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Allred And Strong 2008 Cast
Named To Ruidoso Hall Of Fame

RUIDOSO DOWNS, New Mexico (March 6, 2008) – Los Alamitos Race Course owner and perennial leading breeder and owner Dr. Ed Allred heads a strong 2008 class to be inducted into the Ruidoso Downs' Racehorse Hall Of Fame.

Joining Allred in the class to be enshrined on June 28 are trainer Dwayne "Sleepy" Gilbreath, jockey Kenny Hart and the champion Corona Chick.

Allred has made historic contributions to quarter horse racing as a track owner, breeder and owner. He has been sole owner of Los Alamitos Race Course in Southern California for 10 years and this year the track will host four \$1 million races. Leading those races is the Grade 1, \$2 million Los Alamitos Two Million and the Grade 1, \$1 million Champion Of Champions, the sport's premier race for older runners.

Allred, a member of the American Quarter Horse Association Hall of Fame, has been named champion owner by the AQHA six times and champion breeder eight times. Last year, he was the runner-up in voting in both categories.

Allred will always be connected with his world champion Charger Bar, already a member of the Racehorse Hall of Fame. Charger Bar was the 1971 world champion and won the second running of the Champion of Champions in 1973 when the purse was just \$50,000.

Gilbreath has been a fixture at Ruidoso Downs and has two wins in the Grade 1 All American Futurity. He won with On A High in 1983 and with world champion Refrigerator in 1991. He's also won the Grade 1 All American Derby with Six Popper (1986) and Snow Big Deal (2003). He won the Rainbow Derby six times in a 10-running stretch (1992-2001). He's won the Rainbow Futurity with Yankee Win (1982), Cautious Memories (1997) and Thewayouwantmetoo (2004). He's won the Ruidoso Derby with Ronas Sound (1995), Wicked Winner (1998), Rare Fasteroid (2001) and Winninginthebuff (2006). He's won the Ruidoso Futurity with First Down Bounce (1998) and Red Clay Of Texas (2001).

Gilbreath is taking the summer off for rest but says, “I’ll be back at Ruidoso Downs.”

Jockey Hart was one of the sport’s premier stakes riders when he was based at Los Alamitos and is now a steward in New Mexico. He is was the first-call rider for the 12-time champion stable of hall of famer Blane Schvaneveldt during their glory years of the 1970s and 80s. They paired to win the Champion of Champions with Miss Thermolark in 1978 and are best known for their success with the hall of fame gelding Town Policy. They won many stakes together, including the Los Alamitos Derby and the HQHRA Championship when Hart came out of the hospital to ride the gelding to victory while Hart was in substantial pain.

Julianna Hawn Holt’s Corona Chick has reached the highest level as a racehorse and a broodmare. She was a champion race mare for trainer Frank Monteleone and jockey Kip Didericksen. She won 15 of 18 career starts, earned \$591,326 and was a champion as a 2-year-old and 3-year-old. Her Grade 1 wins include the Kindergarten, Ed Burke Futurity and Dash For Cash Futurity. She also set the Los Alamitos 350-yard track record.

As a broodmare, Corona Chick again reached stellar heights and was named the 1997 broodmare of the year when she was only 8-years-old. Her four stakes winners from 10 starters include leading sire Corona Cartel, champion and All American Futurity winner Corona Cash and \$642,000 earner Valiant Hero, who was the fastest qualifier to the Grade 1, \$448,000 Rainbow Derby at Ruidoso Downs last summer.