

Mohamed Selim Zaki

Egypt's Rider of The Millennium

He had a passion for flying all his life. His childhood dream was to become a pilot. He never fulfilled his dream. Instead, Mohamed Selim Zaki became a showjumper competing on an Olympic level.

Quoted from L'annee Hippique 1954, was the following about Selim Zaki's victory in the Irish Cup.

"Inch'Allah - Selim Zaki, un couple dont les noms resteront gravés en lettres d'or dans les annales du tout grand jumping international!"

It means that Inch'Allah and Selim Zaki are a couple whose names will remain engraved in gold in the archives of International Show Jumping.



1- Selim Zaki with Inch'Allah in a jump off against H.G Winkler Lucerne, Switzerland 1954.

2- Selim Zaki holding the Irish Cup 1954

The Irish Cup, Lucerne, Switzerland. It is held every two years. To win the trophy the rider has to either win first place for three consecutive years or to win first place title five times during a rider's lifetime. Selim Zaki won first place in 1954 and 1956 successively, but lost the title by one fifth of a second in 1958. Nevertheless, his name was engraved on the trophy awarded to the winner, making himself the only rider ever to win the Irish cup two times.

3- Selim Zaki with the founder of Italian showjumping Capt. Raimondo d'Inzeo - 1952

4- Selim Zaki finishing equal first with two of the world great international showjumpers d'Oriola and Lt. Dubreuil - Lucerne 1956.