## ARABIAN SPECIAL DIRECTOR for the Texas Thoroughbred HBPA, Inc. 2004 Board of Directors Election BIOGRAPHIES

<u>MIKE FURR</u> <u>OWNER/TRAINER</u>



A native of the San Antonio area, Mike currently lives in Boerne, Texas with his wife and family. As the owner of Furr Racing Stables, he is involved in training and stabling year round at Retama Park in Selma, Texas.

In 1991, Mike and his wife Lynette claimed their first race horse at Bandera Downs. After starting just a few times they won a race and the rest is history. Mike began breaking, training and racing horses off track. Then several years ago he moved his training operation to the San Antonio track. Today he still breaks young horses for other trainers as well. When time allows he enjoys hunting, fishing, rodeos and spending time with his family.

Just recently at Sam Houston Race Park, Mike won his first Arabian stakes race. He has started horses at Bandera Downs, Delaware Park, Lone Star Park, Los Alamitos, Manor Downs, and Sam Houston Race Park just to name a few.

If elected to the board he would like to help make horse racing in Texas the best it can be. His main goal is to protect the Arabian horse racing interests and to be fair and equitable for all owners and trainers racing in Texas. He also supports the expansion of gaming in Texas so that the horse racing industry can thrive, provided that the horsemen are receiving their fair portion of the revenue from video lottery terminals.

DAN McNAIR OWNER/TRAINER



Dan McNair was born in Sacramento, California and currently is the owner and operator of Action Training Center in Pinehurst, Texas. Action Training Center is a horse breeding and race horse training facility.

In the early 1970's Dan got his start in horse racing by exercising race horses. He broke and exercised Arabians and Thoroughbreds for other trainers. After falling in love with the sport in 1992 he decided to get his trainers license and won the second race he ever entered in 1993. Mostly he trains for himself, but in recent years he has opened his business to train for the public. Dan continues to train and really enjoys working with horses and helping the industry through participation on several boards representing the horsemen. He has started horses at Gillespie County Fair Race Meet, Lone Star Park, Louisiana Downs, Retama Park and Sam Houston Race Park.

Currently he is the Arabian Special Director for the Texas Thoroughbred HBPA, Inc. board of directors. He is a member of the Texas Arabian Breeder's Association and has also served on the Texas Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association board from 1998 to 2001. During this time he also served on the Texas Horsemen's Partnership Management Committee, the managing partner between the THBPA and the TTHBPA.

Mr. McNair knows that it takes a long time to understand the mechanics of the many different aspects of generating the handle and purses and to develop the working relationships to effectively address all of the important issues facing the racing industry. His goals are to create additional revenues for purses thru legislation and marketing, to continue to increase a sense of fairness, cooperation, and unity with the various breeds and race tracks, and to continue to find ways to improve conditions of health, safety, and the well being of the horses and people that participate in this fantastic sport at all levels.