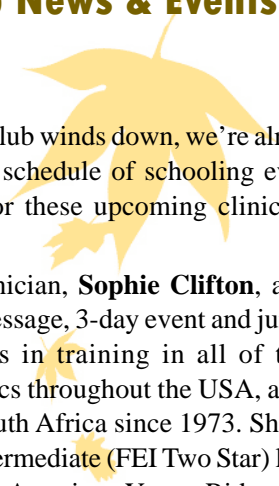




# Fall Clinics



As the season for major shows at the Club winds down, we're already starting to plan the Fall and Winter schedule of schooling events and clinics. Mark your calendars for these upcoming clinics for eventing, dressage and H/J riders.

The Club will be hosting a new clinician, **Sophie Clifton**, at the end of September. Sophie coaches dressage, 3-day event and jumper riders and trainers, and has horses in training in all of these disciplines. She has been giving clinics throughout the USA, and in Australia, Thailand, England and South Africa since 1973. She has competed in Eventing through the Intermediate (FEI Two Star) level, and was a member of the 1979 North American Young Riders gold medal team as well as the winning team at the 1999 Western Adult Championships. In dressage, Sophie is a USDF bronze and silver medalist who is currently competing two horses at FEI level.

A Pony Club "A" graduate, Sophie has trained with or worked for Denny Emerson (former USET 3-day team member), Tad Coffin (Olympic 3-day event individual gold medalist), Meg Plum (Grand Prix dressage rider; USET 3 day team member), Lendon Gray (dressage; Olympic rider), Maj. Gen. Jack Burton (dressage, 3-day), and Axel Steiner ("0" level FEI dressage judge). She currently trains with Jill Hassler Scoop and Paul Belasik. Sophie is also certified to teach GYROTONIC™ and GYROKINESIS™, a body motion system well known in Germany and increasingly available in the USA, which she integrates into her own riding and teaching.



Sophie Clifton and Gitano

Returning clinicians **Bonny Bonnello** and **Claudia Cojocar** probably need no introduction to our members! These popular trainers have been booked for Fall clinics – Bonny will be at Southlands October 12-14, and Claudia returns to the Club November 10-12. We'll have more details in the September Bulletin and available at the Office later in the month

## WHAT'S GOING ON

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From August 5-7 the **Pacific Regional and British Columbia Dressage Championships** return to Southlands. The Carnarvon Ring will be open to members throughout the show; the McCleery Ring, the Indoor, the Track and the Field will be open for riding before 7:30 a.m. and after the show finishes each day (approximately 5:30 p.m.) The competition rings (Dressage ring, Big ring and Covered arena) will be closed to non-competing riders throughout the show.

Come out and enjoy the Freestyle Championship classes on Saturday afternoon!

### And heads up for next month:

September 10

**2 ¾ Phase Fall Event**

September 17

**Southlands Country Fair**

Sept 30-Oct 1

**Sophie Clifton Eventing Clinic**



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## Grounds Position Available

■ SRC is recruiting a new Assistant Grounds Keeper, as Jordan is leaving us for Capilano College in September. The Assistant Grounds Keeper works full time from April to October, and 20 hours per week during the winter. This year, there is a possibility of additional winter hours. Responsibilities include:

- Assisting in general grounds maintenance of riding surfaces, ditches and drains, pruning and hedge trimming, garbage collection, maintenance of judges booths, lawn mowing, painting, rebuilding and repairing of show equipment, helping to build jump courses, and other such site work
- Grounds preparation for competitions and other events
- Site clean up after competitions and other events

A background in grounds maintenance and landscaping is not necessary but is definitely an asset, as is experience with operating a tractor and attachments. We're looking for an individual who has an excellent work ethic, is self motivated, and has strong organizational and communication skills. If you know of anyone who would be interested, please refer them to [www.southlandsridingclub.com](http://www.southlandsridingclub.com) or to the office for a complete job posting.

## Special Edition!

Watch out for a special "Country Fair" bulletin later this month and find out how you can participate! There will be something for everyone, whether you want to help on the day, donate or sell your stuff or services, whip up a creation for the baking contest or chilli cook-off, or show off your talents as part of the Horse Entertainment. In the meantime, feel free to contact Country Fair Coordinators Pippa Emrick, Jennifer Maynard and Amelia Butler.

## Grounds Report

■ Track renovations are on track to start around August 15, and are planned to take 1 ½ to two weeks to complete. The work will involve removing about a foot of hog fuel on the high traffic side of the track and replacing it with new material, so parts of the track may be closed off when equipment is in the way. In mid-August, we will also have a contractor on site digging a trench across the field, to install electrical cable for connection to the new electrical shed on the North side of the track. This will give us an additional power source that can be accessed on that side of the property. Watch the entrance gates for details of the work schedule if your horse would prefer to avoid the disruption!



Our new plastic cavaletti are now available for members to use in the lunge ring. They are for use in this ring only, and members using them should note that they are provided for you to use at your own risk. Please replace them in the brackets provided so they don't get broken (hint: don't drop them over/through the fence or they won't last very long). Enjoy this addition to the training equipment provided for our members.

## Be Careful Out There!

■ The UEL Trail Riders report that there is a big new sign where the River Trail turns north, and encourage riders to be aware of possible reactions from horses. It wasn't responsible for the recent "horse in the river" incident but it *is* big, and has caused a few spooks, even among experienced trail horses. Don't forget to check the notice board maintained by the UEL Trail Riders at the entrance to the River Trail for warnings about new hazards.

Other members have reported that they have seen a man exposing himself on the trail between Crown Street and Marine Drive. He wears a mask and lurks in the bushes before making himself apparent to riders. He has been seen in the evening, but may well be there at other times of the day as well. These incidents have been reported to the police. Please be especially careful when riding through this section of trail, carry a cell phone, and don't ride alone.

## Policy Update

■ On an official note, the Club has established a new policy for all employees to address potential conflicts of interest. Since many members of the Southlands community, including Club employees, wear several different hats, the new policy clearly outlines employees' responsibilities in identifying and avoiding conflicts of interest. In a nutshell, the policy indicates that "an employee of SRC shall not exploit any relationship established as a result of being an employee of the Club to further their financial, political or business interests at the expense of the best interest of individuals and/or the Club in general."