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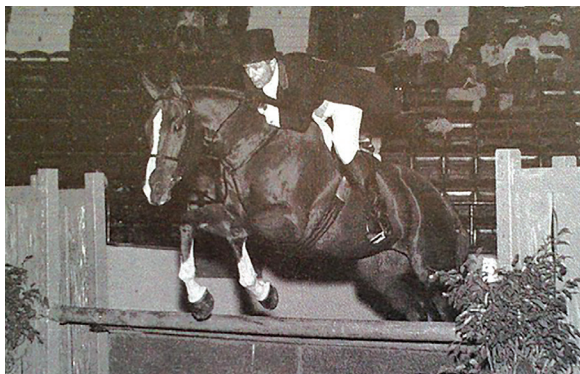
DR. CSABA MAGASSY

The Pennsylvania National Horse Show (PNHS) is proud to posthumously induct former Pennsylvania National Horse Show Foundation board member Dr. Csaba Magassy to the PNHS Hall of Fame.

Magassy immigrated to the Canary Islands from Hungary during the second World War, before later relocating to Nebraska to study medicine at Creighton University. After completing his general surgery residency at the Washington Hospital Center, Magassy enlisted in the United States Air Force where he served for five years as the flight surgeon for the Thunderbirds. Magassy then returned to the U.S. and completed a plastic surgery residency at the University of California, San Francisco, and opened his own practice in 1972. He was highly regarded as an accomplished and devoted plastic surgeon, pilot and horseman.



In addition to being known as one of the Washington, D.C. area's best plastic surgeons, Magassy was an active member of the horse show community. His roots in the horse show community began when he met his former wife, Frances "Junior" Magassy. Junior Magassy - whose family owned and operated their own farm - was an avid competitor on the circuit and encouraged Csaba Magassy to join the Potomac Hounds Hunt, of which he was an active member for many years.



Dr. Csaba Magassy and 'Top Flight' at the 1991 PNHS.

His philanthropic nature led him to join the foundation boards of both the Washington International Horse Show and the Pennsylvania National Horse Show. Says Junior Magassy, "He loved anything to do with horses; it was just a passion."

Csaba Magassy's participation in the Potomac Hounds led him to also frequently participate as an exhibitor at the PNHS on Hunt Night. In 2016, at 78 years old, Csaba Magassy won the Gentleman's Hunter Under Saddle Class aboard his own homebred, Thunderbird. In 2017, he received the reserve honor aboard his own Thunderbride.