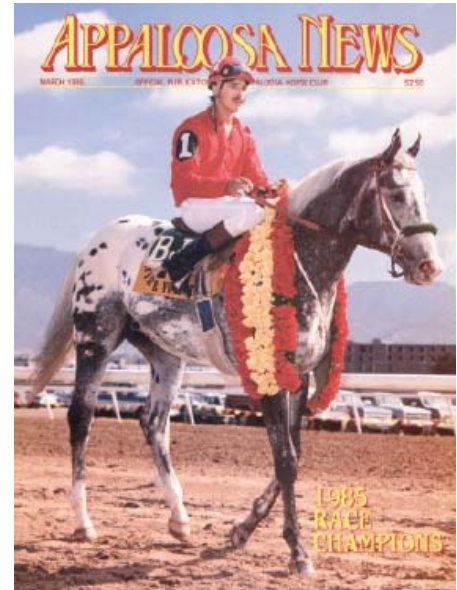


## I Love Willie

1983-2011

With his striking good looks and spectacular wins in prestigious races, I Love Willie became one of the most popular and well-known Appaloosa racehorses of his day.

A half-brother of Wing It, Willie was sired by Bull Nunnely and out of Cedar Mai (JC) and became yet another star in Bill Jones' breeding program. After his own success, he may be most widely remembered for his ability to sire both show and racing champions. Based on that versatility he was inducted into the ApHC Hall of Fame in 2011, and now finalizes his place in history with his inclusion in the Racing Hall of Fame.



Under the careful guidance of Hall of Fame trainer Henry “Red” Smith, and the promotion and love of Hall of Fame legend Victoria Ennis, I Love Willie never flinched in the face of great expectations. The charismatic and talented young Willie met every challenge, surpassed every goal and quickly began his path to being one of the greatest athletes and one of the most influential Appaloosa sires of all time.

Dr. David Miller DVM, when asked about Bill Jones' breeding program, said, “I guess Bill's philosophy was a little different from most Appaloosa people. At that time, the racing Appaloosa breeders were crossing Appaloosa mares on the nicer Quarter Horse stallions to raise colts. Bill went the other direction and bred more of the Thoroughbred sprinting-type mares to his Appaloosa studs.” It was an innovative approach that certainly seemed to work. Willie's sire Bull Nunneley, the center of Bill's program, sired earners of over \$1.5 million on the racetrack. Doing his part of that, in two short years Willie went 9 of 14 for \$122,285.29 with an overall speed rating of 100. In 1985 he was Champion 2-Year-Old Sprint Colt, Champion 2-Year-Old Distance Colt, and won his Bronze Medallion for being Supreme Champion 2-Year-Old Colt. He then wrapped up 1986 with his Bronze Superior Racing 3-Year-Old Colt Medallion.

Willie is believed to be the only horse ever to win the Sprint Championship and the Distance Championship in the same year. True to his famous bloodlines, he went on to sire 73 race starters who've earned more than a million dollars and 16 Race Medallions.

Proving his versatility, his foals have also accomplished the following: 48 performance point earners; 55 halter point earners; 8 Halter Superior Events; 7 Performance Superior Events; 9 Club Champions; 4 Versatility Champions; 44 Bronze Medallions; 86 Registers of Merit; collectively earned a total of 2,165.9 performance points and 1,417.0 halter points.

A trackside photo of Willie was made into a poster after his World Wide Futurity win in 1985 and also became one of the all-time most memorable covers of Appaloosa News in March of 1986. I Love Willie

was a great ambassador for the breed and for Appaloosa racing. His legacy is strong and his induction into the Racing Hall of Fame is well earned.

**Major Accomplishments:**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Place</b>	<b>Stake Race (CITY)</b>
1986	Third	Valley Racing Derby (Fresno)
1985	First	World Stallion Classic Futurity (Farmington)
1985	First	World Wide Futurity (Albuquerque)
1985	First	Star Of Stars Futurity (Los Alamitos)

**Year E.R.C . Race Championships & Awards**

1985	Supreme Champion 2-Year-Old Of The Year
1985	Champion 2-Year-Old Distance Colt
1985	Champion 2-Year-Old Sprint Colt
1985	Bronze Medallion

**Sire Production – Race**

Cumulative Dollars Earned: \$1,011,623  
Number Of Starters: 73  
Average Lifetime Earnings Of Starters: \$13,858  
Total Registered Foals: 184  
Number Of Foals Who Are Winners: 49  
Number Of Foals Earning Stakes Wins: 7  
Number Of Foals Earning Stakes Placed: 21  
Number Of Foals Earning Registers Of Merit: 26  
Total Number Of Medallions Won By Foals: 16  
Number Of Foals Earning Champion Awards: 9  
Number Of Foals Earning Supreme Champion Awards: 4  
Number Of Foals Earning Regional Champion Awards: 8