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Hurricane Floyd roared into the Delaware Valley right as the American Gold was to begin. It washed out the first day, September 16, but left in its wake glorious weather for the remaining three days.

The event, held at the Devon Show Grounds, again benefitted the School and its two hospitals. There was a huge contingent of riders and due to the loss of Thursday, competition began early on Friday morning and continued right through Sunday afternoon. Michael Matz on Judgement, owned by Ironspring Farm, captured his fourth American Gold Cup. Horse and rider were great crowd favorites and it was a very popular win for these local contestants.

The School was very much in evidence during the event. Faculty, staff and students volunteered as ticket takers, program sellers and in many other roles. On Saturday, Family Day, the M.A.S.H. tent was set up, staffed by Dr. Harvey and a large group of residents, nurses and students who treated many stuffed animal patients in need of healing.

The dog show, judged by Carol Ericson of KYW-TV and Mary Rehmer, attracted a large entry of talented and cute dogs with their owners. It was quite hard to select just one winner from all that talent. Many children brought drawings or paintings of their pets for entry in the art show.

Friday evening’s reception in honor of Dr. Charles Raker, Emeritus Professor of Surgery, drew a large crowd of colleagues, former students and clients.

The 1999 American Gold Cup raised more than $65,000 for the School and its two hospitals. The 2000 edition of the event is scheduled for September 14 through 17, again at the Devon Show Grounds. We hope to see you and your family there.