



Peter Cameron

2005 Inductee

- Licensed Arabian Judge 1973 - 2004

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Chances are anyone who has been involved in showing horses has heard of Peter Cameron. For 46 years, he helped shape the standards of an evolving industry. He did all of this not by breeding, buying, selling or training horses, but through judging. His aptitude for judging horses crossed breed lines and at one time, he held more judges cards in various breeds than anyone else in the world; however, of the 220 learner judges he worked with, 127 were in the Arabian division. He judged every major show of all breeds in North America, as well as the US National Arabian Show several times, Scottsdale, the Gelding Pentathlon and the 1985 Star World Show. He was the top rated judge on the "Green Cards," and logged nearly a million miles of air travel. During his 46-year judging career, he evaluated close to 750,000 horses of all breeds in the show ring. His years of tireless service earned him the Professional Arabian Horseman's Association "Judge of the Year" award in 1991 and 1992, the only two years it was given. By the time he retired in 1996, Peter Cameron had become a legend in his own time. But how did it all come to this?

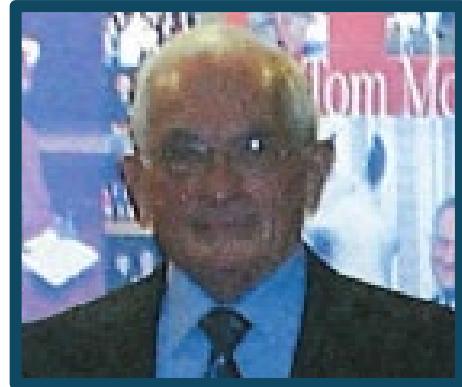
By the age of 6, Peter was already riding horses. As a young child, he often accompanied his mother, a professional hunter/jumper rider, to her training barn, and as a 13 year old entrepreneur, he bought his first horse for \$42.50 so he could deliver the daily newspaper. In his young days, he was known as the modern-day Paul Revere for his 250-mile round trip to a ranch to visit relatives. This probably served him well later when he won the first 50-mile endurance ride ever held in Canada in 1967.

If there was one thing that stands out in everyone's mind about Peter, it was his phenomenal memory – he never wrote any notes except the numbers when he turned in his cards. There was never any game playing when Peter was judging.

Peter was quite the athlete and was even inducted into St. Catharine's Sports Hall of Fame in 1993. However, it was horse judging that was always closest to his heart. His trophy room is literally filled with trophies from bowling, softball, hockey, boxing, basketball and dogs, but it is his "Judge of the Year" bronzes that take center stage.

Peter lives in St. Catharines Canada with his wife of 53 years, Velma. They have 4 children. He is sure that Velma is the one that deserves the medal. He was always away from home either training horses, then playing sports and then judging.

"I never wasted a day in my life!" Peter admits. We agree.



- Information from 1982 AHA Judges' Directory



PETER CAMERON

Born: St. Catharines, Ontario, Canada on September 16, 1928

Education: High School; attended College

Present occupation: Factory Personnel Supervisor

Horse interests: Showing.