

# NSBA HALL OF FAME

- 1988 • SCHOTTISCH – OWNED BY JACK AND LOU FINNEY  
1989 • PECHO DEXTER – OWNED BY BOB AND ELEANOR ECKERT • WALTER HUGHES  
• LEO BARBERA – NSBA FOUNDER  
1990 • LADY BARBIE SOX – OWNED BY CONSTANCE CROWELL  
1992 • ZIPPO PINE BAR – OWNED BY BOB AND ANN PERRY • JOE GEESLIN • TOM POWERS  
1993 • HOTRODDERS JET SET – OWNED BY TOM AND CARRIE CHOWN  
1994 • THE INVESTER – OWNED BY DAN AND CAROL MCWHIRTER  
1995 • TIGER LEO – OWNED BY STAN AND MARY KAY STEYSKAL  
• MR ZIPPO PINE – OWNERS – DARRELL SAUL / GAIL WAILKENS • OHIO QUARTER HORSE ASSOCIATION  
1996 • ZIPPO PAT BARS – OWNED BY PAUL CURTNER • WESLEYS PLAYBOY – OWNED BY ROBBY ROBERTS  
1997 • IM A BIG LEAGUER – OWNED BY DALE LIVINGSTON • ZIPPO BY MOONLIGHT – OWNED BY DANA SMITH

## 1998 INDUCTEE BREEDING HORSE CATEGORY

### THE BIG INVESTMENT

They say The Big Investment was ahead of his time. “He was 16 hands and a striking, absolutely beautiful animal,” Carol McWhirter says of the sorrel stallion in a January 1997 *Southern Horseman* article. “His colts all looked alike, real pretty-headed, real pretty over the back and real pretty in the front legs,” she adds. “They looked like cookie cutters, all stand-up colts in the same mold.” This year, the NSBA inducts The Big Investment into its Hall of Fame.

The Big Investment is out of The Country Girl and by The Investor. Sired by Zippo Pat Bars, The Investor was inducted into the NSBA Hall of Fame in 1994.

The Big Investment was owned by The Big Investment Syndicate, with Dan and Carol McWhirter, John Hilton, Pam Snow, Darrell Saul, and Mary Lou and Thurman Gay as partners. Sadly, the stallion died in 1986 of colic at just six years of age. “When The Big Investment died, that was the closest we’ve come to quitting the horse business,” Dan McWhirter says. And top trainer Jody Galyean has remarked, “We finally found a horse that made it easy for us. Then he up and died.”

Through The Big Investment sired only 129 foals in his limited breeding seasons, they have earned a substantial \$320,313 in futurity and AQHA Incentive monies through 1997. Seventy-four of his get have earned 70 ROMS and 27 are AQHA Superior show horses. According to Equi-Stat records in the *Quarter Horse News*, The Big Investment was the second leading sire of pleasure horse money winners with \$121,042 in earnings in



1989 when his last foals were two year-olds. At the 1990 All American Quarter Horse Congress, four of the Top Ten finishers in the Three-Year-Old Snaffle Bit Futurity were by The Big Investment.

Today, foals by The Big Investment have won in halter, showmanship, western pleasure, horsemanship, western riding, hunter under saddle and hunt seat equitation. Some of his performing offspring include Secured Investment, Itsa Gold Investment, Investment Asset, Principle Investment, Hesa Cute Investor, Sparkling Investment, Investment Creditor, Investment Venture, The Big Asset, Vested Glory, Love To Invest, Gilt Edged Lady, Investment Broker and Investors Maiden.

Well-known trainer Steve Heckaman comments on The Big Investment’s offspring in a January 1997 article published in *Southern Horseman*. “From form to function, they’re probably the most correct because they’re higher in the whiter than the hip.” Heckaman also credits a strong top line as the key to The Big Investment’s unique style.

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