



# WANTED

## CLUB PHOTOGRAPHER(S)!

SRC is looking for one or more volunteers to cover club events and contribute “candid” shots for the Horscope, Bulletin, and website. Professional skills are not required; we’re after photos that show a wide range of our members taking part in different events here at the Club. Please contact the office if you’re willing to take some shots at these upcoming activities:

- *November or December Percent Day*
- *Claudia Cojocar and John Turner Clinics*
- *Bonny Bonnello Clinic December 1 & 2*

## Amy Dundas Head MEMORIAL TROPHY

Each November, SRC members are invited to vote for the recipient of this award, which goes to the rider who is judged by his or her peers to best demonstrate the qualities for which Amy was known and respected. In addition to competing at an intermediate to advanced level, the winner displays dedication to the sport, development as an all-around rider, sportsmanlike conduct, the will to win, a love of horses, and a friendly and helpful attitude to other competitors.

To be eligible for the award, hunter/jumper riders need to be competing at 3’6” and up, dressage riders at Third Level and up, and eventers at Training Level and up. Members who met these criteria this year are: Jan Craven, Chrissie Barbata, Karen Evans, Val Maks, Claire Roper, Stuart Belkin, Candy Chan, Sara Sellmer, Tik Maynard, Ramsey Glass, Rebecca Garrard, Beth Thompson, Annise Toleikis, Dana Henson, Alison Gray, Nikki Greenburg, Laura Harper, Ali Hedden, Emily Kent, Elspeth Longridge, Rick Maynard, Morgan McDonald, Jane Remocker, Jennifer Bishop, Claudia Zurmuhle, Frances Worster, Kiersten Humphrey and Georgann Gregory

To vote, fill out a ballot in the Clubhouse (only one vote per member, please!) before the AGM on December 11. You can also vote by email:

## WHAT’S GOING ON

**04** **Pub at the Club** returns with a fundraiser for some of our local riders and the Dressage/Jumper Switch-a-Roo – see details elsewhere in the Bulletin.

**05** **Dressage Percent Day** in the Covered Arena. Entry forms for the Winter % Day Series are available on the SRC website and in the Clubhouse.

**10** Due to popular demand, the **Claudia Cojocar Clinic** has been expanded to three days – November 10-12 (Fri-Sun). The clinic takes place in the Indoor.

**18** The **John Turner Clinic** takes place in the Indoor November 18 & 19 (Sat/Sun)

send a message to [info@southlandsridingclub.com](mailto:info@southlandsridingclub.com) indicating your name and the name of the person for whom you are voting.

Past winners are no longer eligible; they are Pippa Emrick (2003), Brian Morton (2004) and Alex Duncan (2005).



*theAmy Dundas Head Memorial Trophy*

## Be Seen After Dark!

With the onset of Daylight Savings, it's more important than ever to make sure that you leave the barn with reflective gear – it gets dark early now!

Recommended minimums are a reflective vest or jacket and something on all four legs of your horse.

## STARS Used Tack Sale

We haven't had a used tack sale at the Club for several years now, but the calls keep on coming! The Southlands tack sale tradition is being carried on at Southlands Equestrian Centre, in support of STARS, the therapeutic riding program at the Maynards' barn. The sale takes place this year on Saturday, November 25. Drop off your stuff between 8:30 and 9:45 am on November 25; the sale opens to shoppers at 10:00 am. Call SEC at 604 261-1295 for more information.

## Clip, Clop ... Clunk ?

FOUND on the trails in Pacific Spirit Park, an Old Mac's horse boot. It's in the "lost and found" at the Clubhouse if you're missing one.

## Polo Field is Closed

Please note that with the return of some wet weather, the polo/grand prix field and cross country course are now closed for the season. The portable jumps are being painted and stained while they are out of use. See you in the spring!



# Winter Ring Rotation

As winter approaches, demand for space in our roofed rings always increases. The scheduling of lessons for our members has increased and this winter we would like to try a different format for ring allocation. This format may be subject to change depending on how well our outdoor rings fare over the winter. Members will be notified as promptly as possible on changes. We welcome any comments or concerns that our members have with their experiences of the test format this winter. Here's what you can expect for the coming months (November 1 to March 31):

With the exception of special events (clinics and schooling shows) a full course will be set in the Covered Arena on Monday morning at 10:15, and moved to the Indoor on Thursday at 12:30. In the Covered Arena this could mean 8-10 jumps, or 6-8 in the Indoor.

When there is a clinic, schooling show or playday in one of the roofed rings, three jumps will be set up in the other. Lessons are still allowed as follows: Only 1 private jumping lesson and/or 1 private flat lesson.

### Covered Ring

- Two Jumping lessons will be allowed at the same time. These lessons can be 2 private jumping lessons or 1 private and 1 group jumping lessons (group being no more than 3 riders)

- Three private flat lessons at the same time. (This will only be on weekdays before 3pm) or 1 private flat lesson and 1 group (no more than 3 riders)

### Indoor Ring

- One Jumping lesson at a time (group or private)

- Two flat lessons at the same time. One of these flat lessons may be a group lesson (no more than 3 riders in the group)

### Number of lessons allowed on property in one time slot

If all rings are open and rideable, then on Saturdays only at 9:30 am, 10:15 am, 11:00 am and 11:45 am there will be a maximum of six lessons going on during each of those time slots. At other times a maximum of five lessons are allowed during any time slot.

Please note in the event that the outdoor rings become unusable due to the footing (not just because it's raining out!), we'll be looking at revising these policies in order to accommodate lessons, as well as allowing for some lesson-free riding times for members.

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## WINDSOR STABLES is looking for an ASSISTANT STABLE MANAGER

Extensive horse knowledge, management and organization skills essential. This opportunity could lead to a full time/live in position in the future. Call Nancy at 604 263-2540 or apply in person between noon and 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday or Sunday at Windsor Stables, 7420 Balaclava Street.

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# Hunter Schooling Day

Our first Hunter Schooling Day is coming up on December 10. Riders and trainers will have the opportunity to sign up for blocks of time to school over our show equipment in the Covered arena, making it possible to ride over standard distances, and to practice in the same ring that will be used during the Summer Classic.



Sign-up procedure is as follows:

- The sign-up sheet will be posted in the Clubhouse lobby on November 10. 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 (December 3). 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 (December 3), 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 December 10, their instructor will be billed and the instructor will be responsible for collecting from his or her students.

We're trying out this new format for Hunters to meet our members' training needs, so your feedback is encouraged! We'll also be offering a Hunter Schooling Show in February, and Jumper Days in January and March.

## RING RULES REVISITED

With the winter season coming, we're going to be sharing the roofed riding spaces more and more. Please follow these guidelines to share the rings safely with your fellow riders:

- Pass left shoulder to left shoulder
- Lateral work follows the "left shoulder to left shoulder" rule – it does not have right of way.
- The "rail" or wall position is reserved for trotting or cantering. Horses walking or halted must allow room for two horses to pass on the rail.
- When overtaking another horse moving in the same direction, pass on the inside track toward the centre of the arena (unless the horse is working on a circle, or walking on the inside track).
- Horses working on a circle stay to the inside of horses travelling on the rail.

- Horses working on the diagonal, centerline or quarterline do not have right of way.

- When in doubt, call it! If you are passing another horse and remaining on the inside track (e.g. starting a circle) call "INSIDE" To let another rider know you are staying on the outside, call "RAIL".

- Riders jumping must ensure that the jumping line is free before using the fence, and must call "fence" or "heads up" or otherwise indicate their intention to jump a fence.

All members are welcome to ride in the rings during lessons. Please ride with the same courtesy you would like to enjoy during your own lesson. When sharing the arena with other riders, those taking part in lessons should follow the same ring rules.

# — Natural Horsemanship at SRC —

Natural horsemanship is a growing equestrian discipline world wide, and our club is no exception. Most SRC members have some idea of what's involved, and a significant number of SRC's members use the techniques of natural horsemanship as part of their horses' regular schooling program. At the October board meeting a letter of support, signed by 27 members, was presented requesting, "that the board enact rules and policies that will allow members to undertake natural horsemanship practices on club grounds as part of normal, regular equestrian activities... in such a way that natural horsemanship can occur at the club during some convenient part of each day, and that covered/indoor space is available for a reasonable time each week."

Currently on-line natural horsemanship is allowed in the Carnarvon ring and on the cross-country field (when open) on Tuesdays and Fridays from 7 to 9 pm. (Liberty natural horsemanship – work done when the horse is

not attached to a line of any kind – is currently allowed only in the round pen, and this policy is not under review at the current time.)

The members presenting the request outlined in the previous paragraph would like more than 4 hours per week available for natural horsemanship activities, and would like more variety and/or flexibility in the time of day that club areas are available. The SRC board and management would like to hear from members who have ideas on how best this could be implemented.

To ensure fairness and to avoid disagreements over definitions, it probably makes sense to develop a policy that could be applied to other kinds of on-line work (such as lungeing, ground-driving, and long-lining) as well as to on-line natural horsemanship.

So far, two possible approaches have been suggested:

- **Restricted time/place:** on-line work would be restricted to particular areas and times, but would be allowed in some time and place each day. At those times/ places riding members would be welcome to share the area, but would not take priority over on-line work.
- **Hierarchical access:** on-line work would be unrestricted regarding time and place, but those practicing on-line work would yield to riders at all times in all places except the round pen.

Whatever system is adopted, it is proposed that qualified instructors would be allowed to work on-line with their students during lessons, in the same way that lungeing of students by instructors is currently allowed during lessons. Similar to the policy currently in place concerning jumping, it is also proposed that junior members under the age of 16 would only be allowed to practice on-line work under the supervision of a responsible adult.

The board and management would like to hear from members who have comments and suggestions regarding these particular proposals or who have other ideas about how on-line work might be expanded at SRC. Please contact SRC office staff or your favourite board member to provide your input. Written submissions (email, letter) are easiest to distribute among those deliberating policy. Please make your comments before the next board meeting (13 November). The goal is to have policy in place for the New Year.

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## Nominations Open!

### FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors will have a few vacancies to be filled at the AGM on December 11, as a number of Board members are completing their terms. Board members serve for two years, to a maximum of four consecutive years. Current directors Dave Brook, Bev Field, Carolyn Catton, Caroline Williams, Gina Louise and Claudia Zurmuhle will be continuing for the 2006-2007 year. Stephanie Agg, Jane Remocker and Toni Dawe have agreed to run for a two-year term. We would like to thank the directors who have finished their terms of office for their contribution to the Club: Pippa Emrick, Amelia Butler and Telf Maynard.

A Nominating Committee actively solicits candidates for the Board, and nominations are also welcome from the membership at large. To nominate a candidate, you need to fill out a nomination form (available from the Office) which requires a nominator, a seconder, and a signature indicating acceptance by the nominee.

Prospective Board members need to be full Senior members of the Club, and be willing to attend a monthly Board meeting as well as chair one of the Board committees.



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# JUMPING DRESSAGE SWITCH-A-ROO

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DRESSAGE QUEENS THINK YOU  
CAN RIDE A JUMPER? JUMPERS DO  
YOU THINK DRESSAGE IS EASY?

## PUB AT THE CLUB

NOVEMBER 4TH, 2006 6:00 TO 9:00

A "Good Luck" Fundraiser for Ali Hedden and Alex Duncan, two young Southlands riders who will compete Nationally and Internationally this Fall.

### GENEROUSLY HOSTED BY:

EQUERRY TACK SHOP, JANE & GEOFF REMOCKER, THE GUE FAMILY,  
THE VILVANG FAMILY AND THE WRIGHT FAMILY

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The Jumping Dressage Switch-a-Roo kicks off the evening at 5:30 p.m.

Teams of two will compete, with the dressage riders tackling a 2' course and the jumpers riding a First Level dressage test. (More advanced levels are welcome!) If you haven't entered yet, forms are available on the SRC website or from the Office. Cost to participate is \$20 per team. The winners will receive coolers from Equerry Tack Shop. See you there!

# DRESSAGE UPDATE

## EDUCATE YOUR EYE

The December 3 Percent Day will be the venue for an “**Educate Your Eye**” clinic with Jacqui Oldham, one of Canada’s most highly qualified dressage judges. If you’re not riding in the Percent Day, anyone interested in learning more about dressage sport is welcome to enrol in the clinic, which is presented by Horse Council B.C. The clinic combines a lecture and video format on Saturday (at the HCBC offices in Aldergrove) with practical evaluation of test rides at Southlands on Sunday.



You’ll learn to develop your eye regarding correct development, presentation and assessment of the dressage horse in schooling and competition. Lecture sessions will cover the rules governing the sport locally and nationally, training and coaching theories. Videos and test rides will be used to demonstrate the various test movements, analyze gaits, and illustrate dressage principles such as submission and impulsion. During the Percent day, participants will evaluate, mark and discuss the tests along with the clinician.

Cost is \$106 including lunch on Saturday only, and all handouts. You can register by contacting Kelly Coughlin at Horse Council BC, 604 856-4304, [competition@hcbc.ca](mailto:competition@hcbc.ca)

Registration forms are also available from the SRC office.



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### Deadlines

Winter Horscope: December 15, 2006  
December Bulletin: November 21, 2006

## GET READY FOR THE NEW TESTS!

New tests for all EC dressage levels will be introduced for 2007. They are available online on the US Equestrian Federation website (go to [www.USEF.org](http://www.USEF.org) and click on the link that looks like the graphic pictured here). We plan to start using them at our Percent Days in January. Stay tuned for more details.



## BONNY BONNELLO RETURNS

Bonny Bonnello will be back by popular demand for another clinic December 1&2 (Friday & Saturday). Registration forms are available at the Clubhouse and on the website [www.southlandsridingclub.com](http://www.southlandsridingclub.com).

## Don't Be Late!

Time is running out to renew your membership without getting “dinged”. Following up on late renewals use up a surprising amount of Club resources each year, so the Board has approved a new policy to encourage timely payment of dues.

Following an initial week’s “grace period” (we’re all human, after all!), late membership renewals received after November 7 will be assessed a surcharge of \$25. Paying dues after December 1 will result in a surcharge of \$50, paying after January 1 will result in a surcharge of \$100, and in order to renew membership after February 1 members will have to pay the full re-initiation fee.

New members may of course join at any time throughout the year; this policy applies to renewals only.

The Club provides several payment options for membership dues: payments can be spread over a series of four or ten post-dated cheques, or payment can be made by VISA. Details of each option are specified on the current membership renewal form.