

# 1991 Morton W. "Cappy" Smith

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Morton W. "Cappy" Smith dominated the horse show scene for several decades beginning in the 1930s. This colorful horseman made many of his own horses and though their successes often prompted quick sale, he would always seem to have new winners at the next show.

Smith started such jumpers as Helium, Portlight, Flamingo, Ping Pong and Pronto (Nautical). He won the National Horse Show jumper title with Bartender in 1937 and 1938, and in 1939 was champion and reserve with Bartender and Intrepid. Smith was the first post-war jumper champion at the National Horse Show with Chamarro, and he captured the National title for the final time in 1954 aboard Clay Pidgeon, who won his fifth consecutive championship.

Among the championship hunters Smith trained were such horses as Skylark, Ballela, Lord Britain, Guardsman and Jambol. Jambol won both the triple bar jumper class and the conformation hunter stake at the National as a four-year-old. Additional hunter champions ridden by Smith were Sinbad, Grey Pennant, My Bill, Sombrero and Bill Star. Smith won the three-year-old hunter championship of Virginia for five consecutive years.

A director of the Royal Winter Fair, Smith was also Master of the Orange County Hunt in Virginia for many years.

