

# Julie Krone to Speak at the CTBA's 2002 Harris Ranch Seminar

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The California Thoroughbred Breeders Association is proud to announce that Julie Krone will be the keynote speaker at the Harris Farms Seminar on Sept. 20 and 21. While she has always downplayed her gender, Julie was a pioneer in bringing women to the forefront of Thoroughbred racing. She was the first woman to ride the winner of a Triple Crown race and the first woman inducted into the National Museum of Racing Hall of Fame in Saratoga Springs, N. Y.

Born in Eau Claire, Mich., in 1963, Julie inherited her love of horses and riding from her mother, an award-winning dressage rider and trainer of champion show horses. It was not until 1978, watching 18-year-old Steve Cauthen sweep the Triple Crown aboard Affirmed, that she decided to become a jockey. At 16, she left home and found work as a groom and exercise rider at Churchill Downs. Her lucky break came the following summer when she began riding Quarter Horses on the fair circuits in Michigan, Ohio and Illinois. By December of 1980, Krone was ready to hit the big time and started riding Thoroughbreds full time at Tampa Bay Downs.

She was the first woman to win riding championships on some of the most competitive racing circuits in America. She became the only woman to capture a Triple Crown race when she rode Colonial Affair to victory in the 1993 Belmont Stakes. Julie's other important accomplishments include six-winner days at The Meadows (twice) and Monmouth Park and a five-winner day at Saratoga. She also competed in Hong Kong, Swe-

den, England and Japan, where she became the first woman to both ride and win at Tokyo Race Course.

Three months after her landmark Belmont Stakes victory, Julie was seriously injured in a spill at Saratoga that nearly cost her her life. Although she came back to ride—and win—again, a series of debilitating injuries over the next few years convinced her she had nothing left to prove. She rode her last card at Lone Star Park on April 18, 1999, retiring as the leading female jockey of all time with 3,545 wins from 20,470 mounts and more than \$81 million in purses.

Now married to *Daily Racing Form* columnist Jay Hovdey and living in Carlsbad, Calif., she is a commentator and analyst for the Hollywood Park broadcasts and TVG racing network. She has also appeared on "The Tonight Show," "The Late Show with David Letterman," "The Today Show," "Good Morning America" and "Live With Regis and Kathie Lee." She was honored at the White House by President George Bush and appeared on the cover of *Sports Illustrated*. In December, 2001, her life and career was featured on the Oxygen network series.

Julie is also a member of the Cowgirl Hall of Fame, joining such American icons as Annie Oakley, Dale Evans and Patsy Cline. She was chosen by ESPN as Professional Female Athlete of the Year in 1993 and was also honored that same year by the Women's Sports Federation as Individual Sportswoman of the Year. In addition to her work as a commentator and speaker, Julie is an assistant trainer at the Rancho Los Amigos Equestrian Center, where she boards her 19-year-old show horse Peter Rabbit and 5-year-old Thoroughbred Edmund Dantes.



Julie Krone (right) seen at last year's Harris Ranch Seminar with that event's keynote speaker, Penny Chenery

## 2002 Harris Ranch Seminar "Dreams, Reality & The Marketplace"

Keynote Speaker  
Julie Krone

Friday, September 20, 2002

Rommy Faversham "Pedigrees of Marketable Thoroughbreds"  
Rollin Baugh "Breeding Stock Selection"  
Clydene Boots "Equine Economics 101"  
Ralph Vacca "Sales Companies"

Saturday, September 21, 2002

Randy Trimble "Sales Candidates"  
Duane Griffith "Sales Preparation"  
Dr. Dennis M. Meagher D.V.M. "Repository"  
Leigh Ann Howard "Physical Presentation at the Sale"

