

**AMERICAN CONDITIONER AND CONSIGNOR KIP ELSER INVITED TO  
READY TO RUN GALLOPS EVALUATOR PANEL**

***South Africa's Summerhill Stud hosts breeze event prior to premier Ready to Run sale.***

**Camden, SC (October 6, 2011)** -- Kip Elser, a prominent American Thoroughbred conditioner who develops and preps yearlings and two-year-olds at his Camden based training facility, Kirkwood Stables, will serve as a panelist at the Summerhill Stud's Ready to Run Gallops in South Africa October 14, 2011.

Invited by Summerhill CEO Mick Goss, Elser joins a team of prominent South African racing leaders including Mike de Kock, Sean Tarry, Joey Ramsen and several others. The panelists will review the breezes and provide assessments of the horses, enabling prospective buyers to get an "inside track" on the prospects prior to the upcoming Ready to Run sale.

"I am honored to be asked to contribute to a world class South African sales event like Summerhill's Ready to Run Gallops," Elser commented from his yard in Camden. The international Thoroughbred scene is a familiar one to Elser. Elser was the first major American consignor to sell at Tattersalls, Europe's most prominent breeze-up sale, in 1998 and has been consigning horses there ever since.

The Ready to Run sale has established itself as a reliable source for horsemen to acquire premier talent at many different price points. Sale horses are eligible to participate in The Emperors Palace Ready to Run Cup which is the world's richest race of its kind offering a stake of R2million, roughly equivalent to a quarter million U.S. dollars.

**About Kip Elser:**

Kip Elser is a leading expert in breaking and training Thoroughbred yearlings and two-year-olds, with a thirty year plus proven track record of developing grade I stakes winners. At Kirkwood Stables, his training facility in Camden, South Carolina, Elser prepared arguably two of the best three-year-old fillies competing today, 2011 Kentucky Oaks winner Plum Pretty and G1 winner Winter Memories, who has earned almost \$700,000 with six wins and a second from eight career starts. Sharp Cat, Smoke Glacken, Alphabet Soup, Royal Anthem, Memories of Silver, 1998 Kentucky Oaks winner Keeper Hill, and '95 Oaks winner Gal in a Ruckus are just some of the notable G1 horses prepped by Elser throughout his career. For more information about Kip Elser and Kirkwood Stables, visit [www.kirkwoodstables.com](http://www.kirkwoodstables.com).

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