



Welcome to the New SRC Board of Directors

Several new members joined the SRC Board of Directors by acclamation at the Annual General Meeting in December. Toni Dawe, Jane Remocker, Stephanie Agg and Amelia Butler will be returning for another two-year term. New Directors Pamela Saunders and Donna McGowin will be joining the Board. Continuing Board members are Caroline Williams, Gina Louise, Beverley Field, Carolyn Catton, Claudia Zurmuhle, and David Brook. Molly Henry and Debbie Anderson will continue as Junior/Intermediate representative and Parent representative, respectively.

Welcome to our new President, Toni Dawe, Vice President, Gina Louise, and Finance Chair, Carolyn Catton! And check the next Horscope for an introduction to the Directors.

SRC By-Law & Policy Updates

The following revisions to the Club's by-laws were adopted at the AGM in December:

- 1) Motion made, seconded and passed that the Constitution of Southlands Riding Club Item 2(a) will be amended to add the following at the end of the paragraph **"and community-based celebrations or festivals that are compatible with the above purposes"**
- 2) Motion made, seconded and passed that a new membership category (effective November 1, 2007) be added to the Southlands Riding Club by-laws. This membership category is Voting Intermediate; this is a member who has passed his/her 16th birthday, but not his/her 21st birthday as of November 1. This membership is entitled to riding, social and voting privileges. The fee will be the same as the Intermediate category.

On another note, a proposed policy on Natural Horsemanship at SRC will be presented to the Board at the January Board meeting. The resulting policy for Natural Horsemanship practices on the grounds will be communicated to members and added to the Club website after the Board's January 15 meeting.

WHAT'S GOING ON

01 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.

SRC Office is closed. The Clubhouse will be open for the post-hunt eggnog party.

07 **Dressage Percent Day** in the Covered Arena. 2007 tests will be used.

17 The **Rusty Stirrup Club** meets in the Clubhouse for a Video and Social Evening, 7:30 p.m.

21 **Jumper Schooling Day** takes place in the Indoor Arena, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

MOCK HUNT IS BACK

Join us at the Club on January 1 for this Southlands tradition! Riders are invited to assemble in the Big Ring for a "stirrup cup" of sherry at noon on New Year's Day, prior to the start of the hunt. The "fox" (aka Margot) will lead the field around the track at a civilized speed, followed by a high-speed chase for the more adventurous riders!



Everyone is invited to the clubhouse between 2:00 and 4:00 p.m. for a post-hunt eggnog and refreshments. Admission to the eggnog party is \$3 or a plate of goodies to share with all.

Tally Ho!

RUSTY STIRRUP UPDATE



“Vintage” riders at SRC are taking the initiative to get together on a regular basis, share a love of horses, ride in a non-competitive atmosphere, learn, have fun, and socialize with like-minded adults. The Rusty Stirrup Club is for mature people – riders and non-riders, horse owners, horse lovers, and horsey parents. The first “planning meeting” was a small one due to some extreme winter conditions on the night of the meeting, but a few brave and enthusiastic local residents turned out and planned some activities. Interested adults are welcome at to join the group for a Winter Evening Video and Social at Southlands Riding Club, Wednesday, January 17, at 7:30 p.m. Come for an educational and informative video, light refreshments and a blazing fire!

The planned trip to the Andalusian Dancing Stallions has been postponed until April due to an injury to one of the horses, which resulted in a rescheduled performance.

Membership forms are available in the Clubhouse lobby, and at any Rusty Stirrups event. These will be used to build a contact list, and to find out what activities you’d like to see. All adult horse lovers are welcome, including those who ride, who used to ride, who’d like to ride and those who never plan to swing a leg over a horse! If you have any questions, contact Debbie Bailey at 604 261-3056, or d Bailey5@shaw.ca

A Friendly Reminder ...

The IOU's have been accumulating in Sarah's change dish for the snacks and drinks that she makes available in the Clubhouse. With about \$30 outstanding, Sarah asks that you come in and pay your debts.

You know who you are!

JUMPER SCHOOLING DAY

Jumper riders will get a chance to school over a full course in the Indoor on January 21, when SRC will be offering a Jumper Schooling Day. The format will be the same as last month’s Hunter Schooling Day (and similar to the Jumper Days last winter).

Sign-up procedure is as follows:

- The sign-up sheet will be posted in the Clubhouse lobby on December 22. SRC members and Instructors will have a week to reserve their spaces before the schedule is opened up to non-members and outside trainers.

- Sign-up closes one week before the Schooling Day (January 14). A minimum of 10 riders is required for the Schooling Day to run.

- Cost for each 15-minute block of time is \$15 for SRC members. (Non-members will continue to pay last year’s rate of \$25.)

- You can sign up for as many blocks as you want, and use them how you like – for example, a group of riders can share a block of time.

- No refunds on cancellations after the closing date (January 14), unless another rider fills the space. All riders signed up as of the closing date will be charged, whether or not they ride. If a rider has not paid at the Office prior to the end of the schooling day, their instructor will be billed and the instructor will be responsible for collecting from his or her students.

The next schooling event for H/J riders will be the Hunter Schooling Show on February 18.



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Deadlines

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