

2007 Stallion Incentive Fund Winners & Sires!!

The 2007 Stallion Incentive Fund wrapped up another successful year, increasing monies paid out along with some great awards. In the third year of existence, this program was created to provide an avenue for club members to promote their stallion and those offspring being shown. Paying out over \$4,300 in cash and prizes, the All Around paid \$1,200 while each category (fence, reined, and herd work) paid out \$500 each. Buckles and jackets also were given to the trainers and owners of the offspring showing. This was a unique year in the fact that the winning offspring were both also bred by their respective stallion owners.

The Stallion Choice All Around Award was presented to Rain Tree Road who is sired by Colonel Lena Chex. Owner of both sire and offspring, Mike Boardman of Corning, CA received a check for \$1,200, along with a custom buckle sponsored by Bar 11 Ranch, Skip Brown. Trainer and rider, Peggy Pecora, received a custom embroidered vest. Rain Tree also won the High Fence and High Reined Work categories for an additional \$1,000.

This Hickorys Sweet, sired by Hickory Six Choice and owned

by Skip Taylor, High Velocity Performance Horses, won the High Herd Work category to take home \$500 in cash and a custom buckle. Trainer and rider, Dan Capik, received a custom embroidered vest. Dan Capik, 2R Quarter Horses, is also the owner of Hickory Six Choice.



Colonel Lena Chex - SIF Choice Sire

Colonel Lena Chex is an own son of Colonel Doc Bar Chex, the 2000 Reserve Champion in the Worlds Greatest Horseman. Colonel Lena Chex, aka Digger, is owned by Southern Cross Ranch, Mike and Elizabeth Boardman of Corning, CA. He wins free nomination into the 2008 SIF for siring the 2007 All Around winner, Raintree Road.

While living in Washington, the Boardman's purchased Digger while they were still residing there. Losing their great stallion, Dual Doc, it was 1998 and Mike was still doing a lot of breeding consulting and had referred many breeders to Atwood Ranch (Stoney Creek Station) where they stood a battery of well bred stallions with a great variety of pedigrees which to select from. During one of Mike's many visits to the ranch to observe the foals of the different stallions, Jodi Elliot showed Mike one foal in particular by Colonel Dar Bar Chex. He was considering breeding a "Smart Little Lena" mare to the stallion with the hopes of getting a potential replacement stallion. Mike had noticed this particular foal the year before and knew his dam was a money earning Doc O' Lena daughter. Jodi informed Mike that the foal had been hurt in an accident

several months earlier and probably would not sustain a show career and would have to go to a breeding ranch. Mike commented that he would love to have him for just such a role, whereupon Jodi handed Mike the halter lead.....and the rest is history!

Returning to Washington, Digger grew up to be a great addition to the Boardman's breeding program, breeding him to the Dual Doc daughters and many other mares in both Washington and British Columbia. Digger was sent to Cayley Wilson in BC to determine his ability. Mike says, "He would have been an awesome cow horse, however, we had agreed never to show him and remained true to our word."

Digger has been bred to a great variety of mares including several Appaloosas and a few Arabians. Mike says he consistently throws his fine chiseled and dished head on his foals as well as his wonderful temperament and disposition. His rabicano gene is also passed on, passing along his coon tail and roan flanks with great regularity. He has over fifty offspring scattered from Canada to Utah, registered as Quarter Horses, Paints, Appaloosas and Half Arabs.

Although his get are used primarily in NRCHA they are successfully campaigned in cutting, reining and roping. They are well known for their deep stops as well as their pretty heads and big hips. Ironically, Digger moved with the Boardman's to Northern California and is now standing at their ranch in Corning.....exactly one mile from his birthplace at the old Atwood Ranch.

Digger stands to the public at Private Treaty and there are always some of his babies for sale including a full brother to Rain Tree Road, this year's NCRCHA SIF and Open All Around Champion, and Two Rein winner, shown by Peggy Pecora. His harem included three "Dual Doc" daughters a "Docs Tunda", a "Dustin Quixote" and a well bred Appaloosa mare that they inherited. The Boardman's invite you to come by and see them and Digger, along with his offspring. Originally

from Australia, Mike has been in the horse industry for years in multiple disciplines and has a great collection of saddles and bits he loves to show people. You can reach the Boardman's at Southern Cross Ranch at (530) 824-6677.

Raintree Road - SIF Winner

Raintree Road was the last foal born on the Boardman's Washington ranch before their move to Northern California in 2002. Sired by their stallion "Colonel Lena Chex" (aka Digger) and out of a "Dual Doc" daughter, "Peachtree Road." Mike says they have owned or bred both her sire and dam, her maternal grandsire and dam and is the result of our many years of selective breeding. Rainy, like her sire and dam, exhibited a friendly, eager to please temperament and willing disposition and was very trainable when she was started under saddle.

Mike wanted her to be a cutter as he was recovering from heart surgery and felt cutting would be easier on him than reined cow horse. Mike states, "However, we were disappointed to be told that she was not up to the task, was not bred exclusively enough and was not nominated to any meaningful incentive programs. About this time a reined cow horse trainer from Nevada came and bought five mixed yearlings and weanlings from us, including her full brother. This trainer liked these babies and their pedigrees enough to seek out several more from some of my clients, breed two of his mares to Digger and to take Rainy and her palomino half brother for training."

Mike discovered having two horses in training so far away proved to be too onerous and the decision was made to sell one and keep the other, Raintree Road, closer to home with Peggy Pecora, who he had been watching for some time. "I had become very impressed with Peggy's demeanor, riding style and her way with horses in general. Rainy was a bit of a handful for Peggy at first, but it soon became apparent that my decision was correct as Peggy and Raintree became a team and did better each time they showed. They had a tight



Owner Skip Taylor (L) and trainer Dan Capik receive awards for the SIF Chmpn Herd Work for This Hickorys Sweet.



Owner Mike Boardman thanks trainer Peggy Pecora for securing the SIF All Around for his mare, Raintree Road.