



# Winter Guest Riding Policy

Effective November 1, and continuing to March 30, 2008, the Board of Directors has approved an increase of the “drop-in” guest riding fee to \$40.

What prompted this decision? Last winter, with the change in policy to allow unlimited guest rides, we noted an significant increase in guest usage over the wet weather months, as other outdoor facilities (along with the outdoor rings at SRC) became unusable. End result: more riders crowding into the roofed spaces at SRC, both members and non-members. Over the last few years SRC has endeavored to make our facilities more accessible, by reducing the restrictions on lease memberships, reducing the drop-in fee, and allowing unlimited guest rides. As a membership-based club, however, our priority is to make *membership* more accessible, not to provide access to our indoor facilities on demand for non-members. Those who have committed to an annual membership will therefore be able to enjoy more frequent use of the indoor facilities. We do not want to close the facility to visiting riders over the winter months (one of the options that the Board considered), but the increased drop-in fee reflects the reality that an indoor space in Southlands comes at a premium during those months.

Part-time riders still have several options. For those riders who want to use the Club facilities only during the wet months, a monthly membership is still an option. Likewise, those who were paying the \$15 drop in fee for a weekly lesson at the Club can continue to ride at the same rate by joining as a leasing member, which works out to approximately \$15 per week and allows up to two rides at the Club per week.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the Manager or any Board Member.



*Check out the new notice boards at the main entrances to the grounds. These are for SRC communications only, and flyers placed on the fences or gates will continue to be removed. Public notices are welcome on the community bulletin boards, located by the pop machine in the Clubhouse parking lot, and on the board facing the Covered Arena. Thanks to Mr. Simonsen for the new boards!*

## WHAT'S GOING ON: November

- 03** **Joni Lynn Peters Dressage Clinic**  
November 3 & 4, 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the Indoor Arena
- 04** **Daylight Savings Time Ends** – turn your clocks back!
- 09** **Claudia Cojocar H/J Clinic**  
Friday, November 9 from 1-5 p.m.  
Saturday, November 10 from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., and Sunday, November 11 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Indoor Arena
- 18** **Dressage Percent Day**  
Schooling show in the Covered Arena
- 30** **Peter Holmes Course Design Clinic**  
November 30 & December 1. Contact the Office for details
- Coming Up ...**  
December 2: Jumper Schooling Day  
January 1, 2008: Mock Hunt  
January 6, 2008: Hunter Schooling Day  
January 13, 2008: Dressage % Day  
January 15, 2008: AGM

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# GROUNDS REPORT

We would like to thank everyone for their patience while the Indoor arena was being resurfaced. It was completed in a very timely fashion.

We are still working on preparing our outdoor rings for the winter months. We will be conducting work on both the McCleery ring and the Big Ring. As these projects are weather dependent, notice will be posted at the entrances to the property and emails will also be sent out to let you know what to expect.

David Winter will be going on vacation in November and Paul Bassey will be filling in for him while he is away. An arena harrowing schedule will be posted in November so our early morning riders will know where the tractor will be working.

As of November 9, we will be adjusting the timers on our lights so that they turn off at 9:00 p.m. It had been noted that no members have been using the property past this time, and this one measure will provide a large cost savings for the Club.

## Country Fair at a Glance

**Approximate attendance:** 1,800 visitors  
**Number of volunteers working:** over 300!  
**Number of sponsors (all levels) supporting us:** 25  
**Number of items donated to the Silent Auction:** 72  
**Number of pony rides given:** 425  
**Number of raindrops that fell:** about 800 zillion billion!  
**Approximate earnings:** about \$15,000

Read all about it in the next Horscope!

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## DON'T BE LATE!

Your membership renewal for 2007-08 is due November 1. After November 7 (a week's grace period), your late renewal will incur a penalty, and after November 15, the names of non-renewing riders will be posted in the Clubhouse and at the entrances to the grounds. If you see the name of one of your students, or one of your riding friends, please remind them to renew their membership ASAP!

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# H/J Schooling Days are Back!



Want some guaranteed arena time? Jumper Days return on December 2.

The format will be the same as last year: a sign up sheet will go up in the Clubhouse lobby on November 3, and SRC members and Instructors will have a week to sign up for 15-minute blocks to school in the Indoor before the spots are opened up to non-members. This Jumper Day follows on the heels of the Peter Holmes Course Design Clinic (Nov 30-Dec 1), so you can anticipate a well-designed course!

Cost for each 15-minute time slot is \$15 (\$25 for non-members). You can sign up for more than one block, and use them how you like – for example, a group of riders can share a block of time.

Sign up closes one week before the Schooling Day (November 25). A minimum of 10 riders is required for the schooling day to run, and there are no refunds on cancellations after this closing date 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 November 25, their instructor will be billed and the instructor will be responsible for collecting from his or her students.

H/J Schooling Days in this format are planned for the following dates in 2008:

January 6 – Hunter Course; March 2 – Jumper Course.



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### Deadlines

Winter Horscope: January 15, 2007

December Bulletin: November 21, 2007