



**SHOW JUMPING  
HALL OF FAME**

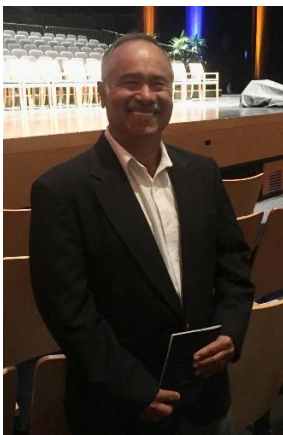
Preserving Our Heritage - Honoring Our Legends

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Contact: Marty Bauman, 508-698-6810, [marty@classic-communications.com](mailto:marty@classic-communications.com)

**Francisco “Pancho” Lopez and *Cedric* Elected to Show Jumping Hall of Fame  
*To Be Inducted March 3 at Induction Gala in Wellington***

*Lexington, KY – February 13, 2024* – Francisco “Pancho” Lopez, longtime barn manager for Katie Monahan Prudent and then Elise Haas, and *Cedric*, Laura Kraut’s gold medal Olympic mount, have been elected to the Show Jumping Hall of Fame. **They will be formally inducted during the Hall of Fame’s Induction Gala on Sunday evening, March 3 at the Wanderers Club in Wellington, Florida.** At the Induction, the Hall of Fame will also present its second annual International Award to former Olympic, World and World Cup champion **Rodrigo Pessoa** of Brazil.



*Francisco “Pancho” Lopez*



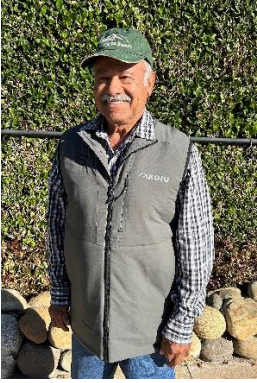
*Cedric with Laura Kraut*



*Rodrigo Pessoa*

Induction into the Show Jumping Hall of Fame is an honor bestowed annually upon select individuals whose contributions to the sport have set them apart and whose influence has had a significant impact on the sport of show jumping and the equestrian community. It is because of their talents, efforts, accomplishments, and what they have brought to the sport, that the Election Committee, comprising some of the nation’s top riders, trainers and officials, elected Lopez and *Cedric* as the class of 2023.

## Francisco “Pancho” Lopez



Born and raised in Mascota, Mexico, Francisco “Pancho” Lopez joined his father in Los Angeles, CA, when he was just a teenager. On one of his first days in the U.S., he walked several racehorses at the Del Mar racetrack where his family worked, and immediately fell in love with working with them. He took his first grooming job at age 15 at Blakiston Ranch, not far from Los Angeles. He moved on to work for Grand Prix rider Jimmy Kohn five years later, and then joined George Morris at Hunterdon where he worked for six years.

It was at Hunterdon that Lopez met Katie Monahan Prudent, the international champion with whom Lopez is most identified. He became Prudent’s barn manager and coordinated everything to keep the horses and the business in top shape. Lopez was at the forefront of the care of all Prudent’s horses, including such stars as *The Jones Boy* (second-place finisher in the inaugural FEI World Cup™ Final in 1979), *Noren* (1982 American Grandprix Association Horse of the Year), *The Governor* (1986 AGA Horse of the Year), *Amadia* (team Gold medalist in the 1986 FEI World Championships) and *Special Envoy* (1986 AGA Horse of the Year).

Starting in 1996, Lopez worked at Willowcreek Ranch in Rancho Santa Fe, CA. He spent many years working with Elise Haas whose family then established the “Francisco “Pancho” Lopez Scholarship” at UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine in his honor. The honor was most fitting as Lopez had started veterinary school when he was young but was not able to complete it due to family obligations.

Lopez had a remarkable “feel” for each horse and somehow always knew when something wasn’t right. He was always ready to share the benefits of his experience with others and passed on his knowledge to countless groomers and barn managers. He has also shared his more than 50 years’ worth of knowledge with riders and horses as a clinician, joining Prudent and other top professionals in educational settings.

*Cedric*



The “once in a lifetime” partner for rider Laura Kraut, *Cedric* was a small gray Holsteiner gelding foaled in Belgium in 1998 who became a stalwart on the U.S. Equestrian Team. He was originally owned in the U.S. by Peter Wetherill and Happy Hill Farm. After Wetherill passed away in 2010, his brother, Cortie, assumed ownership together with Kraut before Margaret Duprey of Cherry Knoll Farm became *Cedric*’s final owner in 2012 to help keep him in Kraut’s barn.

*Cedric* made his FEI debut in 2006 and, despite his 15.2-hand height and many quirks, quickly became a powerhouse on the international show jumping circuit. His amazing partnership with Kraut spanned 11 years, producing 81 clear and 45 double-clear rounds in major competitions of \$100,000 or more. Most notably, the pair helped the U.S. win a team gold medal at the 2008 Olympic Games in Hong Kong.

*Cedric*’s successful career also included riding on the U.S. team at the 2010 FEI World Equestrian Games (WEG) and numerous Nations Cup appearances, including Aachen, Barcelona, Dublin, La Baule, Rome, Rotterdam, St. Gallen and Wellington. He and Kraut also won the Grand Prix at four LONGINES Global Champions Tour (GCT) events and they were the first horse-and-rider combination to win back-to-back events, claiming top honors in 2010 at Chantilly and then Valkenswaard just two weeks later. *Cedric* and Kraut also won GCT events in Lausanne (2012) and Wiesbaden (2013).

A naturally careful and competitive horse, *Cedric* was one of the nation’s leading money winners, amassing well over \$2 million in prize money. He was honored as *The Chronicle of the Horse*’s Show Jumping Horse of the Year in 2010. *Cedric* was formally retired at age 19 in a moving ceremony in Wellington in 2017.

### **Show Jumping Hall of Fame Inductees**

Since 1987, the Show Jumping Hall of Fame has inducted William C. Steinkraus, Bertalan de Némethy, Idle Dice (1987); Patrick Butler, August A. Busch, Jr. (1988); David Kelley, Ben O’Meara, Frances Rowe (1989); Arthur McCashin, Kathy Kusner, Brigadier General Harry D. Chamberlin, San Lucas (1990); Adolph Mogavero, Whitney Stone, Morton "Cappy" Smith, Pat Dixon (1991); Eleonora "Eleo" Sears, Mary Mairs

Chapot, Barbara Worth Oakford, Snowman (1992); Dr. Robert C. Rost, Joe Green (1993); Frank Chapot, Gordon Wright (1994); Mickey Walsh, Trail Guide (1995); Pamela Carruthers, Jet Run, Richard "Dick" Donnelly and Heatherbloom (1996); Edward "Ned" King, Bobby Egan and Sun Beau (1997); Fred "Freddy" Wettach, Jr., Melanie Smith Taylor, Johnny Bell (1998); Rodney Jenkins, Sinjon, Franklin F. "Fuddy" Wing, Jr. and Democrat (1999); George Morris, Carol Durand, Touch of Class (2000); Eugene R. Mische, Lt. Colonel John W. Russell, Bobby Burke, Untouchable (2001); Harry R. Gill, Clarence L. "Honey" Craven, Calypso, Gem Twist (2002); J. Russell Stewart, Sr., Main Spring (2003); Snowbound (2004); Michael Matz, For The Moment (2005); Conrad Homfeld (2006); Joe Fargis, Karen Golding, Marcia "Mousie" Williams (2007); Dr. John Steele, Abdullah, Miss Budweiser, Riviera Wonder (2008); Neal Shapiro, Balbuco (2009); John D. Ammerman, Leonard A. King, Jr., Good Twist (2010); Jane Forbes Clark, Gabor Nicholas Foltenyi, Hap Hansen, Larry Langer (2011); Starman, Nautical, D. Gerald Baker, Charles "Sonny" Brooks (2012); Daniel Marks, VMD, Seamus Brady, Steve Stephens (2013); F. Eugene Fitz Dixon, Jr., Major General Guy Henry, I Love You (2014); Elizabeth Busch Burke, Katie Monahan Prudent, Susan Hutchison (2015); Anne Kursinski, Fran Steinwedell, Walter Devereux, The Natural (2016); Norman Dello Joio, Hunter Harrison, Authentic, Sympatico (2017); Peter Doubleday, Robert Ridland, Colonel John W. "Gyp" Wofford, Bold Minstrel (2018); Leslie Burr Howard, David Distler (2019), Margie Engle, Sapphire (2020); Bezie Madden, Mason Phelps, Jr. (2021); and Anthony D'Ambrosio, Linda Allen (2022).

The Show Jumping Hall of Fame was organized to promote the sport of show jumping and to immortalize the legends of the men, women and horses who have made great contributions to the sport. The Show Jumping Hall of Fame is located at the Kentucky Horse Park in Lexington, Kentucky. Plaques honoring those who have been inducted into the Hall of Fame can be seen at the Horse Park's Rolex Stadium. Mementos and artifacts from the sport's history are on display as part of the Show Jumping Hall of Fame collection at the United States Hunter Jumper Association (USHJA) Wheeler Museum at the Horse Park.

The Show Jumping Hall of Fame is sponsored by Blenheim EquiSports, Charles Ancona, CMJ Sporthorse, Hampton Classic Horse Show, Kentucky Horse Park, LAURACEA, LEG Colorado Horse Shows, Markel, Rood & Riddle Equine Hospital, United States Hunter Jumper Association (USHJA), Washington International Horse Show and Wellington International.

For more information about the Show Jumping Hall of Fame, including the Show Jumping Hall of Fame Jumper Classic Series, please visit the Show Jumping Hall of Fame website at [www.ShowJumpingHallofFame.net](http://www.ShowJumpingHallofFame.net).