

Horse Trials PEI

Spring 2008

Newsletter

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Two Horse Trials at Strathgartney in 2008

HTPEI is delighted to announce that we will be hosting Horse Trials June 28 and September 20 this year at the beautiful Strathgartney Equestrian Park. Horse Trials require huge volunteer support, and the directors are grateful to all who come forward to help us host the excellent competitions which attract riders from all over the Maritimes each year. This year we are particularly grateful to Laura Dear who will be secretary for both Horse Trials. Thanks also to Liz Spangler who is organizing the June Horse Trial, and Kim White who is organizing the September Horse Trial.

Good organization, excellent prize money and a first class cross country course are the hallmarks of competitions at Strathgartney. Jane Czank has stepped up to take charge of sponsorship of our Horse Trials this year. Jane has already completed the majority of the work, and as always we have had a wonderful response from our sponsors, both new and returning. Thank you Jane.

Liz Spangler is organizing the annual work day at Strathgartney Equestrian Park this year when HTPEI repairs any winter damage and builds new cross country jumps. **Please reserve Saturday May 17** now to come out and help get the course ready for another cross country season. We need everyone out for this. Men and chain saws are invaluable, but there is a job for everyone. Thanks Liz.

Alex Beaton Cross Country Jumping Clinic June 14/15

We will be hosting our ever popular XC jumping clinic with Alex again this year at Strathgartney Equestrian Park June 14/15. Alex has insights to offer adults and children, green or experienced horses (and ponies), and first time or returning competitors. If you are curious about the sport, this is a wonderful opportunity to try out cross country jumping. If you are new to

cross country jumping, you need to be secure jumping cross rails and safe and comfortable cantering in a field. This year riders will be able to school XC both Saturday and Sunday if they wish, providing there are spaces available on Sunday. The clinic fills quickly, so contact Donna Allen (donna.allen@cbc.ca) for an entry form. Downloadable entry forms will also be posted on our web site (www.horsetrialspei.ca).

Horse Trials PEI Directors for 2008

The directors of HTPEI are an excellent blend of old and new faces this year. This provides us with the continuity required to effectively keep this sport growing on PEI. In addition our new directors provide new energy and fresh ideas from which our organization can only benefit.

Please keep your eyes open for new directors Jane Czank and Kim White at activities over the season welcome them to the island and the evening community here. Jane moved to PEI from the west coast in 2006. She and her draft cross “Smiley” rode in their first event last year at Strathgartney and instantly got hooked! Jane is excited about the future of evening on PEI and feels fortunate to have such an awesome equestrian Park close by. In her spare time you’ll find Jane putting around on her farm in Breadalbane, with husband Scott and menagerie of animals. Kim grew up with a love of horses in the Annapolis Valley. She started riding at the age of 4, and was showing at 6. She was a member of 4-H and Pony Club in addition to the private instruction she received. For the past 15 yr she has been training young/inexperienced horses, with many of her “graduates” competing in the Maritimes, Quebec, Ontario and Florida. Kim hopes to establish her own equestrian facility here for boarding, training and instructing. Kim has joined the HTPEI executive as a means of achieving her goal of promoting and supporting friendly competitions here. Kim is very aware that without volunteers none of the programs and competitions that she was able to enjoy as a child would have been possible.

Web Site and Facebook!

Do you know that HTPEI has it’s own web site at www.horsetrialspei.ca? This is hosted on a server which allows access through the Canadian Eventing web site as well (www.canadianeventing.com). Matthew MacPhail is a very quiet and unseen volunteer who does a wonderful and invaluable job for HTPEI maintaining our web site. Thank you Matthew, from us all, for a job well done.

Donna Allen also administers a facebook group for Horse Trials PEI. Membership is close to 30 and growing daily. The photos are great. Videos too. Thanks Donna!

Video Night April 4

HTPEI is hosting a video night, free of charge, on Friday April 4 at 7pm at Donna Allen’s on the Green Road in Bonshaw. We will watch the Rolex 2007 three day event. We may be months

from riding cross country, but we can all get together, enjoy some munchies, and watch some of the world's best, including Theodore O'Connor, super pony.

Take the first right off the trans Canada after the Equestrian Park onto Green Rd. Go around the corner, up the hill, and Donna's is a yellow, 2 storey, cedar shingle house at the top of the hill on the left. It is the only place with electric fencing and a horse barn.

Everyone is welcome. Bring a friend. Hope we see you there!!

2008 Membership

It's that time of year again. You can find the downloadable HTPEI membership form at our web site (www.horsetrialspei.ca). For insurance reasons, all HTPEI members must also be members of the Island Horse Council. A link to IHC membership forms are also on the HTPEI web site, or you can download the form directly from www.islandhorsecouncil.ca.

Maritime Eventing Schedule 2008

The schedule this year is far more comprehensive than previous years. As always it is a source for all the Horse Trials and clinics ongoing in the Maritimes in 2008. This year it also contains information on some of the showing and clinic opportunities in disciplines such as dressage and show jumping. Please go to our web site (www.horsetrialspei.ca) where the schedule is available.

Pearl Macgregor and Shadowplay Competing in Florida

HTPEI member Pearl Macgregor is using her year following graduation from high school to focus on eventing. We're not sure but we think Pearl may be the first PEI rider to event in Florida. She is presently a student with Canadian Kyle Carter. Pearl and Shadowplay had a fourth place finish in Preliminary Rider A division at Rocking Horse Spring Horse Trails Mar. 7-9. Congratulations from us all Pearl and Shadowplay, and best of luck for a memorable season together.



Practical Cross Country Jump Building Clinic for Eventers

Canadian Eventing is hosting a XC jump construction clinic Oct 4/5, 2008 at Hobby Horse farm in Coldbrook NS. Course conductors Jay Hambly and Laurie Rowan will be back from Hong Kong with fresh ideas on course design. Anyone interested in building XC jumps, or in jumping over them, will learn a great deal from this clinic.

New Equine Canada Competition Classification System for 2008

Equine Canada has introduced a new classification system for competitions this year. Under this system, the Strathgartney Horse Trials will be an Eventing Silver competition. Also, this new system has new sport license requirements for both competitors and owners, as well as new passport requirements for horses. So, everyone should head to the Equine Canada web site (www.equinecanada.ca) to learn about this new system.

For Sale

Black 15" English saddle in excellent, brand new condition. Comes with stirrups, leathers and matching bridle and reins. Complete package deal for \$150. Contact Wendy at 621-0251 or email wweisan@isn.net

Sigma long sleeve show shirt, cream color, size 38

Sigma short sleeve ladies show shirt, white, size 36

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Royal Windsor ladies hunt coat, blue pinstripe, size 12, excellent condition, recently drycleaned. \$45

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Contact Jane Czank 621-2336 or jsczank@pei.sympatico.ca

Access Hunter/Jumper Saddle. Brown with a 17" seat, medium tree, knee blocks and a moderately deep seat. Excellent condition. Only used for two seasons. Minimum wear. Does not fit new horse. It can be viewed new on the Bahr Saddlery website. Asking \$1200. Contact Carolyn at 902-697-2660 or carolyndohoo@yahoo.ca