

The following is taken from the presentation at the Hall Of Fame induction ceremony on March 11, 2011:



Dr. Fred Northrop was born in MN and grew up near Minneapolis with five brothers and two sisters. He played golf with his family and competed in tournaments that took him and his brother to many greens. He was captain of his golf team in High School and college. He followed in the footsteps of his father who was a very athletic man and great golfer.

Fred lived in MN until he went off to pursue his medical degree at Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine at Still University of Health Services in MO. He again followed in the footsteps of his father who was also a family doctor.

As fate would have it, the first day of Medical school Fred pledged to a Fraternity. They took him out to dinner – at this particular restaurant – he noticed a beautiful waitress serving coffee. It took him five years to convince her family that his intentions were honorable. They will be celebrating 53 years of marriage! And Fred will also be celebrating 50 years practicing medicine.

After graduating from medical school in four years he moved to Tulsa, OK to complete an internship. It is here where he decided to settle down. He had two daughters Jan and Tayna who reside close to their parents' ranch in OK today. Jan and her husband are cutting horse enthusiasts and Tayna and her husband are wild about cars!

Fred was first introduced to horses on his Father's Dairy farm. They had a few grade horses that he enjoyed running like the wind. His wife, Patty had a Saddlebred when they met. They tried their hand at Shetland Ponies. Their daughters showed 4H and open shows. Later on Patty became actively involved in AQHA. She was on the executive committee for the JR World Show for 17 years and served as president for one year. As they became a horse show family, they purchased a Dun mare by the name of Katie Go Bars without even knowing there was a buckskin association. They cannot really remember how they found out about IBH, but one year one daughter qualified to go to AQ JR world show and the other daughter went to The Dun O Ramma and World Show each left with a daughter to go to different world shows. Fred really remembers his first show at IBHA. They arrived at the show grounds and Rick K was unloading a stallion and he was very impressed with how Rick handled that horse. Little did he know at that time how involved he would become with IBHA and the Kurzeja Family. One year at the world show, Tayna was crowned Miss IBHA Queen at Estes Park, CO. Fred found the IBHA to be a friendly/family atmosphere and related to the people who were showing. It did not take long for his family to become heavily involved in IBHA! Patty became Rules person for the state Charter of OK and was on the Youth Scholarship Board – the Northrop's were large supports of the Scholarship fund. Fred became Vice President for 2 years and then was chosen as President for four years there after. He reflected on being asked to serve and stated he had a 'Big Hat' to fill!

Fred was heavily involved in the forming of The Color Breed Counsel. He remembers having Rich staying at his ranch during one of these meetings. His Palomino mare foaled a buckskin colt – affectionately named 'Richie' in honor of their guest!

Many hours were spent formulating rules, not just for Color Breed Counsel, but for IBHA as well. He reflected on a memorable moment - he found it difficult to run meetings at times with Rich there. At one meeting, he borrowed a cane from a member from MI who had had some hip trouble, Fred was able to keep Rich at bay and complete the meeting!

In these recent years, the ranch has been mainly for their daughters and their families, they still have one brood mare left of their own. However; it is filled with cutting horses, cattle and buffalo (who always manage to cause some trouble by getting out). Did you know shining a light on a small herd of buffalo in the dark would make them scatter like a covey of quail? Evidently the police did not! Back to rounding up buffalo!

He and his wife Patty like to travel and own some time shares in FL & HI. He still likes to play golf and holds his own with the young guys! And when he contemplates retirement – Patty advises that she will end up with twice as much husband with half the income! For a family that has been so active for so long, helping so many people, they so deserve some time to themselves and to be honored for their accomplishments, but it is people like this who cannot slow down or stop helping others. If he had to be remembered for one thing in his life, it would be his dedication to his family and to be the best Father he could be.

In speaking with Fred – I can tell he is humbled by this honor we bestow onto him this evening. We appreciate all his efforts, because without his influence, IBHA would have grown into what it is today. Thank you to Fred, his family and all of our Inductees – you may think of it as just doing what was right or doing what was expected of you, but the path you have chosen has made us who we are today. With a warm spirit of heart, please accept this award with all the gratitude we have to offer.



Dr Fred Northrop and his wife Patty