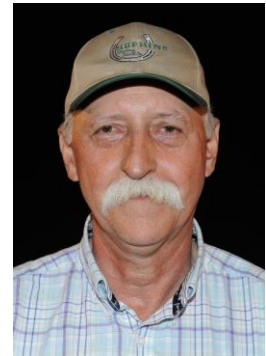




SAM HOUSTON
RACE PARK



Horseman of the Week

This week's feature: Guy Hopkins

Affiliation: Quarter Horse trainer

Hometown: Tomball, Texas

- **How did you get into the industry?**
My brother Jay and I showed halter horses in high school. In 1972, we brought two yearlings; one for the show ring and the other, Mr. Aquarius was a racehorse. When he won the Helena Downs Futurity, we decided that was our direction.
- **Do you have a favorite memory at SHRP?**
In 1996 Grits Gator won the Sam Houston Derby; Streakin O Toole the TQHA Sire's Derby and Leading Sensation won the Adequan Challenge Derby. That was a super meet.
- **Your wife, Eve, brother Jay and sister-in-law, Shryl are all part of the Hopkins team. How does family impact your success?**
Every day I am so happy that I am working with my wife and brother and have their support. I can't imagine it any other way.
- **Favorite movie?**
Tombstone is an outstanding movie and I enjoyed the Lonesome Dove mini-series
- **Favorite band/ music?**
Everyone expects that I would be a Country music guy, but I love Rock and Roll. I'll crank up AC/DC when I am hauling horses.
- **Where will you go after Sam Houston Race Park?**
Retama Park; we are already bedding stalls.
- **Favorite meal?**
I was a meat and potatoes man until I met Eve. She introduced me to Chinese food and it has become my favorite restaurant choice.