

April 2006 Bulletin



SOUTHLANDS RIDING CLUB

SRC faces change with Management team leaving



It is with regret that the Board of Directors on March 7th accepted the resignation of Linda Geddes as Manager of Southlands Riding Club, effective April 7, 2006. Linda has been an energetic and enthusiastic manager and under her leadership at the Club we have seen many innovations and improvements. Linda is leaving us to pursue opportunities in the business world.

"Having initiated the 'Millennium Fund' to raise money to construct a second indoor/covered riding ring in 1999, when I was President of the Board of Directors, it has given me great satisfaction to have participated in putting the finishing touches on the new Covered Arena in my role as Manager. In general, I feel that I can pass the reins and feel very proud of the improvements made to the grounds and to general operations at the club over the last year and a half. I have every confidence that the new Manager will benefit by the many improvements that have taken place in streamlining operations."

One week later on March 14th, the resignation of Assistant Manager, Ingrid Brown was received. *"In my time outside of SRC I have formed the company Gemini Equestrian Products. As the company's business grows, as does the time I need to be able to allocate to it. My management of the Young Horse Development Program at OSJS (www.osjs.com) where I live in Langley with my partner also consumes a considerable amount of my time. My career outside of SRC has formed a lifestyle that does not leave much room for SRC. Therefore, it is with excitement and sadness that I must resign my position and advance further in achieving my goals."*

If you, or someone you know would be interested in applying for either of these positions, please direct them to SRC's website to view the position requirements. www.southlandsridingclub.com



"We shall take care not to vex the young horse or cause it to abandon its affable gracefulness... For this is like the fragrance of blossoms, which never returns once it has vanished."



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Sponsorship Opportunities

With the upcoming show season comes the need for SRC to seek sponsorship. It is only with continued patronage such as yours that the shows at SRC are able to offer such great prizes which are valued by our competitors. Sponsorship support can come in many forms. Many individuals and businesses choose to sponsor Southlands Riding Club with gifts in kind such as providing specialty prizes or show equipment such as jumps, bedding for overnight competitors, golf carts, and even porta potties. Events can also be sponsored such as barbeques and happy hours. Always desired is financial aid which assists us in providing generous prize money to be awarded to competitors; it also contributes heavily to the overall management of the show. There are many ways in which your contribution can be recognized.

Each individual and business will find that this cross promotional opportunity can be individually tailored to suit your needs. Karen Ashby who is our Dressage Series Coordinator has put together a lovely package that outlines the many options available to sponsors. There are individual Class sponsorships, Divisional Sponsorships, and Corporate Sponsorships. These packages are available in the SRC Clubhouse foyer as well as by visiting our events calendar on the SRC website www.southlandsriddingclub.com. We would also be more than willing to mail you a copy, or review by appointment all the various options. For our dressage show, please contact Karen Ashby at karenashby@shaw.ca. For the Southlands Summer Classic, please contact Ingrid Brown at southlands@shaw.ca

Grounds

The number one question that we seem to hear around the grounds, Board meetings and instruction meeting seems to be...*what is happening with the lunge ring...?*

The lunge ring should be complete this month. Pending work on the lunge ring includes completion of the surrounding boards, the cleanout of the drain, as well as putting a suitable grade on it. Zoltan and Jordan have built **40 new wing standards** that are more maneuverable. Once the standards are sealed and painted we will incorporate them into our rotation of jump equipment. We are planning on using them in the Big ring in place of the wing standards currently used. It will hopefully bring some relief to the instructors and grounds men who have to carry the extremely heavy standards used at present. Also built this last month have been some pallets to assist us in moving jump equipment. They create a transportation method that will prevent breakage as

well as create a much more time efficient system for moving equipment. We will be able to load and move an entire ring of equipment in one trip. This is a very useful system that has been in place at other facilities and we are looking forward to implementing it here. Also completed in the previous month was the clean up and storage of the cross country equipment and remaining supplies. **Sarah Sellmer and her crew of volunteers** have generously offered to stain and paint our new cross country jumps, we just need the weather to comply. April brings a busy time for our grounds men as they will be preparing for show season: tarp roofs for the portable stalls need to be assembled, stalls power washed and dressage ring fixed, along with numerous other projects. We will do our best to inform the membership with any work being done that might affect one's ride at the Club.

Horscope

Reminder!!! The deadline to submit material such as pictures, articles or advertising to The Horscope is fast approaching. April 15th is the cut off for the next publication which will come out May 15th. Please email your contribution or drop it by the SRC office.

Pictured above right are some of the competitors in the Teams of Three at the 2005 SRC Summer Classic



A reminder to members about the PINK PARTY that will be held at the SRC Clubhouse Saturday April 1st at 7pm. Everyone is invited. There will be a potluck Pink Buffet and prizes for the most pinktacular outfits. Drinks (pink ones of course) will be served. For more information, email pinkparty@srcjic.ca

SRC Acquires New Tractor



After numerous repairs and breakdowns, SRC has purchased a tractor for the Club. Numerous quotes and assessments were done on the cost benefits of repairing what we have or purchasing new, as well as many different makes and models were inspected. It was determined that it would be counterproductive to have two smaller tractors when the scope and capacity of the work at the club requires a larger tractor to compliment our existing small tractor along with the ever expanding work load. In assessing quotes and offers from the other competitors, the most attractive total package including financing was from Rollins Machinery. The model that you have seen is now a permanent addition to our grounds equipment.

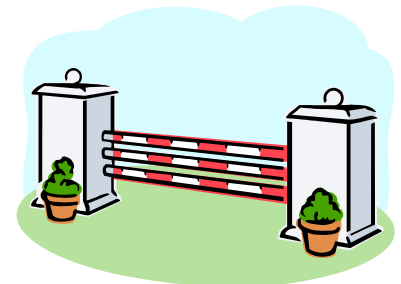
Consideration to Fellow Riders

We have received numerous complaints from members and instructors of an increasingly common finding. It seems that riders are finding that when entering a ring with intent to jump, the course is found to have been dismantled into poles on the ground versus jumps. If you deconstruct a course, please have the courtesy to reassemble the poles into jumps for your fellow riders. This also correlates to rule #31. Thank you for your attention on this matter.

28) Riders may raise or lower the height of jumps but may not move fences.

29) Anyone who raises the height of a jump to higher than 3'6" must return it to a height of no more than 3'6" before leaving the ring.

31) A rider who knocks down a fence must reset it.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 pink party 7pm
2 Dressage % Day	3	4	5	6	7 Linda's last day	8 Pub @ the Club & Gymnastic
9 PPG Spring Playday	10 Board Meeting	11	12	13	14 Ingrid's last day	15
16	17	18 Instruction Meeting	19	20	21	22
23 Jumper Day	24	25	26	27	28	29 Bonny Bonello Clinic
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May 2006

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5 Spring Dressage Show	6 Spring Dressage Show
7 Spring Dressage Show	8 Board Meeting	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16 Instruction Meeting	17	18	19	20 VPC Hunter/jumper Show
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 Dogwood Dressage Series	29	30	31			