

Mark's Profile

Having been passionately involved with horses since his first county fair pony ride thirty years ago, Mark has made horses his professional life for over seventeen of them.

During his junior and young rider days Mark rode in the equitation, hunter and jumper divisions at all levels. Some of his accomplishments during this time were qualifying for the USET Young Rider Finals, winning the Syracuse Professional Horseman's Association Sportsmanship Award and placing second, twice, at the Zone 2 Medal Finals, not to mention the numerous championship and reserve championships in the Junior Hunters, Children's Hunters, Regular Working Hunters, Children's Jumpers and Amateur Owner Jumpers. As a young professional rider, he brought along numbers of young and difficult horses, specializing in allowing these difficult horses to find their niche along the way. He also spent that time catch riding anything that came his way.

More known for his instruction, coaching and from the ground training since being limited by a back injury, Mark has always had a passion for teaching. He has brought riders and horses from their very beginnings up through their first Grand Prix's. Mark has trained and qualified riders for USEF Medal Finals, Maclay Regionals, USEF Pony Finals, Intercollegiate Horse Show Association (IHSA) Nationals and various other championships in hunters, equitation, jumpers and three day eventing. His horses and riders have also won many championships on the USEF Zone level in both hunters and jumpers. In IHSA, **he has coached the UW Wisconsin Equestrian Team** to four top ten finishes at IHSA Nationals and nine Zone Champion or Reserve Champion titles. For IHSA individuals he has also had multiple National and Reserve National Champions, along with countless top ten riders.

In addition, Mark has served as an IHSA Regional President and currently serves as a Chairman of the USHJA Zone 6 Committee.