



Charles Tanner Jr.

Ocala Flight. Ocala Light. Star Diver. Time Flies. These are just a few Appaloosas that were a result of Charles Tanner Jr.'s exceptional breeding program. Located in Ocala, Florida, Charles' farm was the first home to winners that earned him a spot in the Racing Hall of Fame.

Charles' early stallion, Chief Devil Diver, was the 1966 Sooner Maturity winner and won six of seven starts against Quarter Horses while racing in Florida. He sired Star Diver, a speedster who won his 1970 World Wide Futurity trial heat and the final in record time against other greats like Whats Up Ghost and Rocketeer.

One of Charles's best broodmares was Ocala Rose, a 1958 mare who produced two great broodmares. She was the foundation of Charles' program that foaled Ocala Princess, who in turn foaled Ocala Flight, Ocala Light and Ocala Might, whose combined earnings total \$32,119. Her 1963 filly Rose Time, a 1988 Hall of Fame inductee, produced the Hall of Famers Time Flies and Deep South.

In 10 years, Charles was consistently in the top 10 for ApHC leading owner or breeder with most wins. In 1980 he earned the leading breeder award and was still in the top 20 on the leading breeder list in 1986.

Charles was the second breeder to produce two World Wide Futurity winners—the 1973 winner Time Flies and 1976 winner Star Diver. Star Diver won the first



California Derby held in 1971 and set an ApHC world record for 4 furlongs. The stallion was also the first Appaloosa to sell for the record-setting price of \$100,000.

Known as a breeder's breeder, the Tanner program eventually produced twelve bronze race medallion winners, including Bar T's Man and Deep Diver.