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Horses back to day light turnout. The pastures look good & weathered the summer. Now, we have gracefully entered Fall. Horses out all week, but in today & Saturday cause of rain.

George Morris Clinic Oct. 6, 7 & 8

Just came back from beautiful Leesburg, Virginia. Adriana, Matty and I spent four days with George Morris. George even rode Matty! I have it on video. We rode at Morvan Park and it was so beautiful there. Trust me, we will be going back to not only ride with George but perhaps to show!

George Morris is the icon of the hunter world. He is an aged man, like a thoroughbred after a certain age it is considered aged - no use talking about it. But he was full of *the*



George instructing. Adriana & Matty in the background.

classical simple truths, that I went to hear, and most persons complicate these days, You know, if you reinvent the wheel maybe you can attract new business and make some money -- The American Dream ! Sorry to say, however, there are no new truths to classical riding!

George was disciplined, clean, mean and funny. He takes his art the sport of riding very seriously. If you came into the arena with dirty boots, his assistant (working student for Breezy Madden) cleaned them. I will, of course have a total write up about the three day clinic soon, maybe later today.

I can say both Adriana and I came back inspired to be more concentrated and disciplined in our riding, Matty, came home tired and with a wealth of experience, not just over a



variety of fences but combined with classical basic dressage or as George calls it, "flat work." Here are some photos to wet your appetite. Will we return next year ~ you bet. ©

Olympic Gold Medalist Leslie Law from Bluemont, Virginia rode in the clinic too. This is what George said about Leslie, "that is a master rider watch him and learn from him." I must admit Leslie's dressage was soft and beautiful his horses were nicely on the bit at all times with an elevated poll (First Level frame). As a result, his rides over the fences were effortless!

Read the article I wrote about the clinic at this link
<http://blythdale.tripod.com/coventryequestriancenter/id73.html>



Warming up prior to two hour lesson with George and 7 other riders.



Kristin Kolenda & Mighty Maverick were Reserve Champ. Beginner Jumpers 26" 2nd & 4th Hopeful Jumpers 29" a few weeks ago at Horse on Course!

