

STRAIGHT FROM THE HORSE'S MOUTH VOL 2021, ALMOST SPRING ISSUE

We hope this newsletter finds you well and we look forward to seeing you and your equine friends at the club this year! BISC was able to hold 2 shows at the club last October using a COVID protocol schedule that was well received by participants. Our show dates are set for 2021 and at this time we anticipate following the same type of format for at least the first few shows. Read on for important dates and information about the club.

Virtual Membership Meeting - February 28th

Our general membership meeting will be held virtually this year. Details and time to follow shortly, but please save the date on your calendar. The BISC board will review the 2021 budget with the membership and plans for the year. We need your participation and feedback!

Spring Clean Up - Save the Date

This year's Spring Clean Up will be held on **Saturday March 20**th. Keep an eye on your inbox and the website for more information. COVID protocols will be in place, and we'll spread out over the club's 8 acres and work together to get it ship shape for this year's show season.

2021 BISC Show Dates

We are pleased to announce that we have schooling show dates set for the 2021 season which will include 5 Hunter/Jumper shows and 4 Dressage Shows. We also plan to hold a fun member's event in July and August, and are working to schedule several clinics and workshops throughout the season. Keep an eye on the website and your inbox for details on format and sign ups. We are anticipating a similar COVID scheduling format that was used for the shows held in October. See the Events listed on our Website for dates, also included at the end of this newsletter.

2021 Membership – due March 1st

Your 2021 Bainbridge Island Saddle Club membership is due on March 1st. You can renew directly from the <u>membership section</u> of the website. Your paid membership gives you access to early registration for reserved events, unlimited use of the club and discounted show and clinic fees. **Trainers** – see the Trainer Member Benefits section of the website for insurance requirements. Please confirm all your riders are current on membership and insurance forms are on file before holding lessons at the club.

Fundraising – Capital Improvements

Last year we joined <u>One Call For All</u> as a non-profit partner. They are known for their Red Envelope campaign that takes place each year in the fall. Donations are accepted all year long. Several capital improvements for the club including improvements to the arena footing were put on hold last year due to the loss of income from our cancelled shows. Please consider making a tax-deductible donation through <u>the website</u>. One Call For All provides options for one time, monthly and quarterly donations.

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April 17th – Dressage Show

April 24th - Spring Inaugural Hunter/Jumper Show

May 15th - Hunter/Jumper Show

June 5th – Hunter/Jumper Show

July 10th – Dressage Show

July 11th - Lower Puget Sound Dressage Club Show at BISC

July TBD - Fun member's event!

August 14th - Hunter/Jumper Show

August 28th – Dressage Show

August TBD - Wine Ride

September 18th – Hunter/Jumper Show