

D. Wayne Lukas

D. Wayne Lukas was born Sept 2, 1935 in Antigo, Wisconsin. He earned a master's degree in education at the University of Wisconsin, where he worked as an assistant basketball coach for two years and then went on to become a teacher and high school head basketball coach in La Crosse, Wisconsin for seven years.

He established himself as a top Quarter Horse trainer, averaging more than \$ 1 million in purse earnings a year and turning out 23 Quarter Horse champions before turning to Thoroughbreds on a full-time basis in 1978. The first trainer to earn more than \$100 million in purse money, he has been the year's top money winner 14 times. He is racing's all-time leading money-earning trainer.

Lukas got his big break in 1980 when he won the Preakness Stakes on Codex. His horses have won the Kentucky Derby four times, the Preakness Stakes on six occasions, and have claimed victory four times in the Belmont Stakes, including winning all three of the Classics in 1995 with Thunder Gulch (Kentucky Derby, Belmont Stakes) and Timber Country (Preakness), making him the first trainer to sweep the Triple Crown Classic races with two different horses in a season. In 2013, he surpassed Sunny Jim Fitzsimmons for the most Triple Crown race victories with 14.

He has won a Breeder's Cup race 19 times and fillies Lukas has trained have won the Kentucky Oaks four times. He has trained 24 Eclipse-winning horses and three of those have been Horse of the Year. He has won the Eclipse Award for Outstanding Trainer four times and was presented the 2013 Eclipse Award of Merit. He was inducted into the American Academy of Achievement in 1988 and into the National Museum of Racing and Hall of Fame in 1999. He was named the 2002 H.B.P.A. Man of the Year. In 2007, he was inducted into The Kentucky Horse Racing Hall of Fame, The Texas Horse Racing Hall of Fame, and the American Quarter Horse Hall of Fame in; becoming the first person to enter both the Thoroughbred and Quarter Horse halls of fame.