



Annual General Meeting

Mark Monday, December 11 on your calendar for the Club's Annual General Meeting, which gets under way at the Clubhouse at 7:00 p.m.

Eligible members will be electing new members of the Club's Board of Directors, as well as voting on two amendments to the Society's by-laws which have been proposed by the Board of Directors.

Standing for election to a two-year term on the Board are: Stephanie Agg, Jane Remocker, Pamela Saunders, Toni Dawe and Donna McGowin. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor at the AGM. You can read their biographies in the Clubhouse foyer.

Continuing as Directors are Caroline Williams, Gina Louise and Claudia Zurmuhle (entering the second year of their second term on the Board) and David Brook, Bev Field, and Carolyn Catton (entering the second year of their first term on the Board).

According to item 12 of our by-laws, Alteration of Constitution and by-laws, "The Society, by special resolution, may, subject to the Society Act, alter its Constitution or by-laws and such special resolution shall require a three-quarters majority pursuant to the provisions of paragraph 6 (c) of these by-laws."

1. FIRST AMENDMENT

Rationale for this amendment:

In order to be eligible to apply to the City of Vancouver for a Celebration Grant for Country Fair we need a change to our Constitution to be able to facilitate this.

Currently our Constitution reads:

Item 2 Purposes of the Society are:

(a) For recreational or other useful purposes to foster, promote and develop interest in horsemanship generally, to promote horse care and safety practices and, without restricting the same, to organize equestrian and other horse related activities.

Proposed amendment: Add at the end of the paragraph, as follows: and community-based celebrations or festivals.

It has been moved and seconded: "That we amend the Constitution of Southlands Riding Club item 2 (a) by adding "and community-based celebrations or festivals" as proposed.

WHAT'S GOING ON

01 **Bonny Bonnelo** Clinic in the Indoor Arena December 1 & 2. **CANCELLED** due to weather conditions

03 **Dressage Percent Day** in the Covered Arena. **CANCELLED** due to weather conditions

09 **Lindy Townley** Clinic in the Indoor Arena, 1:00 to 5:30 p.m.

SRC members and friends are invited to celebrate the holidays at the December 9 **Pub at the Club** in the Clubhouse, 5:00-8:00 p.m. Turn to page 3 for details!

10 **Hunter Schooling Day** takes place in the Covered Arena, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

11 **Annual General Meeting** 7:00 p.m. in the Clubhouse

01 **January 2007**
New Year's Day **Mock Hunt**. Join the field for this annual tradition (if you dare!) or come to the Clubhouse for an eggnog after the Hunt.



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2. SECOND AMENDMENT

Rationale for this amendment:

The Society's Act requires that at least 50% of the membership of a club be eligible to vote. Currently, 30% of SRC members are eligible to vote. Although SRC has received special permission in the past allowing it to deviate from this Society's Act requirement, it would be nonetheless desirable to have more members eligible to make voting decisions. Currently, only "Senior" members are allowed to vote.

It was decided that the best way of allowing more members to vote is to create a new membership category, called "Associate"; it would come in between non-voting Intermediate members and voting Senior members. It was agreed by the Board of Directors that SRC members 16 and over should be allowed to vote. Intermediate members would automatically become "Associate" members at age 16.

An "Associate" member would effectively be the same as an Intermediate member with the addition of voting privileges.

To facilitate this change to the voting age, the following amendments must be made to the by-laws:

Proposed amendments:

In section 1. (a) (ii), that a new membership category be created to read:

"Associate – a member who has passed his/her 16th birthday, but not his/her 21st birthday as of November 1st, has riding, social and voting privileges."

In section 1. (a) (ii) under Intermediate that the definition be altered to read:

"a member who has passed his/her 12th birthday, but not his/her 16th birthday..."

In section 2. (a) that the definition be altered to read:

"A Senior *or Associate member* in good standing ..."

In section 2. (c) i) that the definition be altered to read:

"A Senior *or Associate* member shall be entitled to appoint one proxyholder to attend, act and vote for him on the same occasion. A Senior *or Associate* member ..."

In section 4. (c) iv) that the form of proxy be altered to read:

"The undersigned, being a Senior *or Associate* member of the above named Society, hereby..."

It has been moved and seconded: "That we amend by-laws 1(a)(ii), 2(a), 2(c)i), 4(c)iv) by adding and altering items as proposed.

GROUNDS REPORT

The Board and Management of SRC are pleased to announce that Zoltan will be taking on expanded responsibility for the grounds at the Club, reflected in his new title of Grounds Manager. Assuming more of the duties and decisions associated with the day-to-day maintenance of the grounds will allow the Manager more time to focus on the many other aspects of running the Club.

Zoltan has been with the Club for five years, during which time he has applied himself to increasing his knowledge and experience in maintaining our grounds, turf and equipment. He looks forward to assuming greater responsibilities and to working with Management and the Board on grounds maintenance and improvements.

Members are now invited to approach Zoltan directly with your grounds-related questions and concerns.

Ring Maintenance

To keep the footing in the Indoor and Covered arenas from getting overly compacted during this season of heavy use, these two rings will now be rototilled every two weeks. This will be done between 7:15 and 9:30 a.m. on alternate Tuesdays in the Indoor, and alternate Fridays in the Covered. If you're concerned about avoiding this work, dates for each ring will be indicated on the lesson schedule.

Also in the interest of preserving the footing, lessons have been limited to 8:00 a.m. or later, to allow Zoltan time to work the rings between 7:00 and 8:00 a.m. The exception will be Saturday morning, when lessons can be booked from 7:15 a.m. on, as Zoltan will be harrowing the rings on Friday night.

In Case of Emergency

The “Southlands Sling”, used for getting horses out of the local ditches, has been relocated to the Indoor arena so that it is accessible 24 hours per day. If you need it (and we hope you don’t), it can be found in the north-west corner.



Bree, owned by Anne Stanley, was the latest beneficiary of the horse sling, assisted by Tik Maynard, Margot Vilvang, Candy Chan, Larry Emrick and Rick Maynard.

SRC Helping a Family in Need



SRC is sponsoring a holiday hamper for a single mother and her two daughters, one of whom has special needs. Amelia Butler is coordinating this project, so if you would like to contribute a gift for their hamper, please contact her at 604 738-4483 or avh_butler@hotmail.com. The following are some gift ideas:

Norma (Mom): baking dishes, comforter/blankets (queen size) clothes (XL) and Rachel Ray cook books.

Emily (14 years old): make-up, bubble bath, clothes (ladies size 14)

Susan (20 years old with special needs): bubble bath, Lemony Snicket books, clothes (ladies size L).

There are many other families seeking assistance this holiday season, so any new items – clothes, housewares, food, etc. – are welcome. Bring them to the Pub at the Club Holiday Party, and Amelia will forward them for other families’ hampers.

Holiday Pub at the Club

Celebrate the holiday season with friends and neighbours at SRC’s December “Pub at the Club” Christmas Social

Saturday, December 9

5:00 - 8:00 p.m. (following the Lindy Townley Clinic)

Generously sponsored by the Duncan Family, Equerry Tack Shop, Cedarhurst, Monica Marpole and the Heiss-McKay Family

You’re invited to bring your favourite holiday treats to share



See you there!

LINDY TOWNLEY CLINIC

Hunter and Equitation coach Lindy Townley will be at SRC for an afternoon clinic on Saturday, December 9. The clinic will take place in the Indoor arena from 1:00 to 5:30 p.m.

Cost is \$100 for a 1-1/2 hour session (max five riders), and auditing is free.

Registration forms are available at the office and on the SRC website, www.southlandsridingclub.com



And the numbers are in ...

This year, we took advantage of membership renewal time to gather some demographic information about our members.

The breakdown of our yearly riding members (not including monthly and instruction categories) by “primary discipline” is as follows:

- Hunter/Jumper: 53%
- Dressage: 33%
- Pleasure riding: 9%
- Eventing: 5%

These numbers are reflected in our complement of full privilege instructors:

- Hunter/Jumper (nine instructors, or 60%)
- Dressage (five instructors, or 33%)
- Eventing (one instructor, or 7%)



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Deadlines

Winter Horscope: December 21, 2006
January Bulletin: December 21, 2006

Changes to Guest riding Procedures at SRC

The Board of Directors have discussed and reviewed the current procedures around non-members riding at SRC as guests. It was agreed upon by the Board of Directors that the following changes in procedure would take effect for January 1st, 2007.

There will be two categories of visiting riders at SRC:

Trailer-ins (unlimited usage) \$15.00/visit

- Non-member of SRC
- Must register at office prior to ride at the club
- Colour wristband issued by the office for each visit
- If planning on riding after office hours must pre-register with office and secure wristband with VISA

2. Guest (unlimited usage) \$15.00/visit

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If you have any questions please call the SRC office at 604-263-4817

Clubhouse Closures

The Clubhouse will be closed on the following days over the holiday season:

- December 24, 25 and 26
- January 31

The Club's riding facilities remain open daily, and access to the Clubhouse lobby and washrooms will be available as usual.

Try the Trails!

The Southlands/UEL Trail Riders would like to remind you that Winter can be an excellent time to head out on the trails and take advantage of firmer surfaces than you're likely to encounter elsewhere on the flats. On-going Parks work over the past two years has resulted in some truly “all-weather” surfaces on many of the closer routes. Happy Trails!