



# MAY 2023 NEWS

## Club Update:

Normally April showers brings May Flowers but not this year... where the lack of showers brought fires in our area. Hope everyone is safe after the events of this past Friday and wow – what an amazing horse community we are part of helping to evacuate horses from the impacted areas in record time!

At SAHA we had a great start to our 2023 year with a FABULOUS Trail Class Demo with Debbie Storey - if you missed it – you missed any amazing event – see all the details later in the newsletter! And then next on our agenda for April was the 1<sup>st</sup> of 4 Trail Riding 101 sessions – again – another wonderful event for those new to Trail Riding. And now as we head in to May we have a great line up of events including our SPRING CLASS HORSE Show, our first TRAIL RIDE of the session and a CRAFT AND DESSERT Night!

### May Club Activities

#### **SPRING CLASSIC HORSE SHOW**

*May 13, 2023*  
Fultonvale Arena

#### **MAY FLOWERS TRAIL RIDE**

*May 22, 2023 – 10 am*  
Central Staging Area

#### **CRAFT AND DESSERT NIGHT**

*May 26, 2023 – 6 pm*

### Reminders

Sign up now for your [2023 Membership](#) – And remember an AEF membership is required if you are riding!

To ensure we know who is coming to our events please remember to [RSVP](#) by emailing [sahaalberta@gmail.com](mailto:sahaalberta@gmail.com).



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## 2023 Calendar of Events

| Date                  | Event  | Location                            |
|-----------------------|--|-------------------------------------|
| May 13                | Spring Classic Horse Show<br>Judge – Sandra Sanche                     | Fultonvale                          |
| May 22 –<br>10 am     | “May Flowers” Trail Ride   | Central Staging Area -<br>Blackfoot |
| May 26 –<br>6 pm      | Craft and Dessert Night  | TBD                                 |
| June 8 –<br>6:30 pm   | Social Event - Dog (and Human)<br>Leisurely “Jog” and Weiner Roast     | Blackfoot Grazing Reserve           |
| June TBD              | “Summer Solstice” Trail Ride   | Blackfoot Grazing Reserve           |
| June 24 -<br>1 pm     | MEMBERS ONLY Fun Afternoon   | Fultonvale                          |
| July TBD              | Trail Ride 101 – Session 3   | Blackfoot Grazing Reserve           |
| July or<br>Aug TBD    | “Horse Power” Social Event   | Yesterday’s Auto Museum             |
| August<br>27          | Youth Only Horse Show –<br>Judge – Gary Millar                         | Fultonvale                          |
| Sept TBD              | “Fall Colors” Trail Ride   | Ministik                            |
| Sept TBD              | Trail Ride 101 – Session 4   | TBD                                 |
| Sept 16 <sup>th</sup> | Social Event - An Afternoon at the<br>Races – Alberta Breeders Classic | Century Mile Racetrack              |

For more information on these great events email

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| Date            | Event  | Location                       |
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| Sept or Oct TBD | Volunteer Party  | Strathcona Wilderness Centre   |
| Oct 5 - 7 pm    | Meeting and Guest Speaker Dr. Evelyn Merrill on Elk in the YaHaTinda | Sherwood Park Community Centre |
| Oct TBD         | Barn Visit and Demonstration   | TBD                            |
| Nov 2 - 6:30 pm | SAHA AGM   | Virtual                        |
| Dec TBD         | Social Event - Adult Christmas Party                                 | TBD                            |
| Dec or Jan TBD  | Social Event - All Members Sleigh Ride and Smores                    | TBD                            |

Have any ideas for a fun and unique Social Event for the club?  
Email us – we'd love to hear your ideas!

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## Spring Classic Horse Show – May 13 Fultonvale

Drop by Fultonvale on **May 13<sup>th</sup>** and cheer on the exhibitors in the **36<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Classic Horse Show**. The show starts at 9 AM SHARP and goes to late afternoon.

### Halter Classes

1. Fillies & Mares
2. Colts, Geldings & Stallions (stallions not to be shown by anyone under 19 years of age)

### Showmanship Classes

3. 18 years and under
4. 19+ years

### English Classes-all classes walk, trot and canter

5. English Equitation – 18 yrs & under
6. English Equitation – 19+ yrs
7. English / Hunter Pleasure – 18 yrs & under
8. English / Hunter Pleasure – 19+ yrs
9. English Pleasure Stake - \$25 pre-entry (must have entered class 5, 6, 7 or 8)

**\*approx. 30 min break for Lunch around 12:30 – arena open for warm ups\***

### Novelty and Special classes

10. Walk/Trot -18 yrs & under-English/Western Pleasure (no cross entry; assisted permitted)
11. Walk/Trot - 19+ yrs-English/Western Pleasure (no cross entry; assisted permitted)
12. Mothers Day Special- English or Western Pleasure (MOM's ONLY; **no entry fee**)
13. Lead line - 6 yrs & under-English or Western (Helmets & 1 walker, 3 & under-2 walkers; **no entry fee**)
14. Lead line – all ages (Cross entry permitted with class 13; **no entry fee**)
15. Maiden Rider - English or Western Equitation (regular class fee; rider not placed 1<sup>st</sup> in any show in this division)
16. Walk/Trot -18 yrs & under-English/Western Equitation (no cross entry; assisted permitted)
17. Walk, Trot -19+ yrs - English/Western Equitation (no cross entry; assisted permitted)

### Western Classes

18. Western Equitation – 18 yrs and under
19. Western Equitation -19+ years
20. Western Pleasure - 18 years and under
21. Western Pleasure - 19+ yrs
22. Western Pleasure Stake - \$25 pre-entry (must have entered class 18, 19, 20, or 21)

**Sponsorships Still  
Available - \$30  
per class**

**Lunchtime “Pizza” Concession with Proceeds to the  
Ardrossan Bison Football Team.**



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## May Flowers Trail Ride – May 22 – Central Staging Area

Join us for our **1<sup>st</sup> Trail Ride** of the year –  
our “May Flowers Ride”  
at the **Central Staging Area** at the  
Blackfoot Grazing Reserve.



Here are the details:

- Ride leaves the parking lot at **10:00 am**
- Lunch at the Running Dog Shelter
- Return to the parking lot around **3:00 pm**

Please RSVP to Ken Zelt at **kawlzelt@gmail.com**.



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**Craft and Dessert Night – May 26**

**A GREAT Horse Craft... GREAT Desserts  
... and GREAT Company!!**

Join us on **May 26<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm** for  
*Halter Noseband Braiding* with  
JS Performance Horses

Beginner Braids - \$45



Bootlace

or



Zig Zag

Intermediate Braids - \$50

Option of



Sanctified Chain

or



Blaze Bar

**Minimum of 10 participants required**

**RSVP by May 19<sup>th</sup> to [sahaalberta@gmail.com](mailto:sahaalberta@gmail.com) to  
secure your spot**

Location to be finalized once minimum numbers met.



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## Wrap Up - Trail Class Demo with Debbie Storey

On April 13, Courier Equine Park hosted a **Trail Class** demo with Debbie Storey of Top Line Training in Red Deer.

Debbie is a multi-national winner in Trail and coaches' amateurs to Regional and National wins. Her demo horse for the evening was a national champion trail gelding owned by Lorraine Prowse. Debbie rode through the obstacles, explaining how each obstacle should be done, and how it is scored.

Attendees were able to walk the course, while Debbie explained what to look for in a walk-thru and then Lorraine rode her gelding through the course while Debbie explained how she would judge each obstacle.

It was a **very informational evening**, with **lots of laughs**.

Thanks to Debbie for educating (and entertaining) us, to Lorraine for bringing her lovely gelding, and to Hedi and Bob Klassen of Courier Equine Park for hosting the demo and sponsoring SAHA members to attend.





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## Wrap Up - Trail Riding 101 – Session 1

On April 22, 6 enrollees in the 2023 addition of Trail Riding 101 met at the Neave/Zelt farm. Weather conditions were on the cool/windy side and it was fortunate that a wall tent with a wood burning stove was available for the duration of the session.

Under the direction of Karen and Ken Zelt, each participant was asked to give a brief accounting of why they were engaged in the session and what was their current status as to their desire to trail ride. Some of the members described past trail rides where they encountered difficult situations and were thrown off their mounts which caused some injuries. A central theme of these situations involved unacceptable behaviours by other riders which in turn created the problems. Number of riders in the group seemed to have a bearing on the resultant problem. The larger the group the greater the probability of a problem. It became quite apparent that before some of the attendees could regain their confidence they needed to join in rides with 3 to 4 participants and the duration of the rides should be less than 3 hours.

After the members finished discussing their past experiences, Ken made a presentation on the equipment that was needed for a trail ride. This included tack (saddle, halters, saddle and horn bags, safety supplies (cell phone, medications etc.), maps. Some time was also dedicated to some knots that should be learnt. With the current requirement at many staging/camping sites to use highlines, the specific knots for the highline system was presented.

The participants felt the session provided a needed review of trail riding and are looking forward to session #2 which will involve dealing with a variety of obstacles which might be encountered during a trail ride.





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**\*\* 2023 Memberships are now being accepted \*\***

## *Membership fees...*

- > Single Membership - Voting member over 18 years of age >> \$20
- > Family Membership - 2 Voting members (adults 18+ years) and children (under 18 years) >> \$30
- > Youth Membership - Non-Voting member under 18 years of age >> \$10

Membership fees can be paid by e-transfer or by cheque.

**Benefits of membership include DISCOUNTS on class entry fees at our shows and fun filled MEMBERS ONLY Events with food and draw prizes!**

**Go to our website – [sahaalberta.com](http://sahaalberta.com) – click on Memberships and follow the links!**



## 2023 SAHA BOARD

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