

## CCC HORSEMAN OF THE YEAR - 2007

SEVEN COUNTIES PAINT HORSE CLUB WOULD LIKE TO NOMINATE BOB AND KATY LENTZ AS THE 2007 HORSEMAN OF THE YEAR.

BOB LENTZ STARTED HIS CAREER WORKING WITH HORSES IN ORANGEVALE, CA. IN 1957, AT THE AGE OF 10 HE WAS SHOWING IN THE LOCAL 4-H SHOWS. HIS FAMILY MOVED SOUTH TO THOUSAND OAKS WHERE HE MET KATY IN 1965 AT THE EQUESTRIAN TRAILS CONVENTION. KATY STARTED SHOWING BOB'S QUARTER HORSE MARE. THEN, IN 1968, BOB AND KATY WERE MARRIED.

THEY BECAME INVOLVED WITH PAINT HORSES WHEN THEY WERE TRYING UNSUCCESSFULLY TO GET THEIR QUARTER HORSE IN FOAL. THEY DECIDED TO TRY A PAINT STUD AND TOOK THE MARE TO EASTER SUNRISE, SHE GOT IN FOAL, BUT HAD A SOLID. BOB AND KATY REBRED THE MARE AND WERE REWARDED WITH A PAINT FOAL. THEY WERE HOOKED. IN 1977 THEY MOVED TO ACAMPO, CA. AND JOINED SAN JOAQUIN PAINT HORSE CLUB. THEY LIKED AND SHARED THE PHILOSOPHY OF SJPHC, WHICH WAS TO PROMOTE THE YOUTH AND AMATEUR EXHIBITORS. IN THE 30 YEARS THEY HAVE BEEN MEMBERS OF SJPHC AND A COUPLE OF OTHER CLUBS, THEY HAVE WORKED THE CLUB'S SHOWS. SOMETIMES AS MANAGERS, RING STEWARDS, THE GATE, TRAIL CLASS SETUPS (AND TAKEDOWNS), KATY WORKED IN THE OFFICE MANY TIMES (BEFORE COMPUTERS) AND ALSO CALCULATED THE YEAR-END POINTS FOR THE CLUB. KATY SERVED AS PRESIDENT OF SJPHC IN 1990, 1997, 1998 AND 2006, SHE WAS ALSO VICE-PRESIDENT SEVERAL TIMES. KATY WAS CCC REP FROM SJPHC IN 1990, 2001 THROUGH 2005, AND SERVED AS CCC CHAIRPERSON THE SECOND HALF OF 2004 THROUGH 2005. BOB WAS PRESIDENT OF SJPHC IN 1981 AND VICE-PRESIDENT IN 1987. HE WAS TREASURER FOR THE CLUB FROM 2003 TO 2005. WHENEVER A TREASURER WAS NEEDED, FOR WHATEVER REASON, BOB LENTZ ALWAYS STEPPED UP AND FINISHED THE JOB. BOB SERVED AS CCC REP FOR SJPHC IN 1987 AND 2006. HE HAS ALSO SERVED AS CCC ZONE REP FROM 2002 TO THE PRESENT TIME.

IN ADDITION TO ALL THIS WORK AND INVOLVEMENT IN SJPHC, BOB AND KATY HELPED BARBARA AND VINCE HUNNICUTT SHOW THEIR STUD, TAIL GUNNER, TO HIS APHA CHAMPIONSHIP. THEY WERE ALSO THE GUIDING LIGHT FOR MARVIN MATTIES HELPING HIM TO GET HIS MARE, EASTER LITA HER APHA CHAMPIONSHIP. BOB AND KATY HAVE ALWAYS HAD THE ANSWERS TO ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT HOW TO GROOM A HORSE FOR SHOW OR THE CORRECT ORDER FOR CLASSES IN THE SHOW PREMIUM, AND WERE WILLING TO SHARE THEIR KNOWLEDGE WITH ANYONE WHO ASKED.

BOB WAS ALSO INVOLVED IN THE FIRST MEETINGS TO FORM SIERRA PAINT HORSE CLUB, AND LATER WAS ON THE COMMITTEE TO START THE SIERRA PAINT HORSE CLUB STALLION SERVICE AUCTION.

IN 1984 EXHIBITORS IN NORTHERN CALIFORNIA WERE COMPLAINING ABOUT HOW THEY COULDN'T COMPETE FOR THE STATE AWARDS BECAUSE OF OUR SMALLER SHOWS, AND THEY COULDN'T AFFORD TO TRAVEL SOUTH. KATY CAME UP WITH THE IDEA TO FORM AN AWARDS PROGRAM FOR THE ONE-DAY, 2-JUDGE SHOWS IN NORTHERN CALIFORNIA. KATY FORMED A COMMITTEE WITH SOME OFFICERS FROM SAN JOAQUIN PAINT HORSE CLUB AND SIERRA PAINT HORSE CLUB AND NCCC, NORTHERN CALIF. CHAMPIONSHIP CIRCUIT WAS BORN AND IS STILL ACTIVE.

BOB AND KATY HAVE BEEN WORKING CONTINUOUSLY AND UNSELFISHLY FOR OVER 30 YEARS TO MAKE THE CLUB SHOWS FUN AND SUCCESSFUL AND TO PROMOTE THE PAINT HORSE. BOB AND KATY LENTZ TRULY PERSONIFY WHAT HORSEMAN OF THE YEAR MEANS.