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**Daybreak Farm had a great weekend at the PSJ show at Highfields in Aiken May 19-20.**

Under the tutelage of Stephanie von Bidder, Daybreak's clients brought home the ribbons!

Norma Valentine -Champion of Hopeful Hunter Division with Smitten, including a huge win in the hack against 24 other people -against lots of professionals-quite a win!

Reserve Champion with her other horse, Romance in the Pre-Child/Adult Hunters

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Stephanie von Bidder won Reserve Champion on both days for Green Working hunters with her fancy horse, Shenanigans, as well as racking up some ribbons with the horse in Hopeful Hunters. Watch out for this one!

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Anne Moss-My Last Boyfriend-her big paint cleaned up in the Pre-Child/Adult Equitation.

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Nikki Ackenbrach had great rounds on both ,CRESCENT MOON owned by Anita Romfo and ANOTHER SWEET HERO, owned by Aimee Falcone. Fantastic job considering she's just been riding these 2 horses for a couple of weeks. Nikki won a tough u/s class with CRESCENT MOON in the Pre-Child/Adult Equitation and had great ribbons in the Pre-Child/Adult Hunter classes.

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Caroline Bower did a great job with TG Tobey's DON JUAN- consistently in the ribbons in the Pre-Green Hunters. Not bad for a horse that is a polo pony most of the year. Great job! Caroline also rode My Last Boyfriend for Anne Moss on Sunday & got a 6th in the tough course of the Children's Hunter division.

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Nancy Smith and LIPO DE LAME did a great job in the Adult Amateur division-took several ribbons home. Not bad for her first hunter show. She normally goes foxhunting & dabbles in eventing.

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Great group of people at Daybreak Farm. We had a great weekend. Special thanks to Laurie, Cyndi &

Jacqueline. Info on Daybreak Farm, call Stephanie von Bidder at 803-221-7194 or go to the website [www.daybreakfarm.net](http://www.daybreakfarm.net)

Rick Cram continues to run a fun show-thanks for all the hard work! We were glad to see a BBQ place at the show-fantastic food. Also looking forward to Cafe Cheval of Wellington serving the PSJ shows in the next few months.

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#### TRIPLE CROWN OF POLO PUTS AIKEN ON WORLD STAGE



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#### TRIPLE CROWN OF POLO PUTS AIKEN ON WORLD STAGE

*ESPN to film finals of sport's most prestigious tournament series at  
New Bridge Polo and Country Club, September 22  
Adolfo Cambiaso – world's greatest player returns to Aiken for TCP event*

Aiken, SC – Polo in Aiken will be featured in front of a worldwide television audience as the third and final leg of the 2007 Triple Crown of Polo (TCP) championship series takes place at New Bridge Polo and Country Club this fall. The TCP presents a 20-22 goal tournament that kicks off with a launch party on September 5 and concludes on Saturday September 22 when action from the finals will be taped for television by ESPN for distribution on the ESPN 2 and ESPN International networks, reaching more than 196 countries in twelve different languages.

Many of the sport's leading players are expected to converge on Aiken, vying for the chance to put their name on the coveted Triple Crown of Polo trophy, a solid silver work of art, handmade by Tiffany & Co. and called "*the most magnificent trophy in all of sport,*" by famous artist LeRoy Neiman. Adolfo Cambiaso – the Tiger Woods of the sport and without doubt the world's leading polo player – returns to Aiken for the Triple Crown of Polo, playing for the home team of New Bridge. "Whenever you take the polo field at the same time as Adolfo Cambiaso – with him or against him – it's an incredible honor," said New Bridge Polo and Country Club co-founder Russ McCall who sponsors the New Bridge team. "I am looking forward to playing again with him and Matias [Magrini] this September."

The Triple Crown of Polo sports three weekend feature games on Sunday September 9 and 16 and Saturday September 22. Spectators can select from several options for viewing the tournament games, from private cabanas and luxury sky-boxes to individual VIP tickets for the Chairman's Club inside the *Lexus Oasis*. There will also be fieldside tailgating spots as well as general admission. Tickets

will go on sale in late June.

Entering its third season, the TCP is the first multi-market tournament in the sport's history, providing a worldwide stage for sponsors and teams competing to showcase Aiken and its wonderful polo. TCP is a unique tournament that, through television, takes its audience inside the personal lifestyle of the players, participants and owners. The broadcast reaches the active and affluent audience with whom polo resonates. The TCP series takes place in Sarasota, Florida, Santa Barbara, California and concludes with the third leg in Aiken. Founding sponsors for the TCP are Tiffany & Co. and Lexus.

"We are delighted to host the Triple Crown of Polo this year," said McCall. "Last year we drew a record crowd for the finals of the Gold Cup. This year we are playing for the third leg of the Triple Crown of Polo and the prestige of a televised event for ESPN. With these components we hope that the support for this world-renowned polo tournament will continue to grow and that the community will continue to support polo in Aiken by coming out to watch."

The first leg of the Triple Crown of Polo from Sarasota, Florida will air Saturday, June 23 at 1:00 P.M. (EST) on ESPN 2.

#### About Triple Crown of Polo

The Triple Crown of Polo (TCP) is the first multi-market tournament series in the sport's history and provides sponsors a unique opportunity to reach the loyal fans of world-class polo competitions. ESPN has an exclusive agreement for coverage of the TCP across multiple ESPN outlets, including domestic and international television rights. TCP national sponsors for 2007 are Lexus and Tiffany & Co. LeRoy Neiman, the most popular living artist in the United States, is the Official Artist of the Triple Crown of Polo. For more information, visit [www.triplecrownofpolo.com](http://www.triplecrownofpolo.com).

### **Triple Crown of Polo**

#### **CALENDAR**

September 5 - Launch party featuring the tournament draw and player introduction (Willcox Hotel)

September 9 - First Sunday feature game at 4:00 PM (New Bridge Polo and Country Club)

September 16 - Second Sunday feature game at 4:00 PM (New Bridge Polo and Country Club)

September 19 - Semi-final games (New Bridge Polo and Country Club)

September 21 - 2007 Polo Ball - Celebration of Aiken's 125th

Anniversary of the Aiken Polo Club and Whitney Field at 6:30 PM (Green Boundary Club)

September 22 - Triple Crown of Polo Championship 3:00 PM (New Bridge Polo and Country Club)

**For more information call the Aiken Downtown Development Association on 803 649 2221 or visit [www.triplecrownofpolo.com](http://www.triplecrownofpolo.com)**

### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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## **Spring Polo Match to Raise Funds for Aiken Charities**

The Savannah River Cancer Foundation and the Aiken SPCA will both benefit from the Palmetto Pro Am presented by Zimmerman Contracting, at New Bridge Polo, on June 10<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. ***Polo and Pizza for People and Pets with Cancer*** promises to offer a fun filled afternoon for local families, thanks to the generosity of 302 Polo presented by Mercedes Benz of Augusta. Tickets will go on sale today at the Sweet Cow Creamery at 106 Laurens St. SW, Equine Divine at 135 Laurens St. NW, Aiken SPCA Thrift Store at 220 Park Ave SE and the Aiken SPCA Shelter at 401 Wire Rd. Prices are \$8 for Adults, \$4 for children 12 years and younger, \$25 for families with more than 4 members.

The Savannah River Cancer Foundation (SRCF), a young 501(c) (3) non-profit charity, provides emotional support to cancer patients living in Aiken and adjoining counties along the Savannah River, and helps pay for cancer-related prescriptions, medical equipment, and transportation to treatment for their clients who meet income criteria. The Aiken SPCA provides a wide variety of medical treatments for animals that have been abandoned or are turned into the SPCA shelter.

For those who've never been to a polo match, this is an ideal event to attend. 302 Polo, presented by Mercedes Benz of Augusta, is providing extra activities to help new Polo fans enjoy the afternoon. Prior to the match, courageous attendees will have the chance to test their potential skills by hitting the ball through cones while atop a wooden horse. The announcer will also give a brief introduction to the rules and explain fouls as they occur. A special trivia contest for younger fans will be featured during half-time, while adults are welcome to participate in the time-honored tradition of the Champagne divot stomp. New Bridge Polo and Country Club is located at 862 New Bridge Rd. Gates will open at 4:00 p.m.

Two other local traditions, Ferrando's Italian Pizzeria and the Sweet Cow Creamery, are contributing a percentage of their proceeds from sales of pizza slices and ice cream during the event.

## **United States Supreme Court Rejects Final Appeal by Texas Horse Slaughter Industry**

*Nation's Highest Court Ends Legal Battle over Horse Slaughter in Texas*

(May 22, 2007)-Today, The Humane Society of the United States, which has been campaigning to ban the slaughter of American horses for export for human consumption, hailed a decision yesterday by the United States Supreme Court denying the horse slaughter industry's final appeal of a federal appeals' court ruling upholding a Texas ban on the sale of horsemeat for human consumption.

The slaughter plants had claimed that the Texas law at issue was somehow unconstitutional or preempted by

federal law, arguments that were quickly brushed aside by the Fifth Circuit in its January opinion. The Supreme Court's denial of the plants' petition renders the Fifth Circuit's decision final.

"This is the end of the line for the horse slaughter industry in Texas," said Michael Markarian, executive vice president for The HSUS. "With the Illinois legislature shutting down the only other horse slaughterhouse in the country, this ruling turns all attention to Congress and the need for the swift passage of the American Horse Slaughter Prevention Act to put an end to the export and grisly slaughter of our horses in Mexico and Canada."

#### Facts:

- \* The criminal code of Texas has long prohibited the sale or possession of horse meat, but the law has never been enforced.
- \* According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, 100,800 American horses were slaughtered in three foreign-owned slaughter houses in 2006. Another 30,000 were sent to Mexico or Canada for slaughter.
- \* Opponents of the slaughter ban argue the practice constitutes a humane way to kill old animals, but investigations by The HSUS show cruelty and abuse throughout the process. USDA statistics show that more than 92 percent of horses slaughtered in the U.S. are not old and infirm but in good condition.
- \* A bill introduced in the U.S. Congress would ban the slaughter of American horses nationwide and prohibit their export for slaughter in other countries. Sens. Mary Landrieu (D-La.) and John Ensign (R-Nev.) introduced the bill (S. 311) in the U.S. Senate, and Reps. Janice Schakowsky (D-Ill.), Ed Whitfield (R-Ky.), John Spratt (D-S.C.) and Nick Rahall (D-W.Va.) introduced H.R. 503 in the U.S. House of Representatives.
- \* The measure received tremendous bipartisan support in the 109th Congress, winning a vote of 263 to 146 in the House. It stalled in the Senate in late 2006, however, and was not brought up for a vote before Congress adjourned, even though a similar effort had been overwhelmingly approved by the Senate in 2005.
- \* Nearly 70 percent of Americans are strongly against the slaughter of American horses for human consumption overseas.

#### Timeline:

- \* In 2002, responding to citizen and local government concerns about the two foreign-owned horse slaughter plants in the state - Dallas Crown in Kaufman and Beltex in Fort Worth - then-Texas Attorney General John Cornyn issued a written opinion that the 1949 Texas law applies and may be enforced.
- \* In response, the Tarrant County District Attorney attempted to enforce the law, but last year a federal district court in Texas ruled that the law was repealed by another statute and preempted by federal law.
- \* The District Attorney appealed that decision last year, and The HSUS filed an amicus brief in the case in March 2006.
- \* In January 2007, a unanimous, three-judge panel from the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit upheld the law, flatly rejecting the slaughterhouses' arguments that the ban on the sale of horsemeat does not protect horses from theft and abuse, and that regulating horse slaughter can achieve those same purposes, noting instead that "it is a matter of commonsense that...alternatives...do not preserve horses as well as completely prohibiting the sale and transfer of horsemeat for human consumption."
- \* In March 2007, the entire Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals rejected the slaughterhouses' petition for full court review, effectively closing the two Texas horse slaughter plants.
- \* March 29, 2007- A federal district court ordered the U.S. Department of Agriculture to stop inspecting horses destined for slaughter at the Cavel International slaughter plant, effectively closing the last operating horse slaughtering operation in the United States. The order was stayed pending appeal, allowing Cavel to temporarily reopen.

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The Humane Society of the United States is the nation's largest animal protection organization - backed by 10 million Americans, or one of every 30. For more than a half-century, The HSUS has been fighting for the

protection of all animals through advocacy, education, and hands-on programs. Celebrating animals and confronting cruelty -- On the web at [www.HumaneSociety.org](http://www.HumaneSociety.org).

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