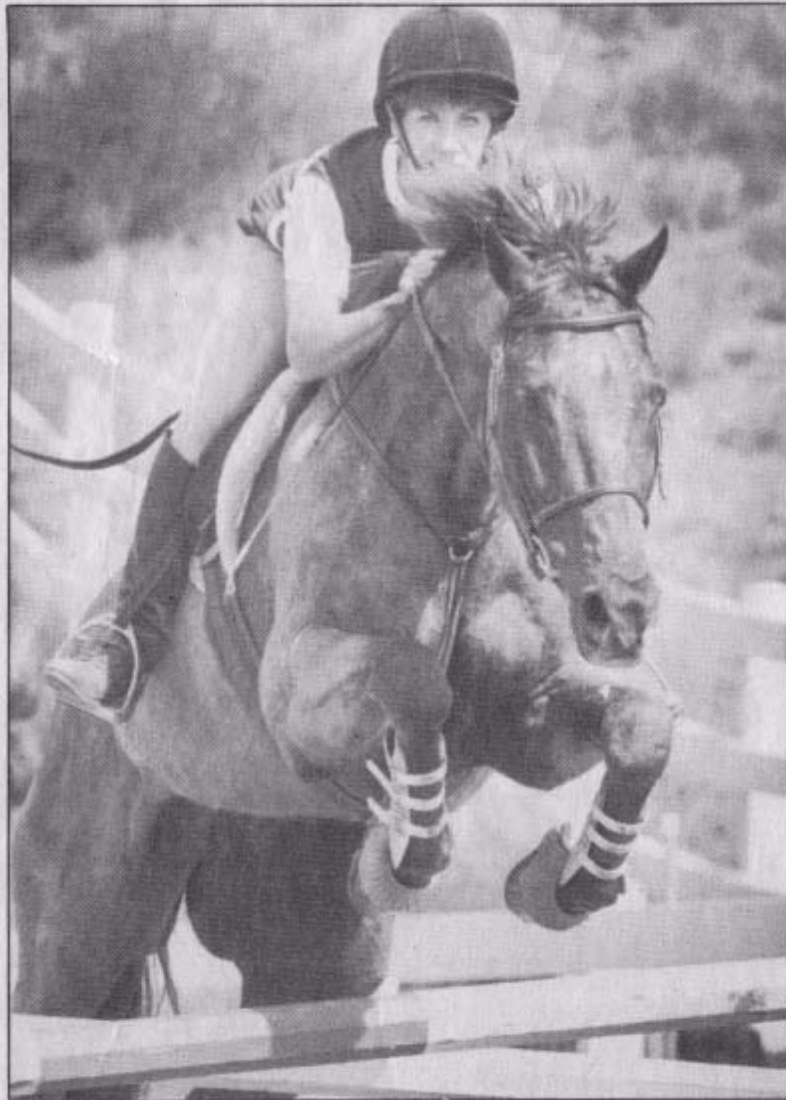


Poway home to new riding school



UP AND OVER — Ranch owner, Stephanie Kicinski, shows off the ranch's namesake, Jeremy's, jumping abilities. (Staff photo by Vince Bucci)

Poway is home to a new riding school, that its owners believe is one of the finest in the city. Jeremy's Ranch, is run by on Stephanie Kicinski, a native of England, who, incidentally, teaches her students English riding.

Kicinski's facility rests on four acres of landscaped grounds which incorporates maintenance free fencing, and a 100 by 200 foot arena with a sand/PVC mixed footing. Kicinski said her facility is the most modern in Poway.

Kicinski teaches a variety of different styles of riding including dressage, combined driving, jumping, trail- and fox hunting, although she is quick to point out they do not hunt real foxes, only the scent.

While Kicinski has only 12 students currently enrolled in the riding class, the small number is intentional.

"Twelve is very small, and the number will stay small. I give individual lessons," Kicinski said.

Kicinski uses her own horses to train students, which are mostly children, although Kicinski said she teaches adults as well. Kicinski has eight horses, which have a variety of training.

"I use my own horses," Kicinski said. "Some can jump up to five feet, and others can do dressage."

She said the variety of horses allow students to "move up" in their training, instead of being

stuck at one level.

"At a lot of schools, the kids never learn anything else. I want them to learn more, to move from one horse to another," Kicinski said.

Kicinski said another positive aspect of her schools is that she is that it is relatively inexpensive.

"I only charge \$20 an hour, or five lessons for \$90, that is very cheap," she said.

Kicinski said she learned how to ride in England, but has done most of her riding her in the United States where she has lived for the past 10 years.



HOME ON THE RANGE — Stephanie and John Kicinski are proud of the modern fencing and specially designed footing available at their riding facility where the couple teaches a variety of English riding styles. (Staff photo by Vince Bucci)