



Southlands Riding Club's March 2005 Bulletin

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Master Site Plan Continues

Now that our second covered arena is up and almost completed (pending lighting and irrigation), it's time to continue with the master site plan developed for SRC.

First step is revisiting the balance of the plan, from a proposed outdoor all-weather ring and lunge rings to upgrades to the grass field and cross-country jumps. Open houses

for SRC members and neighbours will be held on Friday, April 8 from 5pm to 8pm, and Saturday, April 9 from 12 noon to 4pm. (You will be reminded of these dates!)

A membership consultation committee has been formed and is working hard to prepare for these dates. The committee is chaired by Kathie Taylor (a past

president and former co-chair of the site plan committee) and includes members Laura Ingleson, Gina Louise, Jane Remocker, Ildiko Szabo, Caroline Williams and Lisa Zumpano.

Working with the committee are Club manager Linda Geddes and landscape architect/project manager Peter Kreuk.

Linda's Grounds Report:

- * 'McCleery Ring' - was laser levelled and topped up with new hog fuel.
- * 'Big Ring' - has been completely rebuilt and topped up with new hog fuel.
- * The gate post at the Indoor Arena entrance has been repaired.
- * Boggy hog fuel and mud has been dug out from the east side of the Big Ring, right through to the track and south entrance of the Covered Arena, the drainage in this area has been repaired and the footing has been replaced with fill sand, which has also been compacted.
- * The horse gate at 53rd and Carnarvon has been repaired.
- * The 'misplaced' water jump has been dismantled and safely filled in.
- * The Pony Club Shed has been moved beside the maintenance storage area and a gravel driveway has been installed for easy (and dry) access. The entire maintenance and equipment storage area has been cleaned up and reorganized, plus the deep mud and bog has been removed and replaced with gravel.
- * The West side of the Carnarvon ring has been cleaned up and new fencing installed right to the boundary of the golf course. This should ensure that any loose horse is completely contained on the SRC property. (Please everyone make sure that all gates are kept closed.)
- * Debris cleanup - three large bins of garbage and debris have been cleaned up and removed from the grounds.
- * The manure pile and the portable stabling area have been tidied up.
- * Landscaping: a new rock garden has been placed at the 53rd and Carnarvon entrance; some branches, blackberry bushes and weeds have been trimmed back from the rings and fences; fallen branches have been cleaned up and chipping will be scheduled for a quiet time in the early morning so as not to spook the horses (and riders).

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- * To remedy deep footing concerns in the Covered
- * Arena, one half inch of footing was removed.
- * The jump equipment is being power washed and reorganized for easy access and inventory management.

* The lunge ring has been topped up with sechelt sand, and has had the base boards repaired

*The weather has been excellent lately and we hope you are all enjoying riding at our beautiful SRC facility.



Event Calendar

- March 6th Dressage % Day
- March 12th Hunter Winter Series
- March 13th Clear Round Jumper Day
- March 20th St. Patrick's Day Playday
- April 3rd Dressage % Day

- April 17th VPC Hunter Jumper Show
- May 6th, 7th & 8th Spring Dressage Show
- May 22nd VPC Mini Show
- May 29th Dogwood Series
- June 26th

- Dogwood Series
- July 1st, 2nd & 3rd Amherst Dressage Show
- July 15th, 16th & 17th Summer Classic
- July 24th Dogwood Series
- July 30th, 31st & August 1st Pacific Regional and BC Dressage Championship

Rules & Regulations

Driving: Rule # 36.

Driving is permitted only on the track, and the polo field when open, and only: a) before 9:00a.m., Monday through Friday b) after 6 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays

SRC would like to congratulate member Lee Anne Smith on the addition of two miniature horses which have recently joined her family. These two miniatures will soon have the task of drawing Lee-Anne's newly acquired cart around the neighbourhood and Club.

SNAPSHOTS FROM THE PAST

by Kathie Taylor

Mystery Member Revealed

Georgann Gregory is February's winner, not only correctly identifying Jennifer Maynard as the mystery member but even remembering the horse, Radames. So it's stud muffins for Blenheim Stables!

March's Mystery Member

And who might this brave member be? If you think you know who this member in fine form is, submit your written answer by e-mail, fax or drop it off at the office as soon as possible. Be sure to include your full name and phone number!

SRC is looking for submissions for Snapshots from the Past. Please contact Ingrid Carter at southlands@shaw.ca, or Kathie Taylor at 604-926-5200 or ktaylor@ccpr.com if you have an image you could loan us. Thank you .



Junior Intermediate Committee Report

At our February meeting, the members in attendance voted unanimously in favour of contributing a new portable cross country jump for the redesign and building of the Cross Country Course, if we have the funds to do so. Several designs will be presented for consideration at the next meeting, Monday, March 7th at 7 pm in the Clubhouse. We will also be building notice boards at the entrances to the Club. Our first project, the covered blanket rack, is built and working well. We have decided to add another board in the middle for those at pony height and to prevent the blankets from flapping in the wind.

Color days have been moved to the first Saturday of every month. This month, the date will be **March 5th** and the color will be **green**. Thanks to everyone who participated in our pink day! You all looked great!

On another note, our new website is complete and boasts a new interactive message board where you can post to each other, a picture gallery that will change monthly, and information on our plans and projects. Check it out at www.srcjic.ca! You can also get to our website through SRC's site: www.southlandsridingclub.com, just click on the "links" toggle.

Our first event of the year will be our party on Saturday, April 9th. This year, the theme will be Hawaiian and will feature alcohol-free margaritas, limbo and costume contests, and karaoke, as well as beer and wine for the adults. Everyone is invited! Help us make this just as fun as last year's Western party! If you'd like to volunteer, please contact Pippa or Elizabeth (info on the website).

Yoga

Did you know that every Thursday night at 6:45 to 8:15, the Club hosts a yoga class geared specially towards equestrians? On March 17th to April 21st, we will be starting a new set of six classes, combining yoga and pilates.

- * Enhance overall flexibility, strength & endurance
- * Develop core strength in abdominals & back
- * Improve breathing, alignment and posture
- * Prevent & help rehabilitate injuries
- * Enhance performance & confidence for any sport

The course is taught by Adrienne Hebert, Certified in Hatha & Ashtanga Yoga & Pilates. Adrienne can be contacted at: (604) 632-9624

UEL Trail Riders

The Trail Riders group met on Feb. 21 with 20+ attendees affirming the goals we restated during this last year: creating community awareness of horses and promoting safety and recreation. The more the public knows about horses the more likely we will be able to continue to ride in public areas, an idea which affects all riders. We have very good relations with Pacific Spirit

Park's volunteers and staff, who would like even more interaction with us as a Park user group. Our continued presence at Country Fair will be important in this area of PR and education at a very basic level, such as last year's video *How to Meet a Horse*. If only we could make it mandatory viewing for all drivers and pushers of prams! We will continue expanding our trail riding

UEL Trail Riders cont'd

info distribution by links on several websites. Addresses TBA. Thank you all for your support!

ATTENTION TRAIL RIDERS- and this means you even if you wander out below the McCleery Golf Course on the City Greenways trail or just go to the bridge by the Point Grey Golf Course- it's becoming Spring and riding out is even more fun as the weather gets milder. Please remember that we share all trails with people who may not feel positive about horses, and be courteous and cautious when approaching and passing all

others. A greeting and maybe a word about how much our horses enjoy "getting out" goes a long way toward dispelling worries that many have about horses in our midst being a dangerous quantity. Always walk around or past others, and let them know how to make it better if an awkward situation develops.

AN EXAMPLE is when a person with a dog holds the dog off-trail, crouching in the bushes and making your horse apprehensive, dancing around, etc. If you ask them to slowly stand up and say something so

that your horse will recognize them as human it will usually solve the problem and they will know how to be the next time they meet a horse. Every meeting with the public affects us all, so be in control, be friendly, and have fun! **Check your barn for "A Short Guide to trail riding."**

COMPLAINTS OR INFORMATION ON TRAIL CONDITIONS PLEASE PASS TO SRC'S OFFICE- Trail Riders receive this information and pass it on to the appropriate place. Thank you!

-Catherine Fraser

Jumps: Where, What and When

With all the changes in policy for jumps over the last few months things can get confusing. We thought that everyone could use a refresher on which rings have how many jumps at what times during the week and why. Here goes:

New Covered Arena:

- a) Regular jump rotation: eight to ten jumps in the Covered arena from Sunday noon until Wednesday evening
- b) When there is a Saturday & Sunday event (clinic, show, etc. in the indoor then on Saturday there will be flat riding only in the Second Covered arena, and on Sunday, jumps will be available all day.

Indoor Arena:

- a) Regular jump rotation with jumps in the Indoor arena from Thursday morning until Sunday at noon.
- B) When there is a Saturday & Sunday event (clinic, show, etc.) in the Second Covered Arena, then on Saturday, there will be jumps all day in the Indoor arena, and on Sunday, there will be flat riding only. The jumps will be removed either Saturday evening or Sunday morning.

Reminder: On Sunday March 6th there is a % Day in the New Covered Arena, therefore there will be no jumps in the Indoor Arena on Sunday

We would like to encourage all of our members to check out our updated website at: www.southlandsridingclub.com for the latest news and events! Also, take a moment to look at our ever-changing photo gallery. If you have any feedback as to how our website could be more user friendly, please e-mail your ideas to Ingrid at southlands@shaw.ca Happy surfing!