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BETTY OARE



The Pennsylvania National Horse Show (PNHS) is proud to induct esteemed horsewoman, Betty Oare, to the PNHS Hall of Fame. Known as the Grande Dame of the Hunters, Oare's lifelong dedication to the industry leaves her with a lengthy resume of impressive accomplishments, second to none.

At 81 years young, Oare is still in the tack showing and winning at major horse shows across the country. She and her husband, Ernie, run EMO Stables in Warrenton, Virginia. The couple married in 1964, 58 years later, they still share their love for horses and are grateful for the life they have and the people they've met because of the horses.

The Oares have had some amazing horses throughout the years starting with Cap and Gown, a legend in the Conformation Hunters. Navy Commander was another very talented horse who not only showed at Madison Square Garden in the Regular Working Hunters, earning the Championship twice and Reserve once, but also showed in the first Grand Prix in America in 1965 at the Chagrin Valley Horse Show in Ohio, with Oare (Betty) in the saddle. They were the American Horse Show Association (AHSA) Working Hunter Horse of

The Year in 1962, and also captured their own triple crown, winning the Working Hunter Championship at the PNHS, the National Horse Show at Madison Square Garden, and the Royal Winter Fair in Toronto all in the same year. In 2003, their talented horse Estrella earned the coveted title of USEF Horse of the Year and in 2022, the horse was inducted into the National Show Hunter Hall of Fame.

In addition to the horse awards, Oare has a lengthy list of her own accomplishments.

1970 - Earned Large 'R' rating for judging

1978 - Virginia Horse Shows Association (VHSA) Horseperson of the Year

1999 - American Hunter-Jumper Foundation (AHJF) Sportsmanship Award

2003 - AHJF Old Springhouse Lifetime Achievement Award.

2005 - World Championship Hunter Rider (WCHR) Amateur Owner High Score Award.

2005 - USEF Pegasus Medal of Honor.

2005 - Virginia Horse Shows Association Horseperson of the Year

2008 - Inducted into the National Show Hunter Hall of Fame

2009 - NHJA Owner Recognition Trophy

2009 - VHSA Hall of Fame (Ernie in 2010)

2013 - USHJA Lifetime Achievement Award

2021 - Sallie B. Wheeler Sportsmanship Award (Ernie as well)

Oare continues to give back to the sport serving on numerous boards, task forces, and committees. She was chair of the USEF Hunter Breeding Committee for many years which was instrumental in creating the Sallie B. Wheeler National Hunter Breeding Championship.

In addition to being a devoted equestrian, Oare has two children, Morey and Reynolds, along with four grandchildren. She is the daughter of the late horseman J. Arthur Reynolds and sister of the late Bucky Reynolds.

For her many years of devotion and commitment to the industry, we are honored to welcome Betty Oare to the Pennsylvania National Horse Show Hall of Fame.

