



**Icon is pleased to welcome**

**Melanie Taylor Smith**

**May 2-3, 2015**

Melanie Smith Taylor lives in Memphis Tennessee. She and her late husband, Lee, raised and trained Thoroughbreds for polo, hunter/jumpers, and pleasure on their Wildwood Farm in nearby Germantown. Melanie's show jumping achievements are well known. From an early childhood on a farm in her home state of Tennessee, she went on to gain international recognition as both a competitor and a trainer. While training with George Morris in the early 1970s, Melanie was successful in amateur/owner jumper classes before graduating to the Grand Prix level. In 1978, she earned the American Grand Prix Association's Lady Rider of the Year title as well as the AGA's overall Rider of the Year. Her wonderful record that year convinced the AGA that women could perform on completely even terms with men, leading to a decision to discontinue the separate Lady Rider award. To cap off her year, Melanie's Val de Loire was named AGA Horse of the Year.

Melanie became one of only two riders ever to win the Triple Crown of Show Jumping by winning the American Invitational, the International Jumping Derby, and the American Gold Cup; and the only person to win all three on the same horse, Calypso. Melanie was part of the USET's gold medal team at the 1979 Pan American Games in Puerto Rico. At the Alternate Olympics in 1980, Melanie won the individual bronze medal aboard her beloved Calypso and placed second that same year in the World Cup Final. After winning the World Cup Final in 1982, she was named the United States Olympic Committee Sportswoman of the Year, as well as being inducted into the Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame.

Riding Calypso, she capped her show jumping career with a team gold medal in the Los Angeles Olympic Games in 1984, a year in which she was a finalist for the Sullivan Award, an honor given to the nation's top amateur athlete. Melanie retired from active competition in 1987 and continued to serve the horse world as a television broadcaster for events including the Olympic Games and World Championships. In addition to designing jumper courses and teaching clinics around the country, she is a recognized judge for hunter/jumpers, hunt seat equitation, and hunter breeding.

In 2007 and 2008, Melanie coached the Developing Rider Tours, which won numerous competitions and Nations Cups throughout Europe. She was honored as the Developmental Coach of the Year by the U.S. Equestrian Team in 2007. In 2009 she helped develop the Emerging Athlete Program (EAP) with the U.S. Hunter Jumper Association.

Melanie has completed a training book, "Riding with Life: Lessons from the Horse," scheduled for release in the summer 2014. Blending her in-depth knowledge of groundwork and flatwork with her vast hunter/jumper experience, she explains how to achieve a harmonious partnership with your horse and realize his full athletic potential – whether you're a weekend trail rider or a serious competitor.

Against the backdrop of her life story, Melanie presents a wealth of detailed exercises, instructional photographs, and valuable advice, as well as, details about the many horses that have helped shape the TaylorMade program. Throughout, she encourages us to appreciate and honor the nobility of the horse and forge a true connection with this wonderful animal.

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Dear Riders,

Thank you for your interest in our clinic series. Our May clinic will feature Melanie Smith Taylor. All riding sessions are limited to 6 riders per session; however, there is no limit to the number of auditors each day. The selection of all riding positions will be based on the riders' skill level and show record. Proper attire is required and ASTM/SEI helmets are mandatory.

A negative Coggins is required for ALL horses; please have the following available upon arrival:

- Proof of negative Coggins (must remain on Icon property at all times)
- Signed Icon Waiver (all junior riders must have waiver signed by BOTH their parent and trainer)
- Proof of annual vaccinations (vet certified)

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact either:

Rhonda Goble – Owner

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## Melanie Smith Taylor Clinic

May 2-3, 2015

**Melanie Smith Taylor Clinic Fee is \$575.00 per rider/horse and includes:**

- 2-day training session with Melanie Smith Taylor
- Overnight stabling (Fri & Sat Night)
- 1 Auditor
- Melanie's new book "Riding with Life: Lessons from the Horse" (signing session Sat. Night)
- Lunch and Dinner Saturday; Lunch on Sunday

There will be a maximum of 6 horses per session.

Payment Policy:

- A 50% non-refundable deposit is required with all applications.
- The remaining balance is due, Monday April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2015.
- Refunds for participant cancellation will be discussed on a case-by-case basis.

Reminder: proper riding attire (solid color polo) is required and ASTM/SEI helmets are mandatory. Icon is a private facility and riders are expected to clean stall daily as needed, rake the isle ways, and general treat Icon facilities as if you were at home.

\_\_\_\_\_ Group 1: Intermediate Session: 9:00am to 11:00am – Height to 2'6"-3'

\_\_\_\_\_ Group 2: Intermediate Session: 11:15am to 1:15am – Height to 3'-3'6"

1:15pm – 2:15pm Break for lunch

\_\_\_\_\_ Group 3: Advanced Session: 2:30pm to 4:30pm – Height to 3'9"-4'

### RIDER INFORMATION

Rider's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Horse's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Competition Height: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address (required): \_\_\_\_\_

(Note: ANY changes/additions to the above schedule prior to clinic will be sent to all email address)

Trainer's Name: \_\_\_\_\_



Trainer's Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Trainer's Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Rider's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

(If rider is under the age of 18)

Print Parent's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Trainer's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

(If rider is under the age of 18)

Print Trainer's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Auditor attending with rider: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Auditors \$40/day and include lunches and dinner:

Additional Auditor #1: \_\_\_\_\_ Sat \_\_\_\_\_ Sun \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Auditor #2: \_\_\_\_\_ Sat \_\_\_\_\_ Sun \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Auditor #3: \_\_\_\_\_ Sat \_\_\_\_\_ Sun \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Auditor #4: \_\_\_\_\_ Sat \_\_\_\_\_ Sun \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_



(Please print and bring signed copy to the clinic along with proof of negative Coggins)

## **Equine Activity Liability Release,**

### **Waiver of Rights to Sue and Assumption of all Risks**

1. This Agreement is given under the Tennessee Code Annotated, title 44, chapter 20 (Acts 1992, Ch. 974, s 6.) as it may now provide or be hereafter amended (the "Code"). All terms defined by the Code shall have the same meaning herein, and the Code is hereby incorporated in this Agreement by reference. This Agreement shall be so construed as to provide to Chloe Desjarlais (which term shall also be deemed to include Le Renard, LLC) the fullest protection of a release, waiver of right to sue and assumption of all risks which is afforded to the Chloe Desjarlais by the Code. I understand and agree that Chloe Desjarlais is considered an "equine professionals" as used by the Code (see attached Code).
2. I understand that I am required to use ASTM/SEI protective headgear. I further acknowledge that I am required to wear protective footwear with heels. Chloe Desjarlais is not responsible if the proper headgear is not ASTM/SEI approved.
3. The undersigned hereby acknowledges that he/she has full and complete notice and understanding of the Code and of all the risks inherent to equine activities which may cause, contribute to or result in the death or personal injury of the participant or damage to the participant's property (the "Risks"), including, but no limited to: (i) the propensity of an equine to behave in dangerous ways or to tip and/or fall; (ii) the inability of anyone whomsoever to predict or predict or foresee an equine's reaction to excitement, weather conditions, sound, movements, objects, persons, animal, reptiles, birds or insects, and the effects of such reactions; (iii) the hazards of surface or subsurface conditions, including but not limited to objects or conditions on, under or protruding from the surface, both latent and patent; (iv) the hazards which rocks, cliffs, hills fences, trees, stumps, logs, bridges, ditches and other debris and obstacles, and any equine activities in connection therewith, may foreseeable or unforeseeably present; (v) the dangers and risks of tack or harness slipping or breaking for whatever reason; (vi) the dangers and risks of becoming entangled in tack, harness, or vehicles used in an equine activity, (vii) the risks of falling from or otherwise becoming unstable on an equine or a vehicle used in an equine activity for any reason whatsoever or for no identifiable reason and (viii) any negligent act or omission by Chloe Desjarlais which causes or results in the death or personal injury of the participant or damage to the participant's property.
4. The participant hereby RELEASES and WAIVES all rights which he/she may have or hereafter have against Chloe Desjarlais for death, personal injury or property damage which is in any way associated with the Risks; he/she does hereby WAIVE his/her right to sue or to bring any action against Chloe Desjarlais in connections therewith; he/she agrees to INDEMNIFY and DEFEND Chloe Desjarlais from and to HOLD Chloe Desjarlais HARMLESS against any such suit or action, and he hereby expressly ASSUMES ALL RISKS AND DANGERS of death, personal injury and property damage which are in any way associated with the Risks enumerated in paragraph 2, above. The waivers, releases and indemnities contained in this Paragraph 4 shall also apply to Icon Sporthorses, LLC, the Lessor of Le Renard, LLC.
5. The participant hereby authorizes and consents to any emergency medical care which may at the time appear reasonably appropriate under the circumstances as a result of injury or sickness caused by or incurred in the course of an equine activity.

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