

# Southlands Riding Club July 2005 Bulletin

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## *Marlies van Baalen Clinic at Southlands*



"It is not always easy to combine top sport and school. So I went to a special top sport school to complete

my academic education. With the help and understanding of the teachers for my sport, I managed to pass my A-levels in the appropriate time. After that, I started a two year course to become a "Bereiter" (rider) in Germany in Warendorf. I did my practical with my mother's trainer Johann Hinnemann. I am now in the senior A-Group with Idocus. This year, we qualified for the World Cup final in Gothenburg, Sweden. After three years with Johann Hinnemann, I have now returned to Brakel to put all my knowledge into practice. Of course we continue to work closely with our mentor Johann Hinnemann."

Marlies, the Dutch Olympic team member at Athens 2004, will be at Southlands Riding Club August 24th, 25, 27th, & 28th offering 45 minute private lessons for \$150.00. Auditors will be welcome at \$20.00/day. Riders wishing to participate, please contact Carol Boudier at 604-940-1440

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Marlies riding Posiedon (Ferro)



Marllies on Laurentianer (Laurie's Crusader xx)

## *Instruction at SRC*

QUESTION: WHO SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO TEACH AT SRC?

QUESTION: ARE THE CURRENT SRC INSTRUCTORS MEETING THE NEEDS OF MEMBERS OR DO WE NEED OTHER ONES?

QUESTION: SHOULD RING FEES FOR TAKING LESSONS BE RAISED?

QUESTION: DO LESSONS TAKE UP TOO MUCH OF THE RING SPACE AT SRC?

QUESTION: SHOULD JUMPS BE PERMANENTLY PLACED IN THE COVERED ARENA AND NEVER IN THE INDOOR (OR VICE VERSA)?

Dear fellow members (and parents of our junior/intermediates): The above list of questions represents some of the issues that your Board of Directors is currently grappling with. We need your help in resolving them.

Did you know that SRC has a policy document called the "Instruction Guidelines" that covers rules and regulations about a wide range of topics? These topics include:

- SRC's expectations of instructors;
- how new instructors are accepted for teaching at SRC;
- how ring space is allocated between instructors;
- when lessons are scheduled in the various rings and how many lessons are allowed in each ring;
- how playdays, schooling shows, and clinics are organized;
- how often jumps are set in various rings, who is responsible for setting them and how the quality of courses is assessed; fees charged to instructors (and therefore to their students) for using ring space.

Your Board of Directors is looking at possible revisions to the "Instructor Guidelines" to address several issues/problems that have been identified. **As part of this process, it is very important that we understand how you as members feel about these issues.** Do you have any concerns about any of the topics outlined above? Do you have ideas for positive changes in these areas? We want to hear from you!!

A committee has been set up to collect opinions from members regarding instruction at SRC. We are currently envisioning one or more meetings with interested members to discuss your ideas and concerns. If you would like to participate in this process, or if you have any questions about this process, please contact the SRC office **before July 15, 2005**. The committee intends to meet soon after that date.

***IT'S YOUR CLUB AND YOUR OPINION MATTERS! IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE CHANGES MADE, NOW'S THE TIME TO LET US KNOW!***

Thanks in advance for your interest and attention,  
Laura Ingleson, Instruction Chair

## The scoop on riding during shows...

The Amherst dressage show which is being held at SRC July 1-3, will have a designated area for non competing members to using throughout the show. There will be a space marked out at the South West corner of the polo field that will be accessible from the 53rd and Carnarvon entry/exit. All non competing members will have use of this space, whereas the rest of the facility will be used for competitors only. The space allocated will be marked with a white dressage surround. If you have any questions or concerns about this, please don't hesitate to contact the office.

Comparable arrangements will be made for other upcoming events. Please stay posted for details of theses arrangements, as they will all have slightly different provisions.

## Consultation results

The questionnaires distributed during the membership consultation that took place in April have now been tabulated, the comments recorded, and the results presented to SRC's board of directors.

Highlights are:

- Consensus was reached on the need for a covered lunge ring, with the strongest support among junior/intermediate members.
- Consensus was reached that SRC does not need a solid-walled round pen, although it was clear that most members want a second lunge ring.
- Consensus was reached on the preliminary replacement plan for the cross-country jumps that combines permanent and portable jumps.  
Again, support was strongest among juniors./intermediates.
- Consensus was not reached for the proposed outdoor all-weather ring, and this component of the site plan will not proceed at this time.
- Only a minority of members agreed completely with the conversion of the hog fuel track to sand or alternative footing, so this will not take place at this time. Requests that the track be rolled, not harrowed, and that drainage be improved have been duly noted!

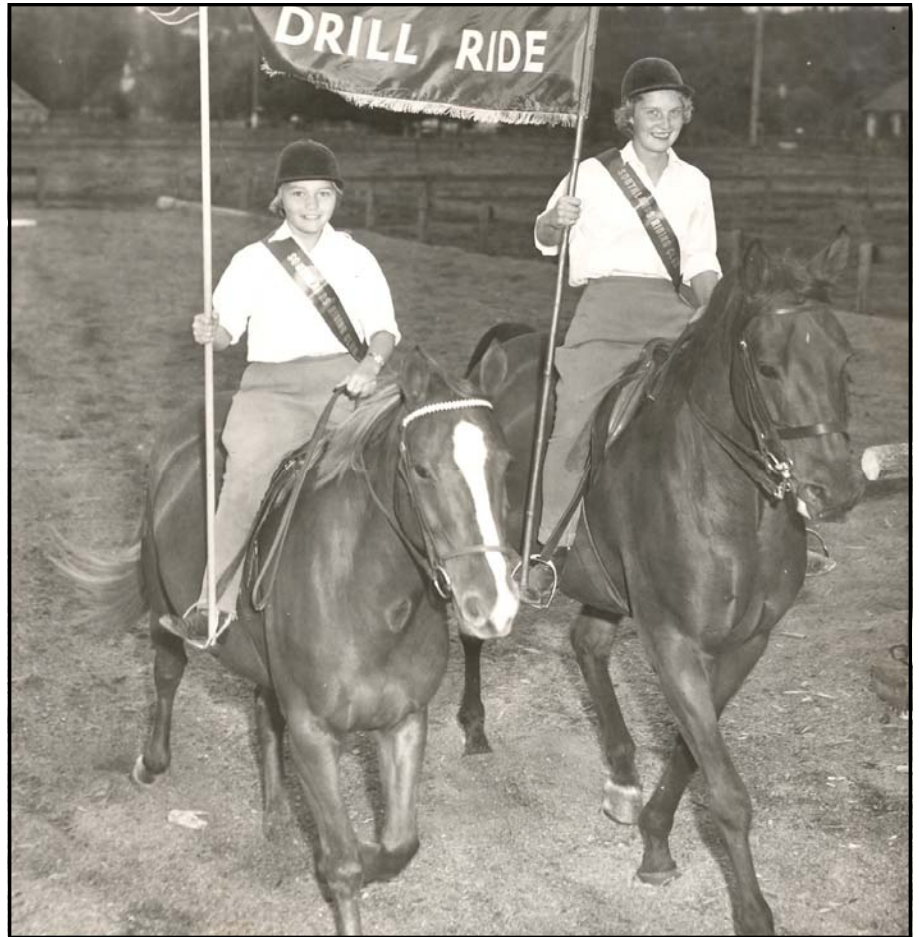
A more detailed report of the results will be published in the next issue of the Horscope. A copy of the tabulated results and all comments is available at the SRC office for viewing in the Clubhouse.

Thanks to all of you who took the time to participate in this latest round of membership consultation.

Submitted by Kathie Taylor on behalf of the Membership Consultation Committee.

## Snapshots from the past

And who might these two lovely ladies be??? As you can see, the drill team is a long time standing tradition at our Club. This great photo from 1959 captures Southlands Riding and Driving Club (as it was titled in the past) at a time where it did not yet have an indoor arena! The lady pictured on the right is a current member, whereas the lady on the left is a past member (she should be a very familiar face for being around our facility as much as she is!). Should you think you know the answer, please contact Ingrid at the SRC Office. We are still looking for submissions for Snap shots of the past, so if you have any images that you would like to have published, please contact Ingrid. Thank you, and happy guessing!



### ***Mystery Member revealed!!!***

I didn't think there would be any correct answers for last month's mystery member...I was wrong! There were several correct answers, however it was Amelia Butler correct guess that got pulled out of the hat that won her some stud muffins for her horse Hugo. The rider racing around the track is none other than our dressage instructor Rebecca Garrard!

## *Natural Horsemanship*

From July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2005, the Carnarvon Ring will be available on TUESDAY evenings from 7pm-9pm on a one month trail for members to work their horses in hand with halter and lead line. You may play games with your horse and practice the techniques you have learned from natural horsemanship trainers in clinics or private lessons. Please note: there will be

absolutely no instruction in natural horsemanship available in Carnarvon Ring on Tuesday evenings. The ring is for the use of those who already know how to work their horses safely in hand using these techniques.

If you are interested in natural horsemanship but have never done any, please come without your horse and watch people work with their horses.

Should you wish training in these techniques the SRC office can suggest the names of appropriate teachers.

Riders may continue to use the ring at the same time should they wish particularly to ride in Carnarvon Ring between 7pm and 9pm on Tuesday evening.