

Mark Kuhlwein

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Education

1977 Graduated from Peoria High School, Peoria, AZ.

1977 – 1978 Glendale Community College, Glendale, AZ.

Leadership

- Served as member of Peoria FFA Chapter five years.
- Served as Chapter Officer and was involved in several community projects.
- Earned State Farmer degree and served as Arizona State Secretary in 1977 - 1978.
- Volunteered in several positions as longtime member of The Arizona Paint Horse Club (APHC), including Board of Directors as President twice and Treasurer for three years.
- Chaired various committees including Youth, Finance, Show and Contest, and Nominating.
- Produced and managed APHC shows for ten years and revived Copper Country PORs at WestWorld of Scottsdale.
- Raised funds to help APHC sponsor numerous APHA Scholarships.
- Assisted Zone 2 Committee with tasks to produce show as an active member of the APHA Zone 2 Board of Directors.
- Served on several APHA committees in roles such as Chairperson of Youth Committee, Chairperson of Show and Contest Committee. Instrumental in introduction of Walk Trot program and Yearling In Hand program.
- Served as APHA National Director for Arizona with the American Paint Horse Association.
- Served on the APH Foundation Committee to select Youth Scholarship recipients.
- Served on the APHA Nominating Committee to select Executive Committee candidates.

Horse Industry

- Trained and boarded horses for open, youth and amateur competition at horse show events beginning in 1987; customers and horses competed and won World and Reserve titles at APHA World Shows.
- Started horses for notable trainers such as Hamilton Quarter Horses, Rick John Quarter Horses, Dunn Quarter Horses, Chris Watson Performance Horses, and Kyle Performance Horses clients in Peoria.
- Stood APHA stallions, up to three at one time, as another element of horse business
- Obtained APHA judge accreditation in 1998; to date have judged 127 shows throughout U.S., Canada and Germany.
- Judged APHA World Championship Show twice, APHA Youth World Championship once, and combined show in 2020.
- Obtained PtHA judge accreditation in 2015; judged Pinto Horse World Championship three times.

Work Experience

Worked and lived on Robertson Farm as a farm hand from 1978 to 1979.

Managed Wayne Wieler Farms from 1979 to 1981.

Worked as Ranch Foreman for the Windmill Ranch from 1981 to 1983.

Managed McClendon Ranch in Peoria, Arizona, from 1984 to 1986.

Started K2 Livestock Services in 1985 as a business to install and service fly spray systems in livestock facilities.

Obtained license from the Arizona Register of Contractors as a General Contractor in 2005.

Established Kuhlwein Contracting LLC for residential and commercial properties in 2009.

Current Status

Own and operate Kuhlwein Contracting and Kuhlwein Show Horses, a small APHA breeding operation, with spouse Delores Kuhlwein.