



COUNTING DOWN TO COUNTRY FAIR!

Preparations have been under way for months, and if you haven't already done so, it's now time to get involved in our biggest community event of the year! Don't miss your opportunity to be a part of the Southlands Country Fair.

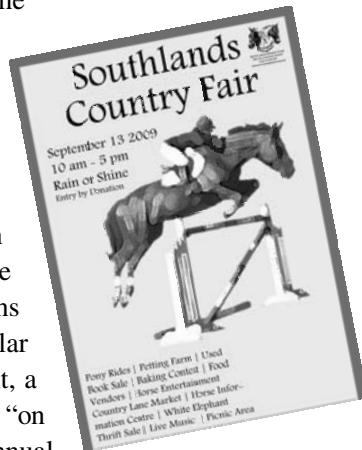
Kicking off the event is the Hoe Down party, Saturday September 12 at 6:00 p.m. Tickets are available at the Clubhouse for \$50 – this includes a three-course salmon dinner, a drink ticket, dancing to live music (including line dancing lessons for the uninitiated), the ever-popular Silent Auction, a bocce tournament, a dunk tank (featuring SRC instructors “on deck”) and new this year, the first annual potato salad showdown contest. Late evening tickets are also available this year which gives admission to all of the above activities after 8:00 p.m. but does not include dinner. Get your western groove on and see you there!

It's not too late to donate something to the Silent Auction. Use your imagination and come up with a service or “experience” that will get the partygoers bidding! Contact Cindy Riesling at 604 240-3737 with your ideas.

Volunteers are still needed – you can email Wendy Gilmour at wgilmour@bcinternet.net with your interests and availability. Depending on your shift, you'll be rewarded with refreshments and/or a T-shirt.

The pony rides are one of the Fair's most popular activities for future generations of Southlands riders. Contact Mirna Topic at 778 840-1992 if your horse or pony can help out.

The bake sale and kids' baking contest is back, this year run by Diana Emrick. For more information regarding where to drop off your entries, contact her at diana@pipa.ca. Cakes are always the big sellers!



Take advantage of the opportunity to clean out your “treasures” and recycle them at the Book and Thrift Sale. CD's, DVD's and videos are welcome as well as books at the book sale table, and we'll take any thrift items in good repair **except** clothes. Any donations can be dropped off at the Clubhouse between now and the fair.

Spread the word in your neighbourhood! Lawn signs are available at the Clubhouse, or you can contact Pippa to have one dropped off at your house. Call her at 604 351-5522 or pippa@pipa.ca. We also have posters and advertising cards to post in public places in your area: schools, community centres, etc. These are available to pick up at the Clubhouse.

And for our riders, please note that grounds setup for the Country Fair will start on Friday, September 11.

WHAT'S GOING ON: September

- 04** **BC Dressage Championships and Summer Festival of Dressage**
September 4-6. Details on next page
- 12** **Hoe-Down Party**
SRC Clubhouse, 6:00 p.m. till late
- 13** **Southlands Country Fair**
- 19** **2-3/4 Phase Event**
September 19 (Dressage) and 20 (Cross-country and Stadium)

Coming Next Month ...

October 16-18 – Betsy Steiner Clinic

BC DRESSAGE CHAMPIONSHIPS & SUMMER FESTIVAL OF DRESSAGE

This will be our final National competition for the season. Warm up day is Thursday, September 3 and the show will run Friday, September 4 through to Sunday, September 6 from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. As an EC Gold Competition, access to the competition grounds will be restricted during competition hours. The Dressage and Carnarvon Rings will be open to non-competing club members for the duration of the show, and the warm up areas (McCleery and the Indoor, as well as the track) will be open after the competition ends each day at approximately 5:00 p.m. Please note that the grass field and cross country area is closed during competition hours. And please come out and support our club members.

Set up for the competition will begin on Monday, August 31 with the jumps being removed from the Covered Arena and dressage fences being set up in the Covered Arena and the McCutcheon Ring.

On Tuesday, Sept 1, jumps will be removed from the Big Ring and the dressage fences set up.

On Wednesday, Sept 3 the jumps will be removed from the McCleery ring and the final touches for the show will be made to the property.

We are still looking for volunteers to help make our show a success. Please contact Debbie or Donna in the office to sign up for scribing, whipping in or test runner.

FALL 2-3/4 PHASE EVENT

Following the success of SRC's June 2-3/4 Phase Event, the Junior/Intermediate committee is putting on a second event on September 19 & 20 in the expanded "two-day" format, with dressage on the Saturday (dressage ring) and Stadium and Cross-country phases on the Sunday (stadium in the new McCutcheon ring, cross-country ... everywhere!). Please note that during the Cross-country phase on Sunday, access to the Club grounds will be limited to the gate by the portable stabling off West 53rd Avenue. The Indoor arena will be open for Club members to use during that time.

The following divisions are offered in both Jr/Int and Senior categories:

Starter (Entry Test A/2'3")

Pre-Green (Entry Test B/2'6")

Newbie Green (Entry Test B/2'9")

Green (Pre-Training Test A/2'9")

Open Green (Pre-Training Test A/Cross Country 2'9" with 3' options/Stadium 3')

You can also enter as a team (of three riders in the same division) and be eligible for additional awards!

The Newbie Green Division is for riders who have not competed at Green level previously. More details are available on the prize list, which is available on the SRC website or at the clubhouse. Dressage tests are available on the www.horsetrialsbc.com website. Entry fee is \$45 per division.

Entries close on Monday, September 14 at 5:00 p.m. Because of scheduling requirements, no late entries will be accepted after the closing date.

BETSY STEINER RETURNS FOR CLINIC

SRC is pleased to be hosting a “return engagement” with FEI Dressage trainer and rider Betsy Steiner on October 16, 17 and 18. Betsy is an international FEI Grand Prix rider, who during her career has ridden with Christilot Boylen, Egon Von Neindorff, Uwe Steiner, Herbert Rehbein, Kathy Connelly, Guenter Seidel, Robert Dover and Klaus Balkenhol. She also developed the “Equilates” program specifically for riders.

The clinic offers private, 45-minute sessions. Cost for SRC members is \$300; non-members \$310. Auditors are welcome at a cost of \$20 per day or \$50 for 3 days for SRC members; \$25 per day or \$65 for 3 days for non-members. Auditors must book in advance for the multiple day rate; please note there is no partial day rate.

As with all of our clinics, payment is required to reserve your space! Refunds are only available if the participant finds another suitable rider. SRC will maintain a wait list.

Attendance as a rider or auditor is eligible for Coaching upgrading hours. Please contact the SRC office for more information.



GROUNDS REPORT

September will see our staff continuing on with regular maintenance of our property. We would like to remind members that the grounds staff have the right of way on the property until 10:00 a.m. every day. Please be courteous to our staff and allow them to make your facility the best it can be.

IN BRIEF

We've said it before; we'll say it again ...Please remember that galloping on the track is *ONLY* allowed before 9:00 a.m. Please be courteous to other riders in the arenas and on the track when you are riding on the track, and pass others safely and in a courteous and respectful manner.

Renewal time coming up ... Letters will be going out to all SRC members by the end of September to update you on membership renewal for 2009/2010.

Labour Day Hours ... SRC Office will be closed for the holiday; grounds will be open for business as usual.



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Deadlines

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