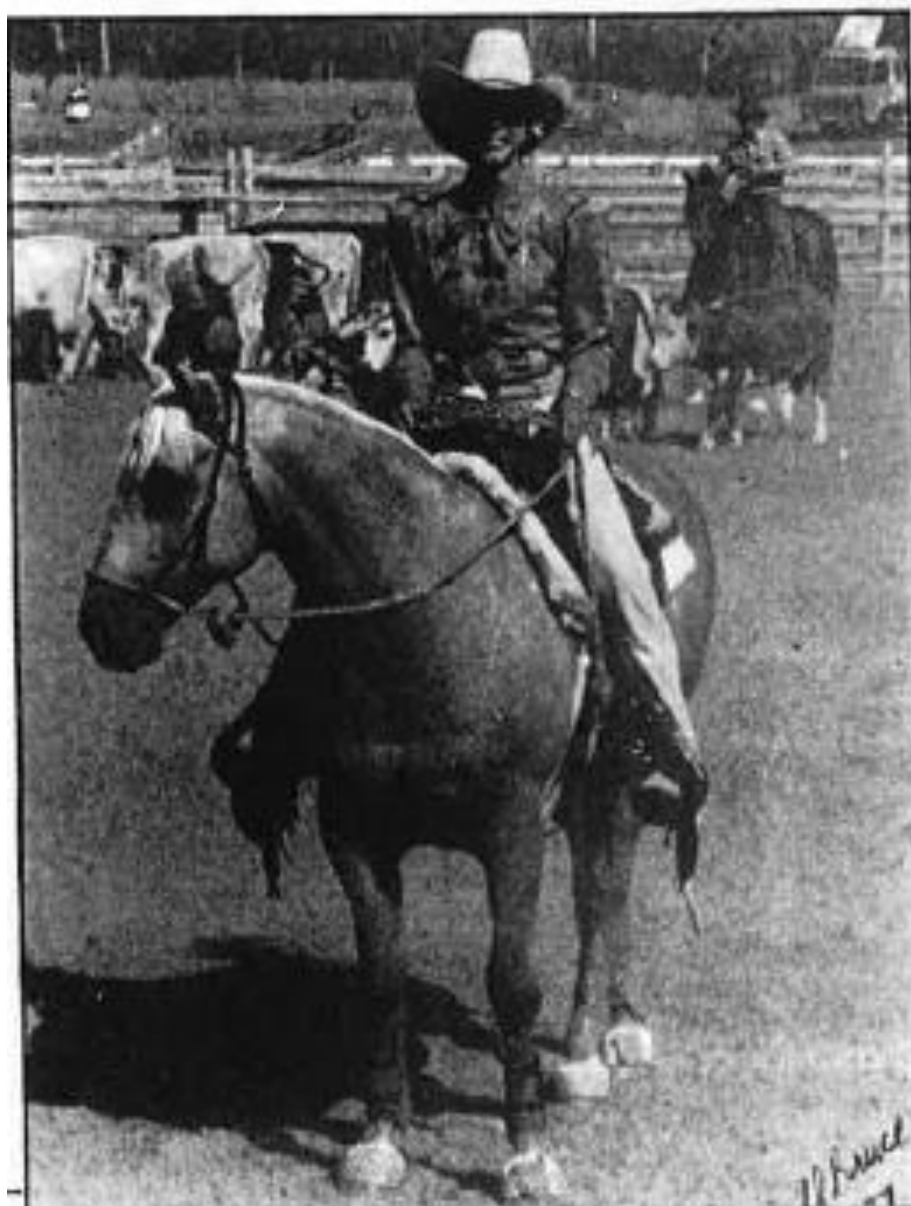
Promotion was first and foremost in Leonie's mind, but she was a very serious competitor as well and LINDEN SUPER STAR was awarded High Point Horse of Tasmania seven years in succession. He was able to keep the Perpetual Trophy for his efforts. The horse people of Tasmania saw him, read about him and marvelled at his wonderful temperament and athletic ability. He became a well-known ambassador for the breed. Leonie shared LINDEN SUPER STAR with Youth riders. They needed a start and for his efforts, the gelding became an AQHA Youth Champion.



LINDEN SUPER STAR was also a work horse. From the competition arena, he would be found herd holding or turning back for the cutting. Over the years, Leonie and LINDEN SUPER STAR did a lot of stock work on a 5,000 acre property.

A friend of Leonie's used him as a model for her artwork. She fell in love with his lovely Quarter Horse head so she began to carve his face on her leather handbags, wall hangings illustrating cutting and other items. He was etched on her Quarter Horse glasses. These were sold in just about every tourist outlet and airport in Tasmania for about 10 years, so the image of LINDEN SUPER STAR ended up all over the World. Years later, when Leonie was visiting Zagreb in Yugoslavia, the lady she was staying with invited some people to visit. There on the visiting lady's shoulder bag was her Tasmanian Quarter Horse.

LINDEN SUPER STAR's two early seasons at stud has left a legacy of proven progeny with a lot of success in Western Performance and the cutting arena.



AQHA Performance Medal

As most of you will probably remember the AQHA introduced a new award, the AQHA Performance Medal. Although this award is still in the process of being struck, two horses have qualified.

The first horse to qualify was Linden Super Star R2 1528 owned by Leonie Rowlings, Launceston, Tasmania. Linden Super Star is an 11 year old gelding which Leonie purchased in 1979. Linden Super Star is by Bar Bell's Star Q843 out of Nug Nug Wild Rose R1 2451.

The second horse to also qualify for this award is Commander's Focus Q 2508, a 9 year old stallion (Commanders Boy Q215 X Hollywood Janie Q230). Commander's Focus has been owned by G.A. & J.E. Prior, Tarnma S.A. since 1978.

To be eligible for the Performance Medal it is required that the horse has:

- (i) been awarded a Superior Halter Horse Award
- (ii) been awarded two Superior Performance Horse Awards in any events
- (iii) been awarded at least an ROM in one of the following performance categories - Bulldogging, Calf Roping, Campdraft, Cutting, Working Cowhorse
- (iv) been awarded fifteen (15) points or more at Australian or State Championship events or Capital City Royal Shows.

Congratulations on an outstanding achievement Linden Super Star and Commander's Focus!

4 INSIDE QUARTER

LINDEN SUPER STAR was the 69th Quarter Horse to be awarded the AQHA Champion Award but the honour of the first ever horse to qualify for the prestigious AQHA Performance Medal puts LINDEN SUPER STAR in a position to be recognized for his achievements. Even before the medals were struck, he pipped the South Australian COMMANDERS FOCUS for the honour. This award was well earned and drew even more media attention to the breed in Tasmania.

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Linden proves himself a true superstar

Whoever named champion quarter horse, Linden Super Star, obviously had a premonition.

With more blue ribbons to his credit than a horse has hairs in its tail, Super is a very big star in the world of the western riding.

Last month the 11-year-old palomino gelding became the first horse in Australia to receive the Australian Quarter Horse Association's highest award — the AQHA Performance Medalion.

It was the ultimate accolade to cap a long list of awards for Super and his proud 'mum' Leonie Rowlings of Launceston.

As Leonie explained it was almost unbelievable for a Tasmanian horse to qualify for the Performance Medal.

"The horse gets points for winning and placing in events and the more horses in the class the more points he earns," the slender trainer explained.

"Although Tasmania's top western horses are of a high standard, you might only have half a dozen in class, but in Victoria or New South Wales there would be 40 or more, so we're only earning two or three points at a show while interstate a horse might get 10 for winning one class."

To qualify for the performance

By JODI ALLEN

medallion, Super had to work his way through a system of awards that few other Tasmanian horses have achieved.

"The horse has to have been recognised as a Superior Halter Horse, qualified for Register of Merits in two general performance events and one cattle event, and have scored at least 15 points from State or National Championships," Leonie said.

"So really to get the medallion you have to have a very versatile horse that is damn good at everything he does."

Super certainly personifies all the best features of his breed.

Quick and agile enough to cut one cow out of a herd of 20, but gentle and intelligent enough to negotiate the most hair-raising obstacle in his best event, the trail class, Super is often lent to junior riders who fall victim to his only vice — a taste for expensive felt cowboy hats!

"These days there's not much left to teach the old boy," said Leonie with a smile.

"When we get to a show he knows what to do by himself. I can just sit back and enjoy the ride!"



• Leonie Rowlings with Linden Super Star: "damn good at everything he does."

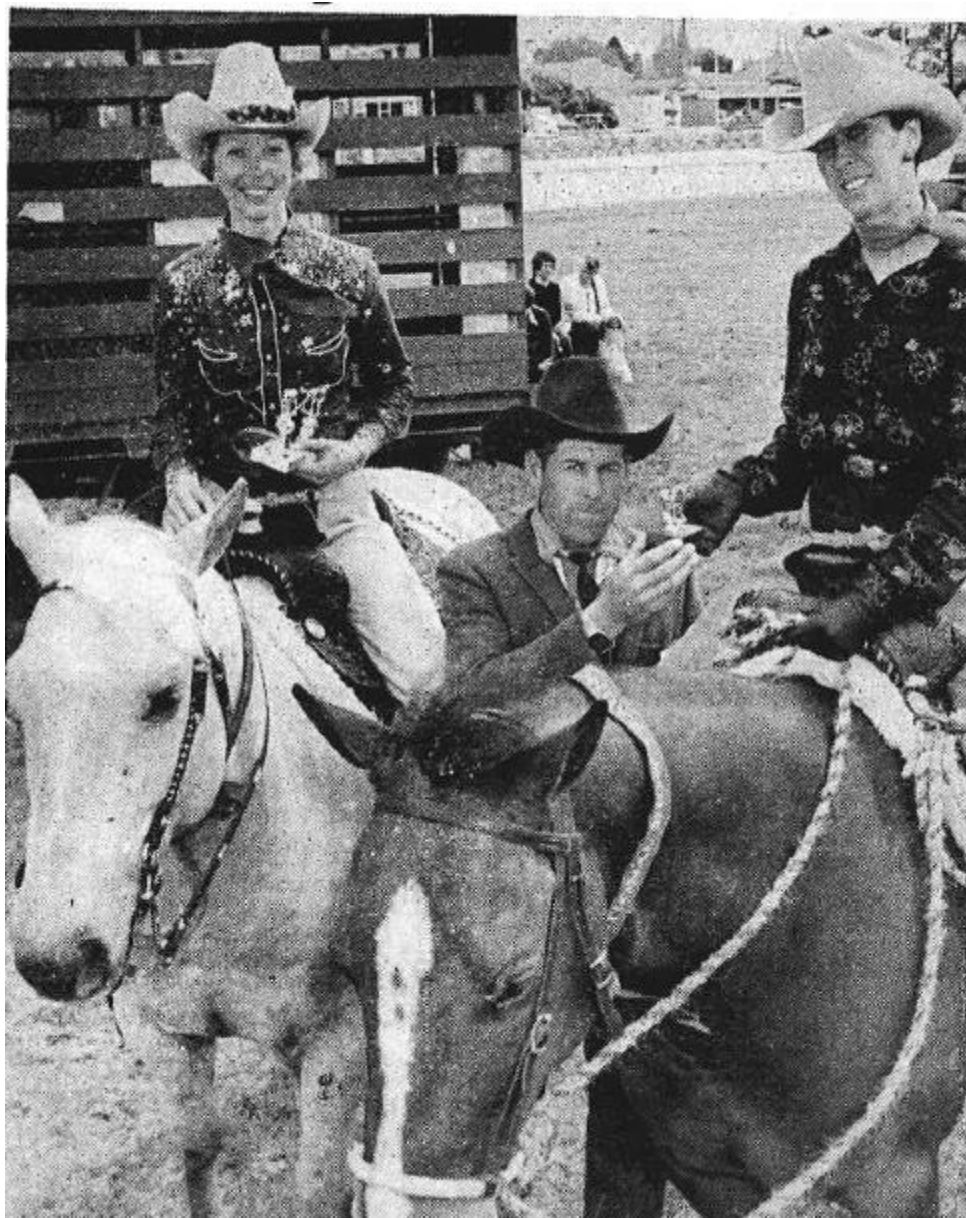


Photo: - Champion cowboy Brian Fish, of Oatlands, who judged the Open Western Trail Class at the Launceston Show, 1983, presents trophies to Leonie Rowlings (left) of Launceston, on LINDEN SUPER STAR, and Peggy Bienefelt, of Latrobe, on NAVY BOY R2-3675.

LINDEN SUPER STAR R2-1528 AQHA AWARDS

Award	Event	Award Date
Superior Horse	Trail	1980
Bronze Century	Trail	1980
Amateur ROM - Amateur Register of Merit	Trail	1980
Amateur ROM - Amateur Register of Merit	Performance	17/06/1980
Amateur ROM - Amateur Register of Merit	Western Pleasure	24/03/1981
Amateur ROM - Amateur Register of Merit	Open Cutting	4/06/1981
Amateur ROM - Amateur Register of Merit	Halter	4/06/1981
Amateur ROM - Amateur Register of Merit	Trail Class	31/07/1981
Quarter Horse Champion	Performance	30/04/1983
Superior Horse	Western Pleasure	22/03/1984
Superior Horse	Halter	31/10/1984
Superior Horse	Trail Class	31/12/1984
Youth Champion Horse	Performance	30/11/1987
Performance Medal	Performance	27/06/1988
Novice Achievement	Trail	2/09/1993
Novice Achievement	Open Cutting	2/09/1993
Novice Achievement	Halter	2/09/1993
Novice Achievement	Trail Class	2/09/1993
Novice Achievement	Western Pleasure	2/09/1993
Bronze Century	Trail Class	2/09/1993
Bronze Century	Western Pleasure	2/09/1993
Hall of Fame Inductee	Performance	1/08/2000



Photo: - Aged 17 – Brambletye Races – Winning the Jillaroo Sprint over 600 metres from 18 starters.
