

1988 Patrick Butler



For more than three decades Patrick Butler, with Mrs. Butler, was the owner of some of the sport's greatest jumpers and a long-time USET supporter. Probably the most famous Butler horse was Balbuco, who, with Conrad Homfeld in the irons, captured the leading grandprix horse title in 1976, American Grandprix Association Horse of the Year title in 1979 and 1980, and the 1980 World Cup.

Other top Butler-owned horses were Untouchable, who won numerous international victories with Kathy Kusner riding, including the 1987 Ladies European Championship, Old English, In My Cap, Caesar, Mystic, Fire

One, Aberali, County Wicklow, and Sloopy, Neal Shapiro's Individual Bronze Medal-winning mount at the Munich Olympics.

A former AHSA jumper Committee Chairman, Butler was also a joint owner of Touch of Class, Joe Fargis's double Gold Medal mount at the Los Angeles Olympics.

Butler was always an active owner, involved in his horses' training.

