

BOB KIECKHEFER

From his office in Prescott, Robert H. Kieckhefer oversees his many businesses, including his sprawling ranch operations where he raises commercial beef cattle and American Quarter Horses. Bob was the 1976 president of the American Quarter Horse Association, and he and his four kids have been involved in all aspects of the industry -- his son uses Quarter Horses to work cattle on the ranch, his three daughters showed horses. The Kieckhefers bought Hank Will as a yearling and campaigned him to be a AAAT racehorse and outstanding halter and performance stallion, which ultimately earned the title of AQHA Supreme Champion.

In the breeding business for more than 30 years, Kieckhefer has been involved in many partnerships for breeding and racing Quarter Horses. In his own name, he has breed 46 winners from 78 starters, including 8 stakes winners and 6 stakes placers, which together have earned more than half a million dollars. Among the best of his solo efforts are Prescott Downs Derby winner The Rush Gets To You, which is last year's West/Southwest high-point three-year-old gelding, and Rush Fora First Down, a track-record-setting, graded stakes-winning earner of \$150,000.