

Ancaster Saddle Club



Newsletter - Spring 2009

Message from the President

Hello everyone; Welcome to another year at the Ancaster Saddle Club. We are super excited about the move to the new fairgrounds. The move allows us more space and larger rings. Based on the drawings, when it is finished the grounds will be a very impressive place to show and visit. Currently the grounds are still a work in progress. They are coming along but will not be completely finished in time for our May show. We ask for your patience and understanding in this time of transition.

We value any suggestions that you have as a rider, coach, parent or volunteer. This year a suggestion box will be available in the office to place your suggestions. Also you may approach any executive member on the day of the show with your comments, concerns and suggestions. This is your club and we value your suggestions, so please let us know.

In an effort to give back to exhibitors, we will be having five (5) payback classes at each show. We have also implemented a Rain Policy. (Cross your fingers that we won't need to use it.) The Policy includes notification by mass e-mail before 6 a.m. the morning of the show. Please ensure that we have a current e-mail address for you either by adding it to your membership form or including it in the binder in the office. If your e-mail address or contact information changes during the show season, please inform the office staff.

Thank you ahead of time for your patience. Have fun and good luck!

Melissa

.....On the Move!!

The 2009 Ancaster Saddle Club Shows will be held at the New Fairgrounds, 630 Trinity Road at the corners of Hwy. 52 and Hwy. 2 (Wilson Street), Ancaster. For directions, click [here](#). When approaching the Fairgrounds enter using the third driveway.

Please note:

- there are no trees at the new location so bring you hat and lots of sunscreen.
- We recommend that you bring water for your horse. Future plans include having water at the rings but it is likely that this will not be completed by our first show. Water is available in the concession building but it is a bit of a walk.
- The fairgrounds are built on a bit of a hill. The location is very windy so if you don't want to lose your hat we suggest you bring pins.
- If you and your horse are being drop off at the grounds, please be mindful that there is nowhere to tie horses except to trailers.

SHOW DATES

May 24
June 28
July 26
August 23
September 18
Rain Date: September 20

Western Performance and English Classes begin at 9:00 a.m. Western Games Classes begin at 12:00 noon.

What's New??

\$ Payback Classes \$

In an effort to give back to exhibitors, Executive approved the following Payback formula for this year's Saddle Club shows. Classes will be selected at random each show (with the exception of lead line classes):

2 classes in Western Performance
2 classes in English
1 classes in Games

Competitors will receive cash to the first five placings:

1st place = \$20
2nd place = \$15
3rd place = \$10
4th place = \$5
5th place = \$5

New Classes

Western Performance:

Beginner Rider Command – 12 & under and 13 & over

English Performance:

Beginner Rider Walk/Trot/Canter
Handy Hunter Stake 2'9"-3"

Games:

12 & under Keyhole

HELP WANTED

The Club is still looking for a few Assistant Show Secretaries. You must be available from 7 to 10 am on show dates including the rain date. Duties include assisting with taking entries and paperwork. Salary, \$30 per show. Perfect for a parent or teenager who is at the show anyway!

For information contact Carol at horsingaround@xplornet.com

Volunteers Needed to help direct traffic at the May show. If you are able to help please contact ancastersc@canada.com

Attention Youth Members!

Every August long weekend youth from saddle clubs across Ontario meet in Paris to compete in the Ontario Saddle Club Youth Team Tournament.

This year Robbilyn Parker (ASC Executive Member and past Youth Tournament participant) is putting together a team to represent the Ancaster Saddle Club. The success of this endeavour is dependent upon the interest shown by youth members and their parents/guardians. By the May show Robbilyn hopes to be able to provide more information (class lists, fees, etc.). If you are interested in becoming a member of the Ancaster Saddle Club Youth Team please contact Robbilyn at chromecowgirl4545@yahoo.ca or sign up at the office at the May show. Robbilyn will also be available to answer your questions at the May show.

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Rain Policy: In the event of the Show being cancelled due to rain the decision will be posted on the website by 6 a.m. the day of the show. Also a mass e-mail will be sent by 6 a.m. If you do not have access to the internet on the morning of the show or are uncertain, please contact Melissa Larwood at 905-537-6354.

