



Southlands Welcomes New Manager

In introducing the new manager of SRC, Debbie Rogal, it is safe to say that her life has revolved around horses. It is likely that her first word was “Horsey” instead of Mommy or Daddy. Debbie’s horse experience began in the fields of Burnaby, and continued as she became a “barn rat” at Burnaby Horsemen’s Association. She has ridden and competed in a wide range of disciplines – Hunter/Jumper, breed classes, and currently at 2nd and 3rd level Dressage with her horses Wizard and Opus – and is a Equine Canada Level One Coach.

Debbie has a wide and diverse work history, having worn many “hats” within both retail customer service and the civil service. In effect, like many, she worked in a variety of employment and business enterprises to support her horse habit. She has resigned her position with the Vancouver Police Department to be part of the Southlands Riding Club.

In her spare time Debbie has been a very active member and volunteer with several non-profit associations and initiatives including; Fraser Valley CADORA, Pacific Pinto Horse Association and most recently, Burnaby Horsemen’s Association. She has been a strong proponent and active member of B.H.A for the past 26 years. Debbie is currently an elected board member serving as the Secretary along with responsibility for Maintenance.

Debbie brings to the position of Manager of Southlands a strong sense of community responsibility, enthusiasm and the ability to work well within a membership driven organization. She is excited about the appointment and looking forward to working with the members of SRC, the surrounding community and all other participating horse enthusiasts. Debbie will be starting at the Club on October 1 – come by the office and say hello!

SRC’s new Manager, Debbie Rogal, and friend

WHAT’S GOING ON

- 10 The Junior/Intermediate Committee presents another **2 3/4 Phase Event** on September 10. The June Event filled up, and entries must be received by Entry secretary Karen Evans (not the SRC Office) by September 4 – so don’t delay!. Details are on the SRC web site and in the Clubhouse lobby.
- 16 Country Fair is coming! It kicks off on Saturday night with the **Pre-Party Hoe Down** at the Clubhouse.
- 17 The **Country Fair** takes place – rain or shine – at the Club from 10 am to 5 pm. More on The Fair and Hoe Down elsewhere in this issue!
- 30 **Sophie Clifton Eventing Clinic** (Sept 30-Oct 1) takes place in the Big Ring Saturday and on the Cross Country Course Sunday



COMPLIMENTS & COMPLAINTS

A new feature of the Bulletin where you can find out what people have been saying at and about the Club!

From Lindsay Uyesugi of Aquarius Stables: *“Just a note to thank everyone for another great horse show at SRC!! My clients and I had a very good time. We appreciate all the hard work as well as the sponsors. A show cannot be successful without teamwork and sponsors and you have both. Attending the Summer Classic is always a relaxing time which I find is few and far between at local venues. Looking forward to 2007.”*

And from our members: *“Today a horse that needed some free lunging tried to climb out of the round pen and put a leg through the fence because the edges were banked up so high. The solid wall needs to be higher!”*

In response, we have made the following changes, as there was no clear consensus among trainers and members last year regarding solid walls on the lunge ring: Raking down the edges of the lunge ring is now part of the grounds crew's routine maintenance. This is done to keep the edges from getting banked up so high that the lower wall (which was raised earlier in the year) is not an effective barrier. A lunge line has been provided for those unplanned lunging sessions, so that you can keep your horse from hugging the edges (or attempting to leave the ring). Thanks to Maynard's for offering to provide lunging equipment to the Club at cost.

Going ...Going ...Gone!

The Lost and Found at the Clubhouse is filling up, and will be officially emptied on September 15. Anything not claimed by that point will be donated to a worthy cause. We have quite a selection of clothing on the coat rack outside the office, so drop by the Clubhouse over the next two weeks if you're missing anything!

Fall 2-3/4 Phase Event

The Junior/Intermediates are presenting another of these popular events on Sunday, September 10. Entries close on Monday, September 4, so if you haven't entered yet, don't wait! The event includes a dressage test, short course cross country and stadium jumping, and costs \$45 to enter.

Divisions offered are Starter (2'3"), Pre-green (2'6"), Newbie Green (2'9") and Advanced Green (2'9"), and classes will be separated this time (if entries warrant) into Jr/Int (21 and under) and Senior (22 and over). Full details and entry forms are available at the Clubhouse, at Maynard's Tackshop and on the SRC website at www.southlandridingclub.com. Note that entries need to be delivered to entry secretary Karen Evans, NOT dropped off at the Club at the last minute!

Get Back in Shape

Core strengthening for equestrians with Dawn McNevin (also known as "the Ball Class") returns to the Clubhouse next month. Sessions run on Tuesday evenings from October 3 to December 12, and focus on improving balance, strength and core stability using bands, balls and mats. For more information you can reach Dawn via www.dawnmcnevin.ca or call 604 739-0403.

Dressage Percent Days

Dressage % Days are becoming more popular than ever, with some of these schooling shows filling up two months in advance last season. There was a concern that some riders were missing out, especially juniors and those just starting out who couldn't predict that far in advance when they would be ready to enter a Percent Day. So this year, we're using an "opening date for entries" to make access fair for all.

Any entry received prior to the opening date will be treated as if it were received on the opening date, and spaces allocated randomly by a draw, if necessary. (You can still request a ride time; this is only for determining whether or not there is enough room to accept the entry). After the "opening date", if space is still available the show will be filled on a first come, first served basis.

Percent Day dates for 2006-2007 are October 15, November 5, December 3, January 7, February 4, March 4 and April 1. The "opening date" will be the Monday following each Percent Day (opening date is September 18 for the first Percent Day).

Fall Clinics & Events

The Fall and Winter months are prime time for schooling, and plans are under way for clinics, schooling shows and fun events throughout the season. Here's what you can anticipate this Fall:

Clinics

Sophie Clifton (Eventing) September 30-Oct 1 (Saturday & Sunday)

See last month's Bulletin for background information on Sophie. Two days, each session 1 1/2 hours with a maximum of four riders per group. Day one will focus on gymnastics and stadium courses, and on day two riders will work over the cross country fences. Cost for SRC members is \$255 + GST, non-members \$270 + GST.

Bonny Bonnelo (Dressage) October 13 & 14 (Fri/Sat) International competitor and former Canadian Olympic Team member Bonny Bonnelo returns to Southlands for another clinic in October.

Two days, 45 minute private session on each day. Cost is \$300 (incl GST) for SRC members or \$330 for non-members.

Claudia Cojocar (Hunter/Jumper) November 11 & 12 (Saturday & Sunday)

Claudia's clinic will follow the usual format: two days with sessions of at least 1 1/2 hours per day, with a maximum of six riders per group. Cost for SRC members is \$220 (including GST) or \$250 for non-members.

John Turner (Hunter/Jumper) November 18 & 19 (Saturday & Sunday)

Two days, with sessions of at least two hours per day, and a maximum of six riders per group. Cost for SRC members is \$250+GST or \$280+GST for non-members.

We are taking registrations for any of the scheduled clinics at the Clubhouse (payment reserves your space).

Schooling Shows

The **Dressage Percent Day** series dates have been scheduled for the 2006-07 season. Full details are on the previous page.

The **Halloween Playday** will be on Sunday, October 29. You can look forward to some more special Halloween-themed classes this year! If there is demand, there will be a Playday on November 26 as well.

Planning is also under way for schooling days that meet the needs of our hunter jumper riders. We're looking at

changes to last year's format, and anticipate that these events will start up in October.

Social Events

After the busy summer show season, everyone is looking forward to the return of *Pub at the Club* in October! Stay tuned for details.

NEW GUEST INSTRUCTOR TIK MAYNARD

SRC welcomes Tik Maynard as a new Guest Instructor at the Club. Tik is known to many as a rider and competitor at the Club, both in the jumpers (currently competing with Arielle MB at 3'9" and Salvador MB at 4'6") and in Modern Pentathlon, where he competes internationally as a member of the Senior National Team. Tik won a silver medal at the 2006 National Pentathlon Championships held in part here at Southlands, and will be competing later this year at World Cup events in Italy and Egypt as well as the World Championships in Guatemala.

Born and raised in Southlands, Tik reached Pony Club "A" Level in 2001 and received his EC Level 1 Coaching certification in 2003.

Tik joins Andrea Taylor, Tanya Rosen, Yolanda Blommers and Eddie Macken as guest instructors who have teaching privileges at the Club.



Tik and Arielle MB - photo by Duncan Kent

Membership Renewals Coming Up

As you know, the Club's membership year runs from November 1 to October 31, which means renewal time is fast approaching. Each year, late renewals use a surprising amount of our office resources to monitor and collect – time and money that could be directed toward services that benefit everyone. We also hear each year from those who feel that members who are slow to pay their dues are in effect using the Club's other members to finance their membership.

Earlier this year, the Board of Directors approved a policy for handling late renewals from members. 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.

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 membership renewal form which all members will receive in the near future.

Each year, the names of non-renewing members are posted in the Clubhouse on November 15, and circulated to SRC Instructors to remind those who may have forgotten to renew.



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Deadlines

October Bulletin: September 21, 2006
Fall Horscope: October 30, 2006

COUNTDOWN TO THE COUNTRY FAIR

Not long to go until the Country Fair on September 17! Check out the Special "Country Fair" edition of the Bulletin for further details on the Tailgate Thrift Sale, Book Sale, Baking Contest, Silent Auction, Pre-Party Hoe Down, and Pony Rides. The Country Fair Bulletin, along with promotional posters, forms and the brochure, is available on the SRC website www.southlandsridingclub.com.

Tickets for the Pre-Party Hoe Down are now available at the Clubhouse. We also have a supply of posters and lawn signs waiting at the Clubhouse – pick up a few and spread the word in your neighbourhood. These are our main method of advertising this year, so please help to publicize the Fair in your area!

If you have any questions or still want to volunteer, feel free to contact coordinators Pippa Emrick at 604 351-5522 or Amelia Butler at 604 738-4483.

Rule Reminder

It seems like the "dog rule" is one that always crops up – especially with the number of visitors we have at our events during the summer months.

Dogs must be leashed at all times and must be accompanied by a person on foot at all times, other than when they are tied at the Clubhouse as outlined below. (This means that you can't tie and leave them anywhere else on the grounds).

Rule #62 Dogs may be tied and left on the grassy area immediately west of the Clubhouse

- a) while the person responsible is on Club premises
- b) for a reasonable length of time
- c) if the dog is not a nuisance or a hazard to riders or others.

Rule #63 Dogs not tied must be accompanied by a person on foot at all times and be on a leash that is non-retractable and no more than six feet long.

Club rules are on www.southlandsridingclub.com and are available to members at the Office.