

THE DAY I LOST MY MIND: NU BAR

This month I am going to tell you a story about a very special horse and the chain of events and relationships that all came with this little stallion.

His name was Nu Bar, he was a direct son of Doc Bar and his dam was Tressa Tivio, a daughter of Poco Tivio. Nu Bar was a full brother to Fizzabar, Cal Bar, Docs Haida, and Docs Remedy. A very impressive family, all winners and all having a long term, profound effect on the current blood lines of today's cutting horse industry.



In 1973, I was working out of Ed and Modine Smith's ranch in Escalon, CA. I heard that Arnold Dolcini up in Petaluma, had Nu Bar for sale. He was



Nu Bar, a 1970 stallion by Doc Bar out of Tressa Tivio, was last owned by Arnold Dolcini. Nu Bar is the sire of 92 performers that have earned \$984,511.40 and is the grandsire of 49 performers with more than \$123,293 in earnings.

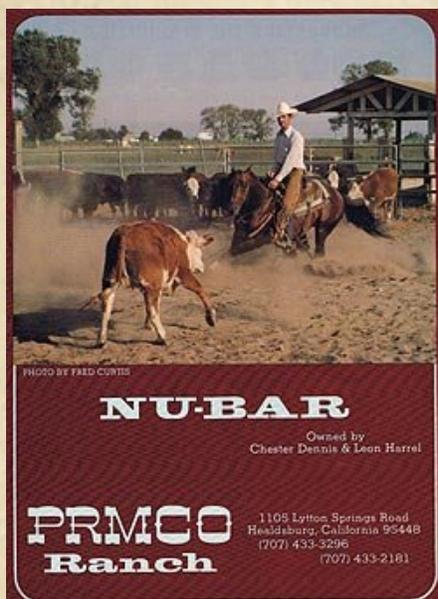
unbroken and 2 yrs. old at that point and Arnold was asking \$10,000 for him. So a friend of mine, Dennis Hatfield and I hooked up a stock trailer and away we went. Arnold's ranch was an old Jersey Dairy, it had wire fences falling down everywhere, cattle feeders and old machinery laying around, and right in the middle of all this was a very old mare and a 2 yr. old stallion that wasn't even halter broke! That was my introduction

to Nu Bar. I looked him over, couldn't find a scratch on him and he was absolutely beautiful! I told Arnold I would take him.

So, I wrote Arnold a check, with the words, "that check's no good, but if you'll give me two weeks, either the funds will be there to cover it, or else I will bring your colt back with two weeks of training at no cost to you." Yup, that check was hotter than a pistol. Arnold just grinned and replied, "Son, you got a deal." Dennis and I caught the old mare and led her into the trailer, the colt followed, then we just led her back out. He was loaded and ready to go, and we

hadn't laid a hand on him, I love it when a plan comes together. When we pulled out of the drive, Arnold grinned, waved and said, "I'll be talkin to you!"

Nu Bar was a tremendous horse to train, and he made a great futurity horse for Ft. Worth, however, the futurity didn't go as I had planned. I won the first go around, split 2nd and 3rd in the second go around, and I won the semi finals by four points but back fenced a cow in the finals as the whistle was blowing. Nu Bar was the last horse to work. I was crushed, I got off and led him out of the arena as the crowd gave the brilliant little stallion a standing ovation. I went over to my partner Hannah, who was as mad as a wet hen, she wanted to sell her half of the colt back for her original investment. I walked two boxes down and asked Chester Dennis if he wanted to buy her half out. He got a big smile on his face and immediately wrote her a check right there on the spot. Hannah was out, Chester was in.



My new partnership with Chester was great. I couldn't have asked for a better friend or partner, he was a real gem and a genuinely wonderful man. Nu Bar was 3rd in the NCHA Derby that year, won the PCCHA Maturity, the Northwest Maturity, was PCCHA Novice Horse of the Year and was the Champion AQHA Junior Stallion. The following year he was the PCCHA Open Champion in the Seven Western States and finished 6th in the top ten of the NCHA Open Championship.

That was the last year we showed him, he retired sound, healthy – he was never injured, sick or had any injections the whole time he performed. Nu Bar was a pretty good sire too, his first crop of colts went to the futurity and were very successful. I rode a roan stallion named Roan Star Bar and finished 3rd with him. Francine Linders from Tulare, CA made the non pro finals on Nu Early Time. Buddy Westphall from Montana made the non pro finals on a filly by Nu Bar, and my dear friend Tom Tofell made the non pro

finals and missed the open finals by ½ point on a horse named Nu Bar Double Doc. Nu Niner Bar was reserve She was up against 120 horses. Everywhere we went, she either won or placed, she was a real “show horse” and a blast to show!

Several years later, Nu Bar was sold in a dispersal sale. Upon hearing that he was being sold, my friend, Keith Barnett, called and told me that he wanted me to buy Nu Bar in the sale for him. He said he had a client that wanted to own him. Well, I wasn't about to sign for the kind of money I knew he'd go for in that sale, I trusted Keith, but I was still very uncomfortable since I didn't know this man of his from Adam. It tends to get a little sticky if you buy a horse in a sale (not to mention one with a very high profile) and don't have the money to pay for it immediately.

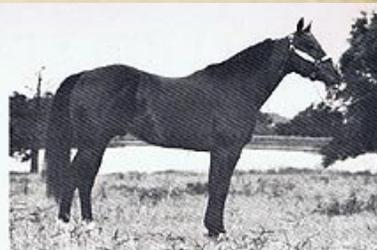
The day of the sale, I saw Nu Bar in a special pen by himself, so I strolled over to say hello and reacquaint myself with him. After fussing over him for a few minutes I turned to walk away. It was at that point that he picked his head up and nickered at me. That did it... I bid on him and bought him at auction for \$1.1 million dollars that day. Talk about betting the ranch! I thought to myself, hmmm... what have I done now??? It sure seemed like the right choice at the time even though it didn't make much sense. I believe in miracles, they happen to me every day and that day was no exception. It was a blessing in disguise. The opportunity that presented itself to me that day looking like a potential disaster turned out to be the beginning of yet another very special relationship in my life thanks to cutting. The extraordinary gentleman that I purchased Nu Bar for, was Bob Waltrip from Houston, TX. Bob became a great friend and client for many years, and I enjoyed his friendship immensely.

Til next time... cut clean, quit clean and have fun in the middle!

PRMCO RANCH DISPERSAL SALE RESULTS

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Sale Management
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NU BAR

Horse	Buyer	Amount
NU BAR	Leon Harrel, Agent	\$1,000,000
NUBIE	Indian Creek Ranch	15,000
REALLY NU	H.K. Miller	17,000
GINER MUSE	Hubert Boone & Sons	3,000
REYS THE CURTAIN	The Two Bit Ranch	1,500
VERDAD DE PEPPI	Rapp's Q. H. Ranch	13,000
DENNIS NU BAR	Walter & Hazel Perry	3,500
REYS A FUNNYFACE	Shelton Ranches, Inc.	3,700
LITTLE MORE SUGAR	David Hammond	2,000
NU BARS BREEZE	Monte Larsen	2,200
REYS A FUNNYFACE	Jim Villas	2,250
UNNAMED	T. Passalacqua	3,000
RONIS BREEZE	Shelton Ranches, Inc.	6,000
MS LINTON	Oxbow Ranch	20,000
NU CHIX	H. Garms	1,350
SWIFT MUSIC	No Sale	
NU SPUR	No Sale	
INI A SPUR TOO	No Sale	
UNNAMED	Herbert Switzer	1,500
REINA LOUISA	Riley West, Inc.	30,000
SO WHATS NU	So Whats Nu Synd.	30,000
NU SENSATION	Strain Ranches, Inc.	31,000
CHIC MIDNIGHT	No Sale	
NU RED BARS	Sharon E. Benedict	13,500
PANA REED	Thomas Passalacqua	6,000
SKIPS SHEET DOLLY	Coyes Cattle Co.	1,500
NUTRON	Max Hanson	1,400
UNNAMED	C.W. Dennis	3,000
HEART BAR MAGIE	Mary Alice Neal	12,000
NU WAY TO WIN	Riley West, Inc.	9,500
REYS A KEEPER	Donald F. Quarren	1,450
RENO BARRED STAR	Mary Alice S. Neal	2,000
NU BARS KATHY	Lone Pine Ranch	2,500
UNNAMED	Jimmie Rogers	5,000
WHAT ELSE IS NU	Thomas Passalacqua	3,000
DUST PAN	Carl Jochim	1,000
HOLLYWOOD SALLY	Jim L. Luis	4,250
UNNAMED	Lone Pine Ranch	16,500
NU AND NIFTY	Doug & Betty Erben	1,500
TEERDS BAY	Indian Creek Ranch	3,200
NU PLAN	Shelton Ranches, Inc.	4,500
	Jim Luis	8,000

TACHA ROJA	Shelton Ranches, Inc.	21,000
NU BARS BUCK	Carl Jochim	2,200
NU BARS DUN IT	West Wind Ranch	2,300
UNNAMED	H. Garms	1,700
SKIP THIS ONE	H.K. Miller	2,000
FAME RALEIGH SKIP	Gene Herrmann	2,000
REYS A SCOOTER	Coyes Cattle Co.	950
LOOKS LIKE NU	Ira Warner	700
NUS FROM HOLLYWOOD	Donald Pickard	16,000
NUS BAR 89	Shelton Ranch	9,500
NUFO SUGAR	Mary Alice Neal	23,000
UNNAMED	Riley West, Inc.	4,300
BILL'S PAPOOSE	Shelton Ranches, Inc.	12,000
NUS FROM HOME	Dick Helm	5,000
SPANISH HARLEM	The Two Bit Ranch	4,800
WHOS NU BAR	Riley West, Inc.	3,300
NULY RICH	Donald Gay	3,000
ESTRELLADA	Madison Smith	10,250
NU EQUIPMENT	Norman Hudson	1,700
DORILLIE	Shelton Ranches, Inc.	8,250
ROYAL SCAT CAT	Robert Sullivan	2,000
NU HORIZONS	Marilyn Camarillo	1,700
REED'S CATNIP	Thomas Passalacqua	3,500
NU BARS HOMER	Riley West, Inc.	1,900
PEGGY RAYSEN	C.W. Dennis	1,500
REYS A BANNER	C.W. Dennis	7,000
REYS A STORM	Jim & Carol Jerecreek	3,000
BLACKBURN 15	Indian Creek Ranch	15,000
COUNTY HOSTESS	Lone Pine Ranch	8,000
NULY PERFECT	Cindy & Clint Rafter	9,250
GOOD AS NU	Kenneth Chesnut	8,000
ANN RAISEN	A. Dennis	6,500
PRETTY GOOD NUS	Monte Larsen	5,000
TACHADA	Shelton Ranches, Inc.	20,000
SHEBA NU RED BAR	Robert M. Rocha	27,000
NICE AND NU	Coyes Cattle Co.	2,500
NU NINER BAR	Myrna Harrel	70,000
THE NUS IS GOOD	Wildes & Luis	25,000
NU LEGEND	Chester Dennis	5,500
REYS LONG LEGS	No Sale	
UNNAMED	Wildes & Luis	6,000
SESSION'S LEOLITA	T. Passalacqua	36,000
NU QUESTION	Eden Valley Ranch	2,200
WHERE'S CHESTER	Eden Valley Ranch	2,000