



Southlands Riding Club News & Events ■ September 08

# Come on Down to the Country Fair!

September's biggest event at the Club is, of course, the Southlands Country Fair, which will take over the grounds this year on Sunday, September 14.

The festivities kick off as usual with the pre-fair Hoe Down Party and Silent Auction on Saturday the 13th. Tickets are now available available from the Office or by contacting Nikki Marshall at 604 787-4752. Tickets are always popular, so get yours soon! Tickets are \$60, which includes dinner and dancing, with entertainment provided by live music, a silent auction and the annual chilli cook-off for neighbourhood bragging rights. Unconfirmed rumours predict a mechanical bull too ...don't miss this heel-stomping, knee-slapping good time!

As we move into the last two weeks before the Fair, there are still plenty of ways you can get involved.

**Spread the word:** if you can host a lawn sign advertising the fair, contact Pippa Emrick at pippa@pippa.ca or 604 351-5522 and Larry Emrick will come by and put one up. He'll look after removal too, a couple of days after the Fair. Posters are also available now at the Clubhouse. If you can put one in your place of work, school or favourite public neighbourhood location, please come by and help yourself to a few.

**Help out with the Fair on the day:** There are lots of things to do for both horse people and non-horsey relatives. Anyone can volunteer, so come and be a part of the action. Areas include traffic control/parking ... used book sale ... baking contest ... food runners ... 50/50 Draw ... money collectors ... ticket booths and admission gates ... pony rides ... set up for the horse entertainment ring ... horse information centre ... hay wagon ... games and play area. What's in it for you? Volunteers get a T-shirt, a snack (or lunch if you are working all day), volunteer hours for school for students in Grade 10 and up, and a great sense of reward that you have done your part to help the Club keep its fees as low as possible. Wendy Gilmour is coordinating the volunteers. You can contact her at

wgilmour@bcinternet.net or leave a message at 604 222-0700, with your choice of job and the time of day you will be available to help.

**Volunteer your horsepower:** willing equines are needed for pony rides. If your good-natured horse or pony can participate, please contact Gail Davies or Mirna Topic.

**Bring us your stuff (except clothes):** Books, CDs, DVDs and Videos will find a new home at the Book Sale, and your other non-wearable stuff will become another family's treasure at the Thrift Sale. Items can be dropped off at the Clubhouse during open hours.

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**SOUTHLANDS COUNTRY FAIR**  
Entry by donation

**SUNDAY SEPT 14, 2008 10AM - 5PM**

HORSE INFORMATION CENTRE  
HORSE DEMONSTRATION RING  
PONY RIDES  
PETTING FARM

FARMYARD FUN LIVE MUSIC  
50/50 DRAW  
BAKING CONTEST  
FOOD VENDORS  
PICNIC AREAS

COUNTRY FAIR PASSPORTS  
SILENT AUCTION PRE-PARTY  
WHITE ELEPHANT THRIFT SALE  
NEIGHBOURHOOD ANIMAL-MEET & GREET

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MCL Motor Cars

Country Fair ... continued

**Bring us your clothing – Riding Only!** Riding gear is requested for the Dress-up booth – old and outgrown helmets, boots, show and riding gear and accessories are welcome. These items too can be dropped off at the clubhouse.

**Get creative and support the Silent Auction:** Donna Tangye is collecting items and services for this annual fundraiser. All donations, big and small, are greatly appreciated, and you're encouraged to think outside the box when coming up with ideas: sports or concert tickets ... a short stay at your vacation home ... anything horsey ... barn labour provided by our younger members ... for more information or to make a donation, contact Donna at 604 603-1941.

**Dust off your best recipe:** The Bake Sale and Kids' Baking Contest are back as well. Coordinator Whitney Santos is looking for donations of baked goods – especially cakes – to sell, as well as entries for the Kids' Baking Contest. No pre-entry required, young bakers are invited to drop off their entries at the Bake Sale booth on Fair Day and win great prizes! For more information contact Whitney at 604 874-8579.



**Bake Sale**  
**Delectable...Delicious...Divinely**  
**Dreamy Desserts WANTED!**

For more information please contact  
Whitney at (604) 874-8579

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2008  
7025 MacDonald St., Vancouver www.southlandsridingclub.com

# FALL CLINICS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

With back to school comes our Fall and Winter season of training events. We have some great clinics lined up for Fall, starting with international dressage rider and trainer **Betsy Steiner** on October 24 -26. In addition to the dressage clinic, Betsy will present an evening of *Equilates*, her fitness training program for riders. For more information, visit Betsy's website [www.betsysteinerdressage.com](http://www.betsysteinerdressage.com)

There will also be a number of hunter and jumper clinics at the Club this Fall. **Claudia Cojocar** is scheduled for November 8 and 9 (and will be back in February as well).

**John Turner** will return on November 22 and 23, and **Judy Brawley** will be here for a clinic on December 5-7.

Registration forms and more details will be posted on the Club website's Events Calendar as they become available. Stay tuned!

Schooling shows also get under way in October. The Halloween Playday will be on Sunday, October 19 this year. Dressage Percent Days also start up in October, and continue in November, January, February, March and April. The Percent Days will be run as EC Discovery Level schooling shows, which do not require any special sport licences, but do require that riders and owners be HCBC members for insurance purposes.



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## Bulletin

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## Deadlines

Fall Horscope: October 31, 2008

October Bulletin: September 21, 2008



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Fall 2008

## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!**

Join our team of "child / pony handlers"  
and enjoy a very fun & rewarding experience.

Only 1 hour / week for 6 weeks

Don't worry if you can't make it to all 6 weeks,  
we need spares too! No experience necessary.

**Starts Wednesday, October 1st  
every Wednesday for 6 weeks  
from 1- 2pm**

**Please Come & Join Us!**

**Pony/Rider Handler Volunteers Call:  
Debbie Bailey 604-261-3056**

**Available Ponies Call:  
Margot Vilvang 604-263-3552**

**Physiotherapist: Brigid Gillis  
Instruction & Ponies: Margot Vilvang  
Consultant: Vicki Gourlay**



**"This little child & pony  
need you to  
help at PRDA"**