

# WORLD'S CHAMPIONSHIP HORSE SHOW HALL OF FAME

## TOM FERREBEE

*Editor's Note: Announcer Peter Doubleday read the following speech Saturday, Aug. 29, 2015 at the World's Championship Horse Show.*



*Tom Ferreebee was joined by David Lee, friend and trainer Gloria Edwards, show manager Scarlett Mattson and Jeff Leech for his induction into the World's Championship Horse Show Hall Of Fame.*

Tom Ferreebee was born in Cumberland, Maryland, where he spent the first two decades of his life, riding the work horses and mules on the family farm. Tom became friends with a horse trader in Cumberland named Andy Evans, who put him up on saddle type horses. While in school, he worked for Marvin Morrison who gave him young horses to work in addition to his barn chores.

Tom worked for Jack Nevitt at Highview Stables in Springfield, Ohio; Dr. Lehman's Hi-Tail Stables, in Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania, where he started a young horse named High Tail's Supreme, later renamed CH Sabur's Stiletto; and Mrs. Alice Seabright and Jack Shields famous Wakitatina Farm in Bridgeport, Ohio, where he developed Supreme Hi Lite, that became the Reserve World's Champion Five-Gaited Stallion in 1977.

Tom was the first to win the UPHA Three-Year-Old Three-Gaited Classic at the American Royal on Baron Von Steuban. Baron Von Steuban went on to become a World's Champion in the three-gaited division.

He later worked for Mr. John Reynolds of Romney, West Virginia, and Dr. Roberts in Petersburg, West Virginia, where he had a dark bay horse named Fleet Victory that won the five-gaited stake at the Roanoke Valley Horse Show.

In 1980, Tom was ready for his own training facility and Tom Ferreebee Stables, in Westfield Center, Ohio was created. Tom's operation included

showing and standing several stallions, including the prolific and gifted stallions Supreme Hi Lite and Albelarm Supremacy. It was here that Tom trained for Mrs. Isabel Robson, Dr. Bill Clem and Mr. and Mrs. Paul DuBois.

Top National Futurity winners and national show champions that came out of the Tom Ferreebee Stables were Karissa Hi Lite, CH Albelarm Sorcerer, CH Holy Fruit Salad, CH Olympic Flame, Lesley Anne, Truly Fair, Space Link and Sumac Lady. Perhaps Tom's favorite horse was Lesley Ann. He says that she never had a bad day and was always in a good mood, for a mare.

Tom was very supportive and shared a special relationship with his fellow professional horse trainers, especially Jenny Taylor, Dick Kearney, Gloria Edwards, Hoppy Bennett, Gib Marcucci, Dave Patton, John Jones, Steve Demjen, and the late Junior Seay, Paul St. Charles and the late Lonnie Lavery.

He served as an officer of UPHA Chapter 13, president of the UPHA in 1988 and UPHA vice president in 1986 and 1987. He was a recognized professional judge and judged the World's Championship Horse Show in 2002 and 2006. Tom is the recipient of the UPHA Richard E. Lavery Award, a member of the UPHA Tom Moore Hall of Fame, and the UPHA Chapter 13 Horseman of the Year.

Please celebrate Mr. Tom Ferreebee as we honor his contributions and accomplishments in the American Saddlebred industry.