

SCROHA

remembers and honors



I had a horse one time that was really stiff and did not want to turn off the poll. But he was a really great fence horse. I was at Doug's place and I was riding and went down the fence. He made really good turns. I said to him, "I would like to have more feel on this horse." He looked at me and said "You stupid SOB, that's a great horse, leave him alone!"

- RON EMMONS

One of the things Doug told me while riding with him as a youth was "the horse just can't pull on the bridle reins." That really resonated with me.

- SARAH DAWSON

Doug always had a smile on his face and he always treated people with respect. That's a gift, because we can't all do that at all times. I don't ever remember seeing Dougy angry. Win lose or draw, he'd come out of the pen with a smile on his face.

- BRENDON CLARK

The best thing about Doug, and his legacy - he was probably the first person to treat me as a human, as an assistant trainer. He made you feel like he was glad you were there.

- CHRIS DAWSON

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I spent a couple years around Doug. The biggest training impact he had on me was to "teach your horses what you want. Don't let them learn what you don't want. That will keep the process moving forward."

- ROY RICH

I was having trouble with one down the fence, his advice was simple. He said, "keep it cowboy and get the job done." I think embodies who Doug is.

- PHILLIP RALLS

The greatest thing I learned from Doug was just watching him. The way he would just sit up there and let his horses run pure and straight, find the turn all on their own. He trusted his horses at a high rate of speed, and that is burned into my mind about how Doug rode.

- RUSSELL DILDAY

I can tell you one thing about Doug: he never thought he wasn't going to win! He always had that attitude up until the last time he showed. Being around him charged you up!

- KEN WOLD

It went beyond training, he was always there as a friend. He always said, "keep looking up, keep going forward, you got this."

- JUSTIN WRIGHT

I was having some anxiety when I was first going down the fence and Doug said, "let me tell you, hon. Put that horses nose on the rib and let it roll!"

- ERIN TAORMINO

Doug said "make it simple, kid!"

- BRANDY WEAVER