



# ROLLING HILLS SADDLE CLUB

Newsletter

May 2015

## May 6 Meeting Highlights

### Financial Report

The club's available balance is \$41,631.21 (does not include Wills Park rentals for Feb. and March).

### Show Office News

**Show income, Feb. 7:** \$17,829 total

- \$8,634 for classes
- \$9,195 for admin fees, EMT, stalls, etc.

**Show income, Mar. 21:** \$17,684 total

- \$8,825 for classes
  - Beginner Ring: \$2,091
  - Hunter Ring: \$2,365
  - Open Ring: \$2,367
  - Running Ring: \$2,002
- \$8,859 for admin fees, EMT, stalls, etc.

Interested in the detailed show income breakdown? Stop by the show office and ask to see the reports.

**Credit card payments:** We now offer a credit card option for show payments!

Note that there's a 2.7% charge to cover credit card fees. We did not charge this at the March show but we are charging it going forward.

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**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.

### 2015 Remaining Show Dates

**May 23**

***\*double-judged***

**June 6**

**July 11**

**August 8**

**October 3**

***\*double-judged for Feb. show cancellation***

**November 14**

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## Georgia Western Dressage Association

Guests Kim Stayton and Nicole Parks talked about the new discipline of western dressage. Western dressage is for all breeds. It's based on classical dressage movement, bending, and flexing. It is not western pleasure horses doing dressage.

The Georgia Western Dressage Association started 2 years ago and started schooling shows at the end of last year. This year they're looking for places to offer a few walk-jog first-level classes for schooling. The association brings an arena, judges, and scribes. They are interesting in potentially partnering with us for a few classes in the fall and maybe in spring 2016.

Riders get immediate feedback (the judge's sheet with comments). They do not have to memorize the pattern; they can have a caller. Ride times are 4-6 minutes.

Note: For the first time this November, Georgia horses will be competing in the World Dressage Show in Oklahoma.

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**Preregister by  
6:00 p.m. on the  
Wednesday before  
a show to avoid the  
extra charge!**

**www.rollinghillssc.org/  
preregistration.htm  
for details**

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## Your 2015 RHSC Board

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1st-Year Board: Sami Stackhouse

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## Double-Judged Shows [May and October]

The May 23 show is double judged. The October 3 show will now also be double judged to make up for the cancellation in February.

A double-judged show means there are two judges, two class fees, and two awards for each class, and a day end award for each judge (in divisions that have day-end awards). This applies to the Beginner Ring, the hunters in the Hunter Ring, and the Open Ring.

Jumpers in the Hunter Ring will receive double points at the May and October shows but will not be charged double fees or receive double awards. This is so they will be competitive for the top 20 for the Hunter Ring for year-end awards.

## Barn Manager for May and June Shows

We have some changes for barn manager while Jill recovers from surgery:

- May show: Last year's barn manager, Pat West, will be the Friday barn manager. Blaine will be the barn manager on Saturday.
- June show: Blaine will cover both days for the June show and will email stall assignments.

## June Show: Friday Arrival at Wills Park Later

The Boy Scouts will have their annual camping event at Wills Park before our June show. You cannot arrive at the park before 2:00 p.m. on Friday, June 5.

## Summer Blue Jeans and Chaps Shows

The June, July, and August are blue jeans and chaps format. This means that polo shirts and jeans are acceptable at the three summer shows. Polo shirts and riding pants are also acceptable.

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## Friday Night Lights Series Postponed to 2016

The board needs to appoint a chair and assemble a committee to move this forward.

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## October Now Also Double Judged

The October show will be double judged to make up for the the February 21 show cancellation!

## Other Reminders and Notes

**July fun show:** We are assessing club interest in having a fun show on Friday, July 10, before the July show. If there's interest, we'll need volunteers to run the event.

**October Halloween fun show:** It's not too early to be thinking about this! Let us know if you want to help. The Halloween fun show will be on Friday, October 2, before the October show. All money goes to charity.

### Parking in the lot by Barn A at Wills Park:

- Single cars: Do not single-park cars in the parking lot row along barn A. Double-parking with other cars from your barn is OK.
- Unhitched trailers: Do not unhitch and drop trailers in the lot by barn A; if you're dropping your trailer, take it to the back lot.
- Truck and trailer: You are welcome to park in the lot.

**Banquet award choices:** Any additional suggestions for this year's banquet choices? At the May meeting, members mentioned coolers, bridle bags, and silver plates. Think about additional ideas; we'll continue to ask throughout the year.

**Golden Corral:** Reminder that there's a \$30 room charge for the club to use the meeting room at the Golden Corral. Please tip at least \$1 per person if you are eating.

**Eagle Sportz:** The vendor will be at the May, August, October, and November shows. When their daily sales reach \$1,000, the club receives 10% (additional percentage at \$1,500 and \$2,000 in sales). The club made \$147 at the March show.

Jennifer Maki (**JLM Equine Photography**) is the club photographer again this year. She charges \$65 for a CD with photos. Check her link on the RHSC Facebook page.



## Summer Camps

Do you show at RHSC and offer summer horse camps?

Non-horse parents have asked us where to send their children for horse summer camps, and we'd like to list your camps on the RHSC Facebook page.

Please include disciplines, location, and contact info.

Send your info to [president@rollinghillssc.org](mailto:president@rollinghillssc.org).

## Wills Park Equestrian Center

The Alpharetta City Council will be voting in a few weeks to allocate \$80,000 to a study of repurposing Wills Park Equestrian Center.

We urge all club members to contact the Alpharetta City Council by email or phone (<http://www.alpharetta.ga.us/index.php?p=29>).

And please attend the council meetings—especially you are a resident of the city of Alpharetta.

Keep up with this important issue! Visit the Alpharetta Equestrian Alliance Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/AlpharettaAlliance>.

## Year-End Award Requirements

To qualify for year-end awards, you must

- Be a current member in good standing.
- Participate in a majority of shows for their division (per rider) during the current year.<sup>1</sup>
- Attend 3 meetings (per membership) during the current year.
- Work 2 volunteer hours (per rider) during the current year.
- Show proof of age (only for youth members in age divisions)

You must be a member before your show points will count! No exceptions.

<sup>1</sup>The board has decided to not enforce the *shows for their division* portion of the rule at this time. We will reassess this rule and the wording later this year for the 2016 season after we study the statistics from the new show computer program that was put in place this season.

## Looking for Places to Get Volunteer Hours?

- **Brian needs help at the Open Ring in the afternoons at the entrance gate.**
- **Leah needs help in the show office filing and running items from the rings to the office.**
- **You can check any ring chair to see if they need help.**

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