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Darragh Kenny to Head New Training Program: Oakland Stables at Ox Ridge Riding and Racquet Club in Darien, CT

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Irish international show jumper Darragh Kenny and his team at [Oakland Stables](#) are thrilled to announce their partnership with [Ox Ridge Riding & Racquet Club](#), based in Darien, Connecticut. The new operation, Oakland Stables at Ox Ridge Riding and Racquet Club, will be a year-round training and boarding program headed by Darragh and his trusted team members Stephen Moore, Will Bayes-Jones, and Gavin Harley, offering world-class training for hunter, jumper, equitation and pony riders at all levels.

"We're very excited for Oakland Stables to be partnered with the amazing facility at Ox Ridge for this new opportunity. The area is an incredible place to base and our whole team looks forward to expanding our training program. I'm very lucky to have a great team behind me and we all look forward to getting settled at this world-class facility." commented Darragh.

Darragh began competing in the sport of show jumping at the age of 10 in his homeland of Offaly, Ireland. He quickly moved up the ranks, competing in his first grand prix at the age of 14. Darragh eventually made the decision to move to the United States where he quickly made a name for himself. Darragh has amassed countless career highlights over the years, including being nominated by the Olympic committee to represent Team Ireland at the Tokyo Olympics. He currently sits within the top-16 on the Longines FEI World Rankings.

Additionally upon coming to America, he formed Oakland Stables. Since its inception, Oakland has become one of the most successful competition barns in the industry, offering high-performance sales horses and an elite training program. The training program at Oakland Stables has helped students reach goals in the sport they didn't know possible. After training with the Oakland team for over seven years and beginning in the Low Junior Jumpers, student Teddy Vlock reached his lifetime goal of competing at the Olympic level during the Tokyo Olympics in the summer of 2021. Additionally, Darragh and his training team at Oakland have help other students such as Mimi Gochman and Kerry McCahill move up the ranks to compete successfully at the CSI4* and 5* level across the globe.

In addition to Darragh's expertise, Stephen Moore will head training at the newly appointed Oakland Stables at Ox Ridge Riding and Racquet Club. Stephen, who has worked alongside Darragh for many years, is a life-long equestrian from Galway, Ireland. Stephen has earned a number of international successes in the jumper ring, while simultaneously training his students to work up the ranks to the highest levels of the sport, including Teddy Vlock's climb to the



Olympic level. Stephen will join the already experienced team at Ox Ridge, including trainers Maggie Boylan who has been involved with Ox Ridge for many years.

“Ox Ridge Riding & Racquet Club is thrilled to welcome the Oakland Stables team to our Club. Partnering with an organization as successful as Oakland offers our members an incredible opportunity to develop their riding capabilities across hunters, equitation and jumpers to the highest standard in the sport. We look forward to a long and successful relationship with Darragh and his team,” commented the team at Ox Ridge.

The Ox Ridge facility hosts top-tier training accommodations — including a state-of-the-art heated indoor ring (130' x 250'), fully renovated stables with housing for over 50 horses, three new outdoor riding rings featuring high performance footing, twelve paddocks, and more. Located in the prime location of Darien, Connecticut, the operation is near world-class horse show venues such as Old Salem, Saugerties, and the Hampton Classic. Additionally, the facility is just one hour from New York City, resulting in easy access to international airports such as JFK, LaGuardia, and more.

Darragh & his training team will be open to accept new students and horses for training beginning April 15, 2024. Please contact Carmen Barrera at carmen@oaklandstables.net for more information and any interest.