

## 2012 Featured Clinicians

### Bob Avila

Bob Avila has called the American Quarter Horse his obsession for over 35 years. That obsession has led Bob to accomplish a record that most simply marvel at. Bob was born in Northern California, and from the beginning his love of horses was inevitable. Both of his parents, Don and Pat seemed to instill the devotion to the horse and showing horses, which continues today.

Bob has accumulated over 37 World Champion or Reserve World Champion titles in events ranging from performance to halter. Acknowledged by his peers as one of the most versatile and accomplished horsemen, he is the recipient of the first AQHA Professional Horseman award and he has captured the prestigious title of Worlds Greatest Horseman twice! Bob has won in excess of 1.7 million dollars!

He is one of only two horsemen to have won both the \$100,000.00 NRCHA Futurity and the \$100,000.00 NRHA Futurity. He is also in the very elite company of only one other horseman that has won the NRCHA Futurity more than two times.

Bob resides in Temecula, CA with his wife Dana. It is from there that he oversees his Avila Training Stables operation in addition to breeding and sales. Bob is renowned as being the trainer's, trainer. He has several young apprentices working for him at all times, learning and studying not only his remarkable horse training abilities, but his business practices that he is so well respected for in the industry today.

Bob is busy creating some new ventures known as "The Avila Collection". These consist of a new line of videos, books, saddles, boots, and equipment. He can often be seen around the country giving clinics and demonstrations to information hungry audiences.

Bob is one individual that should be very proud of his accomplishments, but those around him may tell you that he seldom takes much time to enjoy the spotlight he strives so hard for. He is always looking and working towards tomorrow.



### Brad Barkemeyer

Since 1988, Brad Barkemeyer has been training horses for the public in a variety of disciplines. Growing up on the family ranch in Montana provided much opportunity for training colts and ranch horses as well as establishing a quality foundation for performance horses in and out of the competition arena.

From 1993 to 1997, Brad attended Montana State University furthering his education with a Bachelor's of Science degree in Agriculture Operations Technology.

Brad has been and continues to be a student of horsemanship. From colt starting to world class performance horses, Brad has been privileged to study under Buck Branaman (renowned clinician), David Avery (AQHA roping horse trainer), Jake Barnes, Clay O'Brian Cooper, (7 time World Champion Team Ropers), and most recently Al Dunning (World Champion and trainer of reining, cutting and working cow horses). "One thing that I have found very humbling in the horse industry is the willingness of those that are successful to share their knowledge unselfishly to help others." Brad conducts his training operation Bar B Performance Horses out of Al Dunning Training Stables, in Scottsdale, Arizona where he, his wife, Mindy, and sons, Bryce and Zane reside.

Brad has excelled in the arena in American Quarter Horse, National Cutting Horse, National Reined Cowhorse, US and World Series Team Roping Championship events. He and his students have earned numerous championships on local and national levels in cutting, cowhorse and roping. Most recently Brad won the 2011 NRCHA Hackamore Classic Open, Intermediate Open, Limited Open and Novice Horse, 2011 AQHA Arizona Sun Circuit All-Around Jr. Horse Champion, 2011 AQHA Arizona Sun Circuit Junior Cowhorse Champion, 2011 Sherri Gilkerson Memorial Hackamore Spectacular Reserve Champion, 2010 Limited Open National Reined Cowhorse Association Derby, and the 2010 National Stock Horse Association Futurity Limited Open Hackamore Championships.

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ter and strong work ethic are traits we hold in high regard as we attempt to surround ourselves with people and products of integrity. While competing across the country we represent ourselves, our horses, and our endorsers with the utmost respect. We are proud of those that choose to be part of this winning combination: Al Dunning's AD Tack, Bob's Custom Saddles, Justin Boots, Rand's Custom Hats, Weaver Leather, and Wrangler and Logan Coach Trailer.



### **Charlie Cole**

Owens Highpoint Performance Horses with his business partner Jason Martin. Together they have trained over 100 AQHA World Champions and over 200 congress Champions. Charlie is an AQHA and APHA judge, a professional horseman and a member of AQHA show and contest committee.



### **Corey Cushing**

Corey Cushing specializes in the Working Cow Horse & Reining disciplines. Corey is a proud to show in the AQHA, NRCHA, NRHA as well as their affiliate associations. Corey has won titles such as 2010 NSHA Classic Open Champion & 2009 NRCHA Derby Open Champion and many others that have helped him to earn lifetime earnings exceeding \$969,000.00.



### **Al Dunning**

Al Dunning has owned and operated "Almosta Ranch" in Scottsdale, Arizona since 1970. Born in Chicago in 1950, Al's family moved to Arizona when he was 8 years old. He began riding horses with his sisters and went on to further his talents with mentors such as Jim Paul, John Hoyt and Don Dodge. His expertise in all facets of equestrian events has elevated him to great success. Al and his students have won 32 World and Reserve World titles in AQHA, NRHA, NRCHA, and NCHA. In addition, Al conducts clinics worldwide, manages AD Tack, operates Dunning Consulting LLC, and has recently developed Team AD International, an online training program.

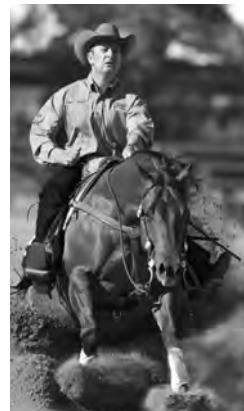
Al has won numerous awards for his contribution to various associations, within the community, and for the books and articles he has authored. He was the recipient of the 1996 AQHA Professional Horseman of the Year and was chosen as the 2003 NCHA Zane Schulte Trainer of the Year. Over the years, Al has developed his multi-faceted business with a focus on the development of champion horses and riders while working hard to promote all the great sponsors that stand beside him.

Al married his wife Becky in 1971. Becky is a well-known horse show announcer, and co-founded America's Horse Cares, a division of the AQHA Foundation, which focuses on therapeutic riding charities. The Dunnings have two children, Grady (27) and McKenzie Parkinson (31) and one granddaughter, Gracie Ann Parkinson.

## Andrea Fappani

Born and raised in Italy, Andrea Fappani followed his dream of becoming one of the all-time leading trainers in Reining-world wide. His focus and passion for excellence not only made him the youngest NRHA Million Dollar Rider, but have put him at the top of the charts as a teacher, clinician and advocate of pursuing exceptional horsemanship. His Reining DVD's have outsold all others- designed and produced to teach the details of training Reining horses as well as to maintain them at a high level for optimum performance in the show pen. It was Andrea's desire and commitment to excel as a student of horsemanship that allowed him to develop such early success in his career. His enthusiasm and love for the sport and the horse is evident in his style of teaching and producing materials that allow others the opportunity to continue to develop better skills and results.

For updates and products go to [www.fappaniperformance.com](http://www.fappaniperformance.com) and follow Andrea Fappani on Facebook.



## Tracer Gilson

Tracer Gilson started riding around age 4. By 9, he was in the show pen running patterns in any youth class he could enter. Tracer and his Dad, Tim, did their own training but would get help from Mike Florida from time to time on weekends and a few weeks every summer. Tracer's lifelong dream to be a horse trainer became a reality. At the age 19, he left college, where he was studying pre-med, to pursue a career in training horses. He spent the next three years working for Ed Fear and by 2001, Tracer had moved to Arizona where he began working as an apprentice to Randy Paul. In 2006, Tracer and his wife, Tricia started their own business, Gilson Performance Horses.

Tracers' success story in the horse industry is one that any young aspiring trainer would be proud to tell. In 1999, in a team effort with Ed Fear, Tracer helped pick up the title NRHA Novice Horse World Champion along with a Reserve Championship in the Wisconsin North Central Futurity. Hard work has kept Tracer's name in the top NRHA Open ranks and his efforts have not gone un-noticed. While working for Randy Paul, Tracer won the 2002 NRBC Intermediate Open Championship. He also broadened his skills to include the Working Cow Horse events and in 2003 Tracer won the Reserve Champion Open Hackamore Sweepstakes and was Champion in the Intermediate and Limited Hackamore Sweepstakes. In 2004 Tracer won the MEC Spectacular Derby Championship.

2006 was a successful first year for Gilson Performance Horses. At the NRBC Tracer was an Open finalist in the Derby and were top 10 in the \$10,000 Added Open Class. He also competed in the 2006 NRHA Derby where he was a Top 15 Finalist in the Open Derby. Tracer coached a Non-Pro rider to a Top Finalist spot in the Non-Pro Derby and to a Reserve Championship in the Intermediate Non-Pro Derby, as well as a championship in the \$5,000 Added Non-Pro Class. In addition, one rider won the 2006 NRHA Non-Pro and Intermediate Non-Pro Derby Championship as well as the \$4,000 Added Non-Pro class with another rider being a NRHA Limited Non-Pro Finalist.

Tracer and his wife, Tricia long with daughter Lilly Rae and the twins, Sean and Shea, reside in Phoenix, Arizona.



## Karen Graham

Karen Graham lives in Cave Creek, Arizona, with her husband, Scott, and two daughters Cheney and Shea. Karen was born and raised in Arizona where she started showing at the age of nine. At eighteen she turned her passion into a career and became a professional horse trainer. Since then she has earned a total of 3496 A.Q.H.A. points and has shown in every event except the cutting and roping. In addition to numerous Congress and World Show titles, she has 1,029 first place finishes, and holds an NRHA title. She and Scott currently own and operate Graham Ranch where they train world-class quarter horses that participate in open, amateur and youth divisions. Their horses excel in many disciplines, but they specialize in Western Pleasure, Western Riding, Hunter Under Saddle and Trail. Karen is also an A.Q.H.A. and N.S.B.A. judge. She has judged both the A.Q.H.A. and N.S.B.A. World Shows and the Congress. She is a member of A.Q.H.A.'s Professional Horseman's Association and sits on the N.S.B.A. Board of Director's.





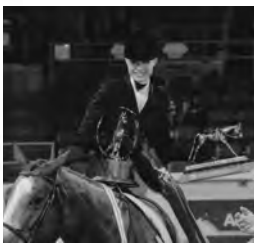
### **Rusty Green**

Rusty Green is a multiple World and Congress Champion in western pleasure and western riding. He is also a member of the NSBA Hall of Fame, and the NSBA Quarter Million Dollar Club. He has trained such notable horses as, Potential Diva, Hot N Blazing, Certainly Inspired, Blazinmytroublesaway, and Whatscookngoodlookin. He resides in Pilot Point, Tx with his wife Katie, where they operate Rusty Green Show Horses on their 40 acre ranch.



### **Holly Hover**

Holly Hover resides in Cave Creek, Az. Her program revolves around the training of the all around horse and exhibitor. She has instructed multiple AQHA, APHA and NSBA world and reserve world champions. As an approved AQHA, NRHA, NSBA and APHA judge she has officiated at 10 AQHA World Shows, 2 APHA World Shows and 1 NSBA World Show. She has returned as a judge for The All American Quarter Horse Congress 5 times. Internationally, she has officiated at the AQHA European Championships as well as the Australian and New Zealand Championship shows.



### **Stacy Huls**

Stacy Huls was born in Oklahoma and has been riding ponies and horses for as long as she can remember. She showed Quarter Horses as a youth and amateur. In 2001 she turned professional and in the past ten years has shown and trained multiple AQHA World Champions, Congress Champions, NSBA World Champions and winners of Select futurities such as the Reichert Celebration. Stacy is married to Doug Huls and is a professional horse trainer in Phoenix, Arizona. Doug and Stacy have two daughters, Olivia and Cheney.



### **Bob Kail**

Bob along with his wife Debbie and son Ryan own and operate Kail Quarter Horses in Scottsdale, AZ. They specialize in training and showing World Class Halter and Pleasure Horses.

Bob has many World and Congress Champions as well as numerous Futurity winners at such futurities as the Congress, Scottsdale Classic, and Reichert Celebration. Some of his most famous horses were Mr Yella Fella, Tuff At Last, My Last Sugar, Skippa Manana With Style and Grace, Invite Moonlite, A Cookie For Certain and A Certain Luxury. He has been a judge for over 25 years for the AQHA as well as the NRHA and NSBA. He has judged all the major horse shows, futurities and reining futurities such as the World Show, Congress, and NRHA futurity.

While showing and judging take up most of his time he enjoys traveling, golfing, skiing and spending time with his family and friends.



### **Ryan Kail**

Ryan Kail along with his parents Bob and Debbie Kail own and operate Kail Quarter Horses located in Scottsdale, AZ.

Raised in the horse industry, Ryan has made a name for himself winning six world championship titles, five in halter and one in roping. Making his western pleasure debut in 2008, Ryan won the Scottsdale Classic in the 3yr Old Limited Western Pleasure Futurity on A Certain Luxury. In 2009, he again won the Scottsdale Classic in the Limited Western Pleasure Maturity on A Cookie For Certain. Ryan also works as an equine specialist for Markel Insurance Company and in 2011 became an approved judge for the NRHA.

## Tim Kimura

This is Tim "The Trail Man" Kimura. He is originally from Reedley, California but now lives in Oak Point, Texas with his wonderful girl friend Tina Volmer. They have two beautiful Boxer Dogs, Coco Channel and Gucci and also the world famous Facebook side kick "The Laker Monkey".

Tim has been a trail course designer for over 25 years and draws around 100 trail patterns each year. Tim does trail clinics and course designing in California, Washington, Nevada, Arizona, Colorado, North Dakota, Missouri, Illinois, Oklahoma, Kentucky, Kansas, Texas, Arkansas, Mississippi, Virginia, Florida, and Georgia. Tim also travels to Canada, England, Italy and Germany to do clinics and trail course designing too.

Tim believes in the 4-P's of trail: preparation, practice, planning, and performance. Tim also believes you should chase perfection and try to catch excellence along the way. In addition, a rider should identify and remove all the excuses and stop saying I can't and start asking how. Little things make big things happen, think smart, work hard, get good.



## Randy Paul

If Arizona trainer Randy Paul had made a list of all the things he wanted to accomplish in his career, the last few years have been spent putting check marks next to those goals. He's been an NRHA Futurity Champion, two-time AQHA World Champion, NRHA Derby Champion and an NRHA Million Dollar Rider. Couple Paul's success with a life-threatening battle with cancer, and his recent accomplishments are truly remarkable. Over the course of his career, Paul has earned the respect of his peers and is known as a talented horseman above all else. But considering Paul's deep roots in Arizona's horse country, his reputation should come as no surprise.

Early on, Paul learned the lessons of great horsemanship from the best in the business. His dad is Jim Paul Sr., an accomplished cow horse trainer and National Reined Cow Horse Association Hall of Fame member who has influenced some of the industry's best. Another influence was trainer John Hoyt, who was also in Arizona at the time Randy was growing up.

"A lot of people have come to my dad, and ended up being real good horsemen," explained Paul, who added that his step mom Dema is also a successful cow horse show woman, recently winning the NRCHA Non Pro Snaffle Bit Futurity title for the third time. "I think just learning good horsemanship, good basics, how a horse thinks, the best way to teach them to do things, how their body works with their mind, the best way to teach one. Even if you are teaching them simple things, a lot of it is just repetition and good horsemanship skills."

After leaving the show pen for a few years to rodeo and ride bulls, Paul returned and went to work for other legendary horsemen, many of them in the cutting world. Before going out on his own, Paul worked for Gary Bellenfant, Don Dodge, Mike Mowrey.

"Most of them guys are cutters, but they're all great horsemen, so that was the main thing," Paul said. "Probably my main influences were my dad and Don Dodge though. Don is just a great horseman, and he always had a lot of patience with one. He'd say, 'show your horse the right way to do it 5000 times, and then show him another 5000 before you get mad at him.' A lot of it is just patience."

Though he learned the basics of training and horsemanship from cow horse and cutting trainers, reining was the niche that he found fit him the best. "I do some cow horse, but my main focus is on the reining," Paul said. "I didn't do any cow horse for a long time, but now I just kind of dabble in it for fun. It just, at the time when I started doing the reiners, the cow horse wasn't really all that big. Reining was just something I kind of fell into, then I just fell in love with it."





### **Nancy Sue Ryan**

Nancy-Sue Ryan owns and operates Show Stop Farm in Nocona, TX. She trains and breeds Quarter Horses for competition in the hunter under saddle events on the Quarter Horse Circuit. Nancy-Sue has won over 25 World Championship titles on Quarter Horses, Paints and Appaloosas and over 30 Congress and other National titles. Show Stop Farm is one of the leading AQHA and NSBA breeding farms in the country having produced more than 50 World Championships, Congress Championships and Reserve Championships. Nancy-Sue has been an AQHA judge since 1994 and has judged such prestigious shows as the AQHA World Show and All American Quarter Horse Congress.



### **Dr. G.R. Longworth**

Dr. G. R. (Jerry) Longworth has spent a life time with animals. Dr. Longworth hails from Pennsylvania and received a degree in Animal Science from Rutgers University. He earned his veterinary degree from the University Of Pennsylvania School Of Veterinary Medicine in 1992.

Dr. Longworth has spent his entire career in equine medicine and reproduction. After relocating to Arizona in 2000, he opened his mobile veterinary equine practice in 2004 and in 2009 opened Scottsdale Equine Reproduction Center, LLC. In his spare time, Dr. Longworth enjoys riding and showing his cutting horses.



### **Dr. Ross Rich**

Dr. Rich was born and raised in Arizona and competed successfully as a youth in the American Quarter Horse Association. He served for 4 years in the US Army Special Forces, Green Berets. Dr. Rich did his undergraduate and graduate education at Duke University. He practiced as a Physician Assistant in Orthopedic Surgery at Duke University Medical Center for 9 years, and was the director of Sports Medicine Rehab at Duke before rekindling his interest in veterinary medicine in the 1980's. Dr. Rich returned to school and received a doctorate degree in Veterinary Medicine (DVM) at North Carolina State University. He completed a surgical internship and residency in Equine Surgery at New Bolton Center, University of Pennsylvania. Dr. Rich has been a practicing veterinary surgeon working exclusively with horses since 1990. He returned to Arizona in 1994. In 2002, Dr. Rich opened the doors to Cave Creek Equine Surgical Center & Diagnostic Imaging Center, specializing in lameness, orthopedic surgery, and diagnostic imaging.



### **Dr. Otto Stanislaw**

Otto Stanislaw, DVM draws from more than thirty years of equine experience as both an owner and exhibitor. Otto has a working understanding of the requirements and stresses that are placed upon show horses from competing himself in different disciplines.

Otto combines his experience as a horseman with his medical training to provide the latest clinical skills and compassionate care you expect for the equine members of your family.