



CAMPBELL VALLEY EQUESTRIAN SOCIETY

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - 2010

We have flown through another busy and successful year of shows, 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 transform Campbell Valley Park into the site of our annual horse trials. 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 renovating the old gallop track around the hogfuel arena. We will be working this winter on drafting guidelines for its use to help with its re-introduction. Next year we need to invest in building many new cross country jumps as time and weather have forced us to retire about 20 of the old jumps. Our board has also looked into building a round pen at the park and would be interested in hearing different proposals from our members as well. The gallop track renovation was originally suggested many years ago by a member who came out to the AGM and had her say.

This past season we provided two dressage schooling shows, three well attended cross country schooling days, the annual Horse Trials, hosted an Equine Canada Officials clinic, the eventing schooling fundraiser, the very wet two-phase schooling day, and offered a clinic to introduce TREC.

This year CVES hosted the Can-Am Challenge on a very hot weekend and I feel that we stepped up to the plate to provide a quality experience for everyone concerned. The board received many compliments on how well the show ran. Unfortunately, we do need more help in order for our functions to occur in the coming years. There are a few people doing a lion's share of the work and it is very easy for them to become burnt out, eventually leaving the group as a way of coping. Many hands do make the workload more manageable for everyone involved and when that is the case, volunteer commitments need not be overwhelming.

CVES have reduced our membership dues and would like to increase our membership numbers to be more reflective of large equestrian community who actually benefit from the facilities at Campbell Valley Park.

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 pilot project was started this year by MV to provide a trailer for park users to put their animals waste into to help keep the park clean. This was as a result of our communication of the problem as presented by one of our members.

I am stepping down from my position as president of CVES after working with the board for a three year term. I would like to thank each member of the board for their service over the year. I am happy to have been able to assist CVES in accomplishing many new projects over the years and will assist the new president and board in 2011 to ensure a smooth transition.

Sincerely,

Shannon Witt

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The pussy willows are starting to bud in the park and there is still daylight when I get off work. Spring must be on its way! It has been great to be able to ride in the park all winter with the upgraded all-weather trails thanks to Metro Vancouver parks but it will sure be nice to not have to bundle up quite so much to head out into the park.

The CVES Board extends a huge, heartfelt thank you to outgoing president, Shannon Witt for the last 3 years as president of CVES and her years before as a member of the Board. As I take up the reins from her in the role of CVES president, I will certainly try my best to maintain the standard of service that Shannon has provided to the Society. I know that I will be supported by a great Board of Directors in 2011, some who have served for many years and also some new faces who are joining us this year. We are grateful that Shannon has volunteered to remain on the board to help us in the transition and look forward to another super year at Campbell Valley Park!

Hope to see you out there!

Sincerely,

Carol McDonald

CVES President (2011)

IMPORTANT MEMBERSHIP NEWS

In order to encourage membership, we have lowered our membership fee to just \$20 per year.

Members are entitled to \$5 discounts at each of our 4 Dressage Schooling days; 4 Cross Country Schooling days; our event schooling day; and our 2 Phase event (dressage and cross country) as well as \$10 off your Campbell Valley Horse Trials entry for a total of \$60 savings if you attended everything. No meeting attendance is required.

Please contact Nadine Koreman for more info. Forms also available on our website www.cves.ca

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this without you!**

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METRO VANCOUVER - EAST AREA REGIONAL PARKS HIGHLIGHTS OF 2010

- ✓ LEPS and Metro Vancouver team up to tackle manure at the equestrian center
- ✓ CVES repairs and upgrades to the riding ring, partially funded through Metro Vancouver
- ✓ 202 Street residents, the Township of Langley and Metro Vancouver work jointly to construct a new neighborhood access for pedestrians, cyclists and equestrians to the park
- ✓ Trail work along the 216th Neighborhood Access to the Shaggy Mane Trail

www.metrovancouver.org



216th Street Entrance



More Great Improvements – Mounting Steps



DO NOT FORGET TO USE IT WHEN
YOU VISIT THE PARK!



The resurfaced track!

A BIG THANK YOU FOR
ALL THE
IMPROVEMENTS

2011 SCHEDULE

May

- 22 Dressage Percentage Series #1
- 29 Horse Show organized by Willoughby Saddle Club #1

June

- 25 Dressage Percentage Series #2
- 26 Horse Show organized by Willoughby Saddle Club #2

July

- 1-2 Competitive Trail Ride (Schooling or 1st level competition (very tentative))
- 10 Dressage Percentage Series #3
- 12 Cross Country Schooling Day #1 (Tue)
- 20 Cross Country Schooling Day #2 (Wed)
- 28 Cross Country Schooling Day #3 (Thu)
- 24 Horse Show organized by Willoughby Saddle Club #3

August

- 6 Cross Country Schooling Day #3 (Sat)
- 12-14 Campbell Valley Horse Trials
- 16-20 CV Pony Club camp
- 21 Eventing Schooling organized by Hazelmere Pony Club
- 28 Horse Show organized by Willoughby Saddle Club #4

September

- 10-11 TREK Driving and Riding Competition (tentative)
- 17 Dressage Percentage Series #4
- 25 2-Phase organized by Campbell Valley Pony Club (Dressage and X-Country)

November

- 15 Shopping Night at Bates Tack shop
- 22 CVES AGM and Awards Night, Keynote Speaker



THE LITTLE RIVER BOWL

The Langley Speedway Historical Society (LSHS) is a registered, non-profit society, dedicated to the preservation and restoration of Langley Speedway, collecting photos, video and memorabilia. Langley Speedway was once the most famous oval track in this region. It should not be forgotten or destroyed. Our intent is to be sure everyone knows about Langley Speedway.

As part of our efforts to return dignity to Langley Speedway and raise awareness of the track, the LSHS has partnered with the Township of Langley, in their Adopt-a-Street program. On a once a month basis, we clean the roadsides along 208th St., from 16th Ave. to the track gates, and 200th St. between 16th and 8th Ave. We have had several positive comments from residents along these routes.

Also, the LSHS has two representatives on the Campbell Valley Park Association Board. This gives us a voice in the park where the track is located so that we may further our efforts and perhaps help others with similar or related projects. For example, we have helped with berry bush removal near the south entrance to the park and we also helped plant trees west of the speedway in an area that was groomed for a stream.

If you have an interest in helping with any future projects, please contact us and add your name to our list of volunteers! It will be appreciated.

If you have photos, programs, or film footage to share, please contact us. We will be happy to scan or copy any materials you may provide and return the originals in the same condition as they were presented to us.

We are now accepting membership applications. You can contact us through email, or look for us at a car show or trade show.

www.langleyspeedway.ca

CVES extends a HUGE thank you to the Langley Historical Speedway for all their work in the Little River bowl! This is the area that we share for our Horse Trials stadium day!

BEFORE



AFTER

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CAN AM CHALLENGE WRITTEN BY CHELAN KOZAK FOR EVENTING NATION

This past weekend there was an event in my backyard called Campbell Valley, in Langley BC. It is a competition up to preliminary level, and every other year the 'Can-Am challenge' is held here north of the 49th. The alternate site in the US is Whidbey Island in WA in July. I'd love to say I know exactly which teams in each division from each country won this year, but that would be a complete lie! While it's fun to ride on a team, and have T shirts and matching saddle pads (or red coats when things get a little more serious and the jumps get bigger...) the REAL competition comes on Saturday night.

The coveted 'golden boot' is awarded to the team who excels at the *unmounted games*. Creative rule appreciation, aka blatant cheating, is the norm. Last year my sister Shaye and I 'brought it home for Team Canada' with a combination of tequila shots and limbo. This year, the theme was a float parade using wheelbarrows. Thinking that we could influence the judges with a slightly larger wheelbarrow, my 1989 VW cabriolet was pressed into service

Truthfully, it is a barn car--it has transported hay, horse shit and plenty of dog hair. Sounds an awful lot like a wheelbarrow to me! Add to this mix my prom dress (circa 1986--just imagine the STYLE points, and obviously my Mother saves everything.) Actually, we provided a few prom dresses

for the hotly anticipated event. One particularly sensational number was navy velvet, and it seems that it was exactly the same as the bridesmaid dresses from a client's first wedding probably 15 years ago. Fashion forward we are here in the West. You'll notice John Merriweather of Merriweather saddlery sporting that fancy number:

I did get one scandalous photo of John crossing and uncrossing his legs, a la basic instinct, but since EN strives to be PG, I left that one out. Let's just say Team USA #2 had thought of everything, and his garter was rather pretty. Leave the rest to the imagination, folks! Anyhow, the gist of the evening is that Team USA was victorious this year, and rightfully so. One of the two US teams had procured a pink dress involving considerable extra padding:

This rubinesque hottie entered the staging area (in the wheelbarrow of course) flinging corn husks (it was after dinner) into the adoring crowd. Team Canada admitted defeat mostly

gracefully, but vowed to retrieve the golden boot next year in Whidbey Island by any means possible.

Contact Chelan for clinic and lesson information at www.3daze.com



www.eventingnation.com



