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MCLAIN WARD



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The Pennsylvania National Horse Show (PNHS) is proud to induct renowned U.S. show jumper McLain Ward into the PNHS Hall of Fame.

A lifelong horseman, Ward began riding at a young age with encouragement from his parents, Barney Ward and Kristine Lindsay, both of whom were industry professionals. In 1990, at just 14 years old, Ward became the youngest rider to win the USEF Show Jumping Derby, a win that was quickly followed by the USET Medal Finals title just a few weeks later. After turning professional, Ward became the youngest rider in U.S. show jumping history to reach the \$1 million mark in professional earnings at just 24 years old.

Ward is a five-time member of the United States Olympic Show Jumping Team, most recently helping to secure the team silver medal at the 2020 Tokyo Olympics aboard Contagious. Ward also helped Team USA to earn a silver medal in Rio de Janeiro in 2018 aboard HH Azur, and gold medals at both the 2004 Athens Olympics and the 2008 Beijing Olympics, both aboard the legendary Sapphire.

In addition, Ward was a member of the gold-medal winning U.S. Show Jumping Team at the FEI World Equestrian Games in Tryon in 2018 aboard Clintia, marking the third WEG medal of his career. Just a year prior, Ward won the Longines FEI World Cup Final in Omaha aboard HH Azur in his 17th World Cup Final appearance.

Most recently, Ward rode HH Azur to victories in both the Rolex Grand Prix at CHI Geneva and the Rolex Grand Prix at the Dutch Masters - of the most esteemed grand prix events in the world.

At the 2022 Pennsylvania National Horse Show, Ward proved best in both offered grand prix classes, securing victory in the \$30,000 Beyaert Farm Grand Prix aboard Lezaro, as well as the win in the \$100,000 Grand Prix de Penn National aboard Robin Parsky's First Lady.

Ward owns and operates Castle Hill Farm in Brewster, NY, and Wellington, FL, with his wife Lauren and daughters Lilly and Madison.



2012 Olympic Team Presentation

L to R: Rick Hornberger (PNHS Board); Beezie Madden, Liz Shorb (past PNHS President), McLain Ward, Didi Hornberger (PNHS Trophy Committee), Reed Kessler, Norman White (past Board President) and Rich Fellers. ©AlCookPhoto.