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# THE UNITED STATES EQUESTRIAN TEAM

*2004 Athens Olympic Media Guide*





## *Vision and Mission*

The vision of the United States Equestrian Federation (USEF) is to provide leadership for equestrian sport in our country by promoting the pursuit of excellence from the grass roots to the Olympic Games, based on a foundation of fair, safe competition and the welfare of its human and equine athletes, and embracing this vision, to be the best national equestrian federation in the world.

The USEF, a non-profit organization, governs competition for 26 breeds and performance disciplines for over 80,000 individual members. Additionally, it carries the responsibility for selecting, training, equipping and financing the teams of the highest caliber to represent our country as our United States Equestrian Team in international competitions, including the Olympics, Pan American Games and the World Championships.

# THE UNITED STATES EQUESTRIAN FEDERATION, INC.

## *The National Governing Body of Equestrian Sport in the United States of America*

In December 2003, USA Equestrian, the name adopted by the American Horse Shows Association in 2001, joined together with the United States Equestrian Team (USET) to form a single new organization, the United States Equestrian Federation, Inc. (USEF), which is now the single National Governing Body of Equestrian Sport in the United States of America.

Our international equestrian teams have achieved outstanding success over the last five decades. By winning medals at world championships in show jumping, eventing, dressage, endurance, reining, vaulting and combined driving, they have positioned the U.S. among the world's elite equestrian powers. An impressive 43 Olympic medals in dressage, show jumping and eventing give U.S. equestrians a record of which the entire country can be proud.

Overall, our international riders have won 32 Olympic medals since 1952, including seven Gold and 13 Silver. Individual Gold medals have been won in show jumping by Bill Steinkraus (1968) and Joe Fargis (1984) in addition to Team Gold in 1984. In three-day eventing, Tad Coffin (1976) and David O'Connor (2000) won Individual Gold medals to go with Team Gold medals in 1976 and 1984.

Our equestrians have also been successful in dressage. The U.S. won Team Bronze medals at the 1976, 1992, 1996 and 2000 Olympic Games. In 2003, Debbie McDonald became the first U.S. dressage rider to be named the World Cup Final Champion.

The U.S. Paralympic athletes have also seen their share of success on the world stage. Dressage rider Lynn Seidemann is the current World Champion in Grade I competition, in addition to being the only former Paralympian on this year's team in Athens.

While many riders train primarily at their own stables, the USEF maintains a certified Olympic Training Center in Gladstone, New Jersey, at which final preparations, quarantine and training are conducted prior to the Olympics, Pan American Games and other international competitions. Developing rider training sessions and international competition grants, as well as the Talent Search Program help develop our young riders. The team training center is used to fill these vital needs.

Our international teams are financed through contributions made by individual, corporate and organizational supporters. Support received in the form of funding from the U.S. Olympic Committee (USOC) amounts to about one-tenth of the average annual budget. The USET Foundation supports the competition, training, coaching, travel and educational needs of America's elite and developing International High Performance horses and athletes in partnership with the USEF. All contributions are tax-deductible. Helping to provide the U.S. with winning teams through USEF membership and donations to the USET Foundation is an important way to contribute to the growth and recognition of horse sports. It is primarily through the support of individuals, the USET Foundation and the USOC that the U.S. is able to maintain its outstanding record of international equestrian performance.



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## Debbie McDonald & BRENTINA

**Born:** 8/27/54 • **Residence:** Hailey, ID  
**Brentina** (Hanoverian mare; owned by Peggy and Parry Thomas)

Debbie is a former hunter/jumper rider who switched to dressage some 15 years ago after a riding accident. This misfortune in the hunter ring turned out to be a blessing for Debbie as she has dedicated herself to the art of dressage—and to the benefit of the U.S. team. Her prowess has earned her a first among American dressage riders—the title of World Cup Champion in 2003 aboard her 2004 Athens Olympic mount Brentina. This year, Debbie won the 2004 U.S. Grand Prix Freestyle Championship/U.S. League Final. Her many titles include: 2003 Bayer Festival of Champions, U.S. Equestrian Team Grand Prix Championship, a Team Silver medal at the 2002 World Equestrian Games in Spain, and both Individual and Team Gold medals at the 1999 Pan American Games. She was named the AHSA Equestrian of the Year in 1999, as well as the 1999 USOC Female Equestrian Athlete of the Year. Debbie lives in Idaho where she trains, along with coaching young riders at Sun Valley's River Grove Farm.



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## Guenter Seidel & ARAGON

**Born:** 9/23/60 • **Residence:** Del Mar, CA  
**Aragon** (Bavarian gelding; owned by Dick and Jane Brown)

German-born Guenter was a member of the 2000 Sydney Olympics Bronze medal-winning team, and he is ready to improve upon that. This two-time Olympic medalist moved to the U.S. in 1985 and later became a citizen. Since then, he has made his mark on the dressage world with his trademark clean and classic style. Aboard Aragon and Nikolaus 7, he has again proven his Olympic-caliber skills. In 2004, he added to his impressive list of career accomplishments by placing second or third in the final four Olympic Team trials with either Aragon or Nikolaus 7. The previous year, he was named the 2003 U.S. Grand Prix Freestyle Championship/U.S. League Final winner aboard Nikolaus 7. Guenter and Nikolaus 7 were part of the U.S. dressage squad that made history at the 2002 World Equestrian Games in Spain by winning the Team Silver medal. The finish marked the best finish ever for a U.S. dressage team in any World Championship or Olympic Games. In 2002, he was awarded the Whitney Stone Cup by the USET—an award for distinguished record in international competition while also serving as an ambassador for equestrian sports.



Charles Mann

## Robert Dover & FBW KENNEDY

**Born:** 6/07/56 • **Residence:** Lebanon, NJ, and Wellington, FL  
**Competition Horse:** FBW Kennedy (Baden-Württemberg gelding; owned by Jane F. Clark)

Athens makes an incredible sixth trip to the Olympics for Robert. In 2004, Robert won every competition at the 2004 Olympic Selection Trials with FBW Kennedy. Having earned a much-deserved place as a legend in the sport of American dressage, Robert made his first Olympic appearance in the 1984 Los Angeles Games. Since that time, he has won more dressage honors than any other American competitor, earning Olympic Team Bronze medals in 1992, 1996 and 2000. In the 1988 Seoul Olympics, Robert was the highest-placed American rider aboard his former mount Federlicht. Back pain and injury have plagued him over the years, but his indomitable spirit and love of the sport fueled him to qualify despite tough competition. In Athens, Robert will compete aboard FBW Kennedy. Outside of his competition and many training pursuits, Robert is known for his generosity and support of charitable groups in the past, including the Equestrian AIDS Foundation and the Ride for Hope program.



Charles Mann



Bob Langrish

## Lisa Wilcox & RELEVANT

**Born:** 9/08/66 • **Residence:** Cloppenburg, Germany  
**Competition Horse:** Relevant (Oldenburg stallion; owned by Gundula Vorwerk and Dr. Claus Crone-Munzbrock)

An American living abroad, Lisa has been working hard in Germany, and it has certainly paid off. She has steadily risen among the ranks of American dressage riders and makes her Olympic debut in Athens with Relevant. Lisa earned her position on the 2004 U.S. Team with her impressive scores at CDI\*\*\*s across Europe in 2004. In 2003, she helped the U.S. finish second in the team competition at Aachen, where she also placed second individually on Relevant. She successfully placed second in the European Championships. In 2002, along with Relevant, Lisa helped the U.S. dressage squad capture the Team Silver medal, marking the best finish ever for a United States dressage team in any World Championship or Olympic Games. Individually, Lisa placed fifth. Lisa became the first non-European rider to enter the top 10 of the BCM FEI World Dressage Rider Rankings. Based in Germany at Gestut Vorwerk (an Oldenburg stud farm), she rides and competes stallions.



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## ALTERNATE

## Steffen Peters & FLORIANO

**Born:** 9/01/64 • **Residence:** Solana Beach, CA  
**Competition Horse:** Floriano (Westphalian gelding; owned by Melanie Pai)

Steffen returns this year to the Olympic Games with his mount Floriano. Steffen's other horse, Grandeur, rode his last competition during the Selection Trials. Fortunately, Grandeur had come back well after he colicked during the final Selection Trials for the Sydney Olympics. Steffen rode the horse to take the Reserve Championship title at the U.S. Freestyle Championship in March 2002. The pair then went on to place eighth in the FEI World Cup Final in 's-Hertogenbosch, Holland. He won his first Olympic medal—a Team Bronze—at the 1996 Atlanta Olympics aboard Udon. He has also won the Grand Prix Freestyle at the Los Angeles Mid-Winter CDI-W. In 2003, Steffen and Grandeur were part of the U.S. team to compete at CDIO Aachen. He helped the team win a Silver medal. The combination also placed well at CDI\*\*\*Burbank. In 1994, he won Individual and Team Gold medals at the U.S. Olympic Festival. Born in Germany, Steffen has been in the United States since 1985 and became a citizen in 1992.



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Arnd Bronkhorst

## ALTERNATE

## Leslie Morse & KINGSTON

**Born:** 11/26/61 • **Residence:** Beverly Hills, CA  
**Competition Horse:** Kingston (Dutch Warmblood stallion; owned by Leslie Morse)

Leslie and her Olympic mount Kingston have seemingly done nothing but win for the past four years. In 2003, Leslie won the CDI Grand Prix, Dressage at Los Angeles CDI\*\*\* and the CDI Grand Prix Freestyle, Dressage at Flintridge. Their latest placing of fifth at the U.S. Dressage Olympic Trials in California helped earn her a spot as alternate on the team. The pair dominated the small tour on the West Coast in 2001, capturing 10 wins and ending the year with a win in the USET Intermediaire Championships. They've earned Society Open Fourth Level and Open Prix St. Georges titles, and have won the ABIC/USDF Region 7 Prix St. Georges Championship. Kingston hasn't been her only mount to lead her to success. In 2000, Morse's mount Greystoke earned the title of U.S. Dressage Federation Horse of the Year in Intermediaire II with an average of 70.00%.



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Diana DeRosa

## Chris Kappler & ROYAL KALIBER

**Born:** 2/09/67 • **Residence:** Pittstown, NJ

**Competition Horse:** Royal Kaliber (Dutch Warmblood stallion; owned by Chris Kappler & Kathleen Kamine)

Chris made history twice in 2003 when, on consecutive weekends, he won the \$200,000 Budweiser American Invitational and the American Grandprix Association (AGA) Show Jumping Championships. He was the first ever to sweep these two events back-to-back. He was then one of two riders chosen subjectively for the show jumping team representing the U.S. at the 2003 Pan American Games in Santo Domingo, where he won a Team Gold medal and an Individual Silver medal. Following the Pan Am Games, Chris and Royal Kaliber continued their winning ways with the American Gold Cup. The pair won the 2003 Grand Prix at Devon. In 2002, the pair won the \$175,000 Cargill Grand Prix of the U.S. presented by HBO in San Juan Capistrano, CA. He has represented the U.S. on many occasions and has over 30 career grand prix wins in North America and Europe. Based on his exceptional record and performances on Royal Kaliber, Chris, the 2003 USEF Equestrian of the Year, was named as a discretionary selection to the Short List and did not have to compete in the Olympic Selection Trials.



Bob Langrish



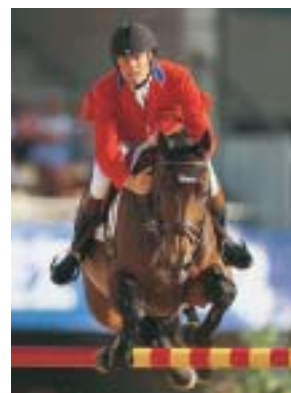
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## Peter Wylde & FEIN CERA

**Born:** 7/30/65 • **Residence:** Maastricht, Holland

**Competition Horse:** Fein Cera (Holsteiner mare; owned by Turnabout Farm, Inc.)

Peter and Fein Cera (pronounced Fine Sera) were the top U.S horse and rider combination on the 2003 FEI World Rankings, and tied for eighth in the March 2004 FEI World-Cup-qualifying grand prix at 's-Hertogenbosch, Holland. In Del Mar, CA, at the Rolex/USEF Show Jumping Championships, Peter and Fein Cera tied for the Reserve Champion honors. In 2003, he was named Leading Rider at CSI-W Geneva. Peter has achieved international show jumping success highlighted by double Silver medals at the 1999 Pan American Games and the Individual Bronze medal at the 2002 World Equestrian Games in Spain with Fein Cera, who was named Best Horse of the Games. A native of Medfield, MA, Peter worked his way up in the junior rider ranks, and earned the country's highest junior honor when he won the Rolex-Maclay National Equestrian Championship at the National Horse Show in Madison Square Garden in 1982. He has several grand prix wins to his credit, including a win in the President's Cup at the Washington International Horse Show in October 1996. Peter lives and trains in The Hague, Holland, and makes his Olympic debut in Athens.



Bob Langrish



Randi Mustler

## Beezie Madden & AUTHENTIC

**Born:** 11/20/63 • **Residence:** Cazenovia, NY

**Competition Horse:** Authentic (Dutch Warmblood gelding; owned by John Madden Sales & Elizabeth Busch Burke)

In 2004, Beezie won Challenge Cups and grand prix events with three different mounts. Aboard Judgement, she took the \$150,000 Grand Prix of Charlotte, the \$25,000 Welcome Stakes Qualifier and the \$75,000 Grand Prix of Tampa. With her Olympic horse Authentic, she took the win at the \$25,000 WEF Challenge Cup, and she put in impressive performances at the USEF 2004 Olympic Selection Trials in Del Mar—finishing the trials with a cumulative total of only eight faults for all six selection events and winning overall. Beezie started 2003 off with several wins at the Winter Equestrian Festival, including a win in the \$50,000 Idle Dice Classic and in the \$100,000 Cosequin U.S. Open Jumper Championship in Wellington, FL. She was also on the U.S. team that won the Samsung Nations' Cup. Beezie then went on to help the U.S. win a Team Gold medal in the 2003 Pan American Games in Santo Domingo. In 2002, Beezie rode on the sixth place team at the World Equestrian Games in Spain. In 2000, she had an impressive win in the Valkenswaard Grand Prix in Holland when she beat Barcelona Olympic Gold medalist Ludger Beerbaum of Germany by 0.31 seconds in a four-horse jump-off, becoming only the second American to win a Pulsar Crown event.



Charles Mann



Bob Langrish

## McLain Ward & SAPHIRE

**Born:** 10/17/75 • **Residence:** Brewster, NY  
**Competition Horse:** Sapphire (Belgian Warmblood mare; owned by McLain Ward & Double H Farm)

At the age of 14, McLain became the youngest rider to win the USET Show Jumping Talent Derby and the USET Medal Finals, making him the first rider to win both titles in the same year. Two years later he was a member of the Gold medal team at the North American Young Riders' Championships and was AGA Rookie of the Year. In 1997, McLain represented the USET at the World Cup Final and on a European tour, where the USET captured two Nations' Cup victories. In 1998, he went on to win 11 grand prix and was named the Budweiser/AGA Rider of the Year, and his horse, Twist du Valon, was the Budweiser/AGA Horse of the Year. In 1999, McLain became the youngest rider to pass the \$1 million mark in grand prix earnings, and this figure rose as he continued winning in 2000

and 2001. In 2002, he tied for fourth in the Show Jumping World Cup Final in Leipzig, Germany, on Viktor. The pair won that year's \$75,000 Grand Prix of Devon and he repeated that win aboard Goldika this year. The AGA named McLain the Rider of the Year for 2003. This year, he has already won several events aboard Quick Star II Z, Goldika, Labelle and Hurricane I, and he came in third at the Olympic Selection Trials in California aboard Sapphire, his Olympic mount.



Randi Muster



Charles Mann

### ALTERNATE

## Alison Firestone & CASANOVA

**Born:** 11/25/76 • **Residence:** Upperville, VA  
**Competition Horse:** Casanova (Swedish Warmblood gelding; owned by Mr. & Mrs. Bertram R. Firestone)

Alison has been competing on the hunter/jumper circuit for many years, with successes in Europe in 1994, 1995 and 1996, winning events at well-known venues such as Hickstead, England; Hamburg, Germany; and Filot, Belgium. With Alison as a member of the USET, the team won a Silver medal at the 1999 Pan American Games in Winnipeg, Canada, and she was the top-placed U.S. rider at the 1998 World Equestrian Games. In 1997, she was the recipient of a USET grant to represent the U.S. on a European tour. She was named leading rider in the Samsung Nations' Cup World Series in 1997, along with Female Equestrian Athlete of the Year by the U.S. Olympic Committee. In 2000, she won the \$250,000 American Grandprix Association Championship on Royal Future and the \$50,000

Las Vegas Grand Prix on Arnica De La Barre, her third time winning the Grand Prix at the World Cup Finals in four years. This year, she has already won the \$50,000 Kilkenny/ICH Internationale Cup CSI in Wellington, FL, aboard Iceburg, and she and Casanova placed fourth at the Olympic Selection Trials in California, earning their place as Olympic alternates.



Charles Mann



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### ALTERNATE

## Lauren Hough & CLASIKO

**Born:** 4/11/77 • **Residence:** Ocala, FL  
**Competition Horse:** Clasiko (bay Holsteiner gelding; owned by the Clasiko Group)

Lauren is no stranger to Olympic equestrian sport. At the 2000 Sydney Olympics, she rode Clasiko to a sixth place team finish and tied for 15th place in the individual show jumping competition. After that she placed second in the \$100,000 President's Cup at the Washington International Horse Show in Washington, DC. She entered the grand prix circuit in 1993, when she earned the title of Pacific Coast Horseman's Association Rookie of the Year at age 15. In 1998, she placed first at the \$25,000 New Hope Welcome Class. Her fourth place finish at the U.S. Olympic Selection Trials in 2000 earned her a spot on the team. She has also competed in the 2001 World Cup Finals and the 2002 Samsung Nations' Cup, and in 2002 she won the National Horse Show Grand Prix aboard Clasiko. In 2003, she helped her team win a Team Gold medal at the Pan American Games. She finished fifth during this year's Olympic Selection Trials, earning her a spot as alternate.



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## Darren Chiacchia & WINDFALL 2

**Born:** 9/18/64 • **Residence:** Springville, NY  
**Competition Horse:** Windfall 2 (Trakehner stallion; owned by Tim Holekamp)

Veteran rider Darren and the stunning black stallion Windfall 2 had their best season ever in 2003 when they won the Individual Gold medal in the Pan American Eventing Championship at Fair Hill. The pairing also won the USET Three-Star Spring Championship at the Foxhall Cup CCI\*\*\* by finishing as the highest-placed U.S. rider (second behind Australian Olympic Gold medalist Phillip Dutton). Darren and Windfall 2 won the Rolex CIC\*\*\*\* in Lexington, KY, this past April. They also won the Poplar Place Farm Horse Trials Advanced, the Red Hills Horse Trials CIC\*\*\* and Darren, on another mount, Power Ty, won the Rocking Horse Winter Advanced Horse Trials II. He rode internationally for the United States in the European Open Championships in Pratoni, Italy, in 1995 and in the Eventing World Championships at the World Equestrian Games in Jerez, Spain, in 2002. Darren has had consistent success over the years with top finishes at the United States' most prestigious events, the Rolex Kentucky Event, the Fair Hill International and the Foxhall Cup.



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## Julie Burns Richards & JACOB TWO TWO

**Born:** 9/26/70 • **Residence:** Newnan, GA  
**Competition Horse:** Jacob Two Two (Canadian Thoroughbred gelding; owned by Jim Richards)

Julie began riding at the age of three on her parents' farm and then started her competitive career at local Pony Club shows where she became interested in three-day eventing. Rising up through the ranks, Julie was named to the 2000 Olympic Team, and she finished ninth in the Individual competition in Sydney on Hyde Park Corner. The pair continued to compete successfully through 2003, winning the Advanced 1 in Frederick, MD; placing third in the Fair Hill International CCI\*\*\* in Maryland, and at the Advanced competition in Hamilton, GA; and fourth in the Kentucky Classic CIC\*\*\* in Lexington, KY. She earned her berth on the team by competing in CCI's at the three-star level in both the U.S. and the U.K. and finished fifth in the Rolex CCI\*\*\*\* Championship at the Rolex Kentucky Three-Day Event in 1999. Her current mount is the Canadian Thoroughbred, Jacob Two Two. Along with her husband, Jim, she hosts the Foxhall Cup CCI\*\*\* event each spring, which is one of the nation's premier three-day events.



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Chris Fieldhouse

## Kimberly Severson & WINSOME ADANTE

**Born:** 8/22/73 • **Residence:** Keene, VA  
**Competition Horses:** Winsome Adante (English Thoroughbred gelding; owned by Linda Wachtmeister/Plain Dealing Farm, Inc.)

In 2002, Kim and Winsome Adante (affectionately known as "Dan") won the prestigious Rolex Kentucky Three-Day Event CCI\*\*\*\*, in Lexington, KY. Kim could not defend her title in 2003 as she was recovering from a serious leg injury. Later that year, Dan underwent emergency surgery, so the pair sat out nearly all of 2003. However, they have made an amazing comeback and again captured the 2004 Rolex Kentucky with confident style. Kim earned her first international medal in world championship competition in September 2002 when she helped the U.S. earn the Team Gold medal at the World Equestrian Games in Jerez, Spain. In 1999, she was also in the winner's circle in Lexington having won the USET Three-Star Spring Championship, which was key in her being selected to represent the U.S. in the 1999 Pan American Games in Winnipeg, Canada. Unfortunately, Kim had to withdraw from the team when her mount, Over The Limit, encountered health problems. Also in 1999, Kim was second at the Blenheim CCI\*\*\* in England. Two years later, in September 2001, she won the Blenheim CCI\*\*\* on Winsome Adante.



Charles Mann



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## Amy Tryon & MY BEAU

**Born:** 2/24/70 • **Residence:** Redmond, WA  
**Competition Horses:** My Beau (Thoroughbred gelding; owned by Bob, Barbara and Leigh Mesher)

In 2002, Amy and Poggio II helped the U.S. win the Team Gold medal at the Eventing World Championships at the World Equestrian Games in Jerez, Spain. However, the medal came with a price as she had a very serious fall at those games, injuring her back. She made a difficult choice to have risky back surgery and could not work or train for five months; however, Amy has come back strong. Her accomplishments are many on her two horses Poggio II and My Beau. This year, she and My Beau were fourth at the CIC\*\*\*\* Modified Rolex Kentucky Event in Lexington, won the CIC\*\*\* Chatsworth event in Georgia, the Advanced C-1 on My Beau and Advanced C-2 on Poggio II in Raeford, NC. Over the past three years, she has consistently placed among the top six in events across the U.S. Her

solid performance in the three-star at Punchestown (Ireland) in May 1999 earned Amy a trip to the Pan American Games where she finished fourth individually, just two penalties away from the Bronze medal.



Charles Mann

## John Williams & CARRICK

**Born:** 4/04/65 • **Residence:** Middleburg, VA  
**Competition Horse:** Carrick (Thoroughbred cross gelding; owned by John Williams, Veronese Atkins, Elise DePapp, Diane Tichell and Ann Williams)

John and Carrick are a seasoned pair in international competition. John earned his first international medal on Carrick in a world championship in September 2002 when he helped the U.S. earn the Team Gold medal at the World Equestrian Games in Jerez, Spain. They were second in the Rolex Kentucky CCI\*\*\*\* in Lexington in 2002, and third in the Modified Rolex Kentucky in 2004. He was a member of the 1991 U.S. Equestrian Team at the Pan American Three-Day Event Championship in Chatsworth, GA. At age 23, he was just one year out of college when he won the Intermediate CCI National Championship at Radnor in 1988. He has been repeatedly named to the top ten USCTA Rider of the Year list. In addition to being an internationally experienced eventer, John is a recognized USEF "R"

Combined Training course designer. He has also designed and built a number of facilities, including the 1995 Pan American Games Selection Trials at Sharpton Stables, FL, and the 1999 Pan Am Games Selection Trial at Great Meadows, VA.



Chris Fieldhouse



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### REPLACEMENT RIDERS

*Five replacement riders were selected to train in England with the team named on July 16. On August 9, one alternate was selected to join the team in Athens. Below are the five short-listed horse and rider combinations that vied for the alternate position on the final team representing the U.S. Press deadlines prevented the naming of the official alternate in this publication.*



Chris Fieldhouse (4)

**Will Faudree**  
**Born:** 10/04/81  
**Residence:** Southern Pines, NC  
**Competition Horse:** Antigua (Australian Thoroughbred gelding)



**David O'Connor**  
**Born:** 1/18/62  
**Residence:** The Plains, VA  
**Competition Horse:** Outlawed (New Zealand Thoroughbred gelding)



Lisa Field

**Jan Thompson**  
**Born:** 10/25/67  
**Residence:** Purcellville, VA  
**Competition Horse:** Task Force (Thoroughbred gelding)



**Amy Tryon**  
**Born:** 2/24/70  
**Residence:** Duvall, WA  
**Competition Horse:** Poggio II (Thoroughbred gelding)



**Heidi White**  
**Born:** 6/25/65  
**Residence:** Chadds Ford, PA  
**Competition Horse:** Northern Spy (English Thoroughbred gelding)

## COACHES/CHEFS D'EQUIPE/TEAM LEADERS



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**Klaus Balkenhol**  
**Dressage Coach**

Klaus is well-known for his skill as a dressage rider and a coach. The highlights of his career include a Team Gold medal at the 1992 Barcelona Olympics, an Individual Bronze medal at the 1996 Olympics, and a Team Gold medal and an Individual Silver Medal at the 1994 World Equestrian Games. As a dressage trainer and coach for Germany, he trained the 2000 Olympic team to a Gold medal. His coaching for the USET led the team to win a Silver Medal at the World Equestrian Games in Jerez, Spain, the best finish for a U.S. dressage team at a World Championship or Olympic Games.



Tish Quirk

**Jessica Ransehausen**  
**Dressage Chef d'Equipe**

Jessica rode one of the first dressage tests judged in the U.S. She has ridden in three Olympics and at the Pan American Games. Jessica has been judging for more than two decades and is an FEI-rated judge. Under her guidance as chef d'equipe, the USET has won three Olympic Bronze medals, two Silver medals and three Gold medals at the Pan American Games, and one Bronze and one Silver medal at the World Equestrian Games in 2002. She is a USEF Board of Directors member and has served on the FEI Dressage World Cup Committee.



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**Frank Chapot**  
**Jumping Coach/Chef d'Equipe**

A six-time Olympic show jumping rider, Frank has been the USET's show jumping chef d'equipe and coach since 1980. Under his leadership, the team has won seven Olympic medals and nine Pan American Games medals, which includes the first-ever Team Gold medals at the 1984 Olympics and at the World Championships in 1986. The team also won the 1997 FEI Nations' Cup World Series Championships. Frank himself has won two Olympic Silver medals and an Individual Bronze medal in the 1974 World Championships. He has competed on over 46 winning Nations' Cup teams. He has also been a course designer, judge and a timber race rider.



Amber Heintzberger

**Captain Mark Phillips**  
**Eventing Coach/Chef d'Equipe**

With Mark as chef d'equipe and technical advisor for eventing since March 1993, the U.S. eventing team has won events such as Punchestown, Burghley, Badminton and the British Horse Championships. The team has also won medals at the 1994, 1998 and 2002 World Equestrian Games (Team Gold); the 1995, 1999 and 2003 Pan Am Games (Team and Individual Gold); and the 1996 and 2000 Olympics. As a rider, Mark won a Team Olympic Gold medal in 1972 and Gold medals at world and European championships, as well as four Badmintons and one Burghley. Riding for Britain, he won the Team Silver medal at the 1988 Seoul Olympics.

## Marilyn Adams

### Team Leader (Dressage)

Marilyn brings to the team many years of administrative and competitive experience in horse sports. Marilyn began working for the USET in 1999 as Assistant Director of Show Jumping Activities. In July 2002, she was named Director of Dressage Activities, a position she continues to hold with the United States Equestrian Federation (USEF). She served as Team Leader for the 2003 Gold medal Pan American Team and the 2002 World Equestrian Games Silver medal Team. In 2001, she was the Team Leader for the Show Jumping Developing Riders European Tour in Scandinavia. Prior to her involvement with the USET, Marilyn was Director of Dressage & Endurance at AHSA (now the United States Equestrian Federation).



Tish Clark

## Sally Ike

### Team Leader (Show Jumping)

Sally competed internationally for the U.S. Equestrian Team in three-day eventing, and was a member of the 1968 Olympic Eventing Team in Mexico City. In addition to her eventing experience, she also competed in point-to-point racing, hunters, dressage and show jumping. In 1989, she was appointed the USET Director of Three-Day Eventing and Show Jumping, and is currently Director of Show Jumping and Vaulting Activities for the USEF. Sally was Chef de Mission at the 1994 World Equestrian Games and Co-Chef de Mission at the 1998 World Equestrian Games. She has also served as the Show Jumping Team Leader at the 1990 World Equestrian Games; the 1992 and 1996 Olympic Games; the 1995 and 1999 Pan American Games; and the 1990–1999 Show Jumping World Cup Finals.



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## James Wolf

### Chef de Mission and Team Leader (Eventing)

Jim has many years of administrative and competitive experience in horse sports. Prior to joining the USEF staff full-time, he managed the USET's three-day eventing squad at the 1992 Olympic Games in Barcelona, Spain, where he was responsible for the coordination of the training and preparation of the team. He has served as the USET's Director of Eventing Activities since August 1993; Team Leader for the U.S. Eventing Teams at the 1994 and 1998 World Equestrian Games, 1995 and 1999 Pan American Games, 1996 and 2000 Olympic Games and 1997 European Open championships. Jim is responsible for the development, planning and facilitation of all areas of the USET's Eventing Program. Additionally, he has served as Chef de Mission for the entire U.S. equestrian delegation at the 1996 and 2000 Olympic Games.



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# 2004 PARALYMPICS UNITED STATES PARALYMPIC TEAM



Following the conclusion of the Olympic Games, 4,000 athletes from 125 countries, along with 3,000 officials and staff, will come together to compete in 22 different sports at the Paralympic Games – the pinnacle of sports competition for athletes with disabilities. This year, the Paralympic Games will be held in Athens, Greece, from September 17-28, 2004. The United States is fielding a team of 320 athletes and competing in 19 of 22 sports offered.

Dressage is the only equestrian discipline that is included at the Paralympic Games. Equestrian will be held at the Markopoulo Olympic Equestrian Centre, in sand arenas (20m wide by 40m long and 20m wide and 60m long). Dressage will be held over six days of competition – September 21-26. This is the first Paralympic Games that competitors will ride their own horses. Prior competitions were held on borrowed horses supplied by the organizing committee and assigned to riders by a draw.

The U.S. Paralympic Team of four riders and four horses are entered into seven of the nine possible medal events for equestrian at the Athens Games. At the Paralympic Games, riders compete within their grade level. Grade levels are determined through a classification process, where riders are evaluated by medical staff to determine their level of disability, and are grouped with others of similar disability. Grade levels are not skill levels; each rider is riding at the highest level they should be able to attain due to their physical limitations.

Each rider competes in two separate medal events, the Individual Championship and the Musical Freestyle. The four U.S. riders will also compete in the Team event, where an overall Team medal is awarded. As with their Olympic counterparts, men and women compete on the same terms and both the horse and rider are declared Paralympic medal winners.



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## Keith Newerla & LUMBERJACK

**Born:** 2/03/83 • **Residence:** Seaford, NY  
**Competition Horse:** Lumberjack (Dutch Warmblood)  
**Grade Level:** Grade I

In preparations for the 2004 Games, Keith spent the summer training and competing on Lumberjack with the Paralympic team coach, Missy Ransehousen. In 2004, he competed on Ballyshannon, a 17-year-old Irish Thoroughbred/Connemara cross who won the Grand Championship title in both 2001 and 2002 with Barbara Grassmyer. Keith was the Grand Champion at both the 2003 and 2004 National Disability Sports Alliance (NDSA) Championship. In 2003, he rode Atticus, a 20-year-old Hanoverian, to win all three classes in the competition. He also was Individual Gold medalist at the 2002 Mills Team Challenge, held at the North American Young Riders' Championship (NAYRC). A college student majoring in media communications, Keith also plays wheelchair basketball and wheelchair rugby in his spare time.



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## Lynn Seidemann & PHOENIX B

**Born:** 11/19/63 • **Residence:** Coppell, TX  
**Competition Horse:** Phoenix B (Polish Warmblood)  
**Grade Level:** Grade I

Lynn has made several training trips to Scotland to work with Phoenix this summer, and has also been training and competing on her own horse, Ryan, who lives in Texas. Lynn and Phoenix B have the honor of being the current World Champions in Grade I. She won the Gold medal at the 2003 World Championships, held last September in Moorsele, Belgium. They also received a Silver medal for their performance in the Musical Freestyle competition. Lynn was a member of the 2000 Paralympic Team that competed in Sydney on borrowed horses. She is the only member of the 2004 Paralympic Dressage Team that has competed at Paralympic Games before. A true all-around competitor, Lynn won a Silver medal in doubles tennis at the 1992 Barcelona Paralympic Games. She also actively plays wheelchair basketball and swims as part of her fitness-training program.



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## Barbara Grassmyer & MIBIS

**Born:** 5/07/72 • **Residence:** Placerville, CA  
**Competition Horse:** Mibis (Dutch Warmblood)  
**Grade Level:** Grade III

Barbara and Mibis have been training and competing this summer with Paralympic Team coach, Missy Ransehousen, in preparation for the Games. Barbara was the winner of both the 2001 and 2002 NDSA Championship at the Bayer/USET Festival of Champions, riding Ballyshannon. She was first alternate to the team for the 2000 Sydney Paralympic Games. She has competed extensively in California on her horse Grey Poupon, a 17-year-old Oldenburg mare and has gotten recognition from the California Dressage Society. In 2002, she was awarded a travel and training grant from the Women in Sports Foundation. She was a member of the 2003 World Championship team and has competed in Europe on many other occasions over the past 10 years.

## Kathryn Groves & FLEETWOOD

**Born:** 11/16/60 • **Residence:** Winter Garden, FL  
**Competition Horse:** Fleetwood (Dutch Warmblood gelding)  
**Grade Level:** Grade IV

Kathryn spent the summer training and competing with Dennis Callin in North Carolina. Fleetwood and Kathryn are currently competing together at Prix St. George. She is a regular competitor on the Florida circuit with several of her horses. Kathryn was a member of the 2003 World Championship team, aboard Freek, an 18-year-old Dutch Warmblood gelding. At the Grade IV Championship held last September at Dressage at Devon, Kathryn and Freek won the Grand Championship. She is a United States Dressage Federation (USDF) Bronze medalist and is working towards earning her Silver medal.



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## Missy Ransehousen Team Coach

Missy serves as the team's National Team Coach and was the Head Coach of the 2000 Sydney Paralympic Team. She also currently serves on the U.S. Paralympics Sports Management Committee and as a member of the IPEC Training Sub-committee. In 1988, she won the Gold medal in eventing at the 1988 North American Young Riders' Championships (NAYRC). Missy was a member of the 1995 Pan American Team, winning the Team Silver medal and placing fifth individually. She is an active eventing and dressage competitor, and has successfully completed several CCI\*\*\* events.



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## Denise Avolio Chef d'Equipe

Since 1998, Denise has served as the Equestrian Sports Manager for the NDSA. She has been involved with riders with disabilities on a competitive level and in therapeutic riding since 1995. Denise was Team Leader/Chef d'Equipe for the equestrian squad at the 2000 Sydney Paralympic Games and has led or coached riders at several other national and international competitions. Denise is the NDSA Equestrian Sports Manager, a Board of Trustee member of the USEF and the USET Foundation, and a member of the IPEC Executive Committee. She was instrumental in the development of the Dispensation Certificate that allows riders with disabilities to compete in recognized "able-bodied" events.



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## NDSA Classification System Explained: *Dressage for Riders with Disabilities*

- GRADE I:** Mainly wheelchair users with poor trunk balance and/or impairment of function in all four limbs, or no trunk balance and good upper limb function, or moderate trunk balance with severe impairment of all four limbs.
- GRADE II:** Mainly wheelchair users, or those with severe locomotor impairment involving the trunk, and with good to mild upper limb function, or severe unilateral impairment.
- GRADE III:** Usually able to walk without support. Moderate unilateral impairment, or moderate impairment in four limbs, severe arm impairment. May need a wheelchair for longer distances or due to lack of stamina. May have total loss of sight in both eyes, or be intellectually impaired. Blacked out glasses or a blindfold must be worn by "profile 36" riders.
- GRADE IV:** Impairment in one or two limbs, or some visual impairment.

## Learn More!

- ▼ The International Paralympic Equestrian Committee has developed and governed the sport since 1992. It is responsible for development of the tests and rules, and of all international competitions, and will be integrated into the FEI to continue in that role after the Athens Games.
- ▼ USEF has been responsible for overseeing and approving the selection process for the 2004 Paralympic Team and is providing the team with administrative and logistical support.

# 2004 OLYMPIC COMPETITION SCHEDULE

Date/Event	Time	Venue
<b>Markopoulo Olympic Equestrian Centre</b>		
August 15, 2004		
Individual Eventing Dressage - Day 1	10:00 a.m. - 6:35 p.m.	Dressage Arena
Team Eventing Dressage - Day 1	10:00 a.m. - 6:35 p.m.	Dressage Arena
August 16, 2004		
Individual Eventing Dressage - Day 2	10:00 a.m. - 6:35 p.m.	Dressage Arena
Team Eventing Dressage - Day 2	10:00 a.m. - 6:35 p.m.	Dressage Arena
August 17, 2004		
Individual Eventing Cross Country	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Eventing Park
Team Eventing Cross Country	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Eventing Park
August 18, 2004		
Individual Eventing Jumping Qualifier	3:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.	Jumping Arena
Team Eventing Jumping - Final	3:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.	Jumping Arena
Individual Eventing Jumping - Final	8:45 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.	Jumping Arena
Team Eventing Medal Ceremony	10:20 p.m. - 10:50 p.m.	Jumping Arena
Individual Eventing Medal Ceremony	10:50 p.m. - 11:05 p.m.	Jumping Arena
August 20, 2004		
Individual Dressage Grand Prix - Day 1	8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Dressage Arena
Team Dressage Grand Prix - Day 1	8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Dressage Arena
August 21, 2004		
Individual Dressage Grand Prix - Day 2	8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Dressage Arena
Team Dressage Grand Prix - Day 2	8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Dressage Arena
Team Dressage Medal Ceremony	1:15 p.m. - 1:45 p.m.	Dressage Arena
August 22, 2004		
Individual Jumping Qualification - 1st Qualifier	9:00 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.	Jumping Arena
August 23, 2004		
Individual Dressage Grand Prix Special	8:00 a.m. - 12:55 p.m.	Dressage Arena
August 24, 2004		
Individual Jumping Qualification - 2nd Qualifier	9:00 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.	Jumping Arena
Team Jumping Final - Round 1	9:00 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.	Jumping Arena
Individual Jumping Qualification - 3rd Qualifier	8:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.	Jumping Arena
Team Jumping Final - Round 2	10:00 p.m. - 11:40 p.m.	Jumping Arena
Team Jumping Medal Ceremony	11:50 p.m. - 12:30 a.m.	Jumping Arena
August 25, 2004		
Individual Dressage Final Grand Prix Freestyle	3:30 p.m. - 6:25 p.m.	Dressage Arena
Individual Dressage Medal Ceremony	6:40 p.m. - 6:55 p.m.	Dressage Arena
August 27, 2004		
Individual Jumping Final - Round 1	4:00 p.m. - 6:15 p.m.	Jumping Arena
Individual Jumping Final - Round 2	8:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.	Jumping Arena
Individual Jumping Medal Ceremony	9:50 p.m. - 10:05 p.m.	Jumping Arena



# MEDAL HISTORY

## U.S. Olympic Medal History - Equestrian

**1912 Stockholm Games**  
**Three-Day Eventing Team Bronze**  
Lt. Benjamin Lear / Poppy  
Lt. John Montgomery / Deceiver  
Capt. Guy Henry / Chiswell  
Lt. Ephram Graham / Connie

**1924 Paris Olympics**  
**Three-Day Eventing Individual Bronze**  
Major Sloan Doak / Pathfinder

**1932 Los Angeles Olympics**  
**Show Jumping Individual Silver**  
Major Harry Chamberlin / Show Girl

**Dressage Individual Bronze**  
Captain Hiram Tuttle / Olympic

**Dressage Team Bronze**  
Captain Hiram Tuttle / Olympic  
Captain Isaac Kitts / American Lady  
Captain Alvin Moore / Water Pat

**Three-Day Eventing Individual Silver**  
Lt. Earl Thomson / Jenny Camp

**Three-Day Eventing Team Gold**  
Lt. Earl Thomson / Jenny Camp  
Major Harry Chamberlin / Pleasant Smiles  
Captain Edwin Argo / Honolulu Tomboy

**1936 Berlin Olympics**  
**Three-Day Eventing Individual Silver**  
Captain Earl Thomson / Jenny Camp

**1948 London Olympics**  
**Dressage Team Silver**  
Lt. Robert Borg / Klingsor  
Col. Earl Thomson / Pancraft  
Lt. Col. Frank Henry / Reno Overdo

**Three-Day Eventing Individual Silver**  
Lt. Col. Frank Henry / Swing Low

**Three-Day Eventing Team Gold**  
Lt. Col. Frank Henry / Swing Low  
Lt. Col. Charles Anderson / Reno Palisades  
Col. Earl Thomson / Reno Rhythm

**1952 Helsinki Olympics**  
**Show Jumping Team Bronze**  
William Steinkraus / Hollandia  
Arthur McCashin / Miss Budweiser  
John W. Russell / Democrat

**Three-Day Eventing Team Bronze**  
Charles Hough / Cassavellanus  
Walter Staley / Craigwood  
John E.B. Wofford / Benny Grimes

**1960 Rome Olympics**  
**Show Jumping Team Silver**  
George Morris / Sinjon  
Frank Chapot / Trail Guide  
William Steinkraus / Ksar d'Esprit

**1964 Tokyo Olympics**  
**Three-Day Eventing Team Silver**  
Michael Page / Grasshopper  
Kevin Freeman / Gallopade  
Michael Plumb / Bold Minstrel  
Lana DuPont / Mr. Wister

**1968 Mexico City Olympics**  
**Show Jumping Individual Gold**  
William Steinkraus / Snowbound

**Three-Day Eventing Individual Bronze**  
Michael Page / Foster

**Three-Day Eventing Team Silver**  
Michael Page / Foster  
James Wofford / Kilkenny  
Michael Plumb / Plain Sailing  
Kevin Freeman / Chalan

**1972 Munich Games**  
**Show Jumping Individual Silver**  
Neal Shapiro / Sloopy

**Show Jumping Team Silver**  
William Steinkraus / Main Spring  
Neal Shapiro / Sloopy  
Frank Chapot / White Lightning  
Kathy Kusner / Fleet Apple

**Three-Day Eventing Team Silver**  
Kevin Freeman / Dahlwitz  
Bruce Davidson / Plain Sailing  
Michael Plumb / Free and Easy  
James Wofford / Kilkenny

**1976 Montreal Olympics**  
**Three-Day Eventing Individual Gold**  
Tad Coffin / Bally Cor

**Three-Day Eventing Team Gold**  
Tad Coffin / Bally Cor  
Michael Plumb / Better and Better  
Bruce Davidson / Irish Cap  
Mary Anne Tauskey / Marcus Aurelius

**Dressage Team Bronze**  
Dorothy Morkis / Monaco  
Hilda Gurney / Keen  
Edith Masters / Dahlwitz

**1980 Alternate Olympics**  
**Show Jumping Individual Bronze - Rotterdam**  
Melanie Smith / Calypso

**Three-Day Eventing Individual Silver - Fontainebleau**  
James Wofford / Carawich

**Three-Day Eventing Individual Bronze - Fontainebleau**  
Torrance Watkins / Poltroon

**1984 Los Angeles Olympics**  
**Show Jumping Individual Gold**  
Joe Fargis / Touch of Class

**Show Jumping Individual Silver**  
Conrad Homfeld / Abdullah

**Show Jumping Team Gold**  
Joe Fargis / Touch of Class  
Conrad Homfeld / Abdullah  
Leslie Burr / Albany  
Melanie Smith / Calypso

**Three-Day Eventing Individual Silver**  
Karen Stives / Ben Arthur

**Three-Day Eventing Team Gold**  
Karen Stives / Ben Arthur  
Torrance Watkins / Finvarra  
Michael Plumb / Blue Stone  
Bruce Davidson / J.J. Babu

**1988 Seoul Olympics**  
**Show Jumping Individual Silver**  
Greg Best / Gem Twist

**Show Jumping Team Silver**  
Greg Best / Gem Twist  
Lisa Jacquin / For The Moment  
Anne Kursinski / Starman  
Joe Fargis / Mill Pearl

**1992 Barcelona Olympics**  
**Show Jumping Individual Bronze**  
Norman Dello Joio / Irish

**Dressage Team Bronze**  
Robert Dover / Lectron  
Charlotte Bredahl / Monsieur  
Carol Lavell / Gifted  
Michael Poulin / Graf George

**1996 Atlanta Olympics**  
**Show Jumping Team Silver**  
Anne Kursinski / Eros  
Leslie Burr-Howard / Extreme  
Michael Matz / Rhum IV  
Peter Leone / Legato

**Dressage Team Bronze**  
Guenter Seidel / Graf George  
Michelle Gibson / Peron  
Steffen Peters / Udon  
Robert Dover / Metallic

**Three-Day Eventing Individual Bronze**  
Kerry Millikin / Out And About

**Three-Day Eventing Team Silver**  
Karen O'Connor / Biko  
Bruce Davidson / Heyday  
David O'Connor / Giltedge  
Jill Henneberg / Nirvana II

**2000 Sydney Olympics**  
**Dressage Team Bronze**  
Susan Blinks / Flim Flam  
Robert Dover / Rainier  
Guenter Seidel / Foltaire  
Christine Traurig / Etienne

**Three-Day Eventing Individual Gold**  
David O'Connor / Custom Made

**Three-Day Eventing Team Bronze**  
Nina Fout / 3 Magic Beans  
Karen O'Connor / Prince Panache  
David O'Connor / Giltedge  
Linden Weisman / Anderoo