



# Southlands Riding Club

## May 2006 Bulletin

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### Flying Changes in the SRC Office...the Latest Transition

There have been many transitions that our Club has gone through over the last few years, such as the laser leveling and re-seeding of the field, or the wonderful raising of our second covered arena. Some others, like management changes in the Office, leave us wondering what we might not be seeing. Communications and information always assists change, so here is the latest scoop! Congratulations are in order to Laura Ingleson who has been hired on as Interim Manager to steer the SRC ship while the Board goes through the lengthy hiring process to find a permanent manager. Laura has written an extensive piece for The Horscope that members and supporters will be able to enjoy later this month which provides not only a profile of her background, but her plans for the future. A new permanent manager is expected to be hired by September 2006. The Assistant Manager's position in all likelihood will be filled by the end of May. Conceivably, we will be able to announce in the next Bulletin who that individual will be. Ingrid Brown has been hired as a consultant for the Summer Classic as well as to orient the new Assistant



and assist SRC in any way to make the overall transition more seamless. As always, if you have any questions, comments or concerns, please feel free to visit the Office, or write us an email...it always comes best right from the horse's mouth! As an aside, if you need to get in touch with Ingrid for SRC business, emails can be sent to [southlands@gmail.com](mailto:southlands@gmail.com)

# Ring Use during Southlands Spring Dressage

By the time most of you read this Bulletin, the Spring Dressage Show will be upon us!

Competitors will start arriving on Wednesday, May 3 and Thursday May 4. The show takes place Friday – Sunday, May 5 – 7.

We have some happy news regarding the show! We have had an unprecedented number of entries, with the show filling up even before the closing date for entries, and many others wanting to post-enter. Indeed, many more people than we had anticipated want to come to our show. It is a real compliment to our Club that so many people want to support it and participate in our show.

Now, you may recall that your Board of Directors is intending to provide members with the opportunity to ride at the Club during all our summer shows, by designating the Carnarvon Ring as not part of the “competition grounds” and therefore accessible to members who do not have a show number. However, I (and the rest of the show committee, with the support of your Board of Directors) really hate to turn away all these nice people who are wanting to support SRC and our show. We can accommodate these extra entries by opening a fourth competition ring for part of every day. We’ve never before had enough entries to warrant a fourth competition ring!

However, opening a fourth competition ring will mean that for part of everyday, the Carnarvon ring will have to be used as a competition ring and, when it is, it won’t be available for non-competing SRC members to ride. We don’t as of yet have a completely final schedule for the show, but we know we need the Carnarvon Ring for part of each morning, perhaps as late as 1pm on Saturday.

The show will not need the ring and, therefore, non-competing SRC members are very welcome to ride at the Club:

1) Friday May 5: In Carnarvon from 1pm until closing.

In the warm-up rings (Indoor, McCleery) from the end of the show (about 6pm) to Club closing.

2) Saturday May 6: In Carnarvon from 1pm until closing.

In the warm-up rings (Indoor, McCleery) from the end of the show (about 6pm) to Club closing.

3) Sunday May 7: In Carnarvon from 12 noon until closing.

In the warm-up rings (Indoor, McCleery) from the end of the show (about 6pm) to Club closing.

**THESE TIMES ARE POSTED ON THE GATES FOR YOUR EASY REFERENCE.**

Please believe that we have made every effort to minimize as much as possible the amount of disruption to your riding schedule during this show. For instance, we are only allowing the extra entries to ride one test on Saturday (the longest day of the show). But what this means is that you will not be able to ride at the Club for some period in the morning on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. I ask for your understanding and hope that you will find it convenient to ride at your Club outside of these hours.

What will be the procedure for riding in Carnarvon when it is available to non-competing SRC members? You can enter at either the 53rd and Carnarvon entrance or the 55th and Carnarvon entrance and ride along the stretch of the track by Carnarvon Street to ride in Carnarvon ring. We will have taken a couple of fence rails down so that you can go straight into the ring from the track near Carnarvon street, because you won’t be able to ride around to the regular gate to the ring. You will see signs that say “Numbered Horses Only Beyond This Point” across the track and you should not go past this point unless you are a competitor.

Now why is it that the competition grounds are closed to horses that don’t have a number? This is because this show is an Equine Canada sanctioned national level show, and as such it has to abide by Equine Canada rules. The relevant EC rule here reads “Any horse arriving on the competition grounds but not competing will be subject to all EC and competition rules and must be assigned a number that must be worn when outside the stable.” The competition grounds obviously are where the competition horses are going, and this includes the track between the stabling and the rings and the track between the warm-up and

## Ring Use cont'd

competition rings. We can let members ride in the Carnarvon ring during the show because we will clearly mark off which section of the property is the "competition grounds" and which part isn't (i.e. the Carnarvon ring).

So why can't we just issue any member who wants to ride on the track or in the warm-up rings a number? Well, we could issue them a number if they were willing to be "subject to all EC and competition rules". This means they would have to pay the administration fee (\$37 + GST), they would have to be members of Equine Canada, they would have to be willing to be subject to random drug testing, they would have to abide by the rules governing tack at a dressage show, etc. etc. If any member feels that they would still like to ride on the show grounds given all these conditions, they are welcome to come to the office, pay the fees and be issued a number. Now you may be asking yourselves why can non-competing horses be ridden on the grounds

without a number at places like Maple Ridge or Thunderbird? The answer is that there is an exception to the EC rule which reads "Horses stabled permanently on the competition site are exempt". So at places like Maple Ridge and Thunderbird, boarders are exempt from the rule and can be ridden on the competition grounds without a number. At SRC we don't have "horses stabled permanently on the competition site", so this exception to the rule does not apply to us.

I hope that this has helped to explain our procedures during the upcoming Spring Dressage Show. I really appreciate you taking the time to read all of this!!!! If you still have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at the SRC office.

Many thanks for your attention and your understanding!

Laura Ingleson.

## New Equipment for Lunge Ring Arriving Soon



Due to membership request, the SRC Board of Directors has approved the purchase of "quick cavaletties" for use in our lunge ring. They are currently on order and will be placed by the lunge ring upon receipt. We hope that our membership enjoys the use of these training devices.

## Rule Reminder

We are so pleased that spring is here and our grounds are finally drying out. When spring arrives so seems the urge to allow our often fresh horses to have a good run around our wonderful track. Please remember that we do have rules about galloping that restricts when you are able to do so. When the rule is not respected, many of our members find that galloping horses are disruptive to their ride and somewhat unsettling, resulting in our Office getting inundated with phone calls complaining about those galloping outside of acceptable hours. Please respect your fellow riders and the Rules and Regulations of Southlands Riding Club.

**35. Galloping (450 meters per minute or faster) is permitted only on the track, and the polo field when open, and only before 9 a.m.**

The SRC track is approximately a (1/2) mile = 804.67 meters



The above 'tweaked' photo is of one of our members many years ago out for an early morning gallop within the guidelines

# Winter Series Awards Dinner

We welcome you to celebrate the achievements of the  
**Dressage Percentage Days and Hunter Series**  
Champions and Reserve Champions while enjoying  
a lovely complimentary meal in the SRC Clubhouse.

**Date: May 11th, 2006**

**Time: 6:30pm**

**Place: SRC Clubhouse**

**RSVP: by May 7th, 2006**

**604.263.4817**

**Everyone Welcome**

**As there will be a complimentary meal provided, we urge you to please RSVP Southlands Riding Club so that we are able to prepare and accommodate the expected number of guests.**

**Thank you for your consideration, and we look forward to seeing you there.**

## 2006 Calendar of Events

Please note that the below listed information is subject to change.

- May 5th-7th - Southlands Spring Dressage Show
- May 20th - VPC Hunter Jumper Show  
(to be held in the Big ring)
- May 28th - Dogwood Dressage Series  
(to be held in the Covered Arena)
- June 11th - VPC Mini Show  
(to be held in the Big ring)
- June 24th - 2 1/2 Phase Event  
(to be held in the Cross Country Course, the Dressage ring and in the Big ring)
- June 25th - Dogwood Dressage Series  
(to be held in the Covered Arena)
- June 30th - July 2nd - Amherst Dressage Show
- July 13th-16th - Southlands Summer Classic
- July 23rd - Dogwood Dressage Series  
(to be held in the Covered Arena)
- August 5th-7th - Pacific Regional and British Columbia Dressage Championships
- September 17th - Country Fair
- November 10th -12th - Claudia Cojocar Clinic

For more information, please visit our website at:  
[www.southlandsridingclub.com](http://www.southlandsridingclub.com)