

THE GOLDEN AGE OF SHOW JUMPING

ANNELI DRUMMOND-HAY

OUR EQUESTRIAN HERO

BY FRANK WATERS

ANNELI WAS BORN IN SCOTLAND ON THE 4TH OF AUGUST 1937 AND RODE BEFORE SHE COULD WALK. HORSES AND THE EQUESTRIAN WORLD ARE HER ENTIRE LIFE. SHE IS THE ONLY RIDER IN THE WORLD TO HAVE COMPETED AT THE VERY HIGHEST LEVEL IN EVENTING, DRESSAGE AND SHOWJUMPING. HER PASSION AND DEDICATION, 24 HOURS A DAY, 7 DAYS A WEEK, ARE THE REASON PENNY PLACE IN JOHANNESBURG, SOUTH AFRICA IS THE SUCCESS IT IS.

At 81, Anneli competes in the 1.30's and is still a force to be reckoned with. She and her two beautiful Belgian Warmbloods, **Black Tiger** and **Apollo**, really do give the competition a run for their money and are still regularly winning classes.

NOTABLE ACHIEVEMENTS:

- At the age of 16 she won the *European Pony Championship* and was the leading rider of combined training in Britain for 3 years.
- She won both *Badminton* and the first ever *Burghley Horse Trials* and was 2nd a remarkable 5 times.
- She changed to Showjumping and won *many Grand Prix's* including: Brussels, Geneva, S'herthogenbosch, Paris, Berlin, Toronto, Chile, Luxembourg, Monaco, Madrid, Mexico, Amsterdam, South Africa, Palermo and Great Britain. 2nd in Aachen, Rotterdam and the La Baule Grand Prix.
- Anneli won the *Rome Derby* on 2 occasions, *The Hickstead Derby*, *The Geneva Derby*, *The Berlin Derby*

and the South African Derby twice.

- Toured America and won the **Grand Florida Championship**, The Madison Square Garden's Championship and the All American Showjumping Championship.
- Represented Great Britain for 14 years on the Olympic Nations Cup Team and was awarded the **FEI Badge of Honour**.
- Won the **European Show Jumping Championship**.
- British Sportswoman of the year 3 times and South African Sportswoman of the Year 8 times.
- Awarded the "**Premio Caprilli**" by the Italian Equestrian Federation for her outstanding

achievements.

- Awarded the "**Golden Spurs**" by the French Federation in conjunction with the Cadre Noir for her contribution to Showjumping
- Won the **FEI/Samsung World Challenge** on 4 occasions.
- She holds the **Ladies World High Jump** record at 2.36 meters.
- The only rider to be **shortlisted** at Olympic Level in Dressage, Showjumping and 3 day Eventing for the same Olympic Games.
- She trained the **Dutch Junior Showjumping Champion** in 2000 and 2001 whilst based in Holland.



- Trained the Runner-up in the Junior European 3 Day Event in 2004.

- She Holds the **B.H.S.I. Qualification**.

Anneli returned to South Africa in 2007.

On the 19th of October 2010, Anneli, or as she is known internationally, Anneli Drummond-Hay, was inducted into the **British Horse Society Equestrian Hall of Fame**. The award ceremony was held at The Household Cavalry Mounted Regiment in Knightsbridge, London.

After a wonderful tour of the barracks, as well as being treated to watching the Queen's Life Guards dismount, Anneli was presented with her scroll by

Desi Dillingham MBE, President of the BHS, in the Officers' Mess. Desi, herself a great fan of Anneli's, gave a moving speech outlining Anneli's vast achievements and the extensive contribution she has made to the world of Equestrian sport. Anneli was also given the scroll for her very famous horse, Merely-a-Monarch, who was inducted in 2005.

The Hall of Fame was launched at Hickstead in 2005 and opened by the Princess Royal. Its purpose is to give public acclamation to equestrian heroes, both human and equine. The two 2010 nominees were selected by a prestigious 6 person panel under the chairmanship of Patrick Print. Plaques are displayed outside the **Knightsbridge Barracks**.

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