

SPRINGBANK PONY CLUB

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News & Events

Issue #1



Membership

Welcome to the 2023 Springbank Pony Club!

We wrapped up our 2023 membership drive at the end of December. Thank you to members who have renewed.

Welcome to all the new families who have joined the club!



ACTIVITIES & WINTER PROGRAM

This year we will be starting off programming with riding lessons in January and February.

- Sign up via Sign Up Genius for lessons at the Home Property and Lauders
- Lessons take place on specific Sunday afternoons
- Members may sign up for multiple lessons

Should it be too cold for lessons we will aim to shift to an in person Stable Management class. We will keep an eye on the weather and contact members with any scheduling changes.

****If you are signing two children please fill in a slot for each rider. If two names are written for one slot we may accidently have 6 or more riders in a lesson.****

The Winter Program is the classroom side of pony club education. Members attend in person classes that focus on Stable Management. This year these classes will run from March to the beginning of May. A schedule of dates and times will follow in the coming weeks.

Scheduling

The SPC is fortunate to be a large club which currently has 37 members. The club has members from age 6 up to 25 and over. This diversity results in a membership that has many interests and riding goals. When we plan SPC activities and programming for the year we have to be mindful that not all members participate in the same events. While all members who do eventing are also pony club members, not all pony club members do eventing.

When we begin the planning process we do take into consideration the following:

- The SEA riding lesson program including clinics and special events;
- Events with the Cochrane Agricultural Society;
- Alberta Horse Trial Events;
- Annual Alberta South Regional events;
- Events hosted by other Pony Clubs in the Region; and
- Other annual events that we know members like to take part in.

To help families with planning we try to get the schedule out to members as far in advance as possible.

We aim to bring a wide variety of opportunities and experiences to our SPC membership. Although we try to work around other events there are often times when activities will overlap. Especially as there are only so many weekends in the spring and summer to do outdoor activities. Our goal is to offer programs and activities that include something for everyone.



It was wonderful to return to another SPC annual tradition and start the holidays with the Christmas Party.

A nice opportunity to change out of our barn duds, dress up and hang out together.

Thank you to Jennifer H. and Natasha W. for organizing everything.

And thank you to Shayne and Vicki for making it all possible! The Elbow Valley Residents Club was a lovely place for the festivities!

SPC Member Retail Benefits

SPC members receive a 10% discount at the following stores:

The Horse Store – Kensington (Calgary)

North Forty Feed & Tack – Cochrane

Both of these stores are family run businesses. They have been very supportive of local pony clubs for many years.

A list of 2023 members has been provided to each store. North Forty does require members to show their **CPC card** when making their purchase. We recommend having it handy when shopping at The Horse Store as well.



A copy of your child's membership card may be found on HorseReg as follows:

- Login to HorseReg website
- Go to Memberships, Licences & Certifications
- Click on Member's name
- Scroll down to Alberta South Region Pony Club and click on
- Scroll down to Membership Card Details where there is a color image of the CPC logo. (Logo will be upside down).

Here you have a few options.

- You can click on "Print" and print off a hard copy for your wallet.
- You can click on "Print" then take a screen shot of the image and keep it on your phone. The store will accept a picture of the card.
- You can click on "Download" and download a copy of the card.

Although Greenhawk does not offer our members a store discount, they are very supportive of the SPC. They donate several items to the club throughout the year. These items include materials and product for stable management classes, silent auction items and the white saddle pads for the badge program. The staff are great to work with and always very helpful and supportive! We are very grateful, especially to the Cochrane Greenhawk store.

Staff at both The Horse Store and Greenhawk are very knowledgeable about the tack and riding equipment required for pony club activities.

Pony Club Riding Vest & Helmet Requirements

Basic Gear for Pony Club Riding Lessons

- ASTM/SEI approved Riding Helmet
- Jumping boots with a heel, (Paddock boots (shorter boot) or Field boots (taller boots))
- Riding gloves
- Breeches or jodhpurs (which are both just fancy names for the pants). Breeches are usually intended to pair up with the tall boots and jodhpurs are intended to be worn with the short paddock boots. Jodhpurs usually have a cuff at the bottom that makes it uncomfortable to stuff in the tall boot hence the reason they are paired with the short boots. If you have short boots, adding a pair of half chaps prevents the legs from getting pinched between the stirrup leathers.
- No Sleeveless shirts
- Riding jackets/sweaters NO HOODS
- Riding safety vest

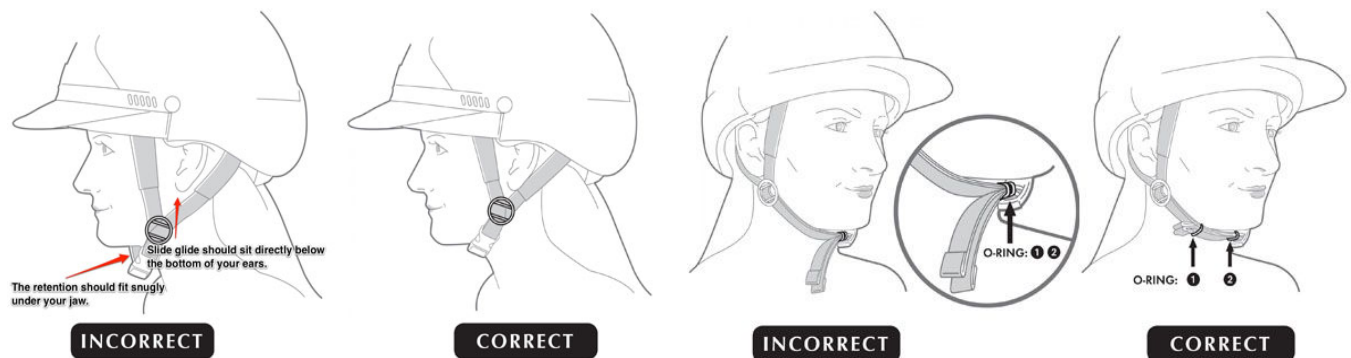
Long hair must be worn with a hair net outside the helmet. Wearing hair tucked up underneath the helmet changes the fit and will void the safety warranty.

Equine Canada recommends that helmets and vests be replaced after five years from the manufacture date.

If gear has been involved in an accident, especially a helmet, a new one should be bought.

Pony Club discourages the purchase of second hand helmets and safety vests, as there is no way to know the accident history of the equipment.

These standards apply to all Pony Club Riding activities and all Alberta Horse Trials Events.



Tipperary 3015 Eventer Pro Riding Vest

A body protector vest is mandatory for the cross-country warm-up and cross-country ride. A body protector vest may also be worn for the warm up and during other tests/rides.

Body protector vests must meet or exceed, and be appropriately labelled **ASTM approved standard F-1937 or BETA Level 3** body protector standard.



Helmets are to be worn firmly in place with a snug throat strap.

DO THE FIVE-POINT SAFETY CHECK

when selecting your riding helmet.

1. FRONT

The helmet should sit firmly in place about an inch above the eyebrows.

More than 1" = too small.
Less than 1" = too big.

2. SIDE

The straps on the side should meet just below and in front of your earlobes.

3. BACK

A snug-fitting helmet is best. The harness on the back should prevent the helmet from moving forward. Avoid using your hair to create a proper fit.


4. THROAT

The strap under your chin should be snug but not tight. Tilt your chin up and down to ensure a proper fit.

5. TEST

Grasp the helmet with two hands and rock it back and forth. The skin and eyebrows should move with the helmet.



 PennState
Extension

Always choose to wear
a certified riding helmet.



SAFETY ADVISORY UPDATE

January 4, 2023

Dear valued customer,

Please Take Notice of the **Warning Notice** and **pending voluntary product recall announcement** for the **Ovation Protégé Matte** and **Ovation Protégé Helmet** below.

The U.S. distributor of Ovation helmets, English Riding Supply (ERS), has notified us of a potential voluntary recall of some of its Protégé Matte Helmets (Greenhawk does not sell this model) and Protégé Helmets (Greenhawk item DRC0373). ERS has determined that some of its Ovation Protégé model equestrian helmets may not comply with ASTM F1163-15 impact test requirements. According to ERS, Impacted Ovation Protégé helmets at this time have a manufactured date stamp (located inside the helmet) from December 2020 through December 2022 (12/2020 through 12/2022).

While there have been no reported failures or incidents from these helmets that we are aware of, out of an abundance of caution ERS has advised that owners of Ovation Protégé Matte and Ovation Protégé helmets in this date range should discontinue use.

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Ovation Protégé Helmet

DRC0373



Horse Trailering Information



Carrie Dickinson will again be helping to coordinate transportation for members without horse trailers – Yahoo!

Carrie works with Sarah Simpson and commercial haulers to help members trailer their horses for off property pony club events (ie clinics and summer camp).

When there are off property pony club activities that include members and their horses we will put out a message about the event. We'll ask families that are interested in the event and need trailering, to get back to us so we may begin planning.

It's a bit of a Catch-22 situation as we need to know how many members are interested before we know if we have trailering. Yet families, understandably, would like to know if trailering is available before expressing interest.

Based on experience last year, what works best is if members can let us know if they are interested in an event as soon as it is posted. This not only lets us know who is interested but also the number of horses that may be involved and size of trailer needed (ie 3 horse vs. 6 horse). We may also require multiple trailers. Which property the horses are being trailered from is also a factor.

Please note that this is only for pony club events. Members who are also a part of Simpson's Equine Activities will coordinate with Sarah Simpson for off property SEA activities. These would include Alberta Horse Trials eventing shows, Cochrane Schooling shows, RMSJ shows and off property clinics organized by SEA. Messages about those events will come directly from Sarah Simpson.

Fundraising

A huge thank you to Katie B and Colleen for organizing another wonderful fundraiser for the club. The Christmas arrangements and chocolates were very popular again this year.

Thank you to everyone for the support.

Springbank Pony Club ongoing fundraising campaigns

Questions? Contact Colleen Edwards at 403-875-0593

Thank you to everyone for helping to support the SPC!

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Gift Cards

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 **SKIP THE DEPOT**

Whether you have lots or a little this great service will pick up what you have.

Referral link for Skip the Depot <https://app.skipthedepot.com/sbpc>

Springbank Pony Club Clothing & Trace Embroidery

Check out Trace Embroidery for Springbank Pony Club Logo Items!

Add custom embroidery for the personal touch!

Go to Trace Embroidery and MyStable.



Summer Camp 2023



**Sunday, August 6 –
Friday, August 11**

**Prentice Creek
Equestrian Centre**

Rocky Mountain House, AB

Planning is underway for summer camp. There will more information later this month including coaches, registration, and the marathon fundraiser.

SPC Badge Program - January

Objectives

Members must read one or two horse-related novels, histories, biographies etc. They can write a report about the book or develop a PowerPoint presentation with illustrations.



Suggested Books

Saddle Club books, Black Stallion series, Black Beauty, My Friend Flicka, Thunderhead, The Green Grass of Wyoming, Misty of Chincoteague series, any of the Pullen-Thompson sisters' novels, etc.

Completion

When the report/presentation is complete, please send the pdf version to Dana at dana@infinitydynamics.ca. The submitted documents will be combined and sent to all members to enjoy.



Thank you to Jenn S. for partnering with the Cochrane Greenhawk store for our Badge Program. Greenhawk has provided white baby saddle pads for members to display their earned badges. The first of the white saddle pads were handed out to participants at the Christmas Party. A great way to display the badges the kids have worked hard to earn!

Riders to Watch



Holly Jacks – Smither

Holly Jacks is one of Canada's top ranked 3-Day Event riders. Growing up in BC she was given her first horse at age 6. She spent her youth barrel racing and team penning as a Western rider. At age 12 she discovered the rush of galloping and breaking Thoroughbreds for the track. Then at the age of 17 she discovered the world of eventing. It was the discoveries of these last two loves that would shape her future.

Working with Thoroughbreds from a young age helped her develop a passion to produce a horse from the bottom up. In 2020 she retired her five star horse, More Inspiration (Morris). She had purchased him as a four-year-old Off Track Thoroughbred (OTTB). Six years later she took him to his first European 3 Day event at the Nations Cup in Aachen, Germany as part of Team Canada.

"I've always loved the thoroughbreds," she says. "I think if you can get one that can move a little and jump, they have so much heart. I think there's nothing like a good thoroughbred. They have so much desire to do it."

Many of Holly's accomplishments have been with More Inspiration and her newer warmblood horse Candy King. They include:

- Named twice to Team Canada for the Nations Cup in Germany and Great Meadow, USA;
- Long listed for the 2015 Pan American Games;
- Short listed for the 2016 Olympic Games;
- Alternate for the 2019 Pan American Games;
- Competed at multiple 5 Star International events including Kentucky, Maryland and Pau, France;
- Placed 12th in Pau, France against the world's top-ranked riders;
- Qualified Candy King and More Inspiration for the 2020 Olympics in Tokyo; and
- Selected to represent Canada at the 2022 FEI World Championships in Petroni-Roma, Italy.

Holly is passionate about supporting youth throughout their riding careers. She coaches youth in her own multi discipline-training program. With all of her accomplishments, Holly still takes great pride in bringing young riders up through the levels.

Holly recommends that young riders take the opportunity to ride every horse they can. "A professional or a winning amateur has to have ridden many different horses under different conditions to really excel, so getting a broad range of horse experience is a start," she explains.

"I'm a big believer in making the best out of what you have," says Holly. Along the way many people told her that Morris wouldn't go Advanced. "I get a lot of students who don't have the money to go out and buy a nice horse," she says. "I want them to see that it's still possible."

She adds that to learn the industry from the inside out, riders need to immerse themselves as a working student. Holly's working student program has given many riders the skills they need to ride at the top levels of competition while gaining skills in equine related business practices (hollyjacksequestrian.com).

Holly is also a role model for dealing with the pressures of competition. In an Eventing Nation article, she explains some of her experience in working with trainer Buck Davidson. She realized that she needed to change the focus from making it on to a team, to riding for herself.

"...when she took a step back, she realized that her burning desire to be on a team was making her lose sight of the horsemanship that's required to bring a horse along at any level. That, she says, was an eye-opener for her."

In the article Holly says that, "...her horses will never do more than necessary and that she's no longer going into the pressure cooker in the name of making a team." For her, it's no longer the end all, be all, and she wants others to understand that there are other defining factors of success.

"I've always wanted to do the best by my horses," she said. "...by taking the pressure off my horse, it allows us to work together in a better way. I just want others to see that being in a good personal place can have such a positive effect on your riding."

To see more of Holly's story go to hollyjacksequestrian.com.

The Eventing World to Watch



Badminton Horse Trials - England

Burghley Horse Trials - England

Luhmuhlen Horse Trials -Germany

Pau 3 Day Event - France
(Les Étoiles de Pau)

Kentucky Horse Trials – U.S.A.

Maryland 3 Day Event – U.S.A.

Adelaide 3 Day Event - Australia

World Equestrian Games

Online Sources: Eventing Nation (eventingnation.com)

 The Chronicle of the Horse (chronofhorse.com)

