

# South Dakota Horse Council Horse Person of the Year

## Mike Olson

Farrier - Farmer - Horse owner - Instructor

The South Dakota Horse Council, spokesman for the South Dakota horse industry, is pleased to announce Mike Olson, White, SD, as their 2018 South Dakota Horseperson of the Year.

At a young age, Mike started his lifelong journey in the horse community in South Dakota. Riding, driving, showing or shoeing light or heavy horses has been, and continues to be, his lifestyle. Even though farming & other livestock tasks keep him busy 24/7, his equine peers who nominated him for this honor noted a consistent theme about Mike...his calm manner, gentle way of mentoring or giving advice, along with his dedication to encourage all ages in the equine community, either one on one, or through his involvement in equine events. All reasons Mike Olson is a true gift to South Dakota.



As a farrier with many decades of experience, today, Mike teaches others proper horse hoof trimming & shoeing through his classes at South Dakota State University in Brookings, SD. Over 300 students of all ages, education majors and backgrounds have completed his courses.

Mike is a member of Our Savior EV. Lutheran Church, Brookings, SD, a lifetime member of AQHA, a member of the Belgian Draft Horse Corp of America, South Dakota Draft Horse & Mule Breeders Association and a South Dakota Horse Council Director. Mike and his wife Kris have 3 boys; Brad, Steven, Kevin and daughter-in-law Joni. Mike and Kris enjoy sharing their love for horses with their 3 granddaughters. Mike still farms 700 acres of corn, soybeans, oats, winter wheat and hay, along with raising Belgian Draft Horses and Quarter Horses on his farm in White, SD.

It is a pleasure for the South Dakota Horse Council to honor Mike Olson as their 2018 South Dakota Horse Council Horseperson of the Year.



## Past Honorees

2017 Darrell Vik  
2016 Larry Larson  
2015 John Hansen  
2014 Gilbert Lutter  
2013 Dr. Steve Tornberg, DVM  
2012 Larry Insley  
2011 Georga Sutton  
2010 Jo Waldner  
2009 Jen Eide

2008 Chuck Nelson  
2007 Frances Loiseau  
2006 Raymond W. Sutton, Jr.  
2005 Doug Nickel  
2004 Gene Carr  
2003 No Honoree  
2002 Dr. Robert Christensen, DVM  
2001 Art Reeves  
2000 Danny Bennett

1999 Robert Gregg  
1996 Leonard W. Blok  
1995 Bob Reed  
1994 I.J. Carey  
1993 Dr. Hilton M. Briggs  
1992 Wayne Bratcher  
1991 Walter Schaefer  
1990 Raymond G. Sutton  
1989 Dr. John J. Edenburn, DVM