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## THE WORKING LINES

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# Vested Pine - The Story Continues

We saw in the last installment of "The Working Lines" that Vested Pine proved to Bill and Tina Kaven that he was a top show horse. So the next step for Bill and Tina was to find out what kind of sire Vested Pine would make. This led them to develop a breeding program with Vested Pine as their sire for the future.

The proof is in the show record of the Vested Pine foals. Vested Pine has sired foals that have excelled in both the AQHA and the NSBA. He has sired 64 AQHA point earners that have to date earned 38 ROM and 13 Superiors Awards. The Vested Pine foals have earned \$208,862.96 in the NSBA and the AQHA. Leading the pack of show horses sired by Vested Pine we find such noted names as Vested Faith, Britney Pine, I Gotta Good Name and A Classy Pine. These four show horses account for three open and youth World Championships and four open and amateur Reserve World Championships. These four performers represent a couple of very interesting breeding patterns for Vested Pine as a sire and that is the rest of our story.

The Vested Pine breeding program got in full swing as Tina did her home work. Her home work crossed my path and the path of a couple of noted quarter horse breeders. She explained, "I had several people helping me learn about the breeding. I learned from you and a lot from Dan and Carol McWhirter and I learned a lot from Mary Kay Steyskal. I learned a lot about the pedigree and family. I learned what a family meant in breeding terms. Mary Kay talked about breeding mares to Vested Pine that were the type of quality that you would be happy with the produce. That became very important to us. Carol always stressed conformation traits. She beat hocks and correct movement into my head. So between the pedigree discussions, conformation discussions and the movement discussions and keeping an eye out for quality, we looked for mares that we thought would compliment Vested Pine.

One of the mares that became an integral part of the

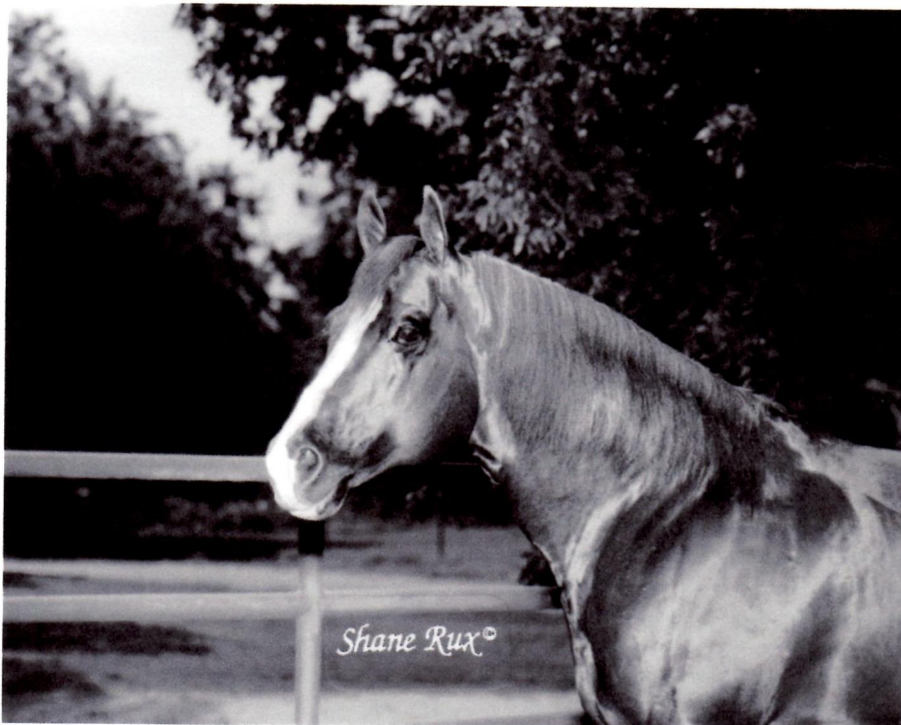


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Kaven breeding program was Cinnamon Seeker. This 1981 sorrel mare was a great producing mare whose first seven foals were all point earners in the AQHA before she produced her first Vested Pine foal. Tina explains, "We had the privilege of picking out and training Lotto Flash." Lotto Flash was a 1993 gelding sired by Flashy Zipper. This good gelding has earned 246.5 open performance points; 156.5 amateur performance points and 16 youth performance points. He was the 1998 AQHA Amateur World Champion Western Pleasure.

Tina continued, "We loved him (Lotto Flash) so much that we bought his mother. When I looked at this mare, she had two things that were important to us. She was very straight in her hocks and flat in her knee and that sold me on her. She was a pretty, big mare, but the important factors were that she was flat in her knee and straight in her hocks. Never in my life did I realize what the Vested Pine and Cinnamon Seeker cross was going to produce."

The first Vested Pine foal out of Cinnamon Seeker was Lotto Pine. This 1997 gelding has earned 68 open performance points and 8.5 amateur points. He is a World Show qualifier in both Junior and Senior Western Pleasure. He is Superior in Western Pleasure.

The next foal out of Cinnamon Seeker and Vested Pine is the great mare Vested Faith. This 1998 mare has earned 700 AQHA open performance points and 529.5 youth points. Her titles include 2003 NSBA Horse of the Year; the 2002 AQHYA World Championship in Western Pleasure and the 2004 AQHA Open Reserve World Championship. One of

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Tammie Wynette was the dam of Police Woman. Her sire was Harlan by Hank H. Hank H being the sire of Last Hank, the broodmare sire of Logan's Miss Lue, second dam of The Investor.

These are four good examples of the success of Vested Pine as a sire. His success is not limited to these four mares. He has sired performers out of mares sired by Boston Made, JBL Wish Me Luck, Impulsions and Zippos Mr Goodbar. All four of these broodmare sires represent both linebreeding and outcrossing patterns in the mares that have been bred to Vested Pine.

The success of Bill, Tina and their great stallion Vested Pine became a very large project. "When we moved to Texas, we had six training horses in the barn. We were wondering how are we going to bring it all together. We were asking ourselves if this would work." Tina continued, "We did feel that with both a training and breeding program that if one area began to falter, we would have the other to fall back on."

"But with every year came more and more success as both programs grew. Then one day we came to the conclusion that the business was beginning to own us. We found that we were not spending time as a family. So we had to readjust our priorities," added Tina.

"Bill asked me if I was done showing and I said, 'No I'm not done. I love riding and I love showing,'" noted Tina about her show career. "So we decided that if something came along and we could sell Vested Pine, we would do it. Then we would put all our effort in the training business. So when a buyer came up for Vested Pine, we realized that God was telling us to sell and so we did."

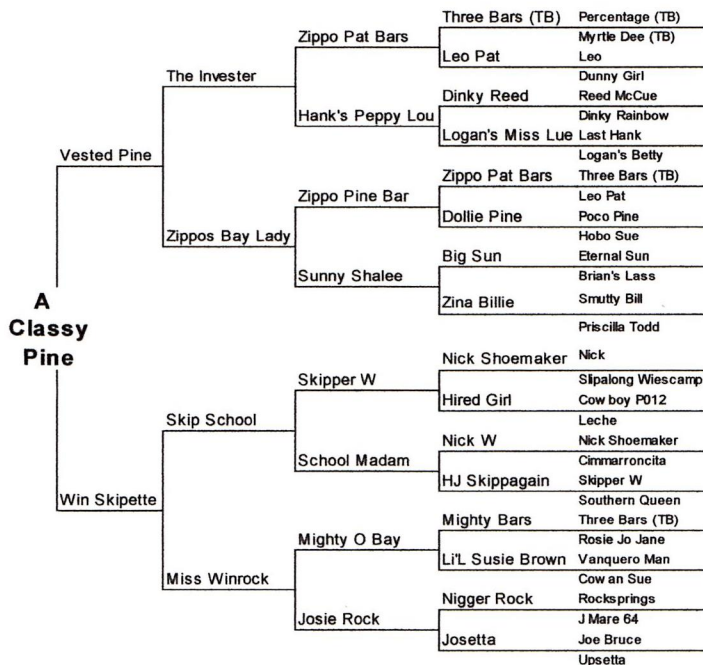
Well it didn't take long for Vested Pine to find a buyer in Maxim Show Horses. The Maxim Show Horses is a new breeding endeavor between Mike and Mary Marsh and Nickey and Cindy Maxey.

Here is how Mike Marsh explains what took place, "I've been in the horse business all my life. I have done a little bit of everything from quarter horses to thoroughbreds. I was standing Colonels Smokingun for Kim Sloan in New Jersey. When Kim decided to get out of the breeding business, we started looking at our options."

He continued, "We actually started looking for our own program. We found that Nickey Maxie was looking for someone to take over his facilities as well as a partner. So we made the move with the goal of setting up a topnotch breeding operation. We didn't have any idea of who we were going to stand, but the goal was to find a great pleasure type stallion and a great hunt seat type stallion."

"We had no intention of buying Vested Pine, but had called Tim Folck about Invitation Only, that was going to be for sale. Tim told me that Vested Pine was for sale." stated Marsh. "As soon as he said the name, I knew the horse and I had no clue that he would be for sale. I told him don't tell anybody else. We want to buy that horse."

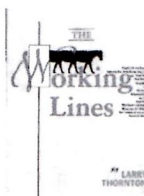
"I had watched Tina show the horse and I had followed the success they were having with his get. I was impressed with his foals and what they had been able to do. We felt



Vested Pine would be a great horse for our program and what we wanted to do. We want to take off where they left off."

"We are going to focus on a quality breeding program. We have a great pleasure stallion in place now, with Vested Pine and in the near future we hope to have a quality hunt seat stallion in place. I have ventured out into other things in the horse business, but my heart has always been in the pleasure horses. I guess God lead us in that direction when we got Vested Pine. When he fell in our lap. He has some great foal crops coming up the next couple of years and I feel he will be a hall of fame sire before we're through."

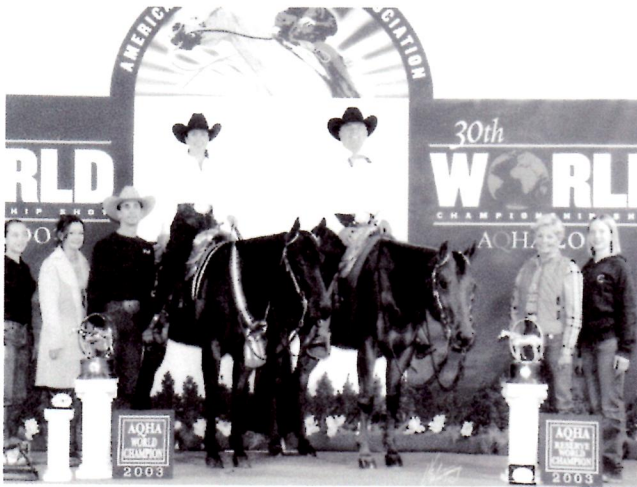
The interesting part of this last statement by Mike has a real ring of the truth in it. Vested Pine is credited with putting Bill and Tina Kaven on the western pleasure map. He was successful as a show horse making Tina Kaven, a top open competitor. He put Bill and Tina into the horse breeding business by proving to be a great sire, with his foals winning major titles in the AQHA and NSBA. So it only seems inevitable that he will put Maxim Show Horses on the map and himself into the Hall of Fame. I don't think we can expect anything less from Vested Pine.



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*This is Britney Pine & Vested Faith winning the 2003 AQHA World Championship & Reserve World Championship in Junior Western Pleasure. Photo courtesy of Bill & Tina Kaven.*

her latest titles is the 2005 All American Quarter Horse Congress Youth 12-14 Western Pleasure Championship with Marissa Dalton in the saddle. Vested Faith has earned \$73,486 in the NSBA and AQHA.

Cinnamon Seeker is a daughter of Dandy Seeker by the Supreme Champion Goldseeker Bars. Goldseeker Bars was sired by Three Bars and out of Spanish Joy by Spanish Nick. The dam of Spanish Joy was Joy Ann, by Gold Mount. Her dam was Red Bird Shoemaker. Spanish Joy was bred by Hank Wiescamp.

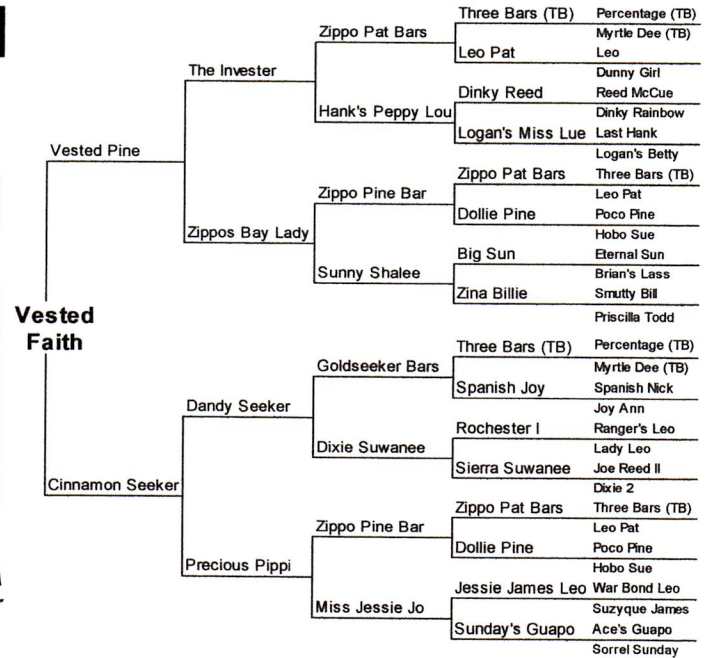
The dam of Dandy Seeker was Dixie Suwanee by Rochester I. Rochester I was sired by Ranger's Leo by Leo. The dam of Rochester I was Lady Leo by Leo. This makes Rochester I 2 X 2 inbred to Leo. Just as Leo was 2 X 2 inbred to Joe Reed P-3.

The dam of Dixie Suwanee was Sierra Suwanee by Joe Reed II. Joe Reed II being the sire of Leo. This gives us an interesting breeding pattern as Dandy Seeker is a combination of Three Bars on Leo and Joe Reed II.

The dam of Cinnamon Seeker was Precious Pippi by Zippo Pine Bar. Zippo Pine Bar being sired by Zippo Pat Bars, by Three Bars and out of Leo Pat by Leo. Thus Precious Pippi brings another cross of Three Bars and Leo. When we add in the Zippo Pat Bars blood in Vested Pine, we get a breeding pattern of 3 X 4 X 4 to Zippo Pat Bars. This also gives us a pedigree pattern of 4 X 5 X 4 X 5 to Three Bars.

Miss Jessi Jo was the dam of Precious Pippi. This mare was sired by Jessie James Leo, an AQHA High Point Cutting Horse. Jessie James Leo was sired by War Bond Leo by War Leo. War Leo was sired by Leo's Question by Leo. This makes Vested Faith 5 X 6 X 6 X 6 X 6 X 8 to Leo. When we add in the Joe Reed blood in The Investor and Sierra Suwanee, we find that Vested Faith has at least 15 crosses to Joe Reed P-3.

The interesting part of this pedigree pattern to Three Bars



and Leo is the fact that it is balanced throughout the pedigree. We see both male and female influences by these two stallions on the pedigree. Our goal with linebreeding is to give the individual being produced the opportunity to inherit as many of the common ancestor(s) desirable genes as possible. We want to put those desirable genes from the common ancestor into the linebred individual. The best way to do this is to have the blood of the common ancestor(s) spaced throughout the pedigree taking advantage of both male and female sources of this blood. We also want to increase the number of paths or avenues the genes can take to get to the linebred individual. Vested Faith certainly has taken advantage of this goal as a great representative of the Three Bars/Leo cross.

One of the key parts of this balance comes when we look at the sire line and the tail female line. We see that Zippo Pat Bars is in the sire line of Vested Pine. When we look at the tail female line. We find Zippo Pine Bars by Zippo Pat Bar is the sire of the second dam of Vested Faith. Thus the tail female line is influenced by Zippo Pat Bar. This is an example of what we call balancing the pedigree through the top of the top of the pedigree and the bottom of the bottom of the pedigree. This gives us an influence on the pedigree through the sire line and the tail female line. Another form of balancing the pedigree.

Cinnamon Seeker was the dam of an unshown mare named Lotto Cinnamon that was sired by The Master Flash by Flashy Zipper by Zippo Pine Bar. She traces to Zippo Pine Bar in both her sire line and tail female line. This is another example of the top of the top-bottom of the bottom balanced pedigree. This breeding pattern has the common ancestor in the sire line of the linebred individual and the common ancestor appears in the tail female line of the common ancestor. Lotto Flash has the same breeding pattern.

Lotto Cinnamon is the dam of three point/money earners. All three are sired by Invested Pine. They include Invest In A Lotto a 1999 sorrel mare that was the 2003 All American

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Quarter Horse Congress Small Fry Horsemanship Champion. Invest In A Lotto shows that same balance. This horse is 3 X 4 X 5 X 5 to Zippo Pat Bars. She is 4 X 5 X 6 X 5 X 6 to Three Bars. Invest In A Lotto has at least 18 crosses to Joe Reed P-3. Invest In A Lotto has the top of the top/bottom of the bottom breeding pattern to Zippo Pat Bar.

Britney Pine was the 2004 AQHA World Champion Junior Western Pleasure Horse. She was the 2004 AQHA Reserve World Champion Amateur Western Pleasure Horse. This mare was the 2005 AQHA Reserve World Champion Senior Western Pleasure Horse. She has 185 AQHA points giving her Superiors in open and amateur western pleasure. She was the Congress 2004 AQHA and NSBA Junior Western Pleasure Horse Champion.

The success of Britney Pine is reinforced by her full brothers and sisters. They include Lopin So Pine, 125 AQHA points and a Congress Amateur Western Pleasure Reserve Champion; Georgia Sweet Pine, 66 AQHA points with a Superior in Amateur Western Pleasure; Vested Peaches 112 AQHA points and a Superior in Amateur Western Pleasure and Vested Assets, an ROM performer with 31 AQHA points. Vested Assets was the second high selling horse in the David James Dispersal in late 2005. Vested Asset now stands with his sire Vested Pine at Maxim Show Horses.

The dam of these good Vested Pine performers is Assets Peaches. Here is what Tina had to say about this great mare, "We saw the same thing in Assets Peaches that we saw in Cinnamon Seeker. She was another mare that was straight in her hocks and with overall good conformation and that movement was outstanding. She was beautiful. She was deep in her hocks. She was very flat in her front legs. She was a slow looper and if you took her out today and had her lope for you, you would be just as impressed with her today as the first time we saw her. It's just like Cinnamon Seeker, never did I dream that she would be the type of producer that she is."

Assets Peaches is a 1992 bay mare sired by Investment Asset and out of The Light Touch by Zippo Jack Bar. Thus we have another balanced linebreeding pattern through Zippo Pat Bar and his sons The Investor and Zippo Pine Bar. Zippo Pat Bar being a combination of the Three Bar/Leo blood.

Investment Asset was sired by The Big Investment by The Investor. The dam of Investment Asset is Miss Rebel Rita by Top Rebel. The dam of Asset Peaches is The Light Touch by Zippo Jack Bar. Zippo Jack Bar is sired by Zippo Pine Bar. His dam is Fair Eyed Jackie by Two Eyed Jack. The dam of Fair Eyed Jackie is Scarborough Fair, a full sister to Zippo Pine Bar. This gives us a linebreeding pattern of 3 X 4 X 5 X 6 to Zippo Pat Bars. We see the top of the top and bottom of the bottom pattern in this horse as well with a sire line going to Zippo Pat Bar through The Investor and in the tail female line through the double bred Zippo Jack Bar. Zippo Jack Bar being sired by Zippo Pine Bar and out of a mare foaled by Scarborough Fair, sister to Zippo Pine Bar. By the way with all of this Zippo Pat Bar

blood and several other shots of Leo, we have at least 16 crosses to Joe Reed P-3 in this pedigree.

Vested Wishes is a 2003 daughter of Vested Pine and Casual Asset by Investment Asset. This mare was the 2005 Congress 2-Year-Old Open Western Pleasure Futurity Reserve Champion. She gives us another good performer out of an Investment Asset daughter.

Casual Asset is out of Iron Amber by Iron Rebel. Her dam is Leota Flame by Flaming Jet. Leota Flame is out of Leota Flick by Lonesum Polecat by Leo. This gives us Leo on the top of the top and the bottom of the bottom with Zippo Pat Bar being out of Leo Pat by Leo, (a female influence) and Lonesum Polcat being a son of Leo (a male influence) that appears in the sire line and tail female line.

The next interesting thing about Casual Asset is that she has a breeding pattern of 4 X 3 to Rebel Cause. Investment Asset is out of Miss Rebel Rita by Top Rebel by Rebel Cause. Iron Amber is sired by Iron Rebel by Rebel Cause.

It is obvious that Vested Pine was a great horse for linebreeding back on mares carrying the Zippo Pat Bars blood. But what kind of horse was he when outcrossed? This is where his foals A Classy Pine and I Gotta Good Name come into the picture.

A Classy Pine was an AQHA Reserve World Champion 2-Year-Old Western Pleasure Horse. His dam was Win Skipette. Tina stated, "When we bought Win Skipette, she was fairly crippled with arthritis. She had good conformation with about 10 halter points. She was very attractive. She was very straight in her hocks and carried the outcross blood we talked about."

The sire of Win Skipette was Skip School, a Wiescamp bred horse. His sire was Skipper W and his dam was School Madam by Nick W. It has to be noted here that Skipper W and Nick W were paternal half brothers, both sired by Nick Shoemaker.

HJ Skipagain was the dam of School Madam. It has to be noted that we have a balanced pedigree again that showcases the top of the top and bottom of the bottom with Skipper W in both the sire line and the tail female line of Skip School.

The dam of Win Skipette was Miss Winrock by Mighty O Bay by Mighty Bars by Three Bars. Li'l Susie Brown was the dam of Mighty O Bay. Josie Rock was the dam of Miss Winrock. She was sired by Nigger Rock by Rocksprings by King P-234.

The key to the outcross blood of mares like Win Skipette is that it allows us to take advantage of hybrid vigor. This is the phenomenon that results in excellent foals that are produced from horses that are not closely related.

I Gotta Good Name was the 2004 AQHA World Champion Senior Trail Horse. His dam is Tender Angie. This mare is sired by Tender Teddy. This horse is Wiescamp bred like Skip School. He is 4 X 3 X 4 X to Skipper W. Plus he carries multiple crosses to some of Wiescamp's greatest producers. They would include Santa Maria, Question Mount and Spanish Rose.

Police Woman was the dam of Tender Angie. This mare was sired by Majestic Dell by Eternal Dell. Eternal Dell was sired by Eternal Sun. Eternal Sun is the sire of Big Sun, the broodmare sire of Zippos Bay Lady, dam of Vested Pine.