

ROBERTSON TO RECEIVE USEF AWARD

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Jimmy Robertson has joined the prestigious group of recipients of the Bill Robinson Trophy; awarded by the USEF as one of the Equestrians Of Honor Awards for Non-FEI Breeds and Disciplines. There are six non-FEI awards, including the Emerson Burr Trophy, C.J. “June” Cronan, Jr. Trophy, Barbara Worth Oakford Trophy, Norman K. Dunn Trophy and the Vaughn Smith Trophy.

Robertson joins the list of Bill Robinson Trophy winners including Darrel Kolkman, Mary Gaylord McClean, Gerry Rushton, Richard Ames, Raymond Shively, Judy Whitney Harris, Georgia Blevins, Harry Sebring, Dr. Alan Raun, Nadine Tilley, Karen Waldron, Gib Marcucci, Chris and Sonya Bickford, Gareth Selwood, Misdee Wrigley Miller, Gail Aumiller, Eugene Sweeney, Margy Cox and Peter Stachowski.

Presenting numerous champions under the Infinity Stables banner, Jimmy went to the winner’s circle more than once in 2022. He guided Divide ‘N Conquer to his second Roadster To Bike World’s Grand Championship title for the Raque Family and in addition to wins at May Classic and Mercer County Fair, they finished the year as the inaugural Standardbred Roadster 100 Reserve Grand Champions.

Jimmy and Chanteur P.V. won the ARHPA Roadster to Bike Jackpot Stake and



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he guided owner Kayce Bell to a sweep of the amateur division at Rock Creek, a win at Lawrenceburg and the Ladies Roadster To Bike Sec. II Reserve World’s Championship, after himself driving Chanteur to the win in the Kentucky County Fair Roadster To Bike Championship on the green shavings.

Bellville Delight, owned by Junior Fischer, and Izzie’s Elegance, owned by Donald and Vanessa Henderson, both went to the winner’s circle in 2022 under his direction.

Jimmy isn’t the winner of this award simply because he drove to the winner’s circle in 2022. It is because 2022 was yet another year where the horse show industry benefited from his service, selflessness and dedication.

“This award means a lot to me,” said Robertson. “It’s not just UPHA or ASHA, it’s more universal and that’s a big honor. I am so honored that the award is in Bill Robinson’s name. He rented stalls from us when he worked for Sallie Wheeler and he lived in Lexington, [Kentucky]. We went to a lot of shows together.”

He added, “Dad had horses when Bill had ponies and one of the most notable is High Spirit.” Jimmy Robertson, Kenneth Wheeler, Jr. and Bill Robinson all showed her to world’s championship titles and she won title as a roadster pony and Harness pony.

The USEF Equestrians of Honor Awards will be presented Thursday evening, Jan. 12th at the upcoming USEF Annual Meeting in Lexington, Kentucky which runs from January 12 through January 14th.