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RTES *Riding High*

Richmond Therapeutic Equestrian Society * Making a Difference in the lives of Children with Disabilities

2011 In House Show

On October 29th, RTES hosted its second annual in house show. Registration for this show is open to all RTES riders, giving them a chance to show their stuff to their family and friends.



A lot of parents and caregivers do not get to watch their child in lessons each week, as many of them come from school with their Special Educational Assistants. Though our program hands out report cards after the Fall and Spring Sessions, there is nothing like watching your child ride a horse in person.

Riders came in groups of 3-4 at a time for roughly an hour. This gave RTES ample time to have the horses and volunteers ready for each group and for family and friends to arrive, watch and cheer on the riders, then clear out of the Twin Oaks parking lot so that the next group could arrive.



All riders participated in three classes: Equitation - where the riders show how well they can ride and control their horse with attention from the judge to the riders posture and correct way of riding. Obstacle Course - in this class, the riders had to maneuver in, out and around a set order of obstacles with a Halloween theme. Pole bending - this is timed class where the riders have to weave their horse around a line of poles.

For each class the riders were awarded rosettes from 1st place through 4th place and by the generous donation from Linda Reid MLA, a British Columbia stainless steel water bottle.

Our judge for the day was Jennifer McKenzie with her assistant Vi McKenzie. Jennifer has ridden for the Canadian Para Dressage Team for nearly a decade in numerous international events, the latest including the Paralympics in Beijing 2008 and the World Equestrian Games in Kentucky 2010.

A huge thank you to all the volunteers that braved the cold for a long day, our horses for doing much more than a normal days work, Twin Oaks for allowing us use of the facilities on a weekend, the City of Richmond for donating the rosettes, Linda Reid MLA for donating the water bottle prizes, Jennifer and Vi McKenzie for donating their services and to all the family and friends that came out to support our riders.



Calendar of Events

Winter Session

January 9 - March 7

Spring Session

March 26 - June 20

(break May 7 - 9)

Summer Session

July 9 - August 1

Fall Session

September 17 - December 19

(break Nov 12 - 14)

Want to Get Away?

RTES has again been given two tickets by WestJet for a raffle with 100% of the proceeds to benefit the society. The grand prize is 2 tickets to fly with WestJet to any of their destinations. You could fly to the Caribbean, Eastern Canada, Hawaii, Vegas or the Yukon, just to name a few. Tickets will be available for purchase in the new year and will sell for 2 for \$5.00! Please pick up some books and sell them to your family, friends and co-workers. The draw will be held on April 15th at the Lead with Your Heart Fundraising Luncheon. Good Luck!



Fall Session Volunteers, Thank you!

Anne Hynds
Cameron Steel
Carolyn Bratkowski
Carolyn Caldwell
Charmaine Rozario
Eric Ho
Ginny Dick
Glenn Schlettler
Holly Pringle
Jane Hsu
Jay Taylor
Jennifer Kidd
Joan Thomas
Joan Thomsen
Juvel Lee
Kaitlin Perry

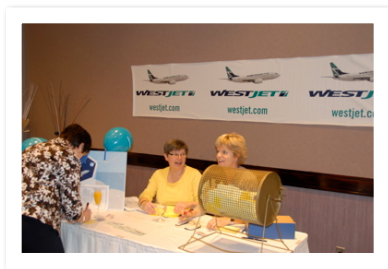
Kathe Izen-Mondlak
Katyann Davidson
Kippy Khehar
Lillian Liao
Louise Shaffer
Lovie Cao
Lynn Coghill
Michelle Reynolds
Olga Suttorp
Roidon Lamb
Sandi Nissen
Sharon Renneberg
Shelley Wallace
Stephanie Lai
Tiffani Ariel Craker
Victor Atkinson

Lead With Your Heart Fundraising Luncheon

April 15, 2012

RTES will once again be holding our annual fundraiser at the Airport Executive Plaza on Sunday April 15th, 2012 and plans are already in the works to make this effort a great success for the program.

The annual Luncheon is a vital part to the programs fundraising efforts and you can do your part to help make it a success by seeking silent or live auction items. If you or someone you know is able to donate an item(s), or you would like to offer your assistance in the planning/execution of the day, please contact Erin at the barn for further information 604-241-7837 or erin_rtes@shaw.ca.



Winter Session

As we approach the worst season of the year in terms of weather conditions, please be sure to check the website for any class cancellations due to snow or ice. Any class cancellations will be posted early in the morning under the “News” section of the RTES website: www.rtesrichmond.com

If you haven't already checked out the new website, please have a look. We've updated our look and the site is full of information including: the program calendar, volunteering, events, newsletters and of course it has lots of great photos. Information and photos are updated regularly, so check back often!

Our Mission

To provide a quality therapeutic riding program for children and youth with disabilities in order to promote physical, social and psychological well being.



RTES Membership (\$25 annually) and Donation Form

All donations are tax deductible. Registered Charity # 89415 0135 RR0001

I wish to support the Richmond Therapeutic Equestrian Society.

Enclosed is \$ _____ for Membership and/or \$ _____ for Donation.

Name _____ Date _____

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