

John Whitaker MBE

Date of Birth: 05/08/1955

Lives: Huddersfield, West Yorkshire

Ranking: For Longines Rankings [click here](#)

Family: Wife: Clare; Children: Louise, Robert, Joanne

One of the world's most respected and renowned riders, John first shot to fame partnering the dynamic and charismatic horse Ryan's Son in his late teens. Their partnership spanned fourteen years during which time they won three Olympic Silver medals amongst many other titles. The infamous grey gelding Milton, who used to give a trademark leap into the air at the end of his round, joined John in 1985 and between them they won more than £1million in prize money. John has represented Great Britain at six Olympic Games (one alternative), four World Championships and eleven European Championships winning medals from Gold through to Bronze. He has also won the King George V Gold Cup three times and the Hickstead Derby on four occasions.

Did you know: John's passion for his cattle is immense and it isn't unknown for one of them to be seen poking their head over a stable door on the yard!

Major Achievements: Total Medals = 25; Total Nations Cups =183

Championships / Games Statistics

	Year	Medals / Placing	
		Team	Ind
Olympic Games	2008	5 th	-
	2000	8 th	-
	1992	7 th	14 th
	1984	Silver	-
	1980	Silver	Silver
Alternative Olympics	1980	Silver	Silver
World Equestrian Games	1998	Bronze	-
	1990	Bronze	Silver
	1986	Silver	-
	1982	Bronze	-
European Championships	2011	Bronze	-
	2007	Bronze	-
	2005	6 th	-
	1997	Bronze	-
	1995	Silver	-
	1993	Silver	-
	1991	Silver	-

Current Top International Horses

Horse	Owner	Sire	Country of Origin	Year of Birth	Sex	Colour
Argento	Clare / John Whitaker	Arko III	UK	2002	S	Dark Bay
Lord of Arabia	Old Lodge	Cassini II	Germany	2004	G	Brown
Woulon L	Clare Whitaker	Toulon	Netherlands	2003	G	Grey
Uni Stop	Clare Whitaker	Nonstop	Belgium	2004	G	Brown
Zantos II	Mandy Hall / Clare Whitaker	Solitair	Netherlands	2004	G	Bay



OFFICIAL RIDER BIOGRAPHY
www.britishshowjumping.co.uk

©British Showjumping

Updated: 17/09/2014