

MRAS EQUINE NEWS

January 2024

Activities – Upcoming:

RANCH RIDING EQUITATION AND PATTERNS

Sundays: January 7 & 21

MRAS Ranch Riding program is a great way to work on your equitation skills with the goal of riding a pattern at the end of the day. Skills will include riding transitions, walk, trot, lope, speed control as well as an exercise that will enhance you and your horse's performance in the pattern. The patterns sometimes include obstacles.

Maximum 10 Riders

Cost per date:

2023/24 MRAS Riding Members \$22

Non-Members \$32

(All prices include GST)

Upcoming dates:

Sunday, Feb. 11

Saturday, Mar. 2

Sundays, Mar. 17 & 31

Any questions or to register please contact Lynn Brunton lynnbrunton@gmail.com 403-651-4301. Once you have registered payment instructions will be sent to you. Payment then confirms your spot.

JANUARY 3-DAY DRESSAGE LESSONS SERIES

Tuesdays evenings: Jan. 16, 23 & 30

OR

Thursday mornings: Jan. 18, 25 & Feb. 1

Work on the fundamentals of Dressage:

- Fine tuning of aids
- Rhythm, balance through suppleness
- Connection and softness through transitions

Lessons are open to both western and English riders. Participants will be divided into groups based on their riding ability and training needs.

Pre-registration required. Must choose Tuesday OR Thursday NO combinations. If interested in both dates, you must pay two registrations fees, no discounts.

Cost: 2023/24 MRAS Riding Members \$160.00
Non-Members \$190.00
(All prices include GST)

No outside auditing or spectating during these lessons.

To register contact mras.equine@gmail.com.

Registration for the February 3-lesson series coming soon.

TRACEY SKINNER – GROUNDWORK LESSON SERIES

Fridays: Jan 26, Feb 2 & 9

Morning lessons: 9:30 & 11:15am

This series of groundwork sessions will work together as follows:

Session 1 - Communication

Being able to communicate clearly with your horse is a key concept in groundwork.

Session 2 - Connection

Having your horse connected to you is important if you are looking to work towards liberty. Having a connected horse makes for a safer and more responsive riding horse.

Session 3 - Putting it all together.

Review of sessions 1 & 2

Using the body movements and circles learned in the first two sessions to create more connected work with your horse.

Cost: 2023/24 MRAS Riding Members \$200.00 – Priority registration until January 8th
Non-Members \$230.00
Auditing \$10.00 per day – **must pre-register, no drop-ins**
(All prices include GST)

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LINDY BARRON – PROGRESSIVE LESSON SERIES

Saturdays: Feb 3, 10 & 17

Lessons times: 10am & 11:30am

In this three lesson package riders will build on their skills each ride with the goal of riding smooth and seamless AQHA style Ranch Riding patterns with ease. Speed control, guide, body control and transitions are some of the key elements. This program is designed for the intermediate to advanced horse and rider.

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No auditing, riding participants only.

Cost:	2023/24 MRAS Riding Members	\$200.00
	Non-Members	\$230.00
	(All prices include GST)	

To register contact lynnbrunton@gmail.com.

Additional details available about all of the above Activities and Lesson Series are available on the MRAS website www.millarvilleracetrack.com on the Equine page.

COWBOY CHALLENGE PRACTICE – keep an eye on the website and your email for upcoming dates in the New Year.

Once registration details are available for any of our activities, clinics, or events, they can be found on the MRAS website under Equine tab, and then Upcoming Events

Other Activities, Clinics, Equine Events

The MRAS Riding Committee is working on a variety of clinics in the upcoming months to offer our riding membership and equine community. Please check the website regularly to see what is available at: www.millarvilleracetrack.com under Equine → Upcoming Events.

If you have ideas or suggestions for any clinics or activities that you would like us to explore, please send us the information to MRAS.equine@gmail.com. One of our goals is to incorporate activities that our members are interested in.