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RTES *Riding High*

Richmond Therapeutic Equestrian Society * Making a Difference in the lives of Children with Disabilities

LEAD WITH YOUR HEART FUNDRAISER - A SUCCESS!

The evening at Country Meadows April 29th was attended by 83 people, and included representatives from: the City of Richmond, Richmond Fire Fighters, RBC Foundation, Steveston Harbour Lions Club, the Vancouver Police, Richmond Taxi, Quadra Ingredients - our event Sponsor and WestJet - our raffle sponsor. There were also a few founding members and long time supporters and volunteers in the crowd along with some new faces and families of a few of our riders.

This year the committee decided that a change was necessary to help the Lead With Your Heart event grow and evolve. The committee is thrilled with the results, as the event was a great success with a significant increase in funds raised over 2012. The social atmosphere was highlighted by the live auction run by Councillor Bill McNulty and the evenings MC, Gord Colliar as well as the very inspirational speech given by BC's own Paralympic Athlete, Ashley Gowanlock. The committee is excited about planning another exciting and successful event next year.



RTES would like to thank everyone that helped make this years event a success, including the extra effort by RTES staff and volunteers that helped sell 50% more raffle tickets than were sold in 2012.

We are excited for what the future holds for RTES. See you all at the 2014 event!

RTES Riders Participate in Para Equestrian Canada Coast to Coast Competitions

The Coast to Coast program gives the opportunity to all of our riders to compete against riders from across Canada in the class that best suits their ability level. RTES video tapes the riders then mails the entries to Ontario for judging. Approximately 4 weeks later, the riders receive back from the Judge a letter with remarks on their riding, a score and placing as well as a ribbon. The top three in each class also receive Gift Cards to Greenhawk where they can spend their winnings on riding equipment, horse treats etc.

RTES has entered riders in two Coast to Coast competitions so far in 2013 and we are very proud to publish our riders results.

February 15 Competition

Katelyn I	1 st Place	Class #1: Balance Pattern
Nadia U	1 st Place	Class #7: Equitation w/Leader & 1 side walker
Richard S	2 nd Place	Class #7: Equitation w/Leader & 1 side walker
Emma B	1 st Place	Class #8: Equitation w/ Leader
Calum B	2 nd Place	Class #8: Equitation w/ Leader

March 15 Competition

Samuel W	1 st Place	Class #1: Balance Pattern
Katelyn I	2 nd Place	Class #1: Balance Pattern
Andrei S	1 st Place	Class #7: Equitation w/Leader & 1 side walker
Nadia U	2 nd Place	Class #7: Equitation w/Leader & 1 side walker
Calum B	1 st Place	Class #8: Equitation w/ Leader
Will G	2 nd Place	Class #8: Equitation w/ Leader
Xenia T	6 th Place	Class #8: Equitation w/ Leader
Lucy G	1 st Place	Class #8A: Equitation w/ Leader
Robbie A	2 nd Place	Class #8A: Equitation w/Leader
Makenzie C	3 rd Place	Class #8A: Equitation w/Leader
Richard S	4 th Place	Class #8A: Equitation w/Leader
Emma B	6 th Place	Class #9: Equitation for independent riders

If you would like information on how to enter the next Coast to Coast competition, please contact our Instructor, Stephanie Tate for details (steph.t_rtes@shaw.ca).

Summer is Coming!

Summer is fast approaching and RTES is busy making plans and schedules for the summer session and summer camp. Will you be joining us?

Summer Session will run from July 8th to July 31st with the same lesson schedule format as the year long program. If you would like to take the summer off, no worries, your spot will be saved for you in the Fall Session that starts September 16th. If you are planning on joining us for the Summer Session, we look forward to the warm rides with you.

- * Please let RTES know your intentions regarding Summer Session over the next couple of weeks so that we can schedule some riders from the waiting list if there are openings.
- * If you would like to make a change of lesson day or time for the Summer Session, please let us know and we will do our best to accommodate.
- * If you already know that you will need to make a change in your lesson day or time for the Fall Session, please also advise us as the earlier we know, the easier it will be to make the changes to the schedule.



Summer Camp

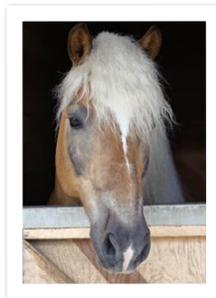


Summer Camp will be held from August 19th to 22nd (Monday to Thursday). Registration for camp will be taken starting Monday June 3rd by phone after 10:00am. Camp fee is \$275.00.

Camp format will be different this year to allow the kids more time with the horses as well as allow the horses and volunteers time to rest and eat between groups of children.

Group A will attend from 9:30am to 12:30pm. Group B will attend from 2:00pm to 5:00pm. During the three hours, a minimum 2/3 of the time will be spent with the horses. Any remaining time will be spent playing games and crafting.

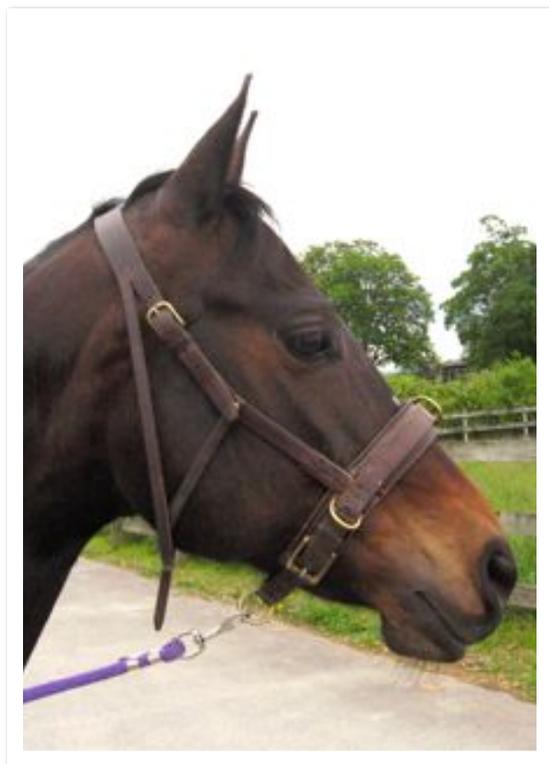
- * If your child will require 1:1 supervision, RTES asks that the family organize the support person for this purpose.
- * When you call to register, please specify am or pm.
- * If no more than 4 riders register for camp, RTES reserves the right to group the riders together and provide just one session and will schedule camp based on the majority of am or pm registration requests.



Welcome Juno!

Our herd has expanded by 1 with a new mare by the name of Juno. Juno is a 15hh 16 year old Quarter Horse Mare that has been graciously lent to us by Robyn Hayward and her daughter Cheyenne.

Before coming to RTES, Juno was Cheyenne's 4H horse. Juno has done almost everything except Therapeutic Riding - until now that is! She is settling in nicely and is quickly learning what her new role in life is.



Juno is slowly being integrated into lessons and being handled by more volunteers. Until she is an 'old pro' like Copper, Dusti, Victor, IR and Shay, we ask that when she is the grooming area, you please give her space as it takes time to adjust to the business of prepping for lessons.



Cheyenne & Juno

Our Mission

To provide a quality therapeutic riding program for children and youth with disabilities in order to promote physical, social and psychological well being.



RTES Membership (\$25 annually) and Donation Form

All donations are tax deductible. Registered Charity # 89415 0135 RR0001

I wish to support the Richmond Therapeutic Equestrian Society.

Enclosed is \$ _____ for Membership and/or \$ _____ for Donation.

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