



EQUESTRIAN SPORTS NEW ZEALAND
HALL OF FAME

Graeme (Butch) Thomas



Major Results

Member of Auckland Jumping Team to win the Rutherford Cup Teams Competition, **1965, 1970**
Winner of the House of Blackmore Trophy, presented for the Speed Championship at Horse of the Year, **1970**
Winner of the Lowry Medallion, presented for most points accrued at the Horse of the Year Show, **1970**
Member of NZ Jumping Team to Sydney, Australia, **1967, 1971**
Two-time Winner Bromont Grand Prix, Montreal, Canada, **1978, 1980**
Winner Lake Placid Grand Prix, Lake Placid, New York, **1980**
Five-time Winner Grand Prix of the Cow Palace, San Francisco, CA
Represented New Zealand at FEI World Cup Jumping Finals, Berlin, Germany, **1985**

Other

Moved to the USA and set up successful training and coaching business - Willow Tree Farm in **1972**
Supplied the horses for the New Zealand team selected to attend a CSIY (16 - 21yrs) competition in Mexico, allowing NZ young riders to compete on the international stage at Monterrey, Mexico, **1994**
Chef d'Equipe of the Zone 10 FEI North American Junior and Young Rider Championships team, **2007, 2008, 2009**
2015 Awarded USHJA Lifetime Achievement Award
Made Willow Tree farm a base for many Kiwi show jumpers to start their campaigns in the USA.
Returns regularly to New Zealand to coach NZ riders of all levels.