



# SRC BULLETIN

Southlands Riding Club News & Events **April 2007**

## Competition Update

The winter series of schooling shows wraps up on April 1 with a two-ring Dressage Percent Day. We will be using the Big Ring for the Percent Day as well as the Covered Arena; three jumps will be available in the Indoor all day.

Entries have been coming in steadily for the Spring Dressage Show on May 4-6. If you're still planning to enter, remember that entries must be received by the entry secretary (*not* the Club Office) by 5:00 p.m. on April 13 to avoid post-entry fees. Entry forms are available on the Club website [www.southlandsriddingclub.com](http://www.southlandsriddingclub.com) and in the Clubhouse lobby.

Entry forms for the Dogwood Series are also now available. While these PaRC shows are still designed to provide an affordable, low-key and fun introduction to dressage shows, this season we are offering an expanded range of tests at each show (up to Fourth Level) and separating Junior, Amateur and Open riders where entries warrant. Check the website and Clubhouse lobby for entry forms for these shows too. Note that different tests will be offered at each of the Dogwood Shows, so make sure you get the right entry form!

### Get involved!

Even if you're not a competitive rider, there are plenty of other opportunities to get involved with our Summer competitions as a volunteer or sponsor. Your contribution will be welcome – contact us at the Office for more information on the opportunities available or for a sponsorship package.



### More Changes to Board of Directors

The Board of Directors has accepted the resignation of Bev Field from the Board. The Board is happy to welcome Karen Simonsen as a new Director.

## Serving Members Better

The hours for the Office have expanded. Debbie is in the office by 7:00 a.m. and then Donna or Liz is in until 5:00 p.m. Wednesday is the only day when the office will be closed by 3:30 p.m.

We have also provided some lunging equipment for members' use in those "unplanned lunging sessions" (before you get back on). Please make sure that it doesn't disappear!

## WHAT'S GOING ON: April

- 01** **Dressage Percent Day** in the Covered Arena and Big Ring. 9:00 a.m. to approx. 5:00 p.m.
- 06** **Good Friday** – Clubhouse is closed
- 15** **Prince Philip Games Playday** in the Big Ring.
- 28** **Vancouver Pony Club Hunter/Jumper Show** takes over the Big Ring, McCleery and Dressage Rings

# GROUNDS REPORT

Is Spring finally here? All the flowers are starting to bloom around the clubhouse (thank you Elsie) and it looks gorgeous. We have been working on getting the grounds cleaned up for the upcoming show season.

We have been successful in our search for a part time Groundskeeper to help Zoltan. David Winter will start working in April. The beginning of April will also see heavy equipment working on the site to get McCleery ring up and running. There will also be trucks and equipment removing "Mount Hogfuel" from the west end of the Big ring. As long as the dry weather trend continues (keep your fingers crossed) we will be able to start our annual work on the grass field and other areas of the property.

The last week of April will see us setting up for our first show of the year: the Spring Dressage Show.

The office will be sending out emails to our members advising them of specific work schedules for the many projects in April. If you have any grounds related questions please email us at [grounds@southlandsridingclub.com](mailto:grounds@southlandsridingclub.com)



## Be Nice! You Have To!

Did you know that SRC Rule #1 states:

"These Rules are intended to provide a safe and enjoyable environment for horses, riders and others, and to promote a spirit of co-operation and respect."

A number of SRC Rules deal specifically with this:

**#12.** Riders must treat their horses with consideration and respect.

**#6.** Riders are responsible for the behaviour of their horses at all times.

**#16.** A rider using a dressage whip or other long whip must carry the whip close to the horse's side to avoid striking other horses or riders.

**#13.1** Members must treat other members, instructors and staff with consideration and respect. Complaints of mistreatment and misconduct, including harrasment and intimidation, must be made in writing through the office.

We're often asked about passing other riders at the canter on the track. There is no rule dealing with this, but the the polite choice would be to ask if it's OK

before cantering past someone who might be on a young or lively horse.

All members are welcome to ride in the rings during lessons. Please ride with the same courtesy you would like to enjoy during your own lesson. When sharing the arena with other riders, those taking part in lessons should follow the same ring rules.

Ring rules were printed in the November 2006 Bulletin and are posted in the Clubhouse lobby. Please feel free to contact the Office if you have any questions!



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### Deadlines

Spring Horscope: April 15, 2007  
MayBulletin: April 21, 2007