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Jump into Summer with Anne Kursinski! McIntosh Stables to Host Northern CA Clinic with Olympian

Equestrian Press Release

Menlo Park, CA – March 12, 2010. McIntosh Stables is pleased to announce a rare opportunity to train with Olympian Anne Kursinski in Northern California. The Olympic medalist will give a special three day clinic at the home of McIntosh Stables, the Portola Valley Training Center in Menlo Park.

A limited number of spaces are available for the clinic, which will take place June 18-20, 2010. Three sections, at jumping heights of 2'9", 3'3" and 3'9"+, of just six riders each, will allow participants to receive intensive instruction from Anne in jumpers and equitation. Each two hour session will focus on the essential elements of flatwork, gymnastics and jumping in the technique of the American System of Forward Riding. The clinic will take place in the sprawling Grand Prix ring at the PVTC. In the event of rain, the facility's spacious indoor ring will be used. Auditor space is unlimited.

Anne Kursinski is a true icon to the sport of show jumping; she was just a teenager when she was selected as an alternate to the US Olympic Team at the Los Angeles Olympics in 1984. Since then she's partnered with several legendary horses to compete in the Olympics four more times, winning team silver twice. A Pan Am Games gold medalist, 3-time World Equestrian Games rider and 12-time World Cup Finalist, Anne's riding style has become the quintessential standard of American Show Jumping.

An enthusiastic and sought-after coach, Anne is also an extremely popular clinician.

"I love teaching and giving back to the sport," she says. "I think that teaching makes me a better rider, and I greatly enjoy figuring out the best way to explain a concept to each individual student."

Although she dedicates time away from her busy stable in Frenchtown, New Jersey to teach clinics throughout the country, it's been years since she's taught a clinic in Northern California.

Toni and Colin McIntosh are thrilled to have the opportunity to host this special event at their home base in Menlo Park. Both Colin, a former Olympian himself, and Toni have competed and coached up to international levels for their native country of New Zealand. As trainers, they share Anne's philosophy that the very best coaching is based on positive support, and always with the horse's perspective in mind. Since opening their training business in the United States seven years ago, Toni and Colin have become known for their dedication to creating the very best riders and horses.

Toni comments that "we're pleased to have a fellow Olympian such as Anne Kursinski come out to our barn and reinforce our positive training methods."

Clinic registration cut-off date is May 1st, and spaces are expected to fill quickly. Visit www.mcintosh-stables.com for more details and registration materials. This event is made possible by the support of the Portola Valley Training Center and Sidelines Magazine.