



## 2024 Reining Australia Hall of Fame Recipients

### 2024 - Yves Cousinard and Christine Bayer

JE NE SAIS QUOI - (French noun) - An indefinable, elusive quality, especially a pleasing one..... and no better way of describing our latest Reining Australia 2024 Hall of Fame Inductees Pacific Performance Horses.

Theirs has been a lifelong equine love affair and our industry has been the direct beneficiary of their passion, commitment and vision.

The outstanding legacy that Yves Cousinard, Christine Bayer and their Pacific Performance Horses have created, has truly shaped our industry and will continue to be an influence in our breeding and performance programs, for many years to come.

Pioneers in the importation of international bloodlines and Architects of our renowned Gold Buckle Futurity program, the Australian Reining Industry is overwhelmingly indebted to the outstanding deeds of Pacific Performance Horses.

Congratulations Yves & Christine on your deserved induction into the Reining Australia Hall of Fame.

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Yves Cousinard and Christine Bayer breeding program is nothing short of visionary.

Among the first to introduce world-class bloodlines into Australia using International frozen semen, their exceptional mares produce progeny that dominate major reining events winner's circle across the country.

PPH a brand you can trust with the quality you can expect!

They were instrumental in developing the Gold Buckle Nomination Program, with Yves and Christine annually nominating foals. Reining Australia members are forever grateful for their contribution to the Reining Industry.

Christine & Yves have extensive experience handling performance horses in dressage, show jumping, western pleasure, cutting and reining. They have successfully competed in Europe, the US and Australia.

Christine is a former member of the French and Belgium National Teams in reining and cutting which competed in the US in Oklahoma and Houston in 1991 and 1992 and she was a foundation member and secretary of the NRHA and AQHA in France.

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Pacific Performance Horses at Biddadabba via Canungra is a long way from France for Yves Cousinard and Christine Bayer.

Story by Peter Llewellyn

Now Australian citizens these two former French nationals established Pacific Performance Horses in South East Queensland in 2002 to breed and train quality cutting and reining horses and add an international flavor to cutting and reining in Australia.

Their program focus's on accessing the very best US sires for their mares. Progeny from the exceptional horse "Smart Lil Ricochet" are already on the ground, mares are in foal now to Who Whiz It and Commanders Nic. Christine explains 'Sires are only one part of the genetic equation and our mares have been carefully chosen and represent only the very best quality blood lines such as from Docs Spinifex Q-5015, Cuttabars Colonel Q-15688 and Proud To Be An Okie Q-20218. Whilst there are many well bred Australian Sires our international program at Pacific Performance Horses will only help improve the genetic gene pool and add to the quality of horses in competition here. Our program is selective, focusing on quality not quantity. In this way we too can provide the best individual care and attention to each horse in our program, encouraging them in either discipline, or as is often the case, in both cutting and reining when this aptitude is apparent'.

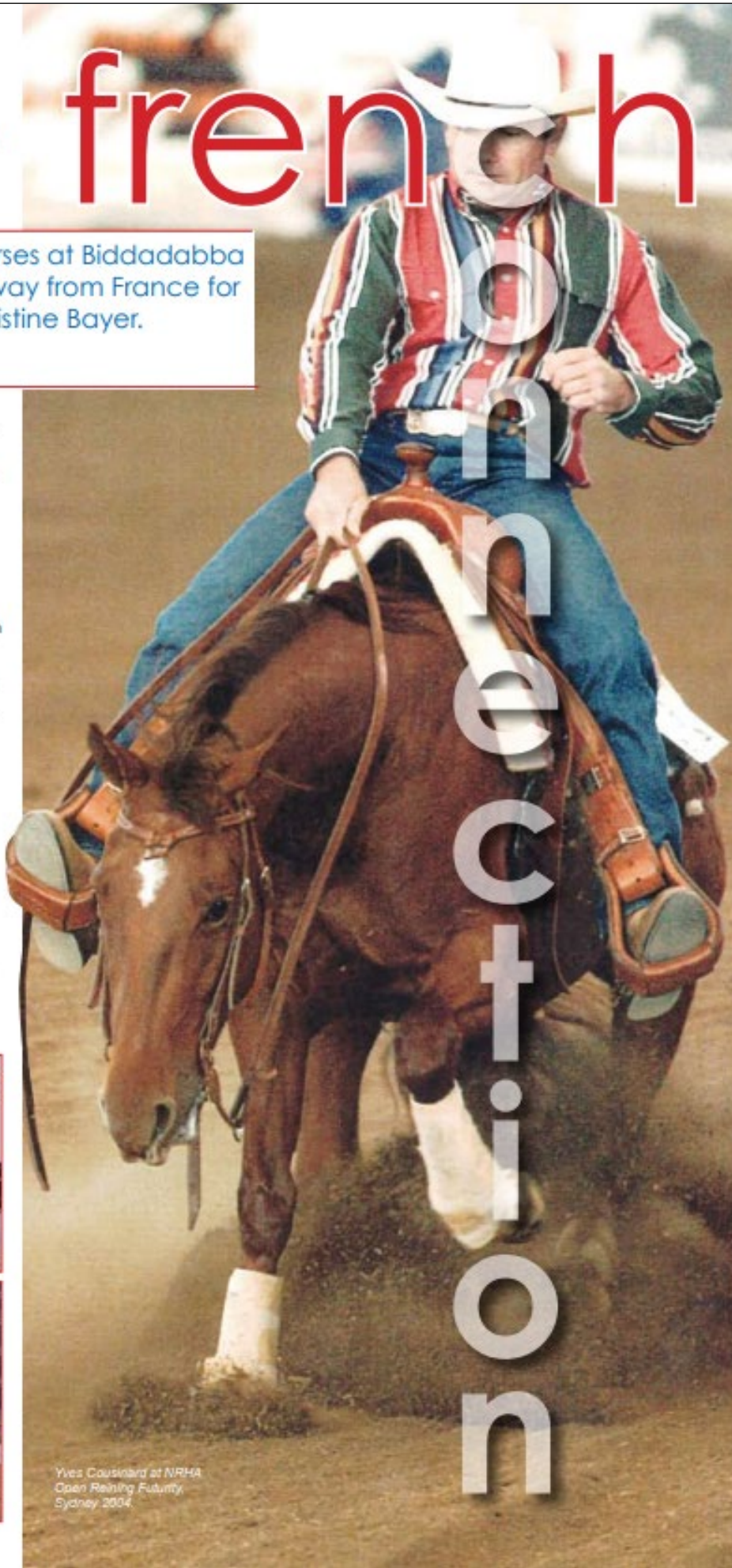
Between them, Yves and Christine have extensive experience handling performance horses in dressage, show jumping, western pleasure, cutting and reining, competing successfully throughout Europe and the US and more recently here in Australia.



Pacific Performance Horses, Biddadabba via Canungra, SE QLD.



Christine Bayer, Reining Demonstration, Chambard France 1990.



Yves Cousinard at NRHA Open Reining Futurity, Sydney 2004.



Christine Bayer at AQHA International Championships, Houston USA 1992.



Christine Bayer at European Championships, Reining, Aachen, Germany, 1997.



Yves Couillard International Show Jumping, Wellington, NZ, 1988.

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This year you will see Yves showing a Playboy Roy Q-31044 colt, Playboy in Heaven Q-50711 at the Futurity in Tamworth and a Whizzel A Melodie Q-43621 mare Sweet Whiz Melodie Q-45527 in the Classic/Challenge. In 2004 Sweet Whiz Melodie won the Pacific Coast Junior Reining Class at Gatton, two weeks later she won the first GR snaffle bit cutting at Tamworth

and was Reserve Champion in the Limited Open National Reining Futurity in Sydney proving that gifted Quarter Horses can succeed in both disciplines. 'We have some exceptional young talent in training who are going to be very exciting to watch when we come to show them over the next few years.' Yves said. 'As new Aussies we are here to stay and looking forward to interesting times ahead and success in the pen.'

Pacific Performance Horses 16 stable complex is an approved quarantine facility and regularly export horses overseas on behalf of clients.

The facility includes a cutting pen, large sand arena and round yard.

'We welcome no obligation inspection of our facility and horses' said Yves. If you are interested in breeding, showing, tuition or looking for an exceptionally well bred cutting or reining horse, Yves or Christine are happy to assist you.

As I leave Yves and Christine 'Au Revoir' I say, 'No' says Yves, 'See you again soon mate'. Not only are Yves and Christine a very modest couple they already sound like fair dinkum Aussies.



Broodmares and Smart Lil Ricochet foals.

# PACIFIC PERFORMANCE HORSES

BREEDING AND TRAINING QUALITY REINING AND CUTTING HORSES

SELLING FOALS FROM TOP US Sires:

**SMART LIL RICOCHET** - Top ten cutting sire (USA)

Mares in Foal to **WHO WIZ IT** - by Tapsal Whiz, national reining's Million Dollar Sire USA. (pic right)

PLUS PROGENY ALSO AVAILABLE FROM: Moore Little Peppy, Hickory CD, High Brows Doctor, Cardinal Spln.



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