

CAMPBELL VALLEY EQUESTRIAN SOCIETY

May 2010



President's Report

Winter has flown by, and though it stills feels very wintery this week, spring has arrived! And with it the new show season and activities at Campbell Valley Park. Your volunteer board of directors has been meeting monthly to see that plans will be in place for an enjoyable year.

Thank-you for your assistance in staying off our field project this winter and spring, it is a bit disappointing to see how slow growing it is, but it is starting! It is perhaps a combination of starting the project too late in the year, not being able to fertilize it and then the massive rainfall we had shortly after the field was seeded that is hampering the growth. I look forward to seeing how it feels to ride on the finished project this summer.

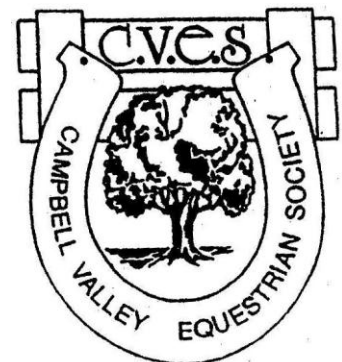
Possible projects for this year are to reinvent the old water jump, potentially rehabilitate the gallop track around the hog fuel arena and to build lattice dressage rings for the horse trials. If there is any way you can contribute your time or services, we are always interested.

Do you have a business with products or services that we could use as prizes at our shows and events? It is time to consider sponsorship opportunities with CVES! Contact myself to get a copy of our sponsorship benefits document and to present your ideas.

I hope to see familiar faces and some new ones out at our shows this year.

Happy riding,

Shannon Witt



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May Dressage Report

We will be running four Discovery level shows for you this year with another yearend highpoint. Last year our Champion was Winona Hartvikson winning a lovely cotton sheet donated by Bates Tack Shop and the Reserve Champion was Liz Wilkes who took home a waterproof quarter sheet.

I must apologise to everyone who was frustrated by trying to find the previously unavailable entry form for the May 23rd show. It is now posted on to the web under the calendar and if everything goes according to plan the show will be a Summer Games Qualifier as well.

Shannon Witt

Dressage Coordinator.

NEW THIS YEAR!!

Sunday, August 22: Dressage and Eventing Schooling Day . Dressage “rent-a-ring” available. Decorated cross country jumps and stadium fences available for schooling. Presented by Hazelmere Pony Club and CVES. More information and pre-entry forms will be posted on the website at a later date. For information contact Nadine Koreman lexagold@telus.net

Check out our WEBSITE! www.cves.ca You will find info on events, forms, conditions, history, sponsors, results. A huge thank-you to Carol McDonald who makes this possible!

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2010 CVES Schedule

May

23---- TREC clinic (Location TBA)
23 --- Dressage Percentage Series #1
30 --- Willoughby Saddle Club Show #1

June

20 --- Dressage Percentage Series #2
27 --- Willoughby Saddle Club Show #2

July

11 --- Dressage Percentage Series #3
14 --- Cross country Schooling day #1
24 --- Cross country Schooling day #2
25 --- Willoughby Saddle Club Show #3

August

4 ----- Cross Country Schooling day #3
13- 15 --- Campbell Valley Horse Trials
18- 22 --- Pony Club camp
22 ----- Eventing Schooling Fundraiser with Hazelmere Pony Club

September

11-12 Trek Driving and Riding Competition
18 --- Dressage Percentage Series #4
19 --- Willoughby Saddle Club Show #4
26 --- 2 – Phase Fundraiser with the Campbell Valley PC (Dressage and X-Country)

Nov

16- Shopping Night at Bates Tack Shop?
23- CVES AGM and Awards Night, Keynote speaker

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Old news... Oct. 2, 2009

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Hello,

We have flown through another busy and successful year of shows, clinics and projects facilitated by your volunteer board of directors. We owe a huge "Thank-You!" to the board, to Lynda and Daryl Ramsay for their continued support, to the myriad of volunteers who came out to help prepare the grounds for our Equine Extravaganza and the annual horse trials and most recently everyone who came out to suffer through rock picking for our field improvement project. We also could not achieve a fraction of what we do without the generosity of our sponsors and through the receipt of grants. We have been fortunate to receive a \$20000 grant in gaming funds to help with the following projects. Some areas you might have noticed some changes are: The hogfuel arena underwent a facelift with new boards and changed from the hunter green to a dark brown. The new rustic split rail enclosed sand arena was completed and was used as a third ring for dressage during the event and during the cross country portion. We also commissioned a number of new jumps to be made and fully decorated the cross country course as well this year.

This season we provided five fully booked dressage schooling shows, three well attended cross country schooling days, the multi clinic Equine Extravaganza, the annual Horse Trials, the pony club fundraiser two-phase schooling day, and offered a clinic to introduce TREC.

This year we hosted and helped to run the Equine Extravaganza the week before our event, opening up the facility for all to school on the Sunday prior. The extravaganza started on the Monday with riders taking part in clinics with Leahona Rowland and Lynda Ramsay getting the kinks out in the rings and heading out for cross country on their next lesson. Tuesday morning everyone crossed the threshold of the rustic saloon front and boardwalk into the tent for the first of three daily lectures by David O'Connor then headed out to watch an accomplished horse man work with the pupils and their mounts. Joni Lynn Peters was the dressage expert for the clinic and worked one on one with the lucky riders who signed up for her clinic. Lynne Larsen was in charge of facilitating the coaching workshop. We were also treated to seeing Mr O'Connor work with horses in hand and then course designers from all over BC attended the course design clinic portion of the clinic. A lot of learning was jammed into four fun filled days and our only regret is not having a buffer day in between the end of the clinic and the arrival of competitors for the horse trials!!!

This year CVES hosted the BC Championships with near perfect weather and I feel that we stepped up to the plate to provide a quality experience for everyone concerned. Preliminary and Training divisions had their own cross country courses and each division received prizes. Highlights: good footing, beautifully decorated dressage rings and jump courses, fairly smooth organization, and fabulous prizes. The event ran exceedingly well due chiefly because of our exceptional event organizer, Russell Petrie. Campbell Valley Park has undergone a number of improvements this season and we continue to look to the future. We have just worked 17 acres of the back 40 to improve the field. We have removed a LOT of rocks, the large dips, and a noxious weed that Metro Vancouver has found to be taking over the meadows. The challenge is to ask everyone to stay off of the new area over the winter months so the grass has a chance to grow! Our next project is to resurface the large hogfuel arena and to look into rehabilitating the gallop track around the perimeter of the ring.

Campbell Valley Park is fortunately there for so many of us to enjoy, that I hope you will continue to support CVES in our partnership with Metro Vancouver to maintain and improve the facilities. A huge way you can help to keep the park beautiful is to carry a fork in your trailer and when you visit the park take the time to clean up after your hay net and pick any waste that are left as a result of your horse. It takes a few seconds to be responsible. Please spread the word.

Sincerely, Shannon Witt

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We are a non-profit Society incorporated in 1987 to enhance the equestrian activities within Campbell Valley Regional Park. Our volunteer board of directors works in cooperation with Metro Vancouver to maintain and improve the equestrian facilities in the park.

Projects our society has been involved in:

- ❖ Construction of the large hogfuel riding arena,
- ❖ The bleachers,
- ❖ The construction and ongoing upgrades of the cross country facility
- ❖ The corrals,
- ❖ Construction of a new water jump facility and the sunken road complex,
- ❖ New rustic split rail fence sand arena,
- ❖ Field renovations to remove rocks, holes and noxious weeds,
- ❖ Resurfacing the hogfuel arena,

We run a series of reasonably priced schooling shows for the public to participate and improve their skills. Most notable is our annual Horse Trials which takes place over 3 days in August. It is similar to a triathlon, but for horse and rider. Riders demonstrate their skills and show their endurance in three formats: Dressage, Cross Country Jumping and Stadium Jumping.

These events help raise the funds that go directly back in to the improvement and maintenance of the riding facilities. In order to keep our costs low, we heavily rely on volunteers! We are always on the lookout for more volunteers and you can find more information on our website: www.cves.ca .

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Campbell Valley Park Association

CVES is part of the Campbell Valley Park Association which is concerned with so many of the activities that occur through the park. Their mission statement is: "In partnership with MV, the purpose is to promote appreciation, understanding and enjoyment of Campbell Valley Park while preserving and enhancing the natural and historical features within the framework of the management plan." Many of you are also involved with some of the other groups that are involved, which range from the Spirit of the Horse Garden, Critter Care, Field Naturalists, and Heritage groups... I hope many of you will visit the Visitors Centre (open from May to Sept, located near 208th and 8th Ave) and view the displays that outline various group's interests. They are always looking for more volunteers to man the Centre and it is an excellent way to learn more about the Park.

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REPORT FROM VAL MICA REGARDING THE PROPOSED FILL SITE ON 256TH AVENUE

I attended a Township Council meeting on Monday April 26th. It seems there are a number of landfill sites in South Langley that are greatly opposed to begin with or have had abuse of the permits such that neighbouring land-owners are very disgruntled with flooded property, ruined silt filled creeks and noise and dust pollution from trucks coming and going. I was surprised by how many issues there were. The one I went about is being proposed so that the owner can supposedly grow organic grapes. My discussion with other fill site opponents is that these operations to grow never seem to happen. This landfill proposal is to happen on the regional trail system which runs down 256th St to 0 Ave. The Township of Langley is in charge of this trail called the South Langley Regional Trail it is dedicated to cyclist, pedestrians and equestrians. I know for sure I would not be comfortable riding my horse on a route where dump truck and possibly dump trucks with trailers are a regular occurrence. These dump trucks would likely have to come in from 16th Ave up 256th street so they would be disruptive to all activities on 256th North of 411. The proposal was for 15 000 dump truck loads of fill = @30,000 round trips if the permits were followed.

The municipality provides a map of this trail system and promotes its use as a link between Campbell Valley and Aldergrove Lake Regional Parks.

I think it prudent that we send a letter to the Mayor and Council expressing our views about this proposed landfill site. Feedback from the CVES membership would be appreciated. A map of the South Langley Regional Trail can be found at

http://www.tol.ca/files/web_files/tourism_directory_files/SLRTweb.pdf