

# Manitoba Horse Trials April, 2008

## Newsletter

Well, it's that time of the year again. Most of you will have been riding, schooling, and conditioning all winter with the luxury of an indoor arena, where as a lot of you like myself, are barely getting started as we wait for the footing to become safe enough to ride. Either way, the season is coming to a start like usual and it's time to get the information out to everyone so we all know what's going on this year.

### April 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> Clinic

First we start off with a clinic that will be given by **Chelan Kozak**. If you're like me, you'll remember Chelan in eventing with her partner Soweto. The black leggy horse that would "Go like Hell" over cross-country, and that he did. This horse was absolutely phenomenal, jumping everything that was put in front of him. She had a lot of success with this horse and continues to succeed in the sport of eventing on the numerous horses she's competed since then. I would suggest to you serious eventers out there to take part in this clinic as I think it's one worth taking part in. For those that won't be riding, I encourage to come watch. It's amazing how much you learn just by watching. The information regarding date/time/place and fees are shown below. Please contact **Danae Martin** ASAP at 204-795-1691 as spaces are limited.

### May 4<sup>th</sup> (Sunday), May Event/Derby

The first event this year is in the form of an Event/Derby. It'll all be held in the lower Cross Country field (where the start box is). What this derby is, is a shortened cross country course that also has stadium fences mixed in. The course is longer than a standard stadium course, and you are judged on time as well as jumping faults. Should you take a rail on a stadium fence, you will get the classic 4 faults, however should you have a refusal at a cross country fence, you get 20 penalties for the first, 40 for the second, and elimination for the third. It's a fun day and isn't quite as serious as what a full fledge Event/Horse Trial would be. This is a good opportunity to brush the dust off your horses and get them out for some fun schooling. All the information is posted below. Please contact **Val Crowe** at 204-535-2358, Fax 204-535-2289, or email her at [pvcrowe@mts.net](mailto:pvcrowe@mts.net).

I must apologize, but I do believe there's a Dressage show on the same weekend as this Derby and unfortunately didn't get the information in time to post it with this newsletter. I will try to get the information and mail it to everyone separately. I do encourage those who know about it, or don't know, to find out the information and participate as it would make for good schooling and preparation for the show season. I know most of us eventers would rather NOT do dressage, but

it is a necessity to the sport we compete in, as well as a necessity to having a well balanced horse over fences. Take part when you can. 😊

### August 30<sup>th</sup>-Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> Clinic

This is our second clinic for the season, this one being held by another well-known eventer and Canadian Olympic Team Coach **Peter Grey**. Peter is an Equine Canada Eventing Level 4 Coach and has years of experience as a high level eventer competing in several Olympic Games, as well as coaching a wide range of riders from the beginner levels to the Advanced and Olympic levels. This is a clinic that you don't want to miss. Please contact **Danae Martin at 204-795-1691** as spaces are limited. I emphasize again to those who are unable to ride in this clinic, please mark your calendar and come out and participate in the clinic by watching. There's so much we can all learn by doing just that.

### Board of Directors Meeting (Held on March 22<sup>nd</sup>)

The Manitoba Horse Trials Board of Directors Meeting was held on March 22<sup>nd</sup> at Eastridge Farm. All the details are attached below. I'd really like to take this moment to encourage everyone to become a member of Manitoba Horse Trials. We have 27 members right now but I know we can increase that number. So for all you coaches out there, let's try and encourage as many of our students to get involved in the sport of eventing. We now have a Pre-entry course built at Birds Hill Park making the sport more inviting to our younger riders, as well as to all those parents that for the past couple of years have been hmmm-ing and hawing over the thought of maybe giving this sport a try. There you go, no excuses now as we have a little bitty course that even YOU can jump. 😊

Well that pretty much wraps up for this newsletter. I will forward more information as I receive it. In the meantime, I look forward to seeing everyone out there this year, and look forward to all the new competitors/members that plan to give this amazing sport of Eventing a try. 😊

Lesa Cafferty



Manitoba Horse Trails  
Presents a clinic with  
**Chelan Kozak**

Canada Team rider, completed Badminton 4 star, Rolex 4 star, Fairhill & Foxhall 3star

**April 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> 2008**

At Bird's Hill Park cross country course

Who:

ALL levels and abilities are welcome , from green horses and green riders, this will be our first time out for everyone on the BHP cross country course. Great warm up for the season

Schedule:

Sat: Dressage and Gymnastic

Sunday: Either: Show Jumping or Cross Country

Group lessons of 1 hour for ring work and larger groups of 1 ½ hr for cross country work.

Questions: contact Danae : 204 795 1691

Cost : \$140, cheques made payable to MHT ( Manitoba horse trails).

Small group format means you get attention and help with all 3 phases.

Stabling for the clinic separate.

-----REGISTRATION FORM

Please complete and return with cheque to :Chelan Clinic : Box 186 Oakbank MB R0E1J0

Rider Name & Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

MHC# \_\_\_\_\_ MHT# \_\_\_\_\_

Horse : Experience and Level: \_\_\_\_\_

Highest level rider completed: \_\_\_\_\_

I am comfortable schooling at: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to accomplish this year: \_\_\_\_\_

I require stabling: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like show jumping or cross country (please circle)



**MANITOBA HORSE TRIALS  
MAY EVENT/ DERBY TRIALS  
SUNDAY MAY 4<sup>th</sup>  
Birds Hill Cross Country Course**

**General Information**

**Location:** Lower Cross Country Field (with the start box and the small parking lot)

**Start Time:** 10:00 am

**Levels:** Pre-entry  
Entry  
Pretraining  
Training  
Prelim

**Rules:**

1. Please pre-enter with Val Crowe at 204-535-2368, fax 204-535-2289 or e-mail [pvcrowe@mts.net](mailto:pvcrowe@mts.net).
2. Final entries accepted at the canteen up until 9:45. Competitors may purchase tickets for as many rounds as they wish.
3. Derby is a shortened Cross Country course with stadium fences interspersed on the track. The track is longer than the average stadium round.
4. Judging is based on closest to optimum time without going over plus jumping faults.
5. Jumping Faults – stadium fences: 4 for a rail and 4 for each refusal, 3<sup>rd</sup> refusal is elimination. Cross Country fences – 20 for 1<sup>st</sup> refusal, 40 for 2<sup>nd</sup> refusal at the same fence, 3<sup>rd</sup> refusal at the same fence is elimination.
6. This is considered a ‘Discovery Day’
7. You must have a membership in MHC. Membership in MHT is not required.
8. Teams – set up your team of 3, any levels or combination of levels.
9. Hunter Pairs – team of two to complete the course, points for attire. Rules will be posted on site.

**Canteen:** Ingrid Martin will be operating a canteen on site.

**Fees:** Administration Fee \$20 per horse/rider  
Each Round \$10.00 (only the first round at each level to be judged.)

Come out and enjoy.



**MANITOBA HORSE TRIALS  
&  
ATHLETE DEVELOPMENT PRESENTS**

**A  
CLINIC WITH  
  
PETER GREY  
OLYMPIAN, TEAM CANADA RIDER  
TEAM CANADA COACH,**

**AUGUST 30-31 SEPT. 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2008  
BIRDS HILL  
PARK**

**CONTACT DANAE MARTIN 222 8593 TO RESERVE  
YOUR SPOT NOW !!**

This is a talent ID clinic, preference will be given to:

MHT riders and horses that have attended previous clinics and events.

This Clinic is Western Canada talent identification:

Therefore highest level riders will be given preference over lower levels... all levels are welcome to apply and audit and attend.

**THIS CLINIC WILL HOST CLASSROOM  
SESSIONS OPEN TO ALL COACHES WITH  
FEEDBACK & INTERACTION OPEN TO ALL  
DISCIPLINES INTERESTED IN ATHLETE  
DEVELOPMENT**

**PETER GREY CLINIC  
AUGUST 30-31-SEPT. 1, 2008**

Rider Name: \_\_\_\_\_

MHT # \_\_\_\_\_ MHC #( or PSO)# \_\_\_\_\_

Rider's Experience: \_\_\_\_\_

Horse Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Breed: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Size: \_\_\_\_\_

Horse experience: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to compete in/at: \_\_\_\_\_

I am comfortable jumping: \_\_\_\_\_

Check of \$220.00 payable to MHT. MHT discount, mail to: Peter Grey clinic c/o: Box 186 Oakbank R0E1J0  
Phone: 204 795 1691

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Stabling required : Yes/ No What days/ nights: \_\_\_\_\_



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**Board of Directors Meeting  
March 22, 2008  
Eastridge Farm  
1:00 pm**

**Present:** Teri Gudmundson, Danae Martin, Phil Crowe, Sarah Biron, Val Crowe, Geri Sweet

**Regrets:** Jan Stephens, Dianna Fraser

**1. Call to Order:**

Chair, Teri Gudmundson, called the meeting to order at 1:45 pm.

**2. Acceptance of Minutes:**

The minutes of Dec. 9, 2007 were accepted with the correction of a couple of spelling errors.

**3. Treasurer's Report:**

Phil Crowe reported that we have \$8573 on hand. The Snowbound workshop made a profit of \$60, which is not included in that total.

**4. Membership Report**

Val Crowe reported that we have 27 members, including a few that came in at the Snowbound Day.

**5. Newsletter**

- 5.1 We are looking for a volunteer to take over the newsletter. Teri will ask Lesa Cafferty if she will do it. If not, Val volunteered to do it.
- 5.2 Content – clinic info, competition info, competition results, MHC news, classifieds, write ups and/or articles from the members. Try to put something out once a month, even if it is just a list of coming events.