



SRC BULLETIN

Southlands Riding Club News & Events ■ August 2008

August shaping up to be “Dressage Month” at SRC!

August at SRC kicks off with the **Amherst Dressage Show**, presented once again by Vancouver/Richmond CADORA. This year marks Amherst’s 50th Anniversary, and you’re invited to celebrate the occasion at **A Toast to Amherst** on Saturday, August 2 at approximately 5:30 p.m., following the freestyles. Anniversary cake and refreshments will be served courtesy of CADORA by “the ladies of Amherst”. Everyone is also welcome to strut their stuff in the **Amherst Fancy Hat Contest**, judged by local celebrity Tina Tier during this anniversary celebration.

Amherst in August is an EC Gold Level competition, so the usual grounds closures apply. The competition grounds, which will be clearly flagged, are for competitors only while the show is on, and the Carnarvon Ring will be reserved for non-competing SRC members’ use at all times. After the show finishes each day (around 6:00 p.m.), the warmup areas – the track, McCleery Ring, Indoor and field – are also be available for members to use.

It’s a quiet month at the Club until the last weekend of August, when the **B.C. Dressage Championships** return to SRC from August 29-31. This year the Regional Championships have moved to another venue, so Southlands is introducing the **Summer Festival of Dressage**, a concurrent Bronze Level competition (like the Dogwood Series). You can read all the details in the prize list, available on the SRC website and in the Clubhouse lobby.

Show highlights include Hi-Point Awards sponsored by MCL Motor Cars, a complimentary reception on Saturday evening, Costume Freestyles, a barn decorating contest, and the ever-popular Blue Heron dressage prospect classes.

Pictured opposite: Chris Wyatt and Zahlen at the final Dogwood show of the series. Full results for the series will be in the Summer Horscope.



WHAT’S GOING ON: August

- 01 Amherst Dressage Show**
August 1-3
Carnarvon Ring will be open for non-competing SRC members’ use throughout the event.
- 29 B.C. Dressage Championships and Summer Festival of Dressage**
August 29-31
Usual daily grounds closures for an EC Gold Level show; Carnarvon Ring will be open for non-competing SRC members’ use throughout the event.

Entry Forms are available at the Clubhouse and on the SRC website.

Coming Next Month ...

September 7 ~ Fall 2-3/4 Phase Event

September 14 ~ Country Fair!

Safety Update



A few reminders to help you ride safely at SRC this summer:

Bikes + Horses = Hazard!

Remember that bikes are not allowed on the Club grounds other than the parking lots. Please use the bike racks provided. If you leave your bike dangerously close to one of the horse entrances, it may be removed!

Don't Take a Dive!

What used to be the Devil's Dyke/Grob jump has been filling with water when the tide is up and it rains: our own custom water level barometer! There is a shallow ditch under that murky water, so don't be cantering through, rather than over, the water.

And if you *DO* take a dive ...

Following our report of Alison Martin's horse Vinny taking a ditch swim during the Spring Dressage Show, one member remarked that she did not know where the rescue equipment was kept. For the record, it's located at the northwest corner of the Indoor Arena (inside the arena). Here's hoping you don't need it ...



Look before you leap!

GROUNDS REPORT

Work will get under way on the new riding ring this month. You'll receive email notices when work is planned, and you can also watch out for notices at the entrances to the Club. We'll also be placing more of the portable cross country jumps out on the grass field during August. As expected at this time of year David and Heather are busy keeping up with all the grass that keeps growing!



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Deadlines

Fall Horscope: October 31, 2008
September Bulletin: August 21, 2008