

Glade Draper



The start of Glade Draper's Appaloosa breeding program was in 1947, and it was the beginning of a notable career for the racing enthusiast who helped establish and then lead the Utah Appaloosa industry in its infancy.

When Glade joined the ApHC, he received membership number 240. His breeding program produced successful runners that had longevity and passed it on. Most notable from his program was Dawndee. Foaled in 1959, she was inducted into the Racing Hall of Fame in 1995.

In July 1961, Dawndee beat a field of Quarter and Thoroughbred horses at 310 yards in Payson, Utah; two weeks later she did a repeat win at 350 yards against the same type of field in Panguitch. The mare won most of her 25 starts against open competition and was normally the only Appaloosa in the field.

At 7 years old, Dawndee set an Appaloosa world record at Memorial Park in Brush, Colorado, running 640 yards. She beat My Ole Still by 4 1/2 lengths and became the first Appaloosa mare to run AAA time.

Dawndee's sire was bred by Dick Stanger and sold to the Drapers as a yearling. Due to an untimely death he only produced four foals, yet was named ApHC leading sire of most winners in 1963. Dawndee's dam was a chariot racer that Glade raced to open championships in the '50s.

Dawndee's most famous son War Don,

was another Draper-bred great. The stallion won the first pari-mutuel Appaloosa race in Colorado in 1965; raced and won in open competition; and was among the first group of Hall of Fame inductees in 1988.

Glade helped organize the Utah Appaloosa Horse Club, sat on its board of directors and served as president for two terms.

He was co-founder and the first president of the Utah Appaloosa Racing Association and was instrumental in founding the Intermountain ApHC. His efforts aided the establishment of early Appaloosa racing throughout the Intermountain West.

In 1963 Glade was the ApHC leading owner/trainer with most wins. Although his racing program was best known for Dawndee and War Don, his program's legacy continued years later, producing the stakes winners Bold Concept, Rocketeer and War Don's Darling. Glade died in a mine cave-in in 1975.