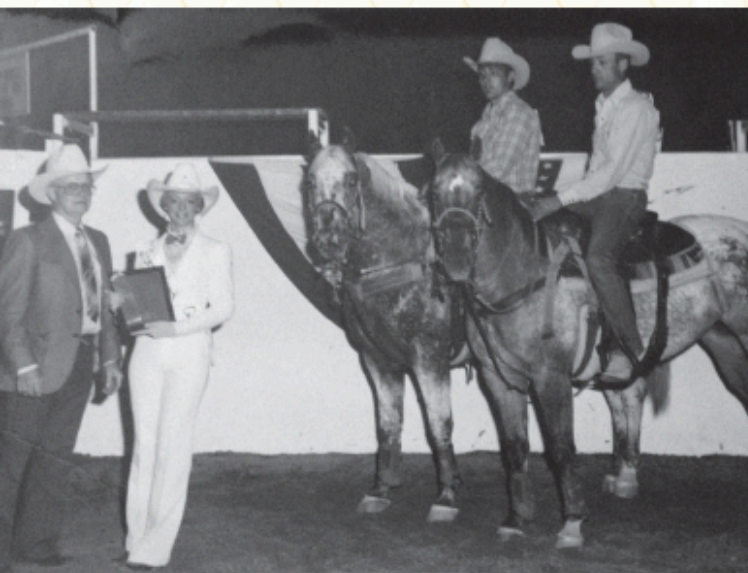




JIM JIRKOVSKY

FROM BREEDING TO JUDGING, Jim Jirkovsky has been involved in virtually every facet of the Appaloosa industry for more than four decades. From his high school days when he would sneak out of class to go to rodeos, a deep passion for the Appaloosa breed was instilled in him, one that turned into his life's work and a mindset that revolves around showing everyone how good an Appaloosa can be.

An ApHC-carded judge since 1987, Jim has served multiple terms on the national board of directors, has supported and served his regional club loyally for decades and was recognized for his contributions beyond his own barn throughout the region over a long period of time by his induction into the Nebraska Hall of Fame.



Known to be a formidable competitor in the show ring, "Cowboy Jim" had many wins that predated the national point system, and since 1979/1980 has amassed a staggering 9,646.3 open points in everything from Halter and Reining to Driving and Heritage, and shown more than 400 horses to 334 Top Tens, 38 National Championships and Reserves, and 45 World Championships and Reserves. But it is the mentoring, coaching and training that has helped his clients and friends achieve their highest goals that he is most proud of.

Exhibiting, training and coaching for years, Jim has played a significant role in producing 12 World's Best Appaloosas, three Iron Horse Award winners and



two of the only 16 Appaloosas in history to earn Gold Medallions.

Ready with advice and assistance, Jim has lived daily as a mentor in every arena. He has represented the Appaloosa breed as an ambassador in open competitions, venues and events worldwide throughout his tenure.

