



WACHOVIA SECURITIES AMERICAN GOLD CUP

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Olympic Show Jumping Riders to Compete in Cleveland after Games in China *Wachovia Securities American Gold Cup Offers Fun for the Entire Family!*

CLEVELAND, Ohio—May 9, 2008—If you can't travel to China for the summer Olympic Games, you will have a chance to see U.S. Olympic show jumping riders right here in Ohio during the Wachovia Securities American Gold Cup, September 17 to 21. The five-day, international-caliber horse show jumping competition will attract visitors from around the country to the Cleveland Metroparks Polo Field in Moreland Hills, Ohio. Cleveland is an important stop for Olympians and other top riders who set their sites on the international World Cup Finals (held in April 2009 in Las Vegas); the Wachovia Securities American Gold Cup is a qualifying class for the Show Jumping World Cup.

In addition to exciting show jumping action which culminates at Sunday's \$100,000 Wachovia Securities American Gold Cup final where jumping obstacles are 5 feet high and 6 feet wide, the five-day event offers fine shopping, food and family entertainment. Proceeds from the event benefit the nonprofit City Year Cleveland (www.cityyear.org), which unites a diverse corps of young adults ages 17 to 24 for a demanding year of full-time community service and civic leadership.

"Show jumping is popular with spectators because it is exciting and easy to understand. In show jumping, each horse and rider combination jumps a course of obstacles; the rider with the least jumping penalties (for knock downs) within the fastest time is the winner," said Michael Morrissey, CEO of Stadium Jumping, Inc., organizer of the American Gold Cup. The Wachovia Securities American Gold Cup attracts riders who compete for more than \$200,000 in prize money in 23 different show jumping classes.

Traveling Shopping Boutiques

The beautiful lush Cleveland Metroparks Polo Field provides a lovely park setting for the Wachovia Securities American Gold Cup. Boutiques set up shop for the event and offer an array of fine shopping. Such retailers include pucciManuli finely crafted toys and games from Royal Oak, MI; Ruby Horse gifts from Webster, NY; Bead by Bead jewelry from Chelsea, MI; Beverly's Leather Imports from Huntingdon Valley, PA; British Toad Hall clothing from Ann Arbor, MI; Chagrin Pet and Garden farm and yard equipment from Chagrin Falls, OH; and much more. Equestrian businesses will include Corrigan Trailer Sales from Chagrin Falls, OH; Devoucoux Saddles from Belleville, NJ; and The Custom Fox equestrian goods from Lambertville, MD. Food for the event is provided by Executive Caterers of Mayfield Heights, OH and includes tasty sandwiches, salads, snacks and more.

Fun for the Whole Family

The American Gold Cup Family Festival, Saturday, September 20 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, September 21 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. attractions are included with you admission ticket to the Wachovia Securities American Gold Cup. An inflatable slide and obstacle course, Gold Cup pony rides, a kiddie train, and Lake Farm Park wagon rides are among the attractions. Pioneer games by Geauga Historical Society, Lake Farm Park animals and on Sunday miniature golf and the Cleveland Metroparks traveling Nature Traks 38-foot traveling exhibit will be on hand to entertain and educate. Strolling performers will offer balloon shaping, while face painting, character appearances and crafts also will be offered.

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Tickets

Advance tickets are available by phone at 440-834-8615 or online at www.AmericanGoldCup.net . Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for seniors (aged 60 and better) when you present your Ohio Golden Buckeye card, and \$5 for children (12 to 3 years); Sunday tickets are \$15 for adults, \$5 for seniors with an Ohio Golden Buckeye card and \$5 for children (12 to 3 years). General admission tickets are also available at the gate during the event.

Reserved boxes of six seats for the week are priced at \$750 and should be purchased in advance due to limited supplies and high demand. The Cleveland Metroparks Polo Field is located at Route 87 and Chagrin River Road in Moreland Hills, just three miles west of Chagrin Falls.

Competition Highlights (times are tentative)

Wednesday	8 a.m. to 5 p.m.	Opening Day featuring 1.40 meter Speed Stake and 1.45 meter Jumper Stake
Thursday	8 a.m. to 5 p.m.	Competition includes 1.45 meter Speed Stake, Junior/Amateur-Owner High and Low and Adult Amateur Jumper classes
Friday	8 a.m. to 7 p.m.	Junior/Amateur-Owner Jumper High and Low classes, 1.40 meter NAL Speed Stake, Adult Amateur, and Children's Jumpers and the \$25,000 Wachovia Securities American Gold Cup Welcome Stake/Round 1
Saturday	8 a.m. to 7 p.m.	Children's Jumper, Junior/Amateur-Owner Jumper Classic – Low, NAL Adult Amateur and Children's Jumper Classics, 1.50 meter Jumper Classic, NAL 1.40 meter Hit N' Hurry and \$15,000 SJHOF Junior/Amateur-Owner Classic
Sunday	9 a.m.	FEI Children's International Jumping Competition
	1 p.m.	Opening Ceremonies and Parade of Champions
	2 to 4 p.m.	\$100,000 Wachovia Securities American Gold Cup finale

For more details on the Wachovia Securities American Gold Cup visit www.AmericanGoldCup.net or call 440-834-8615.

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