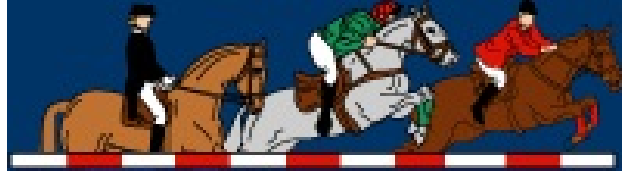


# Horse Trials PEI



## March 2011 Newsletter

### Happy New Year!

Well, it's been quite a while since our last newsletter and therefore it's about time I sent another one out.

So first things first, HANG IN THERE!! Winter will end soon (well, **fairly** soon at least) and we'll all be riding our horses and ponies in the sunshine soon. Promise!

First, I'm going to recap 2010, to help us remember all the fun we had last year and have to look forward to this year.

In February and May we held our Eventing101 clinics. We had lots of new faces attend which was awesome, and seems a good time was had by all, with request to have them again in 2010.

On May 22 we held our annual Park Clean-Up/Jump Building day with Mike Gallagher leading the charge. We built I think three new jumps and rebuilt a few more one course and some other odds and ends.

We also set up rings and got everything ready for our schooling show, which we held that Monday, the 24<sup>th</sup>.



It was a great success if I may say so, lots of entries, beautiful weather and I think everyone had a good time.



June came and we had our cross-country clinic with Alex Beaton on the 12<sup>th</sup>. Another great clinic as it always is. Two weeks later we held our first Horse Trial, which went well, was well attended and had excellent weather.



In August we had a "Spruce up/Fun Ride Day". We did some cleaning, cutting and straightening up of jumps and grass, etc, and then ate some BBQ'd lunch and then hopped on our horses had a fun little spin around the grounds. It was a beautiful day and I think should become an annual event, as it keeps the park looking great and gives us a chance to enjoy it as well.

September came and our second Horse Trial with it on the 18<sup>th</sup>. We were a little worried about the weather as it poured buckets in the days leading up to it, but come show day, the sun popped out and everything dried up quickly and the course and rings were all in great shape. We are fortunate that the park is able to tolerate large amounts of water without getting soggy and messy, and dries quickly. It was yet another good day for all.

So that's a basic wrap-up of last years events. All of which we hope to have again, and then some for 2011!

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## 2010 AGM

We held our Annual General Meeting for 2010 on December 3<sup>rd</sup>. We discussed what happened in 2010, our plans for 2011, elected new board executive, ate some yummy foods, handed out our year-end awards and just generally had a good horsie time.

We also had a great presentation from Liz Spangler, showing what fun she got up to at some of the bigger events she went to in the US and Canada, which was very neat to see and hear about.

So! That brings us to our plans for this year!

## Eventing101 Clinics

We're starting off our year with our Eventing101 clinics again. We will hold our first clinic April 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> at the Winsloe Equestrian Centre. A little later start this year, but that's just the way things go sometimes I guess. This also gives everyone more time to get their ponies in shape! I know mine aren't right now. We hope to hold a second clinic in early May, tentatively at the Strathgartney Equine Park.

## Big Plans!

We've come up with some big goals for 2011. Starting off with making and painting new Cross-Country flags and numbers. A lot of the old flags were broken and just getting too small to use, and the numbers getting rather banged up as well. So we had a flag & number painting day in January, another on, February 20<sup>th</sup>. We're not done yet so will likely have two or three more painting days. Come out and help if you're free, it's not hard work, just slapping some paint on pieces of wood. Wear clothes you won't mind getting paint on (and maybe gloves if you don't want paint on your hands, as it's oil paint). and bring a snack to share with everyone.

This year we also want to add another level to our competitions. We've had lots of feedback that the gap from Pre-Entry (18") to Entry (2'9") was just too big, and consequently a lot of riders were getting stuck in Pre-Entry, just not quite ready to make the leap up. So to bridge the gap, this year we are adding PeeWee. PeeWee will be what Pre-Entry used to be, basically logs on the ground for Cross-country and cross-rails/small verticals for Stadium. Pre-Entry measurements will be moved up so that jump heights in Cross-country and Stadium will be 2'3" max. So we will have five levels, PeeWee(18"), Pre-Entry(2'3"), Entry(2'9"), Pre-Training(3') and Training(3'3").

Making these upgrades will obviously be a large amount of work, so please come help us on our work days so everything is ready to go by show day. We will hold our annual Clean-up/Jump Building day on May 21 and will be doing a lot of the work that day, but will likely have some other work days at the park prior to that date to get a head start on things before show season starts.

We are also working on a couple more exciting clinics this year, with Ian Roberts and Kyle Carter. We're still working on the details and nothing is confirmed yet, but stay tuned!

Our schooling event is back this year, being held on the Victoria Day, Monday, May 23. Once again this year, if you come help out for an hour or more on the May 21<sup>st</sup> Clean-Up Day, you'll get a discount off your entry fee for the schooling show!

## 2011 Memberships

Memberships for 2011 are due, so get them in soon. Like last year, in order to ride in events put on by Horse Trials PEI, you will need an Island Horse Council membership. And in order to ride HTPEI events that are sanctioned by Equine Canada, you will need an EC Sport License as well as join Eventing Canada. Equine Canada memberships are due by the end of March to avoid late fees. IHC memberships were due first of January, and HTPEI memberships are due now. The form is on our website. Being a member of HTPEI gives you lower entry fees for HTPEI clinics and shows as well as makes you eligible for our year end awards.

## Website and Facebook

Some ways to stay updated on the latest info

[www.horsetrialspei.ca](http://www.horsetrialspei.ca).

[Horse Trials PEI](#) on Facebook

## Know The Rules

Go to [Equine Canada Eventing](#) to read the rules for eventing. It is your responsibility to know all the rules, and there are quite a few, so you should read the rulebook and check it at least yearly for updates/amendments. It really sucks to get eliminated for a silly little thing you could have known if you had spent a few minutes reading the rules, so please take the time.



## HTPEI's Calendar of Events 2011

April 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Eventing101 Clinic

May 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Eventing101 Clinic\*\*

May 21 - Jump Building/Clean-up Day with Mike Gallagher

May 23 - Schooling Show: Dressage, Stadium and a Pace

June 11/12 - Ian Roberts Clinic\*\*

June 25 - Summer Horse Trial

August 13 - Spruce up/Fun ride Day @ the Park

August - Kyle Carter Clinic\*\*

Sept 10 - Schooling Show\*\*

September 17 - Fall Horse Trial

\*\* Tentative

Please contact for more information.

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The 2011 Omnibus is now posted online at [Equine Canada](#), and that's another reason to get your memberships in soon, as they are mailing omnibuses out already, so the sooner you join, the sooner you'll get your's! There are new dressage tests this year, and the omnibus has them all printed inside, so it's a great "tool" to have with your show and schooling essentials.