

2011 Hap Hansen



With 100 Grand Prix wins to his credit, Hap Hansen stands among the elite riders in the history of his sport. In addition to his long list of Grand Prix victories that place him among the top winners all-time, Hansen is also a veteran of twelve FEI World Cup Finals and two dozen Nations' Cups. He won the FEI World Cup USA West Coast League seven times and earned a dozen leading rider titles at top shows from Spruce Meadows to Harrisburg.

Hansen placed in the top ten at the FEI World Cup Final twice. He was the top placing U.S. rider at the 1988 Final in Gothenburg, Sweden, when he finished sixth, the same position in which he had finished in the 1985 Final in Berlin.

He was honored as the American Grandprix Association (AGA) Rider of the Year in 1990 and he won the 1982 Rolex Crown of Excellence. His victories span three decades and nearly every continent, making him one of America's most accomplished show jumping riders.

Hansen was named the National Grand Prix League Western Conference Rider of the Year in both 1991 and 1992. The AHSA honored him with its Equestrian of the Year Award in 1994. He was awarded the California Professional Horsemen's Association (CPHA) Lifetime Achievement Award in 1997, and has been named the Pacific Coast Rider of the Year seven times.

In addition to being a dominant force on the West Coast Grand Prix circuit, Hansen has represented the U.S. internationally many times including at shows such as Hickstead, Arnhem, Aachen and Spruce Meadows. He has been the North American Champion at Spruce Meadows three times, and is a member of the Million Dollar Club, an honor limited to the few riders who have won over \$1 Million in prize money at Spruce Meadows.

Hansen's success in the show jumping arena also extends beyond his personal wins. He has served as chef d'équipe for over 10 Gold Medal teams at the North American Young Riders Championships and Harrisburg Prix de States.

Twice, in 1991 and 1998, Hansen placed second in the USET National Show Jumping Championship.

