

In Memory of... Paul Darragh

Well known Irish show-jumper Paul Darragh has died, aged 81, at his home in Tara, County Meath. It is believed Darragh, who represented Ireland 54 times in Nations Cup events, suffered a heart attack.

After gradually withdrawing from international competitions, Darragh moved into training. He tutored Princess Haya who became the first Jordanian to compete at the Olympics in the Sydney 2000 Games.

Darragh was one of Ireland's leading International Show-Jumpers. From an early age, Darragh always wanted to ride show jumpers as a career and spent a season in England with Trevor Banks to learn all about the show-jumping trade. He then returned to Ireland to join Kellell Stable in County Kildare, and rode Pele to win the British Show-Jumping Derby at Hickstead in 1975. He went on then to ride the famous Heather Honey, who was his mount in the World Championships in Aachen in 1978.

Darragh has won over 50 Nations Cup appearances for Ireland, has been Irish Champion and competed at Olympics and World Championships.

Hussein Fahmy...

Hussein Fahmy took his BSC in chemical engineering in 1967 from Saint Mark, a French school in Alexandria. He worked in the oil industry for two years. In 1970, Fahmy traveled to Paris and worked in the International Company, Good Year, as an industrial marketing engineer for five years. He opened various markets all around Europe for the company and received a scholarship from the French government in industrial marketing. He then returned to Egypt and joined the marketing departments in several Egyptian firms, during the same time he gave lectures in industrial marketing in the American University in Cairo for another five years. His final post was consultant engineer for several years.

Aside of his work, Fahmy was a member of the council of the Arabic Equestrian Federation, and the Egyptian Equestrian Federation, which represented Egypt in several big events such as the International Equestrian Conference, in Buckingham palace in 1986 where Fahmy met prince Philip and princesses Anne. Fahmy also represented Egypt in 1987 in France meeting with Jacques Chirac who was the prime minister at the time.

Fahmy had the largest share in resolving the problem

Hussein Khairy...

Born in December 1920, was a talented rider as a young mayor at the royal cavalry. He was a gifted polo rider too.

Hussein Khairy was twice vice president of the Egyptian Equestrian Federation and later on, became its president. He was brother of Mohamed Khairy the Olympic rider who represented Egypt in several international events.

Khairy died in August 2004 and was a popular well loved figure in the sport. ■

Back in 1969 Darragh won an Individual Silver Medal at the Junior European Championships in Dinard in France and was an Individual Bronze Medal winner the following year when the Championships were held in St. Moritz in Switzerland. He obtained the coveted Team Gold Medal when the junior Europeans were held



at Hickstead in 1971 when he rode a double clear with Woodpecker and also at the same Championships obtained his second European Silver Medal.

One of Darragh's greatest achievements was being a member of the formidable 1977-79 triple Aga Khan-winning quartet when he successfully teamed up with Eddie Macken, Con Power and James Kernan. ■

of Egyptian horses that were banned to travel outside Egypt because of the African disease.

Today people owe it all to him for being able to transport their horses outside Egypt with no difficulties.

Fahmy had a simple life. He used to socialize with people of different classes. He loved to see new young riders in the sport and encouraged all riders of all ages to continue practicing. Fahmy has two daughters whom he loved very much and grandsons with whom he spent time planting the seeds of horses riding in their hearts to which they are very thankful. Although Fahmy, an example of wisdom, generosity, simplicity and a horse lover through out his life passed away, he will always be in our hearts and the hearts of many who knew him.

His grandson,

Ahmed Ragab. ■

