

Thomas H. “Bud” Butler

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Objective My decades of horse industry experience can and should benefit my employer and help raise the stable to new heights. My experience in the world of Saddlebred show horses has provided me with a rich background in addition to my rather unique position of being a third generation saddle horse trainer from a vast family of accomplished horsemen. My goal for the future is to continue working with Saddle horses. There is no other life for me!

Introduction Forty-eight years as a professional in the Saddle horse industry has given me the experience, knowledge, and skill, to achieve the goals of top saddle horses, whether it be in the breeding shed, colt barn, or at the nation’s most prestigious horse shows. I have bred, trained and shown horses of the highest caliber, and have a tremendous amount of respect for the traditional, time-proven ways, while remaining open to advances in horse care.

Technical Skills Breeding, foaling, intensive in-hand work, biting, long-lining, harness and saddle work, showing and instruction . I have a special affinity for working with young horses In Hand. I believe it to be an integral part of their foundation training. I have been a tail cutter for some 30 years.

Education

Graduate **Butler High School** ~ Butler, PA

Mentors: Tom Butler, Raymond Cowden, Barney Reardon, Billy Liles, Redd Crabtree, Junior Seay, George Brown

Experience

2005-present **Glenmore Farm – Edwards, IL** Home trainer

Various duties as needed, including, but not limited to, training horses, heading up home operations while stable is at a show.

1995 - 2005 **Americana Stables, Ltd - Summerdale, PA** Head Trainer

Responsible for breeding/training/exhibiting American Saddlebreds and Hackney ponies

1986 - 1995 **Bud Butler Stables – Volant, PA** Head Trainer/ owner-operator

Operated a full service show horse and breeding facility for American Saddlebreds and Morgans.

1963 – 1985 **Hy-Tyre Farm – Gibsonia, PA** Head trainer 1975-1985/Asst. Trainer 1963-1974

Prior to 1963 **Reata Horse Farm ~ Blue Lakes Farm ~ Beallgrove Farm**

Professional Awards 2002 UPHA Chapter 13 Horseman of the Year
2002 Inter State Horse Shows Horse Person of the Year

Affiliations

United Professional Horseman's Association

American Saddlebred Horse Museum

Pennsylvania Saddlebred Horse Association (former board member)

Inter State Horse Shows Association

Inter County Horseman's Association

Personal

I have been married for twenty-one years, am the father of four children, two still living at home. My hobbies include woodworking, ancestry research, and cheering on my children, ages 12 and 20, in their various activities. My wife and I also own and operate www.blackhorsemen.com.

Sampling of show horses and ponies (previously) under my tutelage:

WGC Sire Supreme's Shadow
WC CH Sultan's Great Day
WGC CH Shadow's Creation
WC CH I'm Sultana!
RWC Symbol's Wild Honey
RWC Sultan's Casindra
RWC Anastasia
RWC Supreme Satisfaction
WC Shadow's Somethin' Else
WC Sire Casindra's Sultan
WC Stand Up and Cheer!
WC Casindra Beaverkettle
BHF Supreme's Casindra
Symbol's Love
Supreme Animation
Untouchable (renamed Forever Elegant)
Man of the Hour F
Commander's Lady Love
CH Uncork the Magic
WC Struttin' Stuff
Reedann's Timothy
Americana's Dark Dream

Biographical Information

Thomas Howard “Bud” Butler was born July 7, 2007 to Tom and Elizabeth Butler, in North Middletown, Kentucky, the cradle of the American Saddlebred. Bud was born to a family of accomplished Saddlebred horsemen, headlined by his father, Tom. Tom’s legacy includes show ring stars such as: Reata’s Virginia Wolfe, Reata’s Radiance (renamed Glenview’s Radiance), Reata’s Iron Duke, Big Commotion, Lily Vanguard, WC ASB Pony Jimmy Joe, and many more. He also stood WGC Sire Oman’s Desdemona Denmark, and Morgan Horse Legend, Fleetwing, for owner A.J. Andreoli. Tom was named UPHA Ch 13 Horseman of the Year, Ohio’s Most Distinguished Horseman, and received the Golden Reins Award.

His mother’s family was filled with expert horse trainers, too, including her brothers: William Howard “Bulgia” Brown, who gaited Admiration of the Nation, and worked for Stoddard Young for decades; George “Dan” Brown, trainer of Spring Promise, Tambarina’s Jewell, and the first trainer of WGC Tashi Ling; Tom Brown and Carly Conner were two more of his mother’s brothers that made a name for themselves in American Saddlebred circles.

Currently at the American Saddlebred Horse Museum, the exhibit “Out of the Shadows; Bringing to Light Black Horsemen in Saddle Horse History” showcases many members of Bud’s family, including, but not limited to those mentioned above. More information can be found at www.blackhorsemen.com

Bud has lived every day of his life in the Saddle Horse industry, surrounded by countless horsemen who influenced, instructed, and trained him, to become the talented professional he has developed into today. A legacy in his own right, he has been employed by stables such as: Reata Farm, Blue Lakes, Beallgrove Farm, Hy-Tyre Farm, Glenmore Stables, Americana Stables. He has worked for, and with, not only those mentioned above, but also: “Junior” Seay, Redd Crabtree, Barney Reardon, Billy Lyles, Barney Reardon and others.

Respected by his peers, Bud is an asset to any operation with which he affiliates. He is an ethical, hardworking horseman, and enjoys sharing his knowledge with those who truly aspire to greater achievements in the equestrian world.