



JUNE 2006 BULLETIN

SOUTHLANDS RIDING CLUB

Shaping the Future of Your Club

Southlands Riding Club and the surrounding Southlands neighbourhood has seen many changes over the last few years, and it is unlikely that the pace of change will slow down anytime soon. Consequently, the Board of Directors and staff of Southlands Riding Club are starting to turn their attention to how the Club can best address and manage that change.

We need your advice and help in that process. To facilitate the gathering of input from our members, friends and supporters, the Southlands Riding Club will be holding a **Strategic Planning Session** on **Tuesday, June 20, 2006** from **6 to 10 pm** at the **Southlands Riding Club (7025 MacDonald Street)**.

Participants in the Strategic Planning session will be asked to divide into small groups and discuss questions related to the future development and the long range viability of the Club and the neighbourhood as a whole. Once all these groups have reported their answers to the meeting at large, participants will be asked to choose the most important action items that the Club needs to concentrate on over the next 3 to 5 years. This information will help to guide the Directors and management of the Club as they make decisions regarding the operations of the Club and the allocation of its resources.

Anyone with an interest in the future of the Southlands Riding Club and the Southlands neighbourhood is invited to participate in this session. We will be supplying a light meal of finger food starting at 5:30pm, so that the meeting can begin promptly at 6pm. **Please RSVP by Monday, June 11, 2006** to Southlands Riding Club at **604-263-4817**, so that we know how much food to prepare.

Please take advantage of this opportunity to help shape the future of your Club and your neighbourhood! Your opinions matter and your participation in this event is important. Thank you in advance for your interest.

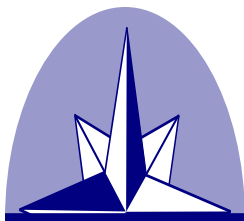
On behalf of the Directors and staff of Southlands Riding Club,

Jane Remocker,
Director of Long Range Planning

PLEASE ATTEND, BUT REMEMBER TO RSVP BY JUNE 11, 2006!!
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"To seek the
wind's power,
the rain's
cleansing, and
the sun's
radiant life, one
need only look
to the horse"

Horse Entertainment and You!

Every year it is tradition to provide horse entertainment at our Country Fair.

The general mission of the horse entertainment is to provide an audience of non-horsey kids and adults, with limited attention spans, with entertainment produced by and with Southlands' own horses, riders, and resources. The demonstrations should not cost any money to put on, but are welcome to use any of the Club's equipment.

To give the uninitiated an idea of what sort of events might be included in the horse entertainment, past events include demonstrations such as Alison Martin riding a freestyle, Jane Remocker and Monica Gerwurtz doing a Spanish drill ride, Georgann Gregory and Pippa Emrick jumping, demos of driving and reining, the Prince Philip Games, etc., etc.

Lee-Anne Smith, an SRC Club member who has generously volunteered to head up this pivotal event, invites all members who are interested in participating in the horse entertainment to get in touch with her as soon as possible. You can email her at southhaven58@hotmail.com or you can drop off your information at the SRC office. Please include a brief description of your event, your list of volunteers, a list of the equipment you need, and how much time you need (including set-up and take-down).

PLEASE HAVE THIS INFORMATION TO HER BY JUNE 15!

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For Your Consideration

Last month, there was a rule reminder about galloping on the track. It is to our dismay that some of our members are still not complying with the rules or the requests. We urge all members to please be considerate of fellow members and ride by the rules.

Something that is imperative for the safety of all, is to be cognizant of your surroundings while you ride and when you are around horses. Is there something that you are doing that could impact someone's ride or is there something that is occurring that could be about to impact your ride (hopefully figuratively speaking!)? If so, then you need to be able to judge the situation and make a decision if anything you are

doing needs to be modified. Are you nearing a jump with riders in your path and need to call heads up? Are you practicing some shoulder in and need to call the rail in the ring? Are you and some friends visiting SRC and enjoying the cross country course or open field, playing a wonderful game of tag inadvertently spooking horses? Or could you be galloping on the north side of the track and exciting horses that are working across the field in the rings? It is all about awareness. If you are able to practice this awareness, not only will your fellow members be appreciative, but it will make riding in the warm up ring at shows feel like a piece of cake!

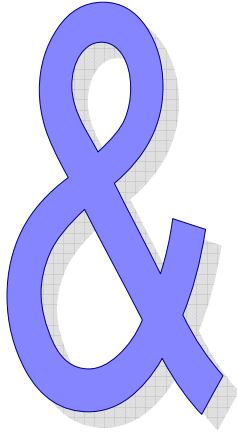


***We are still in
need of billeting
for some of the
Summer Classic
Officials. If you
would be
interested,
please contact
Ingrid Brown
604.263.4817***

Management

May's Bulletin had the article titled "Flying Changes in the Office—the Latest Transition". In that article we commented that the new assistant would most likely be announced in the June Bulletin. We are all eagerly awaiting to find out who that individual will be. Laura, interim manager, is probably the most curious out of everyone as to who will be hired as her assistant!

SRC's hiring committee consisting of Sarah Simpson, Pippa Emrick, Caroline Williams, Gina Louise and Toni Dawe are currently in the process of narrowing down the candidates and will be scheduling interviews shortly. As soon as the new assistant manager is hired, we will announce the news.



Maintenance

The new tractor has been a welcome addition to SRC's grounds. We are thrilled that in the short time SRC has had this tractor it has already worked off a good portion of its value in projects accomplished. We have been able to do many more tasks in house instead of contracting the work out. Thank you to Zoltan and Jordan for all their hard work during this busy season. Much of the work being done this time of year is preparation for shows, working during shows, and cleaning up from shows. Currently, jumps are being constructed and painted for Summer Classic, palletes being built, footing prepared and systems tweaked. Once the Pacific Regional Dressage Championships are finished, the SRC office and grounds team have the remaining month of August to get any vacation possible in, before the hectic fall season commences.

The Summer Classic Scoop



Ingrid is working like a whirling dervish to get everything in order for the Summer Classic which is fast approaching.

We are expecting to have in between 250 and 260 entries which will put us at full capacity. There will be 204 stalls on

site (90 of those being in the indoor), so we can expect the grounds to be busy, as many of those that haul in, camp on site.

This year due to popularity, we have extended the show to four days instead of having a three day show. This will assist us with scheduling so that every day will be able to wrap up at a reasonable hour. There will still be approximately the same number of classes offered and entries attending, but spread over an extra day will ease the competitor's schedule. As this increases the cost of expenses (wages, shavings etc.) we hope to have success with our sponsorship provided. If you or anyone you know would like to sponsor a class, division or other element of the

show, please ask them to contact Ingrid.

It is a wonderful cross promotional opportunity.

The Carnarvon ring will not be included in the Competition Site Plan. Instead it will be reserved for SRC Member Use Only. This is also the plan for the Pacific Regional and BC Dressage Championships.

SRC recognises the impact that shows can have on members however in having events at SRC, we are able to keep membership fees down. *If SRC were to cease holding such shows on site, every member would have to pay hundreds more every year so that we could sustain the facility.* Not only do we benefit financially, but these events provide us an excellent opportunity to showcase our facility. We have had many people join our Club who due to having visited our site during competition and been impressed with improvements, have decided to become members. One of the other benefits to hosting competitions at SRC, is that competing members (the majority) have the opportunity to compete at a reasonable cost without shipping and stabling expense! So, thank you to all members for being so understanding and such gracious hosts during the competition season.

May this be your best season ever!

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11 VPC Mini Show	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20 strategic planning meeting	21	22	23	24 2 1/2 Phase Event
25 Dogwood Dressage	26	27	28 set up for Amherst	29 Amherst warm-up *no jumps available	30 Amherst Dressage	

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			The Carnarvon ring will be available to members during the Amherst Show.			1 Amherst Dressage
2 Amherst Dressage	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11 set up for Summer Classic	12 SC Warm Up	13 Summer Classic	14 Summer Classic	15 Summer Classic
16 Summer Classic	17	18	19	20	21	22
23 Dogwood Dressage	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31	*During the Summer Classic, the Carnarvon ring will be available for member use. On the 12th (warm up day), all warm up rings will be available for member use as well.				