



### **Welcome Pine Chock to our Illinois Quarter Horse Association Hall of Fame**

Illinois Hall of Fame Inductee Pine Chock AQHA Stallion Pine Chock began his life in 1963 at Paul Curtner's Jacksboro, Texas ranch. Curtner had purchased Pine Chock's dam, Codalena, and soon found her to be a magical cross with his AQHA Hall of Fame stallion, Poco Pine.

Pine Chock was the sixth foal out of Codalena by Poco Pine. Prior to Pine Chock's arrival, that same cross had already produced two AQHA champions and numerous Halter point earners. With the mare power of Codalena, and the decorated Poco Pine's sire power, Pine Chock had the blue blood in his pedigree to be successful.

Rube Hanks went to Texas with \$10,000 - that his wife Elsie had hidden in his underwear - to buy Pine Chock from Paul Curtner as a weanling. Hanks raised the colt and began showing him lightly as a two year old. As a three year old, Pine Chock and Hanks won the prestigious 1966 Illinois State Fair in Junior Western Pleasure, besting 127 entries. Charlie Dobbs, who as a youth was living with the Hanks family, showed Pine Chock to win the Youth Western Pleasure at a large futurity in Ellisville, Missouri. Hanks' son, Darrell, also showed Pine Chock to earn several points in Reining.

Charlie Dobbs remembered that "He was a 15.3 chestnut with a pretty head and neck. He was straight and correct, and had a great disposition and a super way of going," "We broke and showed a lot of his babies, and he passed that movement and great disposition on to his babies. He was one of the best, if not the best, stallion in Illinois. Pine Chock."

By the end of his show career, Pine Chock would earn 163.5 AQHA points, including 68 Halter and 95.5 Performance points in Western Pleasure and Reining. The stallion also earned Superior awards in Halter and Western Pleasure and a Performance Register of Merit, as well as the AQHA Champion title.

As a breeding stallion, Pine Chock sired 71 AQHA point-earning foals including 11 Superior awards, 37 Register of Merits and one AQHA Champion. In all, his foals would earn 2,354 AQHA points. Among his notable offspring include:

- Lady Del Rey, 269 points, Superior Open and Youth Western Pleasure, - Pokes Son, 232 points,

Superior in Western Pleasure - Chocka Paula, 119 points, Superior Western Pleasure, - Golly Pine Taylor, 187 points, AQHA Youth Champion - Easter Pine, 156

