

## **Harvey and Linda Jones – Horsemen of the Year**

Harvey and Linda Jones of Turlock, CA know Paint horses. Together, they have been founding members of 3 different Paint Horse clubs over the last nearly 60 years and were also pioneers in developing the California Coordinating Committee.

As a team, they have been showing and training horses since 1973 and focused purely on halter horses since the early 1980s. They've also been standing stallions and breeding winners for over a quarter of a century including their leading sire, Impress Me Page. They work as a unit and are one of the few original training teams that are still together. Their business is based on integrity and hard work with few short cuts to get to the end product – winning horses.

Harvey started in the industry early and was raised around performance horses in Grants Pass, Oregon showing Quarter Horse greats King Fritz and Paul Easter. By the late 60's he was showing both Quarters and Paints and when he and Linda married in 1973 they made the move to California and switched to only Paint horses. Harvey made the West Coast's first Supreme Champion, Cherokee War Chief and he and Linda were involved with three more – Lady Bar Flit, J Bar's Lady Bug and Silly Filly.

As a team, they have a broad background in the industry. Harvey has judged nearly 100 paint shows including 2 World shows, the Pinto Nationals and the Paint Horse Congress. He was also a member of the APHA Executive Committee for 3 years and an APHA Director for decades chairing the Show and Contest, Progress and Registration Committees during his tenure. Linda too, served time as an APHA Director.

Harvey and Linda's involvement in Paint horse clubs has been extensive over the past years. They were founding members of the Oregon Paint Horse Club in 1969 and acted as manager and secretary for the first Paint-o-Rama in Oregon in 1972. They were founders of the Mid Valley Paint Horse Club and helped form a youth group within the club; were founders of the California Coordinating Committee where Harvey also served as Chairman; and were founding members of the San Joaquin Paint Horse club. They've both held offices in all the clubs listed above and assisted in putting on numerous horseshows.

The criteria for Horseman of the Year states: "this award shall be bestowed on a person who has, through voluntary services, helped in the promotion of Paint Horses and Paint Horse clubs in the State of California." There are few horsemen remaining in the State of California with the dedication, history and passion that the Jones have for Paints and it is for this reason that they should be considered as Horsemen of the Year.

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opportunity to regain my APHA Judge's card.

LIST ALL PAINT HORSE CLUB OR ASSOCIATIONS OF WHICH YOU ARE A MEMBER,  
AND THE OFFICES OR APPOINTMENTS YOU HAVE HELD:

- APHA Member since 1966
- APHA Judge 1969-1993
- APHA National Director from Oregon & California 1967-Present
  - Chairman of the Show & Contest Committee
  - Chairman of the Progress Committee
  - Vice-Chairman of the Registration Committee
  - Member of the Nominating Committee for the APHA Executive Committee
- Founding Member of the Oregon Paint Horse Club 1969
  - President of OPHC
  - Vice-President of OPHC
- Founding Member of the California Coordinating Committee 1974
  - Chairman of the California Coordinating Committee
  - President of the Mid-Valley Paint Horse Club, California
  - Founding Member of the San Joaquin Paint Horse Club, California
    - President of SJPHC

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