



In 1958 Dr. Paul A. Allen bought his first horse for daughter Marcia, a Tennessee Walker/Quarter Horse mare, bred to a quarter horse. He found a neighbor who agreed to board the mare and this was his introduction to horses. He enjoyed watching Marcia and her two sisters have fun with the mare and colt so he decided to buy an 80 acre farm and took the horses there. He and his wife “Charnie”

named it the Star A Ranch. In 1961, while vacationing in Colorado, Doc and Charnie visited a large Buckskin Quarter Horse ranch in Fort Morgan. Charnie fell in love with a young gentle stallion who’d been kicked and was separated from the other horses. His

name was Show Buck.

Prior to his involvement with IBHA, Dr. Allen had a successful medical profession as an Osteopathic Physician. Born in Kittanning, Pennsylvania, the son of a coal miner, he yearned to be a doctor. He attended college in Pennsylvania, graduated in Kirksville, MO, passed the state boards and earned his designation of D.O., and began his career in Waupun, Wisconsin. At that time Osteopaths were discriminated against and not allowed to practice in hospitals. Doc was a gentle, soft spoken man by nature. However, he spearheaded the fight for non-discrimination in hospitals and with the help of attorneys won the right for Osteopaths to practice in hospitals. Just before his retirement he was Head of the Dialysis Unit at Waupun Memorial Hospital, one of the first such units to be set up, and which then served as a role model for other hospitals.

Paul Allen was instrumental in developing the Wisconsin Buckskin Horse in 1972 and served as its president through 1976.

Dr. Allen served as Chairman of the IBHA Rules Committee and in 1979 was elected as the first IBHA President in which capacity he served for two years.

Dr. Paul A. Allen and his gentle giant “Show Buck: P-3 have deservedly been inducted into the IBHA Hall of Fame.