

clients," she said.

Over the past few years Trish has worked even more closely with youth members to help them learn good horsemanship skills to be considered for events like the Youth World Cup (YWC) held every two years at an international location.

"The youth can not only look forward to winning major national events but can go that step further by being selected to represent their country at the YWC. Many youth I have trained have made the team in recent years. I am personally proud of them all," said Trish.

Not only did Trish train some of the kids but actively participated in the event as Team Manager in 2008. Trish managed a team of five riders to Canada against some 15 other countries.

"It was a great experience. I made friends for life and got a lifetime of memories to keep. I would recommend every one get involved; it's the greatest opportunity and one not to be missed," said Trish.

Trish had a big hand in the 2009 inaugural Amateur Trans Tasman challenge, Trish and Clients provided 7 horses out of the 10 for the event held at Tonimbuk, it is a great concept, it was a copy of the youth event. I look forward to watching it grow into a more international event. The YWC started down under, maybe it's the start of the Amateur World Cup??

When Trish is not getting tune ups in the USA or attending various clinic and youth events she has a very busy show schedule.

"During the peak of the show season I sometimes can have up to 20 show horses at any one time and ride in more than ten events at some shows," said Trish.

Whilst she enjoys the trail, pleasure and hunter classes for Trish it's the western riding class which she is most passionate about.

"I absolutely love the western riding, it is a very complex class, that takes skill, athleticism and a talented horse that is pretty legged. Super Lynx was a great western rider but his son Triandibo Flaminlynx is even better and absolutely fantastic to ride in the class," said Trish.

It would seem that there is no show that Trish does not attend on the Victorian show circuit. She is one of the known figures who will turn up rain, hail or shine. She even travels interstate to South Australia, Sydney and Queensland for some of the major shows at her client's requests.

Whilst Trish has seen it all before and has seen the good with the bad she finds it hard to pick a favourite show on the Quarter Horse circuit. "As a Board member of the Australian Quarter Horse Association, a Quarter Horse Breeder and lover of the breed I'd have to say the AQHA Nationals. At the same time I would have to say the VQHA and the NPHA Pleasure Celebration as I am a life member," said Trish.

Whilst it is hard for Trish to single out the best show in the country, it was easy for her to talk about the best rides she has ever had during her career spanning three decades.

"During my career I have had the opportunity to ride some brilliant horses, including riding Yulgilbar Quicksilver and Doc's Savannah in the 80's, both winning the Diamond and Champagne stakes at The Premier State Show, Dubbo NSW. This was a fantastic versatility event, which included halter, pleasure, trail, reining, cutting



Sweet Little Peppy, mother of Triandibo Peppy Lynx, Triandibo Flamin Lynx, Triandibo Zippnalong, Triandibo Super Sweet, Triandibo Incede (pictured), Inifinatley Sweet, Triandibo Indiva.



Trish and Amateur Rick Platenkamp - INXS.

and cowhorse. On both horses I partnered Dick Fuchs and we won the event as a team twice.

In the 90's it would have to be Super Lynx (DEC), purchased from Robert Woodward in 1991 as a weanling and Inevitably. Inevitably was purchased from Dale and Tommy Parker from Cleburne Texas in 1993, although they were completely different horses, they were both clearly very talented," and have been producers of great performance horses, said Trish.

Trish purchased Super Lynx because his mother was a producer of champions and Super Lynx was no exception. From the great mare Roanies lynx, Trish rode him as a two year old to 4th placing at the NPHA and as 3yo he finaled at the NRHA futurity.

"I then went on to compete in western riding, trail, cowhorse, hunter under saddle, campdraft, there was nothing he couldn't do. He was an AQHA champion and produced the same," said Trish. One very proud moment for me with Super lynx, was when I asked Wayne Judge to ride him at the AQHA Nationals in the All Age American Pleasure, Wayne was very ill at the time, He won the event from a great field including Inevitably, Wayne had never ridden the horse before the event, its an absolute thrill, training horse for anyone to ride, to success

"My Greatest memory with Super Lynx, was the Bridleless demonstrations at the Victorian congress and the Mane Event at Equitana in 1999, where we received a standing ovation. There is nothing quite like it," she said.

In Trish's eyes Inevitably is a pleasure machine and produced the same. Charlotte Spinks-Browning affectionately named him "The Black



Amateurs are a huge part of Trish's life, Helen Lamont riding - Triandibo Super Sweet.

Cadillac". According to her Inevitably has won all the major pleasures at NPHA, AQHA, VQHA and The Australian Halter Showcase and produced progeny that did the same. Just a few names of his progeny that won the major pleasure events include Triandibo Inquizitive, Triandibo Incandescent (dec), INXS, RQH Infatuation, RQH Wanted and Indecent Proposal.

"I have been very lucky to have some amazing rides on some amazing horses that share the brilliance if not better talented than their predecessor," said Trish.

When asked what the future holds for Trish Wettenhall she's got plenty of ideas ahead.

"I just love what I am doing and want to continue to breed and train horses that every one can enjoy. In the future I want to breed horses that amateurs and youth can train and show with success which is very satisfying to me. I believe the strength of breeding is very important and has been a key to Triandibo's success so far," said Trish.

And when Trish is not riding she can be lost for words. "In my spare time I run horse shows, I'm on three committees and if I have some spare time I shop when I'm in the USA ,water-ski and catch up with family and friends," said Trish.