

SPRINGBANK PONY CLUB

March 2023

News & Events

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Welcome Spring!

Websites are buzzing with events!

Calendars are filling up!

The green grass will soon be peaking through!

Winter Program

Our 2023 Winter Program started off last week. Members were able to meet, get their first program materials, and have fun testing their knowledge.

Sunday, March 5, we'll learn all about getting our horses in shape for the summer. Yup, horses have to work on their core too!

Check out this excellent article on Conditioning:

<https://horsesport.com/magazine/training/back-work-program-legging-up-event-horse/>



Winter Program Sessions Dates

Sunday, March 5

March 11 & 12 Education Weekend
Regional Event – register on Alberta
South Regional Pony Club website

Saturday, March 18
Sunday, March 26

Saturday, April 1
Saturday, April 15 (Regional Event)
Sunday, April 16
Sunday, April 30

Saturday, May 6

Testing Phase One: Written Exams
May date TBD

Fundraising

Campaign Kick Off!

Order until March 19

[Purdys Fundraising - Easter 2023 Season](#)

It's time to kick off our annual Easter Purdy's Chocolate Fundraiser! The order page is now open.

This is a great way to support our Pony Club and Purdy's products are excellent. You can get your order in on time for Easter treats!



The link above will take you to our page. If you have ordered in the past you will just have to sign in or if you are new you will have to create an account. Just click on the "Shop online" tab and then the "market place" tab to see pictures of all their products.

Our campaign can also be accessed on the Purdy's Fundraising site (customer number 60496).

Please share the link with family and friends! It helps get our club closer to our sales goal!

Order Pick Up: Wednesday, April 5

Location: Colleen's house 175 West Springs Place S.W.

If you have any questions please contact Katie at 403-818-3982 or bottomsk@shaw.ca

Summer Camp 2023



Sunday, Aug 6 – Friday, Aug 11**

Prentice Creek
Equestrian Centre

Rocky Mountain House, AB

**Arrive after 5:00 pm

Important Upcoming Dates for Camp

Wednesday, March 1	Camp Registration Packages sent out
Friday, March 31	Camp Deposit Due
Monday, May 1	Camp Registration Forms Due
April or May	Vet Visit for Coggins Testing
Monday, June 26	Parent Meeting at Home Property
Friday, June 30	Balance of Camp Fees Due

For information about the Servus Calgary Marathon opportunity please contact Colleen at heineken@telusplanet.net. Thank you to Colleen for organizing the 2023 Springbank Team.

And thank you to Coreena and Natasha for all their work organizing summer camp!

SPC Badge Program - March

Objectives

Members should know the basic principles of feeding for a horse or pony kept at out most of the year. They should be able to identify some grains and roughages. They should also know the basics for getting their horse or pony fit for light activity.



Feeding

Members should be able to talk about what their horse or pony eats both in winter and summer. They should understand why the feed changes in winter, hay rather than grass and increased grain and roughage in cold weather. They must understand the importance of watering.

Grains and Hay

Using samples of whole and crushed grains, the members should learn to identify oats, barley, and corn.

They could be encouraged to bring in samples of hay, both good and bad quality and discuss the differences and why poor-quality hay is bad for their horse. They could also draw pictures of the different kinds of grain and illustrate how to provide water for a pastured and stabled horse, both correctly and dangerously.

Project:

1. Watch the following video on Warming Up (very good video even if not doing badge project).

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tjwAqtM7IGk>

2. Contact Dana at Dana@infinitydynamics.ca for the following:

- a. Additional materials about getting horses fit, feeding and grains, and
- b. An online quiz to test your knowledge

3. Provide a brief description of how they feed their horse or pony. See Feeding section above for what to include. Description may be written, a presentation, or video. Once completed submit to Dana.

Master Class

Christoph Hess

Christoph Hess is an international FEI Judge for eventing and dressage and conducts seminars and clinics throughout the world. He lives in Warendorf, Germany and has been an instructor for over 30 years.

Check out his article in Dressage Today:

<https://dressagetoday.com/instruction/christoph-hess-ride-like-a-dressage-professional-part-1>

Riders to Watch



See our April Newsletter for our next featured Rider.

March Dates At a Glance

Wednesday, March 1		Lauder Ranch	Summer Camp Registration Packages sent out
Sun, March 5	2:00 – 4:00	Lauder Ranch	Winter Program - Conditioning
Sun, March 11 & 12		Delacour	Alberta South Regional Education Weekend Delacour Community Hall
Sat, March 18	12:00 - 1:00 & 2:00 – 4:00	Home Property & Lauder Ranch	Winter Program Sessions
Sun, March 26	12:00 - 1:00 & 2:00 – 4:00	Home Property & Lauder Ranch	Winter Program Sessions
Fri, March 31			Camp Deposit Due

Items for Sale Contact Dana at 403-875-5304 (text or call) with offers

Roots Equestrian Sweatshirt
Brand new – never worn
Size: Kids XL (11-12 yrs)
\$15



The Heritage Arctic Winter Glove was created for riding in cold conditions and features a 3-finger design to keep your fingers together with full control of the reins while riding. Complete with 80gm of 3M Thinsulate insulation, a soft microfleece lining, a hand warmer pocket and touchscreen friendly thumb.

- Winter riding glove
- 3 finger design
- 80gm of 3M Thinsulate insulation
- Microfleece lining
- Hand warmer pocket
- Touchscreen friendly thumb

Brand new – never worn.
Retail @ \$80
\$50



Horze denim breeches are super lightweight and breathable for comfortable riding. The silicone full seat provides great grip in the saddle, and the medium waist does not restrict movement. 4-pocket design looks just like jeans.

- Denim material
- Medium waist
- Lightweight
- Breathable
- 4-pocket design
- Belt loops
- Silicone full seat
- Small metal logo detail on belt loop

\$40
Size 26

Super cool unicorn light for
your little rider's room.
Battery operated (2AA).

\$5

