



Stable Management Youth Rally
September 9-11 2022

The Vernon riding club would like bring back something for our youth. A Stable Management Competition to be held over the weekend of September 9-11 in conjunction with the Bill Ulmer riding clinic. The purpose of this competitive section of the weekend is to give to the participants an opportunity to demonstrate the practical aspects of horse care and stable work that they will have been taught, through their home barn activities. The clinic and rally is open to riders 18 years and under as of January 1, 2022.

Participants can enter as teams or individuals who will be paired up into teams. Teams will consist of 4 riders.

Friday Evening will host a socially distant meeting to organize teams, layout competitive rules and expectations and introduce the stable management judges. Friday evening will also be the first judged event; Tack checks. Participants are to arrive with tack and equipment they will be using on their horses clean and presentable to the judges for safety and cleanliness judging. (Saddle, girth, bridle, breast plates or martingales, etc.)

Judging will continue Saturday morning with stable checks. Judges will book times to meet with each team and go over stall set up, tack room set up, Feed plans and basic care procedures.

Individual turn out will be judged at the start of each lesson on Saturday. Riders are asked to present themselves and their horses in hand to the judges in the warm up ring prior to their scheduled lesson time, and perform a simple in hand pattern.

Throughout the day the judges will observe the teams and how they work together to prepare for their lessons and care for their horses. Sportsmanship, organization and supportive team work will be rewarded.

The stable management competition will not interfere with the riding clinic, rather it should enhance the experience. Team prizes and awards will be presented Sunday at Lunch time.

We are excited to have this event back! The purpose of this event is really to showcase the horsemanship that comes with being riders and athletes. If you have any questions please contact Keely Gordon at onstrideequestrian@gmail.com or 250-307-7288





Bill Ulmer Youth Clinic September 10-11 2022

The VDRC is excited to offer a 2 day clinic with the wonderful Bill Ulmer. Bill Ulmer is one of the Pacific Northwest's most respected and diverse professionals. His extensive experience and championship awards at the national and International level in three day eventing, hunters and jumpers gives Bill a unique, multi discipline perspective.

As an event rider, Bill showed for many years across Canada and the eastern United States. He won two Canadian Championships, was short listed for two Olympic Games and was a National team member at Burghley Horse Trials in England where he was the leading Canadian rider. Jumper highlights include numerous wins and championships at such shows as Thunderbird, Edmonton Northlands, Pebble Beach, Indio and Thermal, California as well as wins and leading amateur rider awards at three Spruce Meadow tournaments. Still as an amateur, Bill won hundreds of championships on a variety of hunters including winning the World Championship Hunter Rider Amateur Owner award aboard Heaven Can Wait qualifying for Capital Challenge in Maryland.

After a decade of riding at the top level of his sport, Bill took a hiatus from the show circuit to concentrate on his education earning an undergraduate degree in Education and a Master's degree in Administration. After ten years of teaching in the school district, he took what he thought would be a temporary leave from teaching to return to training and showing horses on the A circuit. This led to resigning from the School District and establishing Foxwood Equine Services, combining both his education and his love of teaching and horses.

For the past 18 years, Bill has had tremendous professional success as a rider, winning in both the National and International Hunter Derbies, and the A rated Hunter and Jumper divisions. That said, he is most proud of his students' consistent success on the A circuit in the equitation, hunter and jumper rings. Bill's coaching goal is to develop confident, capable riders and horses all within a positive learning environment.

