



## Welcome to our New Staff

Liz Morton joined the Club's permanent staff in June as part time Assistant Manager of SRC. She is in the office on Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays, helping to coordinate the Club's summer events, and focussing on communications – the Bulletin and website. Liz is still producing the Horscope as well, but that remains a volunteer commitment! Ingrid is continuing to work on contract to coordinate this year's Summer Classic, so you'll see her at the Club until July 16.

Liz has been involved with the Club and local equestrian community for over 20 years, as a member, volunteer, competitor, director – and even as a barn worker. Before turning exclusively to the horse world, she worked in the private and public sectors in public and community relations, marketing, communications, and accounting, and received a number of national awards for publication design. Her experience in event planning and coordination, publishing, and computer technology will be valuable assets to the Club's administrative team.

Welcome also to Kyle Farquharson, who is joining the grounds staff for the months of July and August, and who is going to be helping us out with the large amount of upkeep our grounds require over the summer months. Kyle is a university student and comes to us with glowing references. He is already hard at work with the weed-eater and is busy learning the fine art of helping to build courses. Please make him feel welcome!



*Liz Morton and  
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## WHAT'S GOING ON

**12** The **Summer Classic** gets under way July 12 (warm up day) and continues until Sunday, July 16. The Carnarvon ring will be open to members throughout the show, and the warm up rings (Dressage ring, McCleery ring and grass warm-up areas) will be open for members after the show finishes each day. With over 200 horses expected, the Indoor will be used for stabling as in previous years.

**23** The final **Dogwood Dressage** show of the season takes place on July 23 in the covered arena.

**29** The **Canadian National Pentathlon Championships** will be on the grounds July 29 and 30, using the Big Ring each afternoon for the jumping phase, and using the polo field for the (on foot) running phase. Both men and women will be competing, with athletes coming from all over the country. Spectators are welcome!

Following the Amherst Dressage Show, jumps will return to the covered arena until the Summer Classic to allow for training in what will be the show's main Hunter ring. They will rotate to the Indoor after the Summer Classic.

Although some of the portable cross-country jumps will need to be moved for the Summer Classic (to accommodate the Derbies, grass warmup area and overflow stabling), they will be replaced after the show for members to use for the rest of the season. The jumps will be available whenever the field and cross-country course is open to riders.

## Planning for the Future is Under Way

The strategic planning session held at the Club on June 20 was a great success, with about 60 members and supporters of SRC attending. A summary of the results will be published in the next *Horscope*, and a detailed compilation of the results will be available in the office for interested people to review in the next month or so.

## Community Bulletin Board

The popularity of the Club as a place for the equestrian community to post notices has outgrown the bulletin board by the Clubhouse parking lot, so we have allocated space on the notice boards by the Big Ring and Covered Ring entrances for public use. If you use this space, please use STAPLES to put your notices up, as tacks are not to be used in horse areas. Any notices put up with tacks will be PROMPTLY removed – as will any public notices on the entrances to the club.



## Road Safety Initiative

After experiencing a couple of close calls while walking *Zahlen* on the roads, SRC member Chris Wyatt is coordinating a “public education” project for drivers – she wants to produce some lawn signs reminding drivers to “Pass Horses Slow and Wide”. Anyone wanting to sponsor the cost of a sign or provide boulevard space for this project is encouraged to contact Chris at 604 418-0278 or [cwyatt1@shaw.ca](mailto:cwyatt1@shaw.ca)

## Ring Fees Revisited

The fee structure for ring bookings continues to evolve, as the Club Board and Management work out an equitable system that balances the needs of our membership and fairly reflects the benefits received by the instructors using the facilities to teach (and those members who are having their lessons at the Club). At the request of the Club’s instructors, the ring fee structure has been simplified so that only two fees now apply — \$5 for a ring containing jumps, and \$4 for a ring with no jumps. Increased lesson volume over the past year means that we have been able to reduce the costs in some cases and remove the “premium” charge for indoor lessons.

The instructors proposed that the club continue with concept of one charge year-round. These rates compare with the previous rates as follows:

	<i>CURRENT</i>	<i>Nov 1, 2005</i>	<i>OLD Winter Rate</i>
Indoor, jumps	\$5	\$8.50	\$6
Indoor, no jumps	\$4	\$7 group/\$5 private	\$6/\$4
Outdoor, Jumps	\$5	\$5.50	\$3
Outdoor, no jumps	\$4	\$3	\$3

The difference between the ring booking fee for a ring containing jumps and a ring with no jumps reflects the fact that instructors still have the opportunity to recoup part of that fee by setting the courses and receiving a credit against their ring booking fees. This practice has resulted in excellent courses for our members’ use, as well as a regular schedule of course setting for riders to plan around.

## Dressage Championships back at SRC

The Pacific Regional and B.C. Dressage Championships return to SRC on the August long weekend (Aug 5-7). We’re expecting the show to fill to capacity – to the extent that qualifying scores may be in effect for the first time in many years! While a minimum score is not required to enter, if it becomes necessary to limit entries, classes will be filled in descending order of the scores submitted by competitors. As usual, we’re looking for volunteers! We welcome the assistance of Carly Arbuthnot, who has volunteered to be the volunteer coordinator, and will be applying her experience in the fall when she begins a post-secondary program in event planning. If you’re contacted by Carly, please consider helping out at the championships.

# SRC Grounds Report

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Number one priority for the coming season is preparing the track for winter. The board has unanimously supported resurfacing the track from the Carnavon/55th entry to the indoor. First on the agenda is completion of the drainage survey and plan by landscape consultant Peter Kreuk, so that any drainage requirements on the track will be in place before the new footing is installed.

Following consultation with the membership last year, and comparison of the cost of alternate surfaces, member preferences and cost concerns indicate that we should stay with hog fuel footing on the track. Grounds Chair David Brook has sourced a supplier who will remove approximately one foot of the old hog fuel and replace it with excellent new hog fuel. This supplier has given SRC an excellent price which includes the removal as well as the new supply and the laying and crowning. David and Zoltan

will also be checking the material at the mills before taking delivery to make sure that we are supplied with good quality hog fuel that will last.

Because of the extent of the work required, the far side of the track will be replaced next year (and in next year's budget). This will also allow us to evaluate how the footing is functioning and – if necessary – make any adjustments when completing the work.

As we will be working on the part of the track between the rings, access may be limited at times during the estimated 1 to 2 week work period. For safety reasons the track will need to be closed when machinery working on it, though the club will do whatever it can to minimize the disruption and provide alternate access routes to the rings affected. Work is planned to take place in August – stay tuned for specific dates!

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## Rule Amendments

Please note the following amendments to the Club Rules (changes in italics), which were passed by the Board of Directors at the June Board meeting:

**#69** – Membership dues are not refundable, nor are they prorated, *except in the case of new members joining after December 1.*

A new rule was added re:

### **Treatment of Other Riders**

**#13.1** – *Members must treat other members, instructors and staff with consideration and respect. Complaints of mistreatment and misconduct, including harassment or intimidation, must be made in writing through the office.*

Club rules are on [www.southlandridingclub.com](http://www.southlandridingclub.com) and are available to members at the Office.



## ***Stay Safe this Summer!***

Now that the cross country jumps and polo field are open to horses, please remember to keep to the “people areas” if you’re watching lessons in these areas. Sight lines in the cross country area are often obscured by trees, so sitting on the cross country jumps is **not** encouraged! Even standing on the Track can be hazardous for riders cantering past, if their horses aren’t used to seeing people on foot (i.e. lurking in the bushes, ready to jump out and eat them!) in that area. Safe places for spectators are the portable cross country jumps that are not in use (near the west end of the Big Ring), and the bleachers on the berm by the Big Ring.

### **CREDITS**

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*Join Us for Summer Events at the Club!*

## **Southlands Summer Classic**

**July 13 - 16**

*featuring*

Friday July 14, 5:00 p.m.

Teams of Three Costume Hunters ♦ Maynard's Happy Hour

Saturday, July 15, 2:00 p.m.

Mini Prix and Modified Grand Prix

BCHJA Party

Derbies start at noon, Sunday July 16



## **Pacific Regional and British Columbia Dressage Championships**



**August 5-7**

*featuring*

Saturday, August 5

Blue Heron Dressage Prospects ♦ Pacific Region Freestyle Championships

Pas De Deux/Quadrille ♦ Costume Kur

Competitors' Reception



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### **Keep the Office Up to Date**

If this is the first time you've received a Bulletin in the mail, it's because the Office no longer has a valid email address for you. This also means that you won't be receiving emails from the Club about ring closures, important events, etc. You can update your records by emailing [liz@southlandsriddingclub.com](mailto:liz@southlandsriddingclub.com)