

North Vancouver Island Horse Association

2009 Newsletter



The President's Message:

Welcome to 2009, may this year lead us to bigger and better things in our equestrian endeavors. New faces join the old in efforts to promote the furtherance of equestrian activities in the Comox Valley and on Vancouver Island. Everyone is welcome to attend the NVIHA General Meetings which are held on the third Tuesday of each month at 7:30 pm in the Therapeutic Lounge at the Comox Valley Exhibition Grounds. Come to the meetings and support your Executive and the various committees who would appreciate your input and suggestions. Many thanks to the outgoing executive for their hard work in 2008—Let's make 2009 even better.

English Committee Report - Another year is upon us and we are busily preparing for the 2009 show season. The spring Hunter Jumper Shows will be held on April 4/5 and May 2/3 with the Derby Show on July 3/4 & 5. Come on out and enjoy some exciting Jumpers or the art of riding the perfect Hunter round, put your horses through their paces and show them off to the judge in the Hack classes. We have some lovely new jumps to test horse and riders skills in 2009.

If you are more of a hands on person and would like to volunteer please contact Tania Formosa at 250 703-6003. We always appreciate those of you wanting to help out and make our shows a success.

Western Games & Gymkhana:

We had a great season last year and I think that everyone had a good time. We decided to reward our volunteers at our shows by doing a draw for a bag of Complete Horse Pellets donated by Shar-Kare. Every time we saw someone go out and help they were entered. We had the best helpers through the show season and the grain made our horses happy. Thank you to all who helped and we hope to see you again this year.

Our first GAMES show of the 2009 season is on March 15th and entries will be taken starting at 9:00am. The show will start at 10am. I would like to invite all of our members to come out and join in the fun. We will need lots of help as per usual and this is a good time for Parents or riders to do their part to help our show to flow smoothly. While I love to announce and work in the booth I can't do it at every show this year. My daughter had a new baby so I will be in charge of my granddaughters. This is a opportunity to come into the booth and learn so that when the need arises someone can take over. I will be more than happy to teach any one that wants to learn and will not leave you to be overwhelmed. Remember help is just a PA announcement away.

Western Performance Committee Report: Judges are being booked, and the first show is fast approaching. We urgently need volunteers who would like to participate in helping at the shows. Even if you can only spare half a day or half an hour to relieve someone from their job, it would be greatly appreciated. Come out and learn how to be the Judge's Clerk (you learn how to scribe for trail, reining and riding horse classes), Ringmaster, - help in the Office, and Whipper-In, and Announcer.

Now to clarify the Classes that count for Day High Points and those that count for Year End High Points. Foals at halter and Open halter count for yearend only. Yearling at halter, yearling in hand trail, and yearling longe line classes count for yearend only.

Peewee, Walk/Jog, Green horse First Year Lope, Green Rider First Year Lope, Youth 13 & Under combined with Open, Youth 14-18 combined with Open, Senior combined with Open, count for both Day High Points and Year-End High Points.

Come out enjoy the show and support the competitors and your NVIHA.

2009 Board of Directors:

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Western Games/Ghymkana:

Kathleen Worth

Western Performance:

Marg Camp, Deb Evans, Brenda Robson

Cow Horse Sports: *Wayne Ansell, Rick Danyluk*

Schedule of Events:

March 15 Western Games

March 29 Western Performance

April 2-5 Hunter Jumper Show

April 19 Gymkhana

April 26 Western Performance

April 30-May 3 Hunter Jumper Horse Show

May 10 Western Games

May 24 Western Performance

June 4-7 Pony Club Horse Show

June 14 Gymkhana

July 1-5 The English Derby Show

July 5 Western Games

July 19 Western Performance

August 8-9 Western Performance Saddle Show

August 9 Gymkhana

September 6 Western Games

October 4 Gymkhana

The RCMP Musical Ride will be coming to the Comox Valley August 14th, 2009. There will be two shows that day. There will be 35 horses. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Laureli at the Therapeutic Riding Barn.

Comox Valley Exhibition Grounds Annual passes are available from the office at the Sports Centre on Vanier Drive for \$50.00 single or \$125.00 family.

GOOD LUCK TO ALL COMPETITORS AND HERE'S TO ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL SEASON!

