

2015 ASHA YEAR END AWARDS



The American Saddlebred Horse Association honors its outstanding members each year at the Annual Meeting in February with its most prestigious awards. Award winners receive a custom-crafted julep cup, which is symbolic of the highest honor ASHA can bestow upon an individual, while Wing Commander Medal recipients each receive a medallion.

Members are encouraged to nominate individuals for these honors. Nominations must be submitted in writing, accompanied by a short biography of the nominee and the reason as to why the person or family should receive that specific award. The Board of Directors reviews the nominations and selects a winner.



HORSE OF THE YEAR
WGC MACADAMIA

HORSE OF THE YEAR

Beginning in the 2005 competition year, ASHA began designating its Horse of the Year, in order to nominate the outstanding performance horse of that year to the United States Equestrian Federation for consideration in its membership voting for the USEF's overall Horse of the Year from all competing breeds and disciplines.

The American Saddlebred Horse of the Year is chosen by the officers of the American Saddlebred Horse Association, based on consideration of all performances throughout the competition year at major events, with an emphasis on the World's Championship Horse Show at the Kentucky State Fair (Louisville),

the UPHA National Championship at the American Royal (Kansas City, Missouri), the Lexington Jr. League Horse Show (Kentucky), and overall competition records submitted by all registered shows.

- 2014 WGC Macadamia
- 2013 ^{CH}Callaway's Annabel Allison
- 2012 ^{CH}Courageous Lord
- 2011 ^{CH}The Daily Lottery
- 2010 ^{CH}Sprinkles



KATHERINE MCGEE BOSWORTH, AND
TANDY PATRICK

FRANK OGLETREE YOUTH AWARD

The Frank Ogletree Youth Award was established to honor the late James Frank Ogletree Jr.

Ogletree was an attorney who unselfishly gave his time and talents as an ASHA Director. He was especially interested in young people and encouraged their involvement with American Saddlebred horses up until his death in 1985. He owned and operated Mark Hall Farms in Greenville, South Carolina, the home of several World's Champions.

The winner of the Frank Ogletree Youth Award should exhibit superior sportsmanship throughout his or her show career.

Nominees must be ASHA Junior Members who demonstrated participation and achievement within the show ring, exhibited positive personal characteristics and true sportsmanship, as well as served as a true role model for their peers. In addition to receiving a julep cup, winners also receive a life membership to ASHA.

- 2015 Katherine McGee Bosworth
- 2014 Melissa Heres
- 2013 Foster Roberts
- 2012 Drew Taylor Hewitt
- 2011 Ashley Biggins

C. J. CRONAN SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD

C. J. Cronan was a longtime secretary of ASHA and many people considered him "Mr. Saddlebred." Cronan created the first American Saddlebred futurity program in 1927 at the Kentucky State Fair, which is now known as the Kentucky Futurity. Cronan's futurity model is the foundation for more than 50 American Saddlebred futurity programs across the country. As a true equine lover, Cronan was known to have said, "Horses do more for people, than people do for horses." Cronan passed away in 1985.



LARRY HODGE AND TANDY PATRICK

The C. J. Cronan Sportsmanship Award is presented each year to a male, who has shown true sportsmanship in and out of the show ring as well as contributed to the breed. Participating, supporting and contributing to ASHA ideals are also all factors in selecting a recipient for this award.

- 2015 Larry Hodge
- 2014 Mitch Clark
- 2013 Merrill Murray
- 2012 Rob Wilson
- 2011 William Shatner



GERMAINE JOHNSON AND TANDY PATRICK

THE MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD

The Meritorious Service Award honors persons for their significant contributions on almost all levels over a long period of time to ASHA.

- 2015 Germaine Johnson
- 2014 Melissa Moore
- 2013 Nancy Boone
- 2012 Jimmy Robertson
- 2011 Sally Jackson

GORDON JENKINS INTERNATIONAL AWARD

Gordon Jenkins attended the first production sale at Sutton Farm in Australia in the 1960s. The owners of Sutton Farm were the first to bring American Saddlebred horses to Australia. Jenkins, from Canyonleigh, Australia, fell in love with the new breed. By 1978, Jenkins began breeding American Saddlebreds and he and his wife, Betty, owned the largest American Saddlebred horse farm in Australia.

The American Saddlebred Horse Association of Australia was formed in 1977. Jenkins served as president from 1983 to 1988, and then served as vice president until his death in 1990. The Gordon Jenkins International Award was designed to honor a person who has gone the extra mile to introduce and promote the

American Saddlebred horse to other countries. In 1993, Betty Jenkins, Gordon Jenkins' wife was the first recipient of the Gordon Jenkins International Award.

- 2015 Misdee Wrigley Miller**
- 2013 Michele Macfarlane (United States)**
- 2012 Ross Millin (South Africa)**
- 2011 Jack Noble (United States)**
- 2010 James and Jackie Hale (United States), Yvonne Sohlberg (Sweden)**



BOB FUNKHOUSER, ANNE NEIL, AND BILL WHITLEY

BREEDERS HALL OF FAME

The Breeders Hall of Fame was formed in 2006 to include each previous winner of the former Breeders Award. A new class will be inducted each year. The Breeders Hall of Fame honors a breeder who over a lifetime has shown or proven serious interest in betterment for the breed; consistently shown improvement and eagerness to learn; exhibited good sportsmanship and good horsemanship; demonstrated long-term interest; had success with more than one horse; has reached a pinnacle of success; and has unselfishly given to others, and encouraged other breeders, in an effort to better the breed.

- 2015 Anne Neil**
- 2014 Redwing Farm (Judy & Roy Werner)**
- 2013 Fox Grape Farm & Larry Hartsock**
- 2012 Jim Stewart**
- 2011 Dr. Alan Raun**



KRIS SWANSON AND TANDY PATRICK

BREEDER OF THE YEAR AWARD

Introduced for the 2006 competition year, recipients of this award are chosen based on a statistical analysis of their successful show performance during the entire competition year, relying on records produced by the American Saddlebred Registry.

- 2015 Kris Swanson**
- 2014 Tony Weldon/Callaway Hills**
- 2013 Blythewood Farm**
- 2012 Elisabeth Goth**
- 2010 Dr. Alan Raun**



DAVID MOUNT, MOE ANSON, AND TANDY PATRICK

LURLINE ROTH SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD

Lurline Roth was an ASHA Director and one of the great exhibitors in the horse show game. She is remembered as the owner of ^{CH}Chief Of Longview and ^{CH}Sweetheart On Parade. However, even after these greats, she continued showing for many years. Roth's sportsmanship was evident, as she was gracious in victory or defeat. She was the California Vice President of ASHA in 1931. She passed away in 1985. The Lurline Roth Sportsmanship Award is awarded each year to a female for participating, supporting and contributing to ASHA ideals, as well as showing true sportsmanship in and out of the show ring.

- 2015 Moe Anson**
- 2014 Carol Reedy**
- 2013 Vickie Byrd**
- 2012 Suzanne Bradshaw**
- 2011 Patty Milligan**

WING TEMPO AWARD

The Wing Tempo Award was established to recognize American Saddlebreds that have achieved excellence of the highest order in disciplines and venues not typically considered within the standard show ring structure.

- 2011 Wing Tempo - Shirley Sobol**



BO B FUNKHOUSER, ALAN RAUN D.V.M., AND BILL WHITLEY

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

The Lifetime Achievement Award was first awarded in 2004 to Judy Werner. The award honors a person for his or her contributions to the Saddlebred industry. The winner of the award must show sincere dedication to the improvement of the breed as well as support of ASHA.

- 2015 Alan R. Raun D.V.M.**
- 2014 Nelson Green**
- 2013 Jim Ruwoldt**
- 2012 Dick Boettcher**
- 2011 William H. Thompson**



SUZANNE BRADSHAW FAMILY AND TANDY PATRICK

PAUL AND DOROTHY GILLENWATER FAMILY AWARD

Introduced in 2006, this award was established by Vicki Gillenwater in memory of her parents. It is awarded by the Board of Directors in recognition of the American Saddlebred as the ideal family breed, with a suitable horse and competition division for participation by each member of a family. The honoree shall be recognized for its sportsmanship and dedication as an entire family to the advancement of Saddlebreds, as amateurs and purely for the love of sport, whether for recreation, competition, breeding or otherwise.

- 2015 Suzanne Bradshaw Family**
- 2014 Vernon Wise, Jr. Family**
- 2013 The Rowland Family (Ever Glades Farm)**
- 2012 The Paul Briney Family**
- 2011 Ed and Ada Perwien**



DON HARRIS AND TANDY PATRICK

^{CH}WING COMMANDER MEDAL

Introduced in 2007 and named in honor of ^{CH}Wing Commander, who is considered to be one of the, if not the greatest five-gaited American Saddle bred stallion ever, claiming the Five-Gaited World's Grand Champion title six consecutive years between 1948 and 1953. Individuals receive this honor for demonstrating outstanding service to ASHA and the breed, and through their dedication, have attracted interest in the highest quality show horses of the breed, thereby contributing to advancing the popularity of American Saddlebreds to the public.

- 2015 Don Harris**
- 2014 R. H. Bennett**
- 2013 Harold Workman**
- 2012 Ronald Merwin**
- 2011 Keith Bartz**