



DRESSAGE RING GETTING A FACELIFT!

We are very excited to be able to advise the members of a significant improvement to our club. The Board of Directors and Management strive to continually upgrade and maintain the club grounds and riding surfaces. We had embarked on a project of upgrading the drainage and surface in both the Carnarvon and Dressage Ring last fall. The Carnarvon ring was completed but wet winter weather set in before we were able to start on the Dressage ring. It turns out that our Dressage ring is substantially lower than the other surrounding arenas and would require a new, higher base. In discussing the costs associated with this process it was price comparable for us to be able to put down a sand mix surface similar to the successful surfaces in the McCutcheon, Covered and Indoor Arena instead of hogfuel. The longevity of a sand mix surface far surpasses hogfuel. The riding surface is also more consistent with a sand mix. We will also be able to have a proper area in which to ride around the outside of the ring as we had in years gone by.

The work on the Dressage Ring will commence the first week of April and – weather willing – should be completed by the end of the month. The Board of Directors and Management are pleased to be able to continue to improve the SRC facility.

Thank you ~Your Board of Directors and Management

Easter Weekend Hours

The Office will be closed on Good Friday, April 2, for the Easter Holiday. On Saturday and Sunday hours are 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Office hours on Easter Monday are 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The grounds will be open for members to use as usual throughout the long weekend.

WHAT'S GOING ON: April

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Prince Philip Games
Big Ring

25

Dogwood Dressage I (Bronze)
Covered Arena

PRDA Spring Session

Every Wednesday in April from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. in the Big Ring or Indoor if raining. Please remember that for insurance and liability reasons, when PRDA is using the arena it is closed to Club members.

Coming Next Month ...

May 2: VPC Hunter/Jumper Show

May 7-9: Southlands Spring Dressage (Gold)

May 16: TREC Clinic

May 23: Dogwood Dressage II (Bronze)

May 30: Children's Wish Ride

WELCOME TO NEW SRC MEMBERS!

SRC welcomes the following new and re-joining members:

Palu Phillips – Student

May Dumas, Maxine Genovese – Intermediate

Miriam Grob – Leasing

TREC CLINIC COMING TO SRC

Sunday, May 16 • 4:00 p.m. to Dusk

The Pacific Spirit Trail Riders invite you to refine and test your trail riding skills on a TREC course during this clinic at the Club next month.

TREC is a competition format which originated in Europe. It is made up of a number of tests based on the skills required by France's equine tourism trail guides. Many of the tests are designed to present the rider with a challenge or obstacle that they might encounter while out on the trails, while others are designed to demonstrate good communication and trust between horse and rider.

The clinic will take place in the McCutcheon ring on May 16, and will run from 4:00 p.m. until dusk under the direction of Vicki Pauze. There will be a minimal fee of \$10-20 per rider, to be determined once costs are confirmed.

The TREC clinic will focus on two of the three criteria which make up a formal TREC competition. Stations will be set up in the ring where you and your horse will be asked to deal with a variety of exercises. One will involve riding a controlled speed ride down a 100-150m straight line. The object of the exercise is to ride the slowest canter you can manage one way, and the fastest walk on the return.

At other stations, riders will ask their horses to manage certain obstacles, either in hand or ridden at a walk, trot, or (if you get really proficient) at a canter.

Obstacles may include:

- riding under low branches
- through a latched gate without letting go
- across a wooden bridge or through water
- reining back in a straight line or around a bend
- a tight S-curve
- a slalom course
- loading/unloading from a trailer
- up or down a steep bank
- over a low hedge or log
- step down/drop
- dismount, ask for immobility, then remount from the "off" side
- or participants may develop obstacles from their own imaginations!

The clinic will take place over about three hours and should appeal to English riders, Western riders and reiners. For the first couple of hours you will teach your horse to handle the obstacles. At the end, you'll have the opportunity to be scored on your performance of each task. All of the riders will learn the basics of scoring and will take turns scoring the other riders.

Between 1:00 and 4:00, the organizers would appreciate the help of a few volunteers to set up obstacles, and then after 4:00 to assist at a few of the stations. If you wish to participate, or if you can help, please contact Johanna Hastings by email at ka2681y@shaw.ca or by phone at 604 929-7073.

GROUNDS REPORT

Spring is here ... *yah!* We are going to be doing our annual work on the grass field during this month. We will be flagging off the Grand Prix area on the grass field so it will be in excellent shape for our Summer Classic in July. Notices will be emailed out and/or posted at the gates when this work will be done.



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Deadlines

Spring Horscope: April 30, 2010
May Bulletin: April 21, 2010