



Chilla Seeney

Before Chilla Seeney ever sat on a cutting horse, he had already several claims to fame, not least of which being a Queensland Welter Weight Boxing Champion at age twenty and then four times Australian Pro Rodeo National titles in Bareback, Bronc Riding, Saddle Bronc Riding and Calf Roping during a Rodeo career that spanned twenty years.

Since the mid 1960's Chilla has concentrated on the breeding, training, and showing of cutting horses. During this time Chilla has won every cutting title offered in Australia and some of the titles several times. His stallions Mr Jesse James and Lynx Little Pop are both enthroned in the Australian NCHA Hall of Fame. The combined total of Chilla's winnings during his long cutting career exceeds \$300,000. Chilla was an early supporter of cutting as a sport in Australia and gave hundreds of demonstrations with his record cross stallion 'Chico'. He still competes all over Australia and in more recent times has dedicated himself to helping people learn the sport and to this end Chilla has held hundreds of clinics and field days to promote cutting in Australia.



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In 1994 and 1995 Chilla, along with seven other Australian cutting horse riders, were invited to participate in an International Cutting Convention at Houston Livestock Show. In both of these shows the Australian team won or placed highly against teams from seven countries and Chilla received the highest individual score at each contest. In honour of his achievements and long support of the sport of cutting the Houston Livestock Show Committee awarded Chilla a special life membership – an award that recognises he has achieved a truly international level of competition.

This year Chilla was one of only five inducted into the Queensland Festival of the Horse Equine Hall of Fame. A committee of Queensland equine industry identified, short listed and choose the inductees from all equine walks of life and joined such well known Australians as Bush Legend, RM Williams CMG, Champion Jockey Mick Dittman and internationally renowned Equine Vet Sergion Professor Reg Pascoe.

Chilla was also inducted into the NCHA Rider Hall of Fame in 1992 and the NCHA Heritage Hall of Fame in 1999.

And so now with pride and respect for this colourful Australian sportsman, Chilla Seoney, we induct him in to the AQHA Hall of Fame.



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