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## FRANK CHAPOT



Francis Davis “Frank” Chapot has had a presence at the Pennsylvania National Horse Show starting as a rider for the United States team in the international jumping competition while on active duty with the US Air Force. Since then he has filled many roles as a rider, judge, coach, director, special consultant, course commentary and as a father of two competitors; Laura and Wendy.

Well known in the world of Show Jumping his riding style was known for its combination of electrifying speed, utter determination and intense competitiveness. As a junior, he won the coveted Maclay Equitation Championship in 1947. He competed in six Olympic Games from 1956 to 1976, was the U.S. show jumping chef d’equipe for 24 years, from 1980 to 2004. A former USET Vice President for Show Jumping, Frank also had an active career as a course designer and judge. For years he rode timber races with considerable success, placing twice in the Maryland Hunt Cup.

In 1965 he married Mary Mairs, his Olympic team mate. They raise horses at Chado Farm in New Jersey, including champion show jumper, Gem Twist, who won two Olympic silver medals and was named World’s Best Horse at the 1990 World Equestrian Games in Stockholm. Gem Twist is the only horse to have won the American Grand Prix Association’s Horse of the Year title three times and is regarded as one of the best show-jumpers in history.

It is thanks to Frank that the National Junior Jumper Championship and Hunter Seat Medal Finals came to Harrisburg and thanks to his guidance that The Pennsylvania National Horse Show has obtained the respect and recognition it has.

The Pennsylvania National Horse Show Association is proud to induct Frank Chapot into its Hall of Fame in recognition of his leadership, service, wisdom and guidance throughout the years.