

# NSBA HALL OF FAME

1994 INDUCTEE

## THE INVESTER

When George Pardi and Jack Benson named an eight-month-old sorrel colt "The Investor" back in 1969, could they have realized the magnitude their investment would have on the western pleasure industry? Today, The Investor is a leading sire of pleasure horses and is this year's inductee into the NSBA Hall of Fame.

The Investor is sired by Zippo Pat Bars and out of Hank's Peppy Lou, a foundation bred mare of Peter McCue heritage. He is owned by The Investor Syndicate, with Dan McWhirter and Wayne Atchley as the major shareholders, and stands at the McWhirter Farm in Doniphan, Nebraska.

The Investor is the second highest all-time sire of pleasure futurity money earners behind only his half-brother, Zippo Pine Bar, who has sired 454 more lifetime offspring than The Investor. He has sired just under 1,000 foals. According to statistics from The Quarter Horse Journal and Journal and Quarter Horse News, The Investor's offspring have won more than \$973,922.

Some of his notable offspring include Double Vested, Fully Vested, Impulsions, Invest In Ears, Investapine, Investors Choice, Shes Slippin Around, Sure Investment, The Collateral, The Promoter and Vested Pine.

It is also noteworthy that The Investor's initial impact on the Quarter Horse industry was not as a sire of pleasure horses but rather as a sire of halter futurity horses. El Cicatriz, 1974 AQHA World Champion Yearling Gelding, is a good example.

In 1980, the top four placing two-year-olds in the All American Quarter Horse Congress Snaffle Bit Futurity were all sired by The Investor. From that one class, his offspring won \$55,390.00. At the 1990 Congress Three-Year-Old Pleasure Derby, six of the top ten placings were either Investor sons or grandsons. The 1993 Quarter Horse News Pleasure Statistics also list his sons and grandsons as major



contenders on the Leading Sires List, cumulatively earning \$160,005.

In his article in the February 1992 edition of Southern Horseman, Larry Thornton said, "The Investor was destined to be more than just a good sire. He became a great sire of pleasure horses, a stallion that may have done more for the modern pleasure horse than any other horse in the country."

In that same article, trainer Jerry Stanford said, "A low hock is the key to The Investor's success. You want those hocks to come straight down that imaginary line behind the horse and that's what you get with The Investor."

The Investor is an AQHA Champion, a Superior Halter Horse who has stood grand or reserve 45 times with 53 halter points, and earned 21 working points in Cutting, Western Pleasure, Reining and Hunter Under Saddle.

"In addition to being such a striking and pretty horse, The Investor is an incredible mover," said McWhirter in a February, 1991 article in Southern Horseman. "If you rode him in a pleasure class today, I honestly believe you'd win. And, he stamps his offspring with these abilities."

The NSBA is proud to induct The Investor into the Hall of Fame.