

# MICHAEL *Richardson*

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## Clinic Topics



### **Techniques for Acquiring an Independent Seat**

Demonstration of how important the spine and body position is in obtaining an independent seat.

### **Introduction to Gymnastics: Balance and Timing**

Teaching the rider to follow the horse's movement and using that rhythm to help you with your body position.

### **Introduction: Jumping Courses**

Showing how the rider's body position can help guide the horse through the jump course.

### **Lateral Movements: Assist in Softening the Horse**

Showing how important lateral work is to help the horse stand up, work through stiffness and eliminate his reluctance to move.

### **Techniques for Riding Small Courses**

Changing the way your horse sees the obstacles and chooses to jump them with ease.

### **Use of Ground Poles/Cavalletti: Aiding the Horse & Rider**

Different positions of the poles will help the horse to use his body and promote self carriage.

### **Difference Between Speed and Impulsion**

Lightening the forehand and promoting the connection from the hindquarters through the horse's back to the rider's hand.

### **Lengthening, Collection & Engagement: Allowing Energy to Flow**

Explain and demonstrate how to keep positive energy flowing, using your aids correctly instead of "Kick and Pull".

### **Broken R Ranch Horses**

Demonstrate balance and grace and how you can accomplish that with your own horses.

## **Round Pen Topics**



### **Introduction to Ground Poles and Small Jumps at Liberty**

Teaching the horse where it's feet are and how to use his body while working over fences.

### **Helping the Rider Become More in Time with the Horse**

This includes exercises for the rider to learn how the horse moves and how the rider's body and movement can help or hinder the horse's movement.

### **How to Use Ground Poles/Cavalletti to Assist the Horse & Rider**

Different positions of the poles will help the horse figure out how to use his body and promote self carriage.

### **Principles of Movement at Liberty**

Sharing with you how to recognize the subtle changes in the horse's movement and how they pertain to the horse's psychological state.

**Michael requires a minimum of a 60 foot round pen but prefers a 80 foot round pen for the demonstration that would involve ground poles and / or jumps. ALL participant riders must wear helmets to ensure safety**

## Michael Richardson's Profile



- Actively competed in Pony Club since 1972. Showing in various English disciplines including Hunter/Jumper and Eventing, he received a C3 rating.
- Third generation of Richardson's in Fox Hunting.
- 1986 - a jeep accident severely injured Michael, leaving him a paraplegic. A therapeutic riding program provided a new beginning for Michael and his relationship with horses
- 1995 - Michael graduated from Parkland College with an Associate's Degree in Equine Management
- Michael became involved with the North American Riding for the Handicapped Association (NARHA).
- Michael now travels throughout North America conducting clinics and participating in equine expositions and motivational speaking engagements.
- Michael's instructional methods cater to both English & Western disciplines.
- Michael is passionate about teaching how the muscle and skeletal structures of both the horse and human can work in unison.
- His accident gave him a unique perspective. Michael and his horses continue to learn and develop together.
- Michael's goal is to help people strengthen their relationship with their horses.

## Michael Richardson's Goal



Michael's gift is the ability to aid the horse and rider in reading from the same page, allowing them to become partners in their dance, one leading and one following, partners in harmony.

His process:

- Michael helps the horse and rider connect mentally, building the communication pathway one step at a time.
- Using the correct aid in proper timing, the rider can influence the mind of the horse by enhancing his natural signals.
- The performance of the horse then becomes spontaneous and genuine, allowing the natural brilliance to shine through.
- Michael works through a series of correctly used aids, broken down into simple steps.
- Eventually the more complex goal is attained without stress or resistance.
- By breaking the desired end product down into components, Michael helps us present them piece by piece to the horse, allowing simple ideas to grow into complex sequences.

## Tiffany Richardson's Profile



- Tiffany's passion for the equestrian world and her equestrian skills started in 1989 beginning with Pony Club. She received her "B" rating in 1993.
- In 1994, Tiffany tested and passed "HA" rating, then four days later (with special permission from Pony Club) she tested and passed her "A" rating.
- Tiffany graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Business from the University of Illinois in 1997 and an Associate's Degree in Equine Management in 1994.
- She has continued her involvement with Pony Club by giving lessons, conducting clinics and ratings.
- Tiffany competes on the Open Circuit as an exhibitor in Dressage and Eventing disciplines.



# Alliances



# Clinic Pricing

## Two or three day clinic

\$100 per Rider per Day (Semi Private)

\$125 per Rider per Day (Private)

## For a rider who wants to ride one day

\$125 per Rider (Semi Private)

\$150 per Rider (Private)

**Minimum number of riders: 10**

**Riders per group: 3**

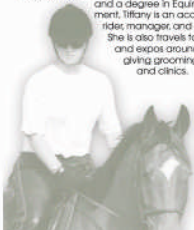
**Group Lessons are 1 ½ Hours**

**Private Lessons are 45 Minutes**



**Tiffany Richardson**

With a solid set of skills earned from years of actively participating in Pony Club activities and events, including obtaining a Graduate A rating, and a degree in Equine Management, Tiffany is an accomplished rider, manager, and competitor. She is also travels to horse fairs and expos around the nation giving grooming demos and clinics.



### **Michael B. Richardson**

Horses have been a big part of Michael's life since childhood. After a Jeep accident left him a paraplegic, Michael discovered he had to approach horsemanship from a new perspective—a perspective which taught him a better and more positive way to communicate with horses. The result is a training methodology that will help even the most able-bodied learn how to achieve better performance by creating a harmonious, balanced relationship between horse and rider. Michael regularly gives clinics and demonstrations at horse expos around the country. He is also a sought after public speaker.



**Michael B. & Tiffany Richardson**

Connection Equestrian Center founders Michael and Tiffany Richardson offer riders a unique opportunity to enrich the relationship they share with their horses in an open-minded, inviting, and positive environment. In addition to offering a variety of learning and training opportunities at their facility in Hico, Texas, both Michael and Tiffany regularly travel the country doing demonstrations and clinics promoting good horsemanship techniques and positive training methods.

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