

George Morris

Considered one of the most influential riders and trainers in equestrian sport, George's career began as a precocious junior rider winning both the AHSA Hunter Seat Medal Final and the ASPCA Maclay Final at the tender age of 14, the youngest rider ever to do so. In international competition, he represented the United States on the Gold medal-winning Pan American Games team in 1959 and on the Silver medal-winning team at the 1960 Rome Olympics. Between 1958 and 1960, he rode on eight winning Nations Cup teams and in later years served as Chef d'Equipe for numerous Nations Cup teams including as Co-Chef d'Equipe at the 1999 Pan American Games in Winnipeg, Canada, where the U.S. won both the team and individual Silver medals. George also served as a Director of the former USET and as a member of its Executive and Show Jumping Committees.

George's training successes include a "Who's Who" of the United States' top show jumping riders figuring prominently in U.S. Olympic history. At the 1984 Olympics, the Gold medal-winning team included three former students, Conrad Homfeld, Leslie Burr-Howard and Melanie Smith Taylor. The 1992 team included students Lisa Jacquin, Anne Kursinski and Norman Dello Joio. In 1996, George was assistant Chef d'Equipe of the silver medal Olympic team, which included former students Burr-Howard, Kursinski and Peter Leone. At the 2004 Olympic Games in Athens, former student Chris Kappler won the individual Silver medal and was a member of the Gold medal-winning team.

He is a member of the United States Hunter Jumper Association Hunt Seat Equitation Task Force and is a member of the USHJA Trainer Certification Program Committee. He is also a Member Emeritus of the United States Equestrian Federation Jumper Committee and a non-voting advisor of the High Performance Show Jumping Committee.

John French

Although John French has called Northern California home for quite some time, he spent his childhood growing up on a farm outside Baltimore, Maryland, where his mother was a riding instructor. Over the past 20 years, John has guided both horses and students alike to multiple successes in the hunter, jumper, and equitation rings.

In August 2009, aboard Mountain Home Stable's Rumba, John captured a win in the inaugural \$100,000 ASG Software Solutions/USHJA International Hunter Derby Finals at the Kentucky Horse Park.

His other Hunter titles include the 200 Monarch International's Show Circuit Magazine Professional World Championship Hunter Rider, 2000 Chronicle of the Horse Professional World Championship Hunter Rider. He also has won multiple championships at Capital Challenge, Harrisburg, Washington and New York. In addition, John has trained National and Zone Champions in both the Junior and Amateur Hunter divisions. In addition, he has earned PCHA Leading Hunter Rider multiple times and was multiple year Champion Southwest Region World Championship Hunter Rider.

On the Jumper circuit, John tied for second in the 2004 US Cargill \$175,000 Grand Prix during the Olympic trials and in the 2004 Olympic Trials he was named second alternate and was the highest placed West Coast rider. He finished fourth in the 2004 Hickstead Grand Prix in England and in 2003 and 2004 he qualified for the World Cup Finals. In 2003 he represented the USET on the Nations Cup Team in Sweden, France, Belgium, and Spain and in the same year he finished sixth in the World Cup Finals in the Grand Prix. He was named the 1999 PCHA Rookie Grand Prix Rider of the Year.