



SRC BULLETIN

Southlands Riding Club News & Events **April 2009**

TREC COMES TO SRC

Join the Pacific Spirit Trail Riders at SRC on April 18 for a fun introduction to TREC, a new competitive and recreational trail sport that combines elements of orienteering, riding skills (control of paces) and trail obstacles. Introduced to BC in 2003, TREC has been steadily growing in popularity as is suitable for riders of all ages and experience levels. The unique combination of elements will be sure to improve and challenge your riding skills! This introductory clinic will focus on two aspects of the TREC experience: the Control of Paces and Obstacles.

Space is limited for riders, but all are welcome to join in and learn about TREC. Non-riders will be able to share the fun or volunteer to judge. All participants will learn what TREC is, how an obstacle is scored, how to adapt the phases to all levels of riders, and how TREC can help to ensure future access to public trails. Handouts will be provided for everyone.

Cost is \$10 per rider for SRC members attending the clinic and \$15 for non-members. Non-riders are welcome at no cost.

The clinic will take place on April 18 in the Indoor Arena, starting at 6:30 p.m. For registration or for more information, contact Debbie Bailey at 604 261-3056 or Sally Brown at 604 730-7903.



Find out more about TREC: a new opportunity for fun on the trails!

WHAT'S GOING ON: April

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Jumper Schooling Day
Indoor Arena, 8 a.m - 6 p.m. approx.

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Sophie Clifton Dressage Clinic
April 11-12, Indoor Arena

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Introduction to TREC
Indoor Arena, 6:30 p.m.

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Prince Philip Games Playday
Big Ring (but can be heard everywhere)

26

Dogwood Dressage II
Covered Arena and new outdoor ring

Coming Next Month ...

May 1-3: Southlands Spring Dressage

May 9: VPC Hunter/Jumper Show

May 24: Dogwood Dressage III

Easter Weekend Hours

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

Spring Dressage Setup Starts Show Season

Our first major show of the 2009 season is the Southlands Spring Dressage Show (SSDS), which takes place on Friday May 1, Saturday May 2, and Sunday May 3. Set up for the show will commence on Wednesday, April 29.

On the weekend prior to the show we are putting on a Dogwood Dressage Bronze Show on Sunday, April 26. The dressage fences will be set up in the Covered Arena and new outdoor ring, with the Indoor being designated as warm up area for the two rings.

On Monday after the Dogwood Show a course will be set in the Indoor Arena. The dressage fences will stay set up in the Covered Arena and new ring so our club members can get in more practice time prior to the Spring Dressage Show.

Jumps will remain in the Big Ring and McCleery until the morning of Wednesday, April 29 when we will clear out the fences from the Big Ring and set up the third dressage arena for the competition. McCleery will be cleared of jumps later that day and the jumps will come out of the Indoor first thing Thursday morning. The usual preparations for the SSDS start on the Tuesday prior to the show, but by following this plan we can leave the jumps set up for one extra day on the property. As always the Thursday is warmup day for the show competitors, though the grounds are still open for SRC members' use.

During the show the Carnarvon ring and Dressage ring will be designated for non-competing SRC members' use only; all other areas beyond the West side of the Track are designated competition grounds while the show is running and closed to non-competitors. At the end of classes each day (approximately 6:00 p.m.) the track and warmup rings (McCleery and the Indoor) will also be open for members to use. The competition rings (Big Ring, Covered Arena and new outdoor ring) will be reserved for competition classes only throughout the show weekend.



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GROUNDS REPORT

Spring is officially upon us! With this comes the winter clean up and show season preparation. We will be putting the tarp roofs on the temporary stabling this month and doing general clean up and repair around the stalls in preparation for the Spring Dressage Show (May 1 to 3). We will also start the annual work on the grass field and cross country area. For any major projects or club happenings the office will send out emails to our members to let them know when and where things are taking place. Throughout the month, staff will be busy at work on the grounds. We will put up cones and "People at Work" signs for our club members to be aware of these work zones. Please watch out for them, and remember that our staff have the right away until 10am (Rule #48).

SPRING RIDING TIPS

All of our horses may get a bit more of a "spring" in their steps at this time of year. Please be aware of other members riding when you are on the property and take note if they have a horse that may not be dealing well with a situation. If you're working on the track always remember to ask if it is okay to pass and if need be slow your speed. Remember too that when riding on the track you are also affecting horses in the rings you pass. Our rules cover a large number of points for conduct and courtesy when riding at the club.

Please remember that if you and your horse part company an incident report must be filed with the office. This can be done by phone or email. It covers the incident, circumstances, time and rider involved.

Always remember to ride "heads up"!



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Deadlines

Spring Horscope: April 31, 2009
May Bulletin: April 21, 2009