

Membership Update for 2007/08

October is the end of the Club's fiscal year, and that means that you'll soon be receiving your membership renewal form in the mail. Memberships expire October 31, so your renewal form should be returned to the office by that date.

The good news: the membership assessment for construction of the Covered Arena is now complete, so this year, although regular dues have gone up, you will actually be paying less for your annual membership privileges. Higher operating costs, primarily due to significant increases in property taxes and utilities, made it necessary for the Board of Directors to implement this increase. It will amount to approximately \$113 (or \$2.17 per week) on a full senior membership, \$93 (or \$1.80 per week) on an Intermediate or Student membership, and \$65 (or \$1.23 per week) on a Junior membership.

Options for making payments over several months will remain the same as last year:

A) Four consecutive equal payments with the last payment due February 1, 2008. An administration fee of \$30 is payable on November 1, 2007.

B) Ten consecutive equal payments with the last payment due August 1, 2008. An administration fee of \$50 is payable on November 1, 2007.

And, the policy that was adopted last year regarding late payment of dues will continue:

Allowing for an initial week's "grace period", 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.



Wet weather failed to dampen enthusiasm for Pony Rides at the Sixth Annual Country Fair! You can read all about this year's Fair in the next issue of the Horscope.

WHAT'S GOING ON: October

03 PRDA Fall Session Starts
 Wednesdays 1-2 p.m. for six weeks

08 Thanksgiving Day
 SRC Office Closed

14 Dressage Percent Day
 Schooling show in the Covered Arena

28 Halloween Playday
 Come out in costume and haunt the Indoor Arena! Details on Page 4.



Courtesy Corner

Using courtesy and common sense will keep you safe on the roads and in the ring!

🌀 When you are jumping in a ring and another member is having a lesson, please remember to be courteous and try not to school the same fences as those the instructor may have the student schooling.

🌀 The office has received concerns about members riding with I-Pods or personal music devices. We would ask that if you are riding with music that it be low enough to that you can hear what is going on around you. In the jumping rings it is safety hazard if you are unable to hear another rider call a fence. Thank you for your attention to this.

🌀 Please remember that as the daylight hours get shorter, riders need to be seen on the roads. Don't forget to wear reflective equipment when traveling to and from the Club – the minimum recommended is a rider vest and reflective wraps on all four legs. We would also like to remind our members that we have to share the road with vehicles, bikes and pedestrians. Please try not to impede traffic by walking more than two horses abreast and try to stay to the shoulder of the road where safely possible.

Changes for Drop-In Riders

Last year we had changed our policy on guests/drop in riders at the club to allow unlimited visits to our incredible facility. During the winter months we know that some of our arenas become unusable, which results in having more members crowding into in fewer spaces. It was noted last winter that this was a large concern of our membership. The Board of Directors and Management have reviewed these concerns and for this winter season the guest/drop in fees will be changed to \$40 per ride. This rate will apply from November 1 - March 30, 2008. On April 1, 2008 the guest/drop in fee will be \$20. The procedure for signing in the facility has not changed. Guests should sign in at the office prior to riding, and need to display the wristband provided by the office. Anyone unable to come to the office during business hours should please call to make arrangements for obtaining a wristband.



Pacific Riding for Developing Abilities is recruiting Volunteers for the Fall Session, which runs Wednesdays from 1-2 p.m. for six weeks, starting October 3. Even if you can't commit to the full session, extra "spares" are needed too. No experience is necessary. Call Debbie Bailey at 604-261-3056 if you'd like to volunteer for this fun and rewarding experience.

GROUNDS REPORT

The berm by the covered arena has been reshaped and looks fantastic. It is now ready to be seeded and left for the winter. Winter maintenance of the grounds continues this month with replacement of the gutters on the covered arena from October 1-3. The covered arena will be closed when the workers are here for horse and member safety.

The stalls at the north end of the covered arena will be coming down in October and also the roof on the stalls at the north end of the indoor will be removed for the winter. We will be working the sur-

face of McCleery ring to prepare it for winter. The middle of the month will see our irrigation system around the track winterized. Notices of this work will be sent out from the office.

The office will keep everyone posted as to when the cross country course and grass field will be closed for the winter months. Just keep hoping for good weather in October!

The resurfacing of the Indoor arena will take place the week of October 22. The arena will be closed from the Monday through to the Sunday.

CLINIC CALENDAR & SCHOOLING SHOWS

When the Summer show season winds down, it's time for training! As usual the Club is scheduling a number of clinics and schooling days at the request of our members and Instructors. Over the next few months we will have Hunter/Jumper clinics with **Claudia Cojocar** (November 10 & 11 and February 16 and 17) and a Course Design clinic with **Peter Holmes** (November 30 and December 1).

First on the calendar is a Dressage clinic with **Joni Lynn Peters**, who will be coming to SRC on November 3 & 4. Cost for the clinic is \$230 for the two days (45 minute private lessons). All levels are welcome!

Joni is a certified Level III Coach in both Eventing and Dressage based in Armstrong, BC. She spent 10 years training and competing in Ontario where she was named 'Leading Female Rider' six times in 3-Day Eventing. Joni earned Event Team listed status on several horses with many competition successes in Eventing and Dressage. Joni also coached the 1987 BCYR Event Team.

Since turning her focus to Dressage, Joni's accomplishments include:

- provincial and national titles: basic to advanced
- the Lauren DiIanni National freestyle award
- Canadian Dressage Team short listing
- representing Canada in Australia's Trivett Classic in 1998, placing second
- training in France by invitation with Colonel Carde
- training in Germany by invitation with Udo Lange
- Elite rider listing with Dressage Canada

In 2006 Joni won championships and reserve championships at Kelowna Spring Show, Amherst, Touch of Class, the B.C. Championships and at the Canada Cup Festival of Dressage with Norseman (advanced), Oblix (third level), and Travolta (second level). She was very pleased to be awarded the highest score of show at Amherst (74.25%) (Travolta) from Judge Axel Steiner. With Travolta she also earned an elusive "10" from Judge Michael Poulin at the Canada Cup Festival of Dressage. In addition, she also coached the second level Adult Amateur champion at the B.C. Championships as well as other successful students. 2007 finished with double championship wins for Joni at the Pacific Regional and

BC Dressage Championships : Norseman Advanced level and Travolta Third Level Open.

Joni follows the Classical system of Dressage. Her experience with many breeds and disciplines generates a sympathetic approach to both horse and rider.



Joni and Travolta at the Southlands Spring Dressage Show

Our usual schedule of schooling days will return this winter. **Dressage Percent Days** will be held on October 14, November 11, January 13, February 10, March 9 and April 13. The **Halloween Playday** is on October 28 this year (see the next page for details), and there will be a **Valentine's Playday** on February 10. **The Hunter and Jumper Schooling Days** will start up in January, with Hunter and Jumper courses offered on alternating months. These will continue monthly, according to demand. Check the SRC website for details and entry forms – they will be linked to the Events Calendar as they become available.

Goodbye to Zoltan

It is with great regret that as of September 30, 2007 Zoltan Gyulasi has resigned his position as Grounds Manager for Southlands Riding Club. We would like to wish Zoltan Gyulasi all the best in his future endeavours. We are currently in the process of recruiting individuals for the Grounds position.

HALLOWEEN PLAYDAY

Sunday, October 28

Entry Booth Opens at 9:00 a.m.

Show Starts at 9:30 a.m.

\$7 per class ~ Ribbons to 6th Place

Treats for Everyone!

Costumes Optional throughout the day!

Flat Classes

1. COSTUME CLASS
2. LEAD LINE
3. WALK/TROT (assisted)
4. WALK/TROT (unassisted)
5. EQUITATION - 10&UNDER
(walk/trot/canter)
6. EQUITATION - 11-15 (walk/trot/canter)
7. EQUITATION - 16-19 (walk/trot/canter)
8. EQUITATION - OVER 19
(walk/trot/canter optional)
9. MAIDEN EQUITATION - ALL AGES
(never to have won 1st place in an equitation class)
10. PONY PLEASURE (English/Western)
11. HUNTER U/S (Pony)
12. ROAD HACK (Pony)
13. HORSE PLEASURE (English/Western)
14. HUNTER U/S (Horse)
15. ROAD HACK (Horse)
16. PAIRS (walk/trot/canter optional)

Clear Round Jumping

Starts at 1:00 p.m.

Halloween Hunter Course ~
\$5.00 per round

You may ride each course more
than once but not back to back



Poles only ■ Cross Poles
2'0" ■ 2'3" ■ 2'6" ■ up to 3' by request

Everyone Welcome!

Winter Arena Scheduling

As the wet weather moves in, demand for the dry spaces to ride increases. Here's what you can expect in the covered rings during the winter months (Oct 31-March 31).

Covered Arena: Two jumping lessons will be allowed at the same time. These lessons can be two private jumping lessons or one private and one group jumping lesson (group being no more than 3 riders). Three private flat lessons are permitted the same time, but only on weekdays before 3:00 p.m. At other times, one private flat lesson and one group flat lesson (no more than 3 riders) are allowed.

Indoor Arena: One jumping lesson at a time (group of 3 riders max., or private lesson). Two flat lessons are allowed at the same time. One of these flat lessons may be a group lesson (no more than 3 riders in the group).

Big Ring: Two jumping lessons will be allowed at the same time.

Special Event Weekends (for roofed ring spaces): When there is an event happening in one of the roofed rings, then there will be three fences set up in the other roofed ring and there can only be one private lesson in the ring at any lesson time.

Jump setting schedule: the outdoor jumping rings will be set every second week. Courses in the Covered Arena will be set on Monday, and moved to the Indoor Arena on Thursday.



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