



DRESSAGE CALENDAR

FEI rider and trainer (in eventing and dressage) Sophie Clifton will be back at SRC for a dressage clinic on April 5 and 6 (Saturday and Sunday, in the Indoor Arena). There may still be room in the clinic for one or two more riders – please contact the Office right away if you're interested. Auditors are welcome to watch; ride times will be posted in the Clubhouse.

There will be a few changes to the jump rotation because of the clinic. Jumps will be left in the Covered Arena, with a new course being set on Thursday, April 3 at 11:45 a.m. On Friday, April 4, the dressage arena will be set up in the Indoor for the clinic.

On Saturday evening in the clubhouse, Sophie will be showing the latest DVD release of Paul Belasik's new documentary, *The Lost Quixotes, The Art of Collecting the Riding Horse*. This film explores the concept of collection, the old masters who created it, and the current science that continues to shape it. It has been created to help riders across all disciplines connect the works of the old masters on collection to state-of-the-art biomechanical research. All are welcome!

- April's Dressage Percent Day is always our most popular, as riders take advantage of this last "dress rehearsal" before show season. Once again we will be running two rings for this schooling day, with the Covered Arena and the Dressage Ring in use throughout the day on April 13.
- SRC's first major show of the year – the Spring Dressage Show – follows a few weeks later, on May 2-4. Entry forms are posted on the SRC website's Events Calendar, and are available in the Clubhouse lobby. Entries close April 11 for this event.
- Also in May, Willy Arts is returning for a two day clinic on May 17 & 18. There are still spaces available; check the February Bulletin (posted on the SRC website) for full details.
- "Why so expensive?" Our members like to be exposed to top clinicians and we have hosted a number at SRC over the past years. However, when the requirement is for the clinician to teach private lessons (i.e. dressage clinic versus hunter/jumper clinic), the session costs for the participating member can be

quite high. Unfortunately, as well as the higher costs of an "in-demand" clinician's time, SRC also must factor in travel, accommodation and arena charges against total participating riders (dressage 8-10 vs. hunter/jumper 18-24) so if members want top clinicians and private lessons, we have to be prepared for some sticker shock. Hopefully, members can think of these clinics as very special treats and close their eyes when writing the cheque!

Welcome New Members!

Welcome to the following new and returning SRC members:

SENIOR –

Kristina Belkina; Emma McArthur

WHAT'S GOING ON: April

- 02 PRDA**
April 2, 9, 16 and 23 (Wednesdays)
from 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.
- 05 Sophie Clifton Dressage Clinic**
April 5 & 6, Indoor Arena
- 13 Dressage Percent Day**
Covered Arena and Dressage Ring
- 27 Vancouver Pony Club Hunter/Jumper Show**
H/J classes for riders 21 and under;
Big Ring and McCleery Ring

Coming Next Month ...

Southlands Spring Dressage Show,
May 2-4

IT'S NEVER TOO EARLY TO THINK COUNTRY FAIR!

Planning for this year's Country Fair – Sunday, September 14 – is officially under way! Pippa Emrick is returning as Fair Coordinator, and will be joined by Crissy Barbata. Our previous coordinators, Laura Ingleson and Amelia Butler, will be volunteer participants (see committees below).

Many of the Fair's most popular features will be back, including the Hoe-Down on Saturday, September 13 to kick things off. Committee heads are already in place for many areas, and would love your help!

Volunteers: Wendy Gilmour wendygilmour@shaw.ca

Silent Auction: Donna Tangye

Petting Farm: Jan Craven

Pony Rides and Food Vendors: Dave Brook

Volunteer Food: Grace Wushke

Non-profit Booths: Kristina Heiss and Steph Tate

Parking: Geoff Remocker

50/50 Draw: Barb Annandale **VIP Guests:** Dan Tidball

Baking Contest: Whitney Santos

Sponsorship: Jane Remocker and Laura Ingelson

Music: Andrea Smith **Games:** Ameila Butler

Hoe Down: Nikki Greenburg

Summer Riding Program: Amelia Butler and Ann R.

Committee Heads are still needed for the Dress-Up Booth, Horse Entertainment, Vendors' Market, White Elephant Thrift Sale (it's back!), and entrance gates. If you'd like to volunteer for one of these, or have any other great ideas, please let our Coordinators know!

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Deadlines

Spring Horscope: April 30, 2008

May Bulletin: April 21, 2008



In like a lamb, out like a ... polar bear? An unseasonal snowfall on March 28 meant that the best place to be on the SRC grounds was inside the Clubhouse!

Grounds Report

Spring is finally upon us. Our staff is working around our unsettled weather to clean up hedges and trees that have become a hazard or been damaged by winter weather. We are continuing to clean up and paint our training jump equipment. If you have any ideas or materials that you would like to see in our schooling rings please send the office a note and we will be happy to look into it.

The arena working schedule will be based upon events and weather conditions. Our staff start at 7:00 a.m. and can be conditioning any given ring or the track up until 10:00 a.m. on most days. We will be finishing off the area west of the covered arena as weather permits and grass seeding it this spring.

The roofs for our temporary stalls will be going up towards the middle of the month; notices will be posted on the notice boards closer to the date when this will happen. Towards the end of the month we will be concentrating our efforts on the grounds in preparation for the Spring Dressage Show.
