

Pennsylvania riding instructor earns recognition

IRWIN, Pa. — Karen Pikovsky, owner of Darby Downs Equestrian Center in Irwin, Pa., has been named one of the top 50 instructors in America for 2007 by the American Riding Instructors Association.

The list, published in the organization's summer 2007 edition of *Riding Instructor*, honors those who promote safe, knowledgeable instruction.

Pikovsky, a certified instructor for 12 years, was chosen by nominations. This is the first time she has won this award, but has received other equine instruction honors.

She will be recognized during a ceremony at the American Riding Instructors Association's convention Dec. 2-5 in Naples, Fla.