



# ROLLING HILLS SADDLE CLUB

Newsletter

September 2015

## September 2 Meeting Highlights

### Financial Report

Financial Report: The club has \$63K in the bank (does not include Wills Park rentals for July and August).

### Show Office News

Income from the last three shows: June: \$14,663 (cash \$1,274); July: \$11,682 (cash \$1,283); and August: \$15,364 (cash \$1,474).

Breakouts of show income are available in the show office for review.

### RHSC Positions for 2016

All RHSC positions are open (meaning they must be elected every year). Many of our board members are running for reelection, but all members have the opportunity to run for a position.

Interested? Let us know before or at the October meeting. You can read about position duties and compensation at <http://www.rollinghillssc.org/rules.htm>.

### Halloween Fun Show

The fun show will be 7:00–9:00 p.m. on October 2. We will have 10 classes and will award champion and reserve champion in each. [Visit the RHSC website for details.]

We are looking for a judge. All money goes to charity (not necessarily a horse-related charity).

Looking for volunteer hours? Get 'em at the fun show!

### Charity Speakers: October 7 RHSC Meeting

All charities that would like to be considered for a donation must come and speak. Email the President to get on the list.

**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.

**October 2**  
*Halloween fun show*

**October 3**  
*Double-judged show to make up for cancellation of the February show*

**October 7**  
*Membership meeting*

**November 14**  
*Last show of the 2015 season*

**November 18**  
*Membership meeting*

**January 16, 2016**  
*2015 banquet (Roswell Country Club)*

**Year-End Award Requirements:**

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## 2015 Banquet Budget

The banquet budget will be set at the November 18 RHSC meeting. The board has talked about possibly giving the riders free or reduced-price admission or maybe nicer prizes like five-streamer rosettes.

## 2016 RHSC Budget

The board talked about possibly buying a few things for next year:

- **Wifi?:** The park has talked about installing wifi. If that isn't going to happen, the board talked about purchasing something for our use on show days. The board also talked about buying another computer to help in the show office.
- **Panels for Running Ring:** The board talked about buying our own panels vs. paying \$100 to rent them for each show. (But if we buy them we'll also have to haul or store them.) The last set of Running Ring panels was stolen.

Next year we will return to neck sashes for end-of-day prizes (trophies are not going as fast as they used to).

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## October 7 Membership Meeting

Bring your

- Suggestions for bylaw changes
- Board nominations
- Suggestions for ring changes

Hear from charities that want to be considered for RHSC end-of-year donations

## Your 2015 RHSC Board

President: Pam Almond  
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Vice President: Susan Stackhouse  
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Webmaster: Todd Patience  
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Barn Manager: Jill Schnitzer  
(barn\_manager@rollinghillssc.org)  
[Jill is barn manager on Fridays; Blaine Maddox acts on Saturdays]

3rd-Year Board: Tracy Patience  
(board\_member3@rollinghillssc.org)

2nd-Year Board: David Davis  
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Beginner Ring: Julie Martin  
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Running Ring: Jay Verhoven  
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## Western Dressage Show Partnership

RHSC partnered with the Western Dressage Association before the August RHSC show to offer introductory Western dressage events in the covered arena.

As a result the association had seven riders sign up for lessons. They would like to partner with us again on the Friday before the March 2016 RHSC show [date not set yet].

These classes are not for RHSC points, but riders do accumulate Western Dressage Association points if they are members of the association.

## Friday Night Lights in 2016!

Jay Verhoven (Running Ring Chair) has agreed to run the series in 2016. It will start at 7:00 p.m. on the Friday nights before the June and July 2016 RHSC shows.

Classes will all be payback classes: barrel racing and pole bending. Fees will probably be between \$25 and \$50 per run, but details have not been finalized.

## Special Equestrians Partnership in 2016

Stacy Edwards of Special Equestrians would like to partner with RHSC on a show next year as a fundraiser for Special Equestrians. Details are forthcoming.

## Challenged Riders in 2016

Next year the Beginner Ring will add three or four classes for riders with disabilities (challenged-assisted and challenged-advanced riders).

- Challenged-assisted riders show with a handler in the ring and the horse on a line.
- Challenged-advanced riders also can have a handler in the ring but the horse is not on a line.

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### What Is Western Dressage?

It's the fundamentals of dressage but in a Western saddle

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### Friday Night Lights Series Coming in 2016!

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Riders can ride either English or Western; the classes will have both disciplines at the same time. We are looking at creating two divisions for end-of-year awards and possible day-end awards.

## Nonstock Horses

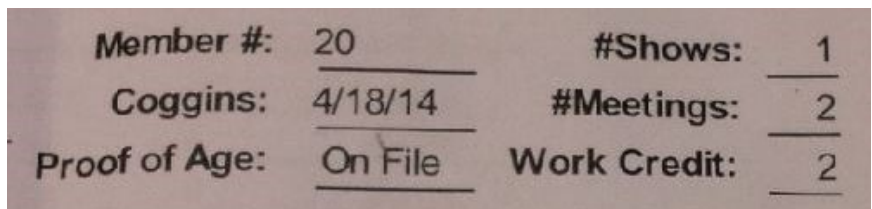
There is a lot of interest from nonstock riders (saddlebreds, Arabians, gaited, etc.) in showing at RHSC shows. Right now there is nowhere for them to show, and when they show at RHSC they are compared to quarterhorse standards. The Open Ring may add a division to the Open Ring for these horses. Stay tuned...

## Meeting Credits

Check your credits; you need 3 per membership to qualify for end-of-year awards. You also need 2 work credits per rider. No exceptions!!

Youth riders in age divisions must show proof of age to the show secretary before the November show to ensure they are qualified for end-of-year awards.

You can find this info on your preregistration sheet [as shown at right].



Member #:	20	#Shows:	1
Coggins:	4/18/14	#Meetings:	2
Proof of Age:	On File	Work Credit:	2

## Spelling

Check the points list for spelling of your name and your horse's name!!

## Please Pay for Your Stalls Up Front!

When the show records don't balance it is taking a lot of time to determine who didn't pay for stalls.

### Meeting Reminder!

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.

The next meeting is on October 7.

## Looking for Places to Get Your Volunteer Hours?

- Ask to help at the Halloween Fun Show.
- Check with any ring chair at the October or November show to see if he or she needs help.

You must have your volunteer hours by the end of the November show; there are no other opportunities for 2015.

## 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.