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“Fassafern Mezquite”

1981 - 2006

Sire: Mushtaq (imp)

Dam: Emerald Park Electra

Recently, with great sadness, we said goodbye to our little mate “Bubby”. He was a great little stallion who was, in the show ring, too small for a galloway and too big for a pony.....measuring at 14.0½ hands. He was bred by Heather Gass and shown in his early years by Chris and Shane Gass. Chris and I took over the stud in the mid-80’s and we continued to show him until his retirement.

“Bubby” was a member of the “APHA Promotion Team” which toured around Victoria promoting the breed we love. Whether it was a street parade (Moomba, Bendigo Easter Fair or Melbourne Pre-Royal), a musical ride (Shepparton, Mildura, Inter-Dominion at Moonee Valley) or just showing, he loved the spotlight. He even won ridden pairs with the beautiful “Moorella Kentucky Bluegrass” – what a gorgeous couple they made!

Some of his achievements were:

- 1985 APHA “Diamond Award”
- 1987 APHA SA Championships - High Point Horse of Show
- 1988 Champion Ridden Palomino at Canberra Royal Show
APHA VIC High Point Led Stallion
APHA VIC High Point Ridden Stallion
APHA VIC Horse of the Year
- 1990 APHA “Opal Award” (now known as the “Lifetime Achievement Award”)

He was shown against some tough competition. Back in the 1980’s it wasn’t an odd sight to see 20 or more stallions lined up in your class at the Championships or a Royal Show. Even at Agricultural Shows there was always a fair line-up. Some of which you may be familiar with; Claredale Champagne Charlie, Brookway Spo’Decos, Murrumbo Gold Chex, Yick-You Dandy, Greenhill Decked in Chrome, Cashel Dandy Gold, Monsview Kingson.....just to name a few.

He was always “my” horse as he disliked men.....he even picked Chris up by the skin on his back once whilst he was getting a shoe put on (not a light weight if you know Chris...ouch!!).

It is difficult to say goodbye to a horse that has given you so much, but, such decisions have to be made whether you like it or not. Goodbye Bub, hope you get to catch up with Banty, Deek, Kentuck, Louey and Ted. We will always remember you.

Nadine Gass

