



Doug Glick and CH Fiasco won the first Western Country Pleasure Invitational World's Champion of Champions title in 2006.



Fiasco showed with many different people with success in every division he competed in. Kevin Michael showed him to many wins including at the LPHA Chapter 1 Horse Show in 2003.



The 2014 California Futurity Horse Show was Doug and Fiasco's last show and closed out an amazing 18-year career in the show ring together.

# CH FIASCO

MADE EVERYONE WHO KNEW HIM LOOK GOOD

BY LEEANN MIONE

CH Fiasco was one of those horses that just never seemed to put a foot out of place, no matter what he was called upon to do. He showed and went to the winner's circle in virtually every division he competed in. Purchased as a yearling from breeder Katherine Lambert, Michele Macfarlane showed him in yearling futurity classes from California to Colorado, Washington, Oregon and New Mexico.

As a two-year-old, he and Macfarlane had wins in the in-hand and fine harness divisions before he made his under saddle debut with her at Winterfest in 1994. A move to the show pleasure division, both under saddle and driving, would bring more wins with Macfarlane at shows including Arizona Desert Classic, California Spring Classic and Triple Crown among many others.

It was clear that CH Fiasco was a pleasure to ride and drive. With exhibitors including Ellen Scripps Davis, Kevin Michael, Elisabeth Goth, Michele Macfarlane, Tuffy Owens, Sue Valley and Don Trunk, Fiasco earned blue and tricolor ribbons again and again.

Carolyn Glick purchased Fiasco in October 1996 after he swept the show pleasure driving division at the California Fall Classic horse show. Doug Glick made his debut with Fiasco at Winterfest that December under the direction of trainer Michael Craghead.

They were superstars in the country pleasure division for five years and when they made the move to the western country pleasure division in 2002, they never looked back. They made earning tricolors and grand championship titles look easy.

The western country pleasure division continued to gain popularity and grew in numbers which led to the addition of an invitation only championship and qualifier at the 2006 World's Championship Horse Show.

Doug and Fiasco had wins at Monterey Springfest, Del Mar Charity Fair and Santa Barbara before heading to Louisville to face 15 other entries in the Western Country Pleasure Invitational. A big crowd watched them earn the reserve world's championship. They came back in the 16-entry championship and when it was over they were crowned the first ever Western Country Pleasure Invitational World's Champion of Champions. They closed out that season by going three for three at California Saddle Horse Futurity.

The 2007 season brought wins at Carousel Charity, Monterey Springfest, and Charity Fair before they headed to Freedom Hall. They not only successfully defended their world's champion of champions title, they also won the qualifier to make it a clean sweep. They ended that amazing season by winning at the UPHA/American Royal National Championship.

When the Michael Glick family chose CH Fiasco for Doug to show it was the beginning of a partnership that would last for 24 years until CH Fiasco died of heart failure at Michael Craghead Stables September 13, 2020 at the age of 28. Doug and Fiasco's incredible success in the show ring continued until their last show together, the 2014 California Saddle Horse Futurity Horse Show.

CH Fiasco was sired by Chubasco and out of Gift Certificate, a daughter of world's grand champion Finesterra's Gift Of Love. His accomplishments included more than 130 career wins and being named UPHA Horse Of The Year twice. He ranks sixth on the American Saddlebred Registry list of championship points earned with 170.

He loved the show ring, regardless of the division, but it was dressed in silver with his beautiful bay coat that he will perhaps be remembered best.

Doug Glick chose a quote by Winston Churchill to sum up how he felt about his beloved Fiasco. "When you are on a great horse, you have the best seat you will ever have."

"He lived a great life supported by great owners. We will all miss him", said Michael Craghead. Kevin Michael added, "He made us all look good."