



# SPRING DRESSAGE

May is here already, which means it's time for our first major show of the 2010 event season: the Southlands Spring Dressage Show. The competition runs Friday, Saturday and Sunday, May 7-9. As per Equine Canada rules for Gold level shows, during the competition hours only riders entered in the competition may ride in the competition area. Non-competing Club members will have the Carnarvon ring available to ride in during the day. Once the show has ended each day (at approximately 5:00 p.m.) members are able to ride in the warm up rings (McCleery and the Indoor) or around the track.

We will begin set up for the competition on Monday, May 3, and by Thursday the grounds will be ready to go for the competition.

Please come out and support your fellow Club members at this Gold level competition. You can check the SRC website at [www.southlandsridingclub.com](http://www.southlandsridingclub.com) for a full schedule.



## WELCOME TO NEW SRC MEMBERS!

SRC welcomes the following new member:  
Joel Silverman – Senior (re-initiation)

## WHAT'S GOING ON: May

02

**VPC Hunter/Jumper Show**  
McCleery, McCutcheon and Big Rings

07

**Southlands Spring Dressage Show May 7-9**  
EC Gold Show, see details at left for facility access for riding members

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**TREC Clinic**  
McCutcheon Ring

23

**Dogwood Dressage II**  
EC Bronze Show, Covered Arena

30

**Pacific Wish Trail Ride**  
SRC and beyond!

### Coming Next Month ...

June 6: VPC Mini Show  
June 13: 2-3/4 Phase Event  
June 27: Dogwood Dressage III

## SRC SURVEY 2010



We want your input! The Board of Directors and management have developed a membership survey that will be available online. The purpose of this survey is to attain a general perspective of the membership's opinion around our Club. Areas covered by the survey are access to the club facility, membership options, instruction, and grounds. Please take the time to complete the survey – it is very quick. The information you give will assist your Board of Directors in the planning of your Club.

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# PACIFIC WISH TRAIL RIDE

## IS BACK FOR A SECOND YEAR!

Please join us for the second annual Wish Ride in Southlands and Pacific Spirit Park on Sunday, May 30. Last year's inaugural Wish Ride raised \$7,300 for the Children's Wish Foundation of Canada BC/Yukon Chapter – the most any Trail group has made for their first ride. Let's try and make that again ...or perhaps even more! Pledge forms can be picked up at the Clubhouse, public barns or Greenhawk in Vancouver. The 2009 ride had 30 riders and three cart drivers participating. This year there are two rides to choose from: a road hack and river walk around the Southlands village or a trail ride up through our beautiful Pacific Spirit Park. Maps will be provided when you register at 9:00 a.m. at SRC, and the ride ends at noon with a barbecue to follow at the Clubhouse.

If you're unavailable that day it will be possible to register early and do your 'ride' on another day. The organizers would like as much participation as possible, and are encouraging local riding schools to take small groups out through the Southlands area. Horses may be shared for the shorter ride to get the maximum 'rounds'.

Don't forget that the Wish Ride ends with a free hot dog barbecue and lots of prize draws! In addition, for every \$400 collected in pledges your name goes into a draw for two European airline tickets generously donated by Air Transat. The more money you raise, the more chances you have to win.

**For more information, phone Debbie Bailey at 604 261-3056 or Sally Brown 604 730-7903.**

The Southlands Wish Trail Ride is part of the Provincial Wish Trail Ride, which started with one in Kelowna and now includes rides throughout British Columbia.

Over the past 16 years, the rides have raised a grand total of \$760,000 to make wishes come true for children with high risk, life threatening illnesses.

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# GROUNDS REPORT

The Dressage Ring is almost finished. We still have to complete the border fence, plant some hedges and add the rubber to the sand. Thank you to all Club members for your patience during this renovation.

Our staff are working more out on the property as the better weather tends to make everything grow and bloom. Watch for an email from the office concerning the opening of the Cross Country area. It should be soon as long as the wet weather stays away. The grass field will be flagged off as usual for our Summer Classic Hunter Jumper show. We will be shaping the berm on the grass field and planting grass so hopefully it will be green for the Summer Classic.



*Closed to Horses? Not for long!*

## CART DRIVING @ SRC

At the April Board of Directors meeting a trial period was approved for allowing carts and horses on the Club property, outside of the hours currently in our Rules and Regulations.

For a trial period from May 1 to Oct 31, 2010, drivers will be allowed to use the Indoor Arena on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. Carts and drivers will have right of way in the Indoor during this time. Drivers must enter the property by the trailer gate on West 53rd Avenue. Access to the track by carts and drivers will remain the same (Saturday and Sunday after 6:00 p.m.) This trial is subject to review at any time by the Board of Directors, and the Board would like to hear from SRC members as to their experiences during this trial period.

# PACIFIC WISH TRAIL RIDE

Coming to Southlands & Pacific Spirit Park



Proceeds Go Directly To The  
**BC/YUKON CHAPTER  
CHILDRENS' WISH FOUNDATION**

**Join Us!!**

**Sunday, May 30th**

- ~ Register @ SRC, 9 am
- ~ Ride to follow ends @ noon
- ~ Barbeque 12:30

2 LEVELS OF TRAIL RIDING

**FREE AFTER RIDE BARBECUE!!  
DOOR PRIZES!!**

"Raising money to grant wishes  
to children with high risk,  
life threatening illnesses."



**Pick up Pledge Sheets at your Barn or the SRC Clubhouse**

Riders are asked to collect pledges prior to the ride  
(payment of all pledges must accompany pledge forms)  
All pledges are welcome whether you participate or not.

**HAPPY TRAILS!**



## **INFORMATION:**

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or visit us @

[www.provincialwishtrailride.com](http://www.provincialwishtrailride.com)

# TREC CLINIC AT THE CLUB

The Pacific Spirit Trail Riders invite you to refine and test your trail riding skills at the upcoming TREC Clinic at SRC.

TREC is a competition format which originated in Europe. It is made up of a number of tests based on the skills required by France's equine tourism trail guides. Many of the tests are designed to present the rider with a challenge or obstacle that they might encounter while out on the trails, while others are designed to demonstrate good communication and trust between horse and rider.

The clinic will take place in the McCutcheon ring on May 16, and will run from 4:00 p.m. until dusk under the direction of Vicki Pauze. There will be a minimal fee of \$10-20 per rider; full details are available from Johanna at 604 929-7073

The TREC clinic will focus on two of the three criteria which make up a formal TREC competition. Stations will be set up in the ring where you and your horse will be asked to deal with a variety of exercises. One will involve riding a controlled speed ride down a 100-150m straight line. The object of the exercise is to ride the slowest canter you can manage one way, and the fastest walk on the return.

At other stations, riders will ask their horses to manage certain obstacles, either in hand or ridden at a walk, trot, or (if you get really proficient) at a canter.

Obstacles may include:

- riding under low branches
- through a latched gate without letting go
- across a wooden bridge or through water
- reining back in a straight line or around a bend
- a tight S-curve
- a slalom course
- loading/unloading from a trailer
- up or down a steep bank
- over a low hedge or log
- step down/drop
- dismount, ask for immobility, then remount from the "off" side
- or participants may develop obstacles from their own imaginations!

The clinic will take place over about three hours and should appeal to English riders, Western riders and reiners. For the first couple of hours you will teach your horse to handle the obstacles. At the end, you'll have the opportunity to be scored on your performance of each task. All of the riders will learn the basics of scoring and will take turns scoring the other riders.

Between 1:00 and 4:00, the organizers would appreciate the help of a few volunteers to set up obstacles, and then after 4:00 to assist at a few of the stations. If you wish to participate, or if you can help, please contact Johanna Hastings by email at [ka2681y@shaw.ca](mailto:ka2681y@shaw.ca) or by phone at 604 929-7073.



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## Bulletin

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## Deadlines

Summer Horscope: July 31, 2010  
June Bulletin: May 21, 2010