Hes A Nifty Jack 2023 IBHA Hall of Fame Inductee March 25, 2023

In 1988 Dr. Laurie Kristoff decided to build her reining horse breeding business. After acquiring a barn full of reining mares, she was on the hunt for a good reining bred stallion to begin to build her program. She heard, thru a mutual friend, that Richard Greenberg had a buckskin stud for sale who was two at the time. Laurie drove to Libertyville, Illinois to see him. Being an own son of Hollywood Jac 86, Nifty's bloodlines were what drew Laurie to him. But when she got Nifty home, she knew he was something undoubtably very special.

Laurie soon placed him in Eber Christopher's training program to prepare him for his show career in reining. Nifty began his show career as a four year old and was shown in AQHA shows in reining at four and five. As a four year old, Nifty was listed in the top ten for the NRHA Limited Open. Nifty went on to place in the top 15 at the AQHA Congress in reining, was an NRHA pewter trophy winner and earned his AQHA ROM in reining.

In 1992, Laurie took over Nifty's reins and started showing him in IBHA shows, and Nifty proved what a versatile stallion he truly was. For three years, Laurie showed Nifty in every class imaginable and amassed a total of 456 lifetime IBHA points. Nifty earned points in classes ranging from Stallion halter to Hunter Hack to Western Pleasure to Barrels & Poles and of course Reining. In his IBHA show career, Nifty earned a Superior Award in Reining, IBHA ROM's in Reining, Western Disciplined Rail, Western Riding, Barrel Racing, Pole Bending, Dun Factor and Huntseat Disciplined Rail. He also earned numerous IBHA Honor Roll Titles.

Nifty started breeding mares in his two year old season before he began showing. He has 52 registered IBHA offspring. As a sire, Nifty was a proven producer of NRHA Broze winners, AQHA and IBHA Point earners and IBHA World Champions. His offspring were easy to train and are athletic, they excel in a variety of events and make great using horses. Nifty's legacy is continued by his son Don Juan Jac, who Laurie is currently standing at her Stagecoach Pass Farm in Durand, IL. Don Juan Jac has an AQHA ROM and an IBHA Champion with points in Halter, heading, heeling, reining barrel Racing and dun factor.

In Laurie's words, Nifty was "Just a good boy". He was obedient, kind, and would give great hugs. Nifty will be remembered for his temperament, versatility, and superior attitude. He passed away in 2012 due to choke, and his loss has been a hard one to bear. His legacy of versatility lives on in his babies, and in Laurie's heart.

IBHA is proud to induct He's a Nifty Jac into the Hall of Fame.