

Carolinas Equine Economic Summit
Jan 16-18, 2009 Camden, SC
Hosted by the South Carolina Equine Partners

EQUINE PARTNERS PLAN JANUARY CONFERENCE IN CAMDEN

South Carolina equine partners will team up to present the Carolinas' Equine Conference in Camden, South Carolina January 16th, 17th and 18th, 2009. Steering Committee is comprised of members of the South Carolina Thoroughbred Owners and Trainers, The South Carolina Thoroughbred Retirement Foundation, The South Carolina Equine Promotion Foundation, The South Carolina Horse Council, and the South Carolina Department of Agriculture, and the National Steeplechase Museum. The conference will be held at the Kershaw County Health Resource Center.

The conference is aimed at a general audience with all disciplines included and is not limited to Carolina attendees. The Committee is pleased to have Dan Rosenberg, retired Director of Three Chimney Farms, Lexington, and currently President of Rosenberg Thoroughbred Consulting Kentucky as the keynote conference speaker. Dan will open on Friday with "Why We Need Horses". There will be seminars on developing equine related properties, looking at projects and trends in the industry in South Carolina and adjoining states, conservation issues, and dealing with retirement facilities and the problem of unwanted horses. Barbara Linke will represent the American Quarter Horse Association and there will be reports from the SC and NC Horse Councils. The National Steeplechase Museum will host the conferees on Friday evening at an informal cocktail buffet where they can tour the Museum, vie for door prizes and see the latest in horseman's fashions.

Saturday will open with a report on the industry from the North Carolina and South Carolina Horse Councils. There will be a round table veterinarian discussion on the Competitive Horse – Different Disciplines, Common Needs. Guest vet Dr. Steven Zedler from New Bolton will be joined by Dr. Jim Hamilton from Southern Pines, and Camden Drs. Jeff Witwer, Nichole Swinehart, Sam Tetterton and saddle fitting expert Mike Scott. Saturday afternoon offers a self guided all discipline Barn Tour with box lunch. On Saturday night attendees may enjoy the evening at local restaurants or choose the optional Awards Dinner for the SC Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Association coupled with a benefit for the SC Thoroughbred Retirement Foundation. This festive party offers fine food, a silent auction and Hall of Fame trainer, Carl Nafzger will be the dinner speaker. He has not only a sterling record as a trainer, but a little known past as a world class bull rider and a member of the Cowboy Hall of Fame.

The Conference will conclude on Sunday Morning with a Grits and Goodbye breakfast on the schooling field of Springdale Race Course. The Carolina's Equine Conference is open to the public and inquiries may be made by calling the National Steeplechase Museum at 803 432-6513 or going to the blog at www.nationalsteeplechasemuseum.org.

Schedule

FRIDAY, JANUARY 16TH
8:00 AM REGISTRATION
9:00 CONFERENCE OPENING
WELCOME

Jeffrey Graham, *Mayor of Camden*

KEYNOTE OPENING ADDRESS

“Why We Need Horses”

Dan Rosenberg, *President,*
Rosenberg Thoroughbred Consulting

EQUINE CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT

“Signature Developments-

A Study of Sustainability”

Michael Donovan, Equestrian Services LLC

“Effective Conservation Strategies”

Ken Driggers, Esq.

“No Land- No Horses”

Larry Byers, The Equestrian Land
Conservation Resource

“Trends Around the Country”

Libbie Johnson, Tryon NC

LUNCH

ALL ABOUT THE HORSE

“The American Quarter Horse

Past and Future of the Breed”

Barbara Linke, *AQHA Director of Public Policy*

“A More Natural Approach”

Bob Duncan,

“Second Chances”

Diane Pikulski, *Executive Director,*
Thoroughbred Retirement Foundation

6:00 PM

COCKTAIL BUFFET

The National Steeplechase Museum

SATURDAY, JANUARY 17TH

9:00 AM

CAROLINAS' REPORT

Sue Gray, *Executive Director*,
North Carolina Horse Council
Carol Deacon – *President*,
South Carolina Horse Council

10:00 AM

**“THE COMPETITIVE HORSE:
DIFFERENT DISCIPLINES-COMMON NEEDS”**

Dr. Steven Zedler DVM– New Bolton Hospital
Jim Hamilton DVM – Southern Pines
Jeff Witwer, DVM and Associates - Camden
Mike Scott – Saddle Fitting - Camden

1:00

BARN TOUR Box Lunch and Self Guided.

7:00 PM

OUT ON THE TOWN

**SOUTH CAROLINA THOROUGHBRED
RETIREMENT FOUNDATION BENEFIT**

(Note special pricing on registration)

Keynote Speaker ,Carl Nafzger
2008 Inductee Racing's National Hall of Fame
OR DINNER ON YOUR OWN

SUNDAY, JANUARY 18TH

9:00 AM

GRITS AND GOODBYE AT THE GALLOPS

Breakfast and early morning workouts
at Springdale Race Course Schooling Field