

2013 Seamus Brady



The late U.S. Equestrian Team farrier, Seamus Brady, was considered by many of the world's best equestrians to be the "guru of horseshoeing." Brady, who trained at the Irish Army Equitation School in Dublin, immigrated to the United States over fifty years ago from his native County Cavin, Ireland.

After relocating to the United States, Brady worked for U. S. Equestrian Team Director and Hall of Fame inductee, Arthur McCashin, at his Four Furlongs Farm in Pluckemin, N.J. Brady was later drafted into the U.S. Army where he served as chauffeur to generals and also learned intricate details of welding and metalworking – skills that would later help to jump-start his successful career in the horseshoeing world.

Following his time with the Army, Brady returned to Four Furlongs Farm, where it is said that McCashin gave him his first set of tools to start shoeing horses on his own. From there Brady went on to rise to the top of the horseshoeing world, and he worked for many of this country's biggest and best barns. Among Brady's clientele were Ronnie Mutch and his Nimrod Farm, the Leone family's Ri-Arm Farm and Hunterdon Farm, owned and operated by Show Jumping Hall of Fame president and inductee George Morris. Brady was the farrier at Hunterdon Farm for an incredible 34 years!

Morris said of Brady, "He was a real old-fashioned Irish horseman. He was a horseman first. He was innovative and very imaginative. I would often listen to him after conferring with him and the veterinarians, and sometimes use his advice and opinion over those of the veterinarians. He was the guru teacher and subsequent generations owe him. He was one of the greatest that I ever worked with. I can't say enough about him."

In addition to working for many of the nation's top show barns, Brady also worked for the USET as the team farrier for all three disciplines including serving as the team farrier at the 1988 Seoul Olympic Games. Brady was inducted into the International Horseshoeing Hall of Fame in 2002.

