

## DAVID WHITTALL – 1945 – 1996

Dave Whittall came to cutting in 1984. The early days of his cutting career saw him aboard “Hur Rey”. In due course, Dave graduated to “Dry Mist”. He experienced the trials, the tribulations and finally success. He was BCCHA’s \$10,000 Non-Pro

Champion in 1989 and 1990 aboard “Dry Mist”.

Finally, Dave was united with “Adobe Creek Doc”, and his mentor, Dave Batty. With Dave Batty in his corner, he achieved his cutting goals – the CCHA and the BCCHA Open Gelding Championship and qualification in the Canadian Top Ten Non-Pro in 1992 and 1993.

Dave never forgot that the promotion of cutting in terms of events and venues is the very life blood of its survival. He was involved in expanding cutting at the Coast. He was always a significant and consistent contributor to the sponsorship of various shows. His briefcase, which accompanied him wherever he went, was always packed with membership applications and sponsorship forms, which he would produce at the slightest provocation or opportunity.

Dave was extensively involved in both the B.C. and Canadian Associations, with his wife Carol by his side. He was President of the BCCHA from 1988 – 1992. This was a period which saw an increase in members, the number and variety of classes and enhanced standards of judging. From 1993 to 1995 Dave served as President of the CCHA. His tenure in this office was focused on healing some of the dissention which had risen between the Provincial and Canadian Associations. What Dave brought to this situation was an ability to achieve a desirable result without disrupting the basic harmony or sacrificing principles. His conciliation and negotiation skills were what cutting needed at that pivotal point in time.

It was always David’s wish that his beloved sport be conducted in a classy and responsible manner, and with his wife Carol by his side, helping in many capacities, they contributed so much to the sport of cutting in Canada.

Dave passed away in 1996 at the age of 51.