

Vernon District Riding Club

Dates for your diary...

General Meeting
July 3 in the Clubhouse

Adult Riding Clinic
June 1-3
(Ruth Moore)

Hunter Jumper Show
June 8-10

Dressage Show
July 6-8

Jumping Clinic
July 16-18
(Julia Bostock)

Annual Open Show
August 11-12

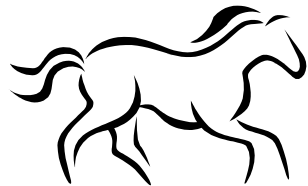
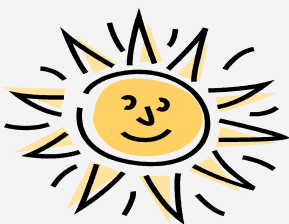
Jumping Clinic
September 14-15
(Robyn Hahn)

Horse Care Tip

Does your horse come in from the field covered in those pesky burrs???

Sherry Grayden has discovered the perfect remedy - a can of cooking spray!

Simply spray on and the burrs will come out easily!



Dear Member,

We hope you are all enjoying this wonderful weather and making the most of long days and warm evenings. The horses are all looking great with grass in their bellies and burrs in their forelocks! (See Sherry's tip for that!)

Your club has a successful dressage clinic, the Spring show and the Open House under its belt and we're gearing up for the Hunter/Jumper show this month.

Have a wonderful season, we wish you all the very best!

Frances Weeks

May 2007 Open House

This was a last minute effort by the Executive and what a great day we all had! The weather was fantastic, the horses and riders/drivers all gave wonderful demos, and we had a very good turnout from the public, in spite of many other activities in town that weekend.

Joan & Bruce Cunningham with "Vista Valleys Wings of Glory" and Joe & Barb Aschenmeier with "Chickadee Ridge Skywalker" gave a very polished miniature horse driving performance, followed by jumping in hand - that's a whole lot harder than they made it look, I'm sure! Many thanks to them for all their efforts, especially as there was a big show the following day - we all know how much work that involves.

Allie Cooney on "Abbey" and Tracey Skinner on "Arthur" showed us how to ride a Training Level dressage test to produce some good scores. They were beautifully turned out as always.

Karlee Van Koughnett treated us to a First Level Freestyle test to music, with her mare "Fancy". It was very nerve-wracking - first performance of the year - and they did a splendid job!

Mickey, Shelby, and Hanna were next to go and they gave us a glimpse into the discipline of Pony Club lessons with Frances Weeks putting them through their paces. The ponies were a delight and the girls worked hard to produce some lovely control in all paces. Good job girls!

Last but not least, Allie Cooney, Tracey Skinner, Callie Hug and Krista Van Koughnett gave a jumping demonstration. The girls warmed up, chose their own courses, and jumped schooling rounds. Well done to all!

We enrolled some new members at the Open House - welcome to them - and we all enjoyed coffee, pop and a special VDRC celebration cake.

Thank you so much to all of our riders, drivers, horses and ponies - you made our special day!

Wanted

Maurice is looking for a one-bedroom apartment to rent in Coldstream. Contact him at 550.5277

Other

Christine Addison is organizing a touch therapy clinic in Salmon Arm September 21-23. Call 250.679.3837 or email chris@forthehorse.com for more info.

If you have anything to sell/trade, send details to Linda Edwards 542.9953, and she will be more than happy to post it on the Riding Club website.

Dogs

Please be reminded that VDRC welcomes dogs at the grounds but we do ask that they are kept on a leash – preferably one attached to a human! We all love them but for the safety of all, your dogs included, please keep them under control at all times.

Clinics

Dressage Clinic (Henk Glynn)

This was another extremely constructive clinic and all the horses and riders improved over the 2 days. Henk was his usual merciless self, demanding impeccable equitation from the riders, in order to help their four-legged friends.

Thanks to Linda for supplying beverages, goodies, and snacks throughout the weekend.

We do hope to hold another clinic with Henk in the fall (if we can pin him down to a date) so please call Frances at 260.3576 if you are interested in participating. Henk is more than happy to

work with any level of horse and rider combo – all are welcome and there will be a discount for members.

Jumping Clinic (Robyn Hahn)
September 14-15 (Friday & Saturday)
Small groups. Robyn is very popular so do not delay your registration. Download entry form from website and send to Frances with cheque made payable to VDRC.

Cost \$80 for members and \$100 for non-members (plus \$10 per day fee for pen)

Jumping Clinic (Julia Bostock)

July 16-18
Julia welcomes all abilities and the groups are limited to four riders. Cost \$110 for members and \$125 for non-members. Contact Tracey for info. 503.3025

Does anyone have any suggestions for a western clinician? Please contact Frances with your suggestions.

If you have any requests for specific trainers or clinics that would interest you, please don't hesitate to contact Tracey or Frances. Remember, these clinics are for YOU!

Tracey – 503.3025
Frances – 260.3576

Other

Julia Bostock recently took a contingency of riders from the Vernon District Riding Club as well as Kelowna to the Bow Valley Classic Tournament, which was held at Rocky Mountain Show Jumping near Calgary, Alberta. These riders performed very well and thoroughly enjoyed the experience of being in the tournament.

Obituary

Gene Lewis passed away Easter Sunday.

Gene was a real character who came to the Okanagan every year during the 70's and 80's. June remembers him well and recalls his fun jumping clinics when everyone had to sing and jump with their eyes closed, whilst imagining each course was a Grand Prix competition, with \$2000 prize money and a Cadillac! He will be remembered fondly by many in the Vernon area.

Newsletter

Please, pretty please, send me all your news, views, little ditties, tips, advice or gossip – horses, tack, etc. for sale to include in the newsletters. We wanna hear all about it! I would like to start a "tips and advice" column so don't be shy, send me your ideas!

Please forward to frances_weeks@hotmail.com and mark it VDRC.

Other cont.

CSP Stables started the 2007 season off early with a fabulous Spring-Break riding camp over the March break. Though a bit chilly and damp, we had a blast and really got our horses and ponies ready to go. With the VDRC Spring show around the corner, we were ready with excellent placings by all the girls. It was a first time showing for Aja, Maddy, and Chelsea. The Kelowna Spring Classic H/J Show saw Nell Elders taking Minika to the Team Relay Championship and Warm-up Jumper Division Champion.

Classes were huge with 20-30 entries in each class. Minika was one of the only ponies competing and held her own very well against the larger horses.

CSP Stables also competed at Salmon Arms "Topline Stables" with Lynden, Aja, Maddy, Emma, and Fernie all winning top ribbons. Way to go Girls!

We have more shows to prepare for and our students are looking forward to our summer riding day camps, which will be posted soon on our website.
www.coldstreamponies.com

Photo shows Nell Elders and Minika May 2007 KRC Champion Jumper Division



Letters

My name is Sasha Hopp, and I am contacting you on behalf of the South Okanagan Horse Association. I noticed you begging for news on your VDRC website, and I couldn't resist sharing our exciting news with you!

We at the SOHA are currently working on a project to develop a new equestrian centre in the Okanagan. As you may know, there are Rodeo Grounds at Summerland that are currently in disrepair. We couldn't pass up such an incredible opportunity, and have entered into talks with the Corporation of Summerland about building a community agriplex on this site.

The facility we have in mind would include a covered indoor riding arena, campsites, stabling, and quite a few other amenities, not to mention direct access to some of the best trail riding anywhere! This site would open up possibilities for concerts, dog shows, clinics - you name it! In addition, we have some dedicated individuals on our board who are seriously investigating the possibility of a therapeutic riding program.

To kickstart our project, we are holding our first major fundraiser on July 21st, 2007. Susanna Rodriguez of Cortijos de los Angeles in Summerland has graciously offered to put on a benefit performance for us using her outstanding, classically trained, imported Spanish Andalusian stallions. We will also be hosting a "Taste of Spain" buffet dinner before the performance and a wine/beer and cheese following the performance to showcase some of our lovely local wineries and breweries.

It would be greatly appreciated if you could share this information with your board and membership. I have attached a printable poster that details tickets and times for our fundraiser. For more information, you can also visit our website, www.soha-online.com. And please feel free to contact me at this e-mail address any time!

Thank you so much for your time.
Sincerely,
Sasha Hopp