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IDLE DICE

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Sired by Hay Hook and foaled in Oklahoma in 1963, Idle Dice won over \$400,000 in his show jumping career which by today's standards would be more than triple that amount. Originally a failure on the race track, he was campaigned as a hunter by Bernie Traurig and later purchased by Harry Gill - Pennsylvania National Horse Show Hall of Fame Inductee, 2016. Idle Dice was ridden in the show ring by many riders including Terry Rudd, Michael Hunter, Steve Stephens and Buddy Brown - but his greatest accomplishments were with Rodney Jenkins - Pennsylvania National Horse Show Hall of Fame Inductee, 2015.

Among Idle Dice's 31 Grand Prix victories, he captured the American Gold Cup three times, the American Invitational, the Grand Prix of New York, Florida, Upperville, Ox Ridge, Detroit, Cleveland and was the only horse to win the President's Cup at the Washington

International Horse Show twice. In addition, Idle Dice was the 1977 Grand Prix Horse of the Year and represented the US Equestrian Team for five years, including competing at the World Championships in Europe in 1974.

In his final full season, Idle Dice won the Grand Prix in Lake Placid and Southampton, New York. At the age of 21, he was named a "champion jumper" by the FEI and won three Grand Prix the same year. He was formally retired in 1986 at the American Gold Cup and retired to Harry Gill's Pennsylvania farm. Rodney Jenkins summed up Idle Dice by saying "You just had to stay out of his way and let him do his job... and that job was winning."

