



# Alexander Mackay-Smith

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Indomitable, eclectic, kind and patient are just some of the words used to describe the unique character of Alexander Mackay-Smith (1903-1998). One of the most prolific writers on equine sports in the last century, Mr. Mackay-Smith is remembered as a visionary—able not only to conceive of ideas but also to bring them to fruition.

In 2002, Mr. Mackay-Smith's broad contributions to the whole of the equine industry were recognized when he was awarded the inaugural Equine Industry Vision Award—created to showcase innovation, ingenuity and service throughout the horse world and presented by Pfizer Animal Health and American Horse Publications.

Alexander Mackay-Smith's achievements as an innovator and historian are numerous, but his role as editor of *The Chronicle of the Horse* for almost 25 years, marks him as a leader in the early years of equine publishing. He is an inspiration to all of us who continue to grow this industry for he is a role model for each of us to emulate. He envisioned the spirit of dedication and passion for horses, a spirit that AHP members must keep alive in memory of a true visionary.

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