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MALLETS UP! THE COLORADO SPRINGS SCHOOL TO HOST THE SECOND ANNUAL FAMILY POLO CLASSIC JUNE 7-8, 2008; TICKETS ON SALE NOW

Colorado Springs, Colo. – The Colorado Springs School (CSS) is pleased to announce the **second annual Family Polo Classic will occur on June 7-8, 2008**. A weekend of horseplay will not only celebrate the community's rich sporting heritage, but also bring together friends, families and neighbors for a delightfully unique and fast-paced polo exhibition with players from up and down the Front Range and from as far away as Argentina.

A gala party is planned for Saturday, June 7 and the Polo Exhibition & Family Picnic will take place on Sunday, June 8, 2008.

Central Bancorp and Gulf Coast Western are the presenting sponsors of the weekend's events, chaired by CSS parent, Donna Cagle and a hardworking committee of volunteers. Additional corporate sponsors (as of May 21, 2008) of the weekend include: K-Lite 106.3, News First 5/30, The Gazette, Pepsi-Lane Sales, Bristol Brewery, Cravings Catering, Continental Cleaners, Animal Anesthesia and Pain Management Center, Cheyenne Mountain Resort, Farmer's Insurance, Rhino, Five Star Bank, Rich Designs, Boswell Idea Group and International Business Forms, Bacardi, Broadmoor Wine and Spirits, Rich Designs, Tiffany & Co., and Waste Management.



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Saturday, June 7, 2008 - "An Evening at the Races" Gala Party

Guests and sponsors will kick-off the Family Polo Classic celebrations with "An Evening at the Races" Gala party! Guests will be entertained in the Trianon on the Colorado Springs School campus at 21 Broadmoor Avenue. Highlights of the night will include: gourmet dining stations, cocktails, single malt scotch tasting, a charity poker game, a virtual horseracing extravaganza, auction items, live music by Allen Joseph and dancing. Gala tickets cost \$150 per person and benefit the Colorado Springs School's fundraising efforts for scholarships and faculty professional support.

Sunday, June 8, 2008 - Family Polo Classic: Polo Exhibition & Family Picnic

From noon to 4 p.m., it's all about families, neighbors and friends on Boddington Fields at CSS. Beginning at noon, everyone will enjoy live music with Tropical Coyotes under the big tent, barbecue concessions catered by Buffalo Gals, refreshment and snack concessions, beer and wine offerings, and activities for the kids will lead into the six chukkers, or periods, of play.

Before the match begins at 1:15 p.m., we will present the colors and honor special guests, 50 wounded warriors from Fort Carson and their families. The ceremonial "bowl-in" of the first ball, like a ceremonial opening pitch in baseball, will be done by members of the **Boddington Family**, descendants of Bill Boddington, former CSS Trustee and "the father of soccer" in Colorado Springs. In between halves of the game, spectators are invited to participate in the traditional "divot stomping" to repair the turf. Other activities between chukkers include a stick horse race for kids on horses they have made, and a demonstration ride by clients and staff of the Pikes Peak Therapeutic Riding Center.

General admission tickets are \$50 per Family (2 adults and 4 children) or \$10 per child and \$15 per adult. Patron/sponsor tickets are \$100 per person, which includes a greater donation to the fundraising event and a prepaid convenient lunch buffet. Families can visit with the players and horses after the match and learn more about the game and the sport of polo. The winning team of the charity match will be presented with the newly named, "**Webb Family Trophy**" in honor of Ms. Barbara Webb and her late husband, Joel A.H. Webb. Ms. Webb was a founding trustee of The Colorado Springs School and her husband's father was an avid polo player in the community. This

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historical tie weaves an endearing story between The Colorado Springs School and the rich sporting heritage of the community through polo.

The Family Polo Classic is a fundraiser for student scholarships and faculty professional support at The Colorado Springs School with a portion of the proceeds from Sunday's polo exhibition also benefiting the **Pikes Peak Therapeutic Riding Center**, a non-profit organization that provides therapeutic horseback riding for people with disabilities to encourage independence and improve their quality of life. Several CSS students and faculty have volunteered with the Pikes Peak Therapeutic Riding Center.

For more information on the Family Polo Classic, to purchase tickets or learn about sponsorship and underwriting opportunities, visit www.css.org/FamilyPoloClassic.aspx or call (719)434-3501.

Additional high resolution photos and interviews are available upon request at 434.3506.

About the History of Polo in Colorado Springs

Count James Pourtales and Spencer Penrose, early developers of the Broadmoor area, initiated and developed the sport of polo in Colorado Springs. Charles Baldwin, builder of the historic Trianon (now the home of The Colorado Springs School), was an avid polo player and built his home directly across the street from the polo field. Spencer Penrose established the Broadmoor Polo Association in 1924 and teams vied for the coveted Penrose Park Polo Gold Cup. Although many of the game's greatest sportsmen played in Colorado Springs in polo's heyday, the sport died out after World War II. The newly formed **Colorado Springs Polo Club** is a major force behind the revival of the sport in our community and a founding partner of the Family Polo Classic.

About the Pikes Peak Therapeutic Riding Center

Pikes Peak Therapeutic Riding Center (PPTRC) is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit corporation providing equine assisted activities for people with disabilities. We are the oldest, largest and the only **premier** accredited center in southern Colorado. Originally called Acts 19:11, PPTRC began in 1981 after several families and health professionals discovered the therapeutic benefits of horseback riding. Since then, we have been providing this powerful experience to riders challenged by traumatic brain injuries, Multiple Sclerosis, Cerebral Palsy, Down syndrome, Muscular Dystrophy, and other debilitating conditions.

About the Colorado Springs School (CSS)

CSS offers an experiential educational curriculum for preKindergarten – 12th graders. Through superior academics and mentoring, The Colorado Springs School prepares students to think independently and to meet the needs of a dynamic world with leadership, ingenuity, problem-solving skills, and personal integrity. Transportation bus stops and financial aid offerings are available. Accepting applications now for the 2008-2009 academic year.

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