

Kelly Waugh

Kelly's background is deeply rooted in the traditions of the western way of life. Kelly's great grandfather is in the cowboy hall of fame for owning and operating one of the largest cattle ranches in the state of California, and for his many contributions to the cattle industry who along with several grand uncles were named cattleman of the year in California. An honor bestowed to them at the Grand National Stock Show held at the Cow Palace in San Francisco. As a fifth generation Californian Kelly's love for horses started at a young age and like so many she had the dream to always own a horse. Unfortunately, growing up in the bay area she was not afforded the ability to own her own horse until later on.

In 1989, Kelly relocated to the Sacramento area with her new husband where they purchased a small ranch in order to raise horses. Kelly's love of paint horses came from the unique color patterns, and the warm welcome from the individuals involved in the breed.

As a new comer choosing to become involved in the paint horse breed it was not something she wanted to do half way. Kelly wanted to learn as much as possible about the breed and the different aspects of paint horses from the exhibiting to showing to the genetics of breeding. She has been known to read the rulebook from front cover to back cover in order to gain as much knowledge as possible.

Kelly has supported the breed not just by volunteering time and energy but by becoming actively involved in making the breed the best it can be. This has been accomplished by showing and exhibiting paint horses, many of which have been bred and raised by her and her husband.

Kelly's involvement has included chairperson of the Stallion Service Auction program, president, vice president, and board member of SPHC on several occasions, Northern California Champions Circuit Chairperson and treasurer, CCC representative, and at times back gate, awards tables, caterer, futurity chairperson, ring steward, scribe, awards chair, and anything else that needed to be done. Kelly has been responsible for the design and interior construction of the booth at the SPHC P-O-R and at the last zone show in Reno. It was important for Kelly to find a way to showcase the stallions at the Stallion Service Auction and give the stallion owners the ability to reach as many exhibitors, and show goes as possible.

Kelly has accomplished all this by working a full-time job, returning to school to finish a degree, a battle with ovarian cancer, and the illness of her husband.

Again, it is just an honor to be considered. Thank you to all the paint horse owners for their support.