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## JOE FARGIS

Mr. Fargis has been known throughout his career as a rider, trainer, stable owner, clinician, judge, and Olympian and has been inducted into the Show Jumping Hall of Fame, the Virginia Horse Show Association Hall of Fame and the Virginia Horse Center Hall of Fame. He has also been named AHSA Horseman of the Year and has received the USHJA Lifetime achievement award. Additionally, he has been named among the 50 most influential horsemen by the Chronicle of the Horse, and received the USEF Lifetime Achievement Award in 2013.

Joe and Touch of Class, a Thoroughbred mare, won a gold individual medal in the 1984 Los Angeles Games, and then another gold with Team USA. In the 1988 Seoul Games, he rode Mill Pearl on Team USA to win the silver medal and finish seventh individually.

In his career, Joe rode on more than 30 Nations' Cup teams as well in some of the world's most important shows such as Aachen (3 times winning team), Calgary, Rome, New York, Pennsylvania National, and Washington where he was named leading rider. He was also leading International Rider in New York in 1987.

In World Cup competition, Joe won the USA-East World Cup League twice and finished fourth in the finals in Tampa, Fla. He rode on the gold medal winning team at the 1975 Pan-Am Games in Mexico City and rode on the fourth-place team at the 1990 World Championships of the initial World Equestrian Games in Stockholm.

Among his Grand Prix wins were Hickstead, England, Zurich, Switzerland, the American Gold Cup, Ox Ridge, Tampa, Hampton Classic (2) and I Love New York (3).

His accomplishments at the Pennsylvania National Horse Show Harrisburg include riding here as junior; being Working Hunter Champion in the late 60's on Dunraven; riding on the winning nationals cup in 1970; winning his first international class; and winning the Big Jump twice. Joe has also judged hunters and the USEF Medal Finals (2).

The Pennsylvania National Horse Show is pleased to welcome Joe Fargis into the PNHS Hall of Fame.



*Joe Fargis and "Touch of Class" - photo courtesy of Starstruck Farms.*