



*Congratulations to*  
**Randy Haile**  
*for being Inducted into the*  
**2022 USTPA Hall of Fame!**



# Hall of Fame

## *Congratulations to this Year's Inductee!*

Randy Haile was sorting and working cattle long before he had any say over if it was something he wanted to do. Randy, along with his family, would regularly head out before sunup to sort and drive fat cattle from the feedlot to where they could be loaded. Randy rode "White Night" his pony (who ran much faster than Randy wanted and was the only one of the two who could read cattle). Randy would routinely fall off as White Night would turn out from under him. White Night would stop, wait for Randy to get back on, and then do it again. This set the groundwork for later in life when Randy became much better at riding horses through any circumstances. When the cattle were delivered to the corral to load, Randy and his brother Rick would be hustled home by their mom Judy to catch the bus to school.



When Randy got a little older, he would go with his dad Ron to local roping's and help put on, and take off, the plastic horns, and push steers through the chute. During the same time frame, he started going to and helping with local brandings and eventually worked up to get his turn at roping.

In the late 70's Randy started going with his dad to local C.C.P.A. events. The California Cattle Penning Association was founded in 1969 and was a two man, three cow, close the gate competition. Randy entered his first junior competition in 1979. In 1983 he and two other junior riders even won the open penning at the local Stanislaus County fair when he was only thirteen years old.

Randy would spend the next couple of years competing in the junior divisions and was occasionally picked up on some open teams at events here and there. In 1985 Randy got the chance to take his brother's place competing with his dad in the open division full time. At his first sanctioned event he would come in second place for the all-around trailer. To say he loved the sport is an understatement. He would really dig into the film sessions with the team and on his own to try and get better. His mom would video not only their



runs but also the runs of the teams they considered to be the best competitors so they could look for what worked and what did not. By his senior year in high school that meant no more sports, and almost all of his spare time was spent trying to get better at team penning. Sorting cattle at the ranch even became a type of practice. To see how you could sort cattle quickly







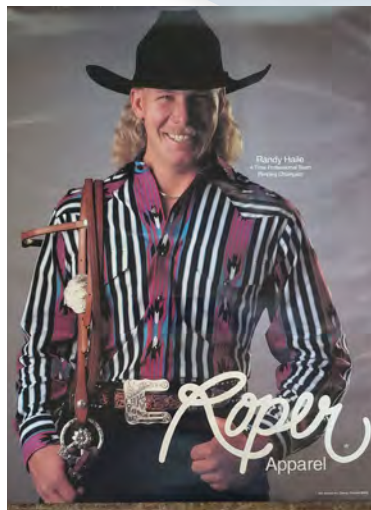
without disturbing the herd. A lot of this work was done on foot. Riding horses to keep them in shape or train them for others was always done with the thought of how to be one with the horse and be more prepared for the arena. Mornings before events were always spent as a team looking at the arena and studying the groups of cattle to try and find any advantage. These habits, good partners, good horses, and luck, led to much success inside and outside of the arena. There have been many wins and year end high point awards in the P.T.P.A., W.C.T.P.A., C.C.P.A., U.S.T.P.A., along with



Looking back, though Randy thinks that winning trailers, saddles, buckles, and money was great; however, the greatest thing was the time spent travelling and competing. Looking forward to that little shot of adrenaline just before you start a run in the finals, but more importantly developing lifelong friendships. These friendships are with partners, competitors, and even the flaggers, announcers, and timekeepers. Randy considers his luckiest accomplishments to be meeting his wife Debbie and getting to have his dad Ron as his main partner for over 25 years. He even has been lucky enough to compete with his daughter Tristan and hopes to be able to one day compete with his new grandson Samuel. Teaching others to pen was something Randy never thought he would do and definitely didn't realize how much he would enjoy it. In the end, it really has been a thrill for Randy to be able to teach to others the "why", and not just the "what" to do and have those students take what they have learned and be successful on their own.



others. Beyond those Randy was able to pay his way through college and graduate from Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo without any debt or student loans. He became the first rider under contract with "Cowboy Up". He did a national advertising campaign for Karmen apparel and their "Roper" line and had endorsement deals with "Professional's Choice", Circle Y, and "Sundowner". Randy has been covered in numerous magazines and papers throughout the United States including an article on strategy for the American Quarter Horse Journal.





## USTPA Hall of Fame Mission Statement

1. Honor the Heroes of Team Penning and Ranch Sorting. We shall recognize and honor those individuals who have made an impact on our sport and our members.
2. Celebrate Excellence. We shall enshrine those who excelled and made our sport better.
3. Preserve our History. We shall honor those who sacrificed and worked whenever they were asked without personal reward.
4. Promote USTPA Values. Family, teamwork, leadership, excellence, horsemanship, community and sportsmanship.

