

2017 ApHC Hall of Fame

Hayfork Creek

Hayfork Creek (Pat K. [JC] x Bing Bang) was a racing mare foaled 1972, bred by and owned for her first five races in 1974 by Bill Jones of Hayfork, California. Sold mid-season 1974 to two California racing legends, new owner Mike House and trainer Don Collins.

She raced exclusively in California, achieving her greatest successes under their guidance for the next three seasons, 1975, 1976, 1977. With 18 wins, 10 seconds, and 5 thirds from 36 starts in those years, she earned money 33 times before being sold for \$20,000 in early 1978, finishing her racing career in 1980 with only two ineffectual starts. Remembered by many as one of the true legends in California racing history, she competed from 4 to 6 furlongs, most of them 4 1/2 and up, setting track records and producing ApHC world records in 15 categories, both overall and filly/mare. With career earnings of \$49,916, her racing genetics as a broodmare stretched from the mid-1980s through the late 1990s.

Hayfork Creek was bred to run, and run she did—quite well. Her dam, Bing Bang, was a product of Dr. John Keys' racing stable, and was sired by Fourmile's Dandy of Arrow K., a winning racer and son of the legendary Chief of Fourmile (who won multiple races at early ApHC national/world shows prior to 1962).

Of the awards Hayfork Creek earned, these stand out: Cal-Western Racing's Top Racehorse out of 142 starters (1975); ApHC Champion Running 3-Year-Old, both Filly and All Sexes (1975); Bronze Medallion Winner (1975); and ApHC Champion Running Aged Mare (1976, 1977, 1979).

After competing in nearly every race against the top racehorses on the California circuit during her career, she produced five foals, three of which went to the track, producing earnings of \$91,963.

