

STAN SNEDIGAR

As far back as his sons can remember Stan was interested and involved in breeding, raising and racing both quarter horse and thoroughbred horses. Especially speed horses. In the beginning it was the match races and then graduated into graded races.

During this time most of the top quarter horses in the nation raced in Arizona.

One of his acquisitions was the horse **Three Bars** (TB) of which he and his partner claimed in Detroit Michigan for \$2000.00 They raced Three Bars for a while before the black out of horse racing during World War II. They then sold Three Bars to Sid Vail for \$10,000, which was an unheard of price for a horse in Arizona at this time. This item was carried in all the newspapers and magazines in the southwest.

Stan and his partner leased and raced Three Bars and then later raced him for Sid Vail.

The racing career and his contributions to the quarter horse industry are well known.

Some of the quarter horses Stan raised and raced were **Sure Now** who won the Ruidoso Quarter Horse Futurity, beating the great horse Go Man Go. This race is now called the **Rainbow Futurity**. Sure Now was two year old champion gelding in the American Quarter Horse Chart Book that year. He also was the three-year-old champion gelding in the American Quarter Horse chart book the following year.

Stan had a full sister to Sure now, named **Cute Trick**, who won 10 out of her 11 starts in her two year old season and was two year old champion filly in the American Quarter Horse chart book. Cute Trick also won the quarter horse derby at Turf Paradise.

Stan and partner bred **Stella Moore** to Be Sure Now and raised and raced the colt **Seguero Miguel** who won the Southwestern Futurity at Ruidoso New Mexico. That race is now called the **All American Futurity**. Deguero Miguel also won the Maturity at Turf Paradise in a walk over.

Stan had a colt in the finals of the All American Futurity and when notified of his position in the draw and that it looked like rain, he stated, “ that’s ok, they all have to run on the same track”.

Stan with his partners leased and operated the racetrack at the Arizona State Fairgrounds and Sportsman Park also located in Phoenix. He was also General Manager of Ruidoso Down for two years.

Some other horses that Stan raced were **Smacked**, a gelding who raced the fastest $\frac{3}{4}$ mile time in America that year in the Governor’s Handicap in Detroit Michigan. Another horse named **Little Vic** set a track record for $5 \frac{1}{2}$ furlongs at Hollywood Park that stood for years. A filly named **Steamed Up** who set a track record for $\frac{3}{8}$ mile at Turf Paradise

and then on to Santa Anita where she raced and won and was voted two-year-old filly of the race meet. Another horse **Mystic Eye** won the Delmar Derby and then ran with horses like **Round Table** and **Seeneen**.

Stan claimed a mare **Miss Steam Ship** out of a race in Phoenix who in her previous race had a won her only win by a head going 5 furlongs. When asked why he claimed her stated “ not because of her win but because she was 20 lengths in front at the quarter pole. He then raced her successfully in the southwest with horses which included **Miss Princess** and **Miss Banks**. These mares were included in the first group of horses graded AAAT.

As a note, before the death of Three Bars, Stan tried to obtain a breeding for Miss Steamship but was unable to do so because Three Bars was fully booked. The breeding fee was \$10,000.....

Three Bars was inducted into the Arizona Racing Hall of Fame in 2001.