

2014 UPHA Larry Bacon Lifetime Achievement Award EDWARD & SUZIE TEATER

The following bio appeared in the awards booklet Saturday, January 17, 2015 at the UPHA/ASHA/AHHS Convention in Savannah, Georgia.



Nancy Becker accepted the lifetime achievement award on behalf of recipients of Ed and Suzie Teater from Gary Garone Saturday night in Savannah.

Edward and Suzanne Teater, better known as Ed and Suzie, have dedicated their lives to the Saddlebred industry. Ed has been a trainer, breeder, owner and businessman and Suzie has participated as an exhibitor, owner and her husband's business partner.

Ed Teater grew up in a family of professional horsemen: father Earl, uncles Jay and Lloyd Teater; and brothers Pete and Lou. Suzie was a well-known amateur exhibitor with the world's champions CH Princess Julia and Tres Chic.

Ed apprenticed under his father at Dodge Stables and has served as head trainer at the Rock Creek Riding Club and North Ridge Farm. Horses he has been associated with include world's champions CH Local Talent, CH Lover's Sensation, and WGC Sire WC Flight Time. He trained world's champion CH Sultan's Supremacy, CH Too Much, CH Denmark's Spitfire, and more. He won the 1971 Three-Gaited World's Grand Championship on CH Sea of Secrets and won the 1977 Five-Gaited World's Grand Championship on CH Belle Elegant.

The Teaters own a farm in Nicholasville, Ky, where they have stood the world's champion sires Show N Off Too and RWC The Mean Machine, and bred such world's champions as Joe Friday and Principal.

Ed has served on the executive boards of ASHA and the Saddlebred Grand National, and as a UPHA Chapter Chairman. He received the ASHA C.J. Cronan Sportsmanship Award and was inducted into the World's Championship Horse Show and the UPHA Tom Moore Halls of Fame. Suzie has served on the executive board of the American Saddlebred Museum and as secretary/treasurer of TSE Tattersalls.

Suzie and Ed and Lou and Mary Ann Teater formed the sales company TSE Tattersalls in 1986. TSE Tattersalls grew to three sessions a year, introduced production records to Saddlebred sales, and broke multiple sales records. Ed's children, Martin, Dee and Whitney have all been involved with the sale, as has Ed and Suzie's son Ryan. For 25 years TSE Tattersalls provided the industry with a consistent and reliable auction market. The Teaters' integrity brought a high level of legitimacy to the business of horse sales. Though the Teaters have had great success in the show and breeding arenas, Tattersalls may be their greatest legacy.