

BAINBRIDGE ISLAND

saddle club



Straight From The Horse's Mouth

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APRIL DRESSAGE OPENS SHOW SEASON

Once again Rebecca Black and Juliet LeDorze, with Theresa Stewart judging, ran a smooth and well-organized dressage schooling show on April 28. Even with the uncooperative weather, the event saw a solid showing of 20 exhibitors in 9 classes. (See [BISC News](#) for show results.) We look forward to the October 6 dressage show and encourage new riders to join in. As compared to the crowds and the hurry-up-and-wait of HJ shows, these dressage shows are so calm, predictable and relaxed. Come experience the ZEN!



CLUB APPAREL IS BACK!

We are happy to once again offer for sale apparel with BISC logo! Hoodies, full-zip hooded, ¼ zip and crew sweatshirts are available to [order online](#) in an assortment of colors in youth & adult sizes **NOW THROUGH JUNE 17**. Payment due upon pick up. Place your orders today!

CONGRATULATIONS MAY HJ HIGH-POINT WINNERS!

Jumper - Grace Niemeyer on Code Breaker
Trot Pole - Maddie Niemeyer on HS Ivan
Cross Rail - Sydney Hutton on Saucy Ginger Spice
Tiny Hunter - Elly Dam on Mastermind
Short/Long Stirrup - Gwyneth Van Blair on Liam
Pre-Child/Adult - Bryna Ross on Elektra
See [Complete Show Results](#).

RECORD ATTENDANCE AT MAY HJ SHOW



With the April HJ show sadly rained out, the May show was met with much anticipation and beautiful weather. A hearty thanks to Mollie Bogardus and Mary Gallagher, with the help of Haven Farm and Freedom Farm families,

who teamed up to sponsor this successful show. Also thanks to our judge Joyce Thomas and announcer Matthew Niemeyer who hung in there for 11 grueling hours! It was great to see record



participation of 75 riders representing 10 barns, Pony Club and non-affiliates. With this high attendance came some challenges in trailer parking and stall over-capacity, which are being addressed. We hope to see you at the June 9 show!

STALLS, THE PERFECT STORM

Stall reservations were a frustration for many at the May HJ show, no doubt! A hand-off to a new coordinator (moi!) unfamiliar with BISC tradition and past process nuances, a lack of written policy, plus a record show attendance all created the perfect storm. OH, SHH... MANURE! So in the days following the show, I assembled a task force of member and barn representatives to revisit & document stall policy.

Given the club's limited capacity of 32 stalls, we agreed to some slight modifications to the traditional process in order to maximize show attendance, stall usage and equity among barns and members, while making the process more transparent. Going forward we will more actively track barn projections leading up to each show, while accepting direct requests from individuals. Stall reservations will be initially capped at 6 to prevent monopoly by barns, with additional stalls added when available. **Priority 2 & 3-horse trailer parking spots may also now be reserved.** These spots will be in convenient locations with easy in/out access. If your horse ties well or stands well in your trailer, please consider requesting one of these spots. Waitlists will be maintained prior and during the show, with preference given to Club members.

Jackie Chipman, our seasoned past-president, has been assigned as single point person going forward to make this run smoothly. Please text her at 206-310-7478 or [email](#) for all reservations requests and questions. For the time being, we will be discontinuing online reservations.

We invite you to read the [Stall Reservation Policy](#) and provide feedback to [Jackie Flannery](#), 206-747-1734. Thanks for your patience through this transition.

UPCOMING SCHOOLING SHOWS

HUNTER/JUMPER
June 9 – Countryman Stables
August 11 – Living Well Farms
September 15 - TBD

DRESSAGE
October 5-6 - IOS

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! CAN YOU GIVE JUST A COUPLE HOURS OF YOUR TIME IN ONE OF THESE AREAS?

volunteer coordinator
local newspapers contact
apparel order distribution
arena speaker wiring install
level arena footing

water wheel operators
informal tack sale
parking attendants
power washing
prime arena rails

Text 206-747-1734 or [email](#) me (Jackie F) with area of interest and/or questions.

THANK YOU! MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK

Spring Cleanup Volunteers – Cheryl Burns, Kristine Ewing, Rachel, Jackie & Tony Flannery, Amy & Delaney James, Emma & Julia King, Ariel Lounsbury, Candy Merifield, Claire Keira Plehal, Jane Ranchalis, Emilie, Dylan & Heidi Rees, Bryna Ross, Ana Rios, Sylvie Roth, Linda Sevold, Liz Walters. **Please claim your free HJ class certificate in the show office!**



Grounds Maintenance – Tom Bopp, Jackie Chipman, Kathy Countryman, Candy Merifield, Curt Pool

Sound System Repair – Tony and Jackie Flannery

April Dressage Show Volunteers – Rebecca & Bob Black, Tom Bopp, Susan Collins, Amy James, Juliet LeDorze

May HJ Show Office – Anne Chick, Jackie Chipman, Susan Collins, Jackie Flannery, Amy James, Karla Piecuch

Cookshack – Pony Club parents led by Sue Kerrigan and Mercedes Morales

Post-show Stall Cleanup – Jennifer and Esther Hills

Ribbons & Prizes – Delaney James, Bryna Ross

BI Apparel Orders – Jackie Chipman, Bryna Ross

Show Music Playlists – Delaney and Amy James

Is your name missing from this list? Please let us know so we can thank you properly!

HAY NETS FOR FEEDING IN STALLS, PLEASE!

Speaking of stalls and manure, to make cleanup much easier after shows, we ask that hay be fed from hay nets in stalls, rather than off the ground. Don't forget to remove **all trace** of you and your horse from the grounds when you leave. Wheel barrows and manure forks are located by the manure bins for your convenience. Please dump manure from the top of the bins. Thank you!!

PONY CLUB RALLY ON THE HEELS OF HJ SHOW

Taking advantage of arena setup, Pony Club hosted their regional D Rally the day following the May HJ Show. Not only was this a logistical win-win for everyone, it may also have helped boost attendance at our schooling Show. Susan Collins, Anne Chick and cook shack mavens Sue Kerrigan and Mercedes Morales ran a marathon working both events back-to-back. Hats off to them for their cheerful contribution. And thanks to Pony Club (and Jennifer and Esther Hills!) for leaving the facility in pristine condition.

BIG RIG PARKING

In order to use the Manzanita meadow most efficiently for big rig parking, trailers are asked to park diagonally from the lane and not pull in and circle 180 degrees parallel to the lane. This will allow the greatest number of rigs to park and will prevent blocking the exit for cars parked beyond the meadow.



CHANGES IN THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

We sadly say good-bye to Michelle Hutchins who has resigned as Vice-President, effective April 30, as she and her husband prepare to move off island. In her brief stint as VP, she successfully managed the footing replacement project of our west stalls and secured a venue for our fall awards banquet. Please join us in wishing the Hutchins well in the next chapter of their journey; we will miss them greatly. Filling the empty seat on the Board, we welcome back Jackie Chipman as member-at-large.

Board Meetings are typically held 3rd Tuesday of each month. Members are welcome to attend. Details to be posted on website.

A SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR APRIL HJ SHOW SPONSOR

A special thank you to Amanda Gelderman and Evolution Equestrian for diligently planning courses and setting the arena, only to take it all down again in the rain on Saturday when the April 14th show was canceled due to the weather and soupy footing. Yet, let me tell you that camaraderie and family competitive spirit was ever present... Amanda would not be outdone by the number of poles Mr. Gelderman flung over his shoulder; she had to match. Forget the horse show, I was ready for the Scottish Hyland caber toss to begin. Amanda is one tough cookie!



- Written by Jackie Flannery, President

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