



# ROLLING HILLS SADDLE CLUB

Newsletter

January 2015

## January 7 Meeting Highlights

### Show Office News

The revised club database is almost ready for the 2015 show season! All fees will now be tracked in the club database.

Class drop/adds: All class drops/adds must be recorded in the show office. Riders who want to drop or add a class need to get a form from the ring chair, get his or her signature, then bring it to the office or give it to the office runner. [The office runner will bring updated show sheets to the rings during the day and will also pick up these forms.]

The show office will still accept calls from ring chairs for drops/adds, but if the ring chair does not call the show office OR the form is not brought into the office, the rider will be charged for the class. Per the bylaws, all drop/adds must be done two classes before the drop/add class or you will be charged for the class.

Dedicated office staff: This year there will be two dedicated workers in the show office in addition to any volunteers. [Sign-up in the show office or by email to Leah to volunteer in the office for work credit.]

Class sheets: Each rider's class sheet will now show his or her number of meetings and work credits. This information will also be posted on the door to the show office.

Proof of age: Members are encouraged to show proof of age at registration or early in the show year. You can take a photo on your phone and just show it to Leah in the show office. Please do not submit proof-of-age documents.

Credit card payments: We plan to offer credit card option for show payments this year! We're still working out the details, so stay tuned...

Preregistration: Deadline for preregistration will now be the Wednesday before a show at 6:00 pm instead of Tuesday.

Online database: Leah is writing the online database; she hopes to have it ready at the end of this show year.

**All shows are held at Wills Park Equestrian Center, Alpharetta, GA**

**NOTICE**: The Georgia Department of Agriculture requires that a current negative Coggins test must be shown at show registration OR a copy must be on file with show office for all horses on the grounds.

Visit

[www.rollinghillssc.org](http://www.rollinghillssc.org) for

- show dates,
- classes and fees,
- point standings,
- membership forms,
- answers to frequently asked questions,
- contact information,
- preregistration information.

### 2014 Banquet

**Saturday, January 17,  
2015, Roswell Country  
Club**

### 2015 Show Dates

<b>Feb. 7</b>	<b>Feb. 21</b>
<b>Mar. 21</b>	<b>May 23</b>
<b>Jun. 6</b>	<b>Jul. 11</b>
<b>Aug. 8</b>	<b>Oct. 3</b>
	<b>Nov. 14</b>

**Year-End Award  
Requirements  
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## Financial Report

The club's available balance is \$46,183.52 (all Wills Park bills for 2014 have been paid).

Total program income for 2014:	\$160,503.13
Total expenses in 2014:	\$141,636.18
Net income for 2014:	\$18,636.18

We currently have banquet income of \$978.40 and banquet expenses of \$2,758.13.

## Running Ring

In 2015 Jay is adding an additional youth buckle series (just pole pending) in addition to the youth barrel series we started in 2014.

There are three sponsors for the buckle series in 2015: Sacketts, Cherokee Feed and Seed, and Romancing Western Wear.

## Lead Line

Lead line points stay with the rider (vs. horse/rider combination as is the rule for all other classes).

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**New in 2015:  
Friday Night  
Lights for the  
Runners!**

All payback  
classes

Coming in summer  
2015

**Details TBD**

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## Your 2015 RHSC Board

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1st-Year Board: Sami Stackhouse  
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## Vendors

**Eagle Sportz** will be at several shows in 2015. We anticipate they will be at the March and May shows, as well as one or two in the summer and one in the fall. When their daily sales reach \$1,000, the club receives 10% (at \$1,500 we receive 15%; at \$2,000, we receive 20%).

Jennifer Maki (**JLM Equine Photography**) will be the club photographer again this year. She will miss a few shows but will be at most of them.

## Fee Increases in 2015

Unfortunately Wills Park increased fees this year, so the club fees need to increase as well. We need to come up with another \$450-\$500 per show to cover the park's increases in ring fees (\$150 per ring), stall fees, fees for unstalled horses on the grounds, and RV fees.

The table below shows the three fees that RHSC will increase this year to cover the increase in park fees.

Fee Type	Amount	Fee Change
Rolling Hills Saddle Club Annual Membership fee	\$30/individual; \$40 family	No change
Office fee - per horse rider combination for Members and \$15 for Non-Members	\$10/member; \$15/nonmember	No change
Non Preregistration fee (save \$10 per horse & rider combination by preregistering by Wednesday @ 6 p.m. before the show)	\$10	No change
EMT fee	\$5	No change
Stall fee	\$25	No change
Unstalled horse on grounds	\$20	No change
Shavings per bag (2 bags per stall required by Wills Park Equestrian)	\$7	<b>\$1 increase to \$8</b>
Regular classes	\$8	<b>\$1 increase to \$9</b>
Exhibition classes (classes 100, 104, 108, 112, 117 and 120)	\$5	No change
Special classes (classes 227, 309, and 331)	\$14	<b>\$1 increase to \$15</b>
RV fee	\$30	No change
Vendor fee	\$50	No change
Returned check fee (plus bank charges)	\$35	No change

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## Board Compensation

The Board made a few changes to compensation in 2015 [changes and details below].



Visit the website to see compensation for all elected and volunteer positions.

Office/Explanation for Change	Compensation
<p>Vice President <i>Increased compensation was not included when it was increased for other positions several years ago</i></p>	<p>Volunteer credits and <b>60 classes</b> per year [changed from 48 classes].</p>
<p>Show Office Assistants (two) <i>Ensures the dedicated, trained assistants have additional compensation for smooth office operations at double-judged shows</i></p>	<p>Paid a total of \$150 per show (<b>\$225/ double judged show</b>) [added additional \$75 for double-judged show]</p>
<p>Running Ring Chairperson <i>Allows chair to give class credits to the additional help needed throughout the Running Ring classes and aligns ring chair compensation with ring duties</i></p>	<p>Volunteer credits, <b>60 class credits</b>, and a budget of <b>\$250/show</b>. [changed from 20 class credits and \$150 budget]</p>
<p>Dragger (Running Ring ) <i>Allows club to save a lot of money [ring must be dragged often between classes; Wills Park would charge us \$25/drag] and helps ensure a member will do it]</i></p>	<p><b>\$54/show</b> [new in 2014]</p>
<p>Banquet Chair <i>Gives chair class credits to compensate for time spent organizing the banquet; allows chair to give class credits to committee members for their work</i></p>	<p>Volunteer credits; <b>other compensation at the discretion of the board</b>. [additional compensation new in 2014; currently 60 class credits]</p>

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## Reminder: Bylaw Changes

The below table shows bylaw changes approved by voting members at the November meeting.

### Year-End Award

#### Requirements

- Attend 6 shows (per rider)
- Attend 3 meetings (per membership)
- Volunteer 2 hours (per rider)
- Show proof of age (only for youth members in age divisions)

**You must be a member before your show points will count!**

Bylaw	What Changed?
Article 3, Section 5	Requirements for end-of-year awards changed per rider (not per family); for example, 2 hours of volunteer credit per individual showing.
Article 3, Section 5	Youth riders must show proof of age in show office by the November show.
Article 3, Section 6	Hunter and Beginner ring exhibitors must wear approved headgear regardless of age.
Article 4, Section 1	Annual (yearly) meeting will be held on the first Wednesday after the November show rather than the first Wednesday in November.
Article 4, Section 2	Board can now change a scheduled meeting by no more than one week with 10 days notice.
Article 5, Section 2	Term limit removed for Correspondence Secretary.
Multiple sections*	A board member can be removed from office when there is sufficient evidence of fraud against RHSC or inappropriate or illegal conduct at RHSC-sponsored events by the board member in question and 70% of the board is in agreement with removal.
Article 10, Section 2	Addition to Show Secretary duties: The Show Secretary must have representation at all regularly scheduled meetings or arrange for another board member to read the Show Secretary report in his/her absence.
Article 10, Section 3	Show Secretary role re club monies clarified.
Article 11, Section 1	Treasurer role re club monies clarified.
*Article 6, Section 8; Article 7, Section 7; Article 8, Section 5; Article 9, Section 7; Article 10, Section 5; Article 11, Section 7; Article 12, Section 6; Article 13, Section 5; and Article 14, Section 4	

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