

Rukin Jelks Rukin Jelks was a pioneer in quarter horseman. He settled in Tucson after contracting tuberculosis when he was in the army. He was one of the four horsemen who developed Riallito Race Track. In the 1950's Riallito was the mecca of quarter horse racing, hosting the Worlds Championship Quarter Horse Classic. Some of the great horses Rukin Jelks owned were world champions Piggin String and Rukin String. He was also instrumental in the foundation of the Race Track Industry program at the University of Arizona.