

Winterfest 2009

Bronze Dressage Show Series

NEW – 2 LOCATIONS FOR 2009!

Dec 22/08 Update

Blacks Equine Centre

Saturdays	Feb 7	Mar 7	Mar 28
Closing Date	Feb 1	Mar 1	Mar 22

Bronte Creek Equestrian

(formerly Hendervale Equestrian Complex)

Saturdays	Feb 14	Mar 14	Apr 4
Closing Date	Feb 8	Mar 8	Mar 29

4 Seasons Horse Shows - RJ Robertson Enterprises Inc

17145 8th Concession, Schomberg ON LOG 1T0

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Fax until Mar 1/09 905-939-8986 (No Fax available Mar 2-3/09) Fax from Mar 4/09 905-748-0212

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The following Officials have been invited - Management reserves the right to amend this list

Dressage Judges	Feb 7	Rebecca Schoenhardt	Feb 14	Kellie Towers
	Mar 7	Vivian Hemsley	Mar 14	Catherine Farrell
	Mar 28	Don Barnes	Apr 4	Leslie Kennedy

We are looking for volunteers interested in scribing

Please contact the Show Manager if you wish to scribe and learn more about judging

NOTE – ENTRIES MAY BE LIMITED AS ONLY 1 COMPETITION RING IS AVAILABLE

Please NOTE THE CLOSING DATES and forward completed entries by

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**Go to show website via www.4seasonshorseshows.com for
Series updates, times, show results, and the Championship Leader Board**

Information and Show Policies

Show Locations

Bronte Creek Equestrian - formerly known as Hendervale Equestrian Complex

5244 # 1 Sideroad, Milton www.brontecreekequestrian.com (web site available Jan/09)

This facility has one of the largest indoor arenas in the Greater Toronto area with the competition area measuring 94' x 222. There is also a holding area for horses and spectator bleachers at the entry end. Facilities include a pine panelled, modern main ring with a spectator area at one end, plus an adjoining warm-up indoor ring connected by a short indoor chute. There is a heated snack bar room in close proximity. The number of stalls

available is limited. **For the 2009 Series new facility management promises the arena will be cleaned, footing with dust suppressant added, and additional parking space plowed out in reasonable proximity.**

Directions:

From 407 or QEW – Exit at Bronte Road/Hwy 25. North on Bronte Rd to Burnhamthorpe Rd (first road north of 407) and turn left. Cross over Tremaine Rd and Burnhamthorpe becomes #1 Sideroad.

From Hwy 401 - Exit at Hwy 25/Milton. South to stoplight at Steeles Rd. Turn right on Steeles and go to Tremaine. Turn left. Continue south to # 1 Sideroad and turn right. # 1 Sideroad is the first road on the right after # 2 Sideroad. Not great signage.

From # 1 Sideroad - Continue a short distance to the stable entrance (dark green buildings/barns/arenas) on your left. Note – railroad tracks crossed over on # 1 Sideroad are active so show caution crossing. Follow stable road around the green barns to the fork in the driveway.

If Stabled - Turn right at the fork to unload along this green barn. Watch for "Show Stalls" sign on the second door of the barn. Show Stalls Map will be posted just inside this door, and your stall(s) will be labelled with your name. Please then circle around the barns and take your trailer to the Ship-In Parking lot to allow room for others to unload/load.

If Shipping in – NEW FOR 2009 - Turn left at the fork in the driveway. The Ship-In Parking is just a bit further along the driveway to the right beside the first outdoor ring. Please do not park trailers by the barns/arena as the space will become too congested.

Show Desk - Is located between the two arenas on the main level

Blacks Equine Centre 6095 Dickenson Rd., Hannon - show entrance is on Nebo Rd.

www.blacksequinecentre.com

While it is an older facility than Bronte Creek, the Blacks facility is well maintained and has a very good layout for indoor shows. Once inside for stabling and warm-up, there is direct access to the show ring so there is no need to go back outside until the end of your day. The competition ring measures 85' x 200', and the adjoining warm-up ring is a very spacious as well. There are plenty of show stalls available, and lots of seating for spectators along the side of the ring, which is not included in the ring measurement. A snack bar will be open in the central area near the show desk.

Directions:

From QEW Niagara/Toronto - Exit at Red Hill Valley Parkway (on the Niagara side of the Skyway Bridge, Hamilton-Stoney Creek) and continue to Lincoln Alexander Parkway. Exit at Dartnall Rd. which is close to where the two Parkways meet.

From Brantford/Woodstock/London - 403 to Lincoln Alexander Parkway. Continue to Dartnall Rd exit.

From Dartnall Rd Exit - Turn right at second stop light (Rymal Rd), then left at first stop light on Rymal (Nebo Rd). Continue on Nebo a few kilometres, cross over Dickenson and Blacks is on the right.

Show Stabling/Warm-Up Ring - Take the second entrance into Blacks for the show and stabling, and first entrance for spectators. There is lots of parking for trailers in this back area. Watch for the door marked "Show Stalls". Use this entrance to access the warm-up ring as well.

Show Desk Will be in the lobby off the main ring.

Rules Winterfest Bronze Dressage Show Series is a recognized member competition of Equine Canada (EC) 2685 Queensview Drive, Suite 100, Ottawa, ON, K2B 8K2 and is governed by the Rules of EC. Other than stated herein every class offered is covered by the Rules and Specifications of the current rules of EC and will be held and judged in accordance with said rule book.

Entry Closing Date 11:59 pm Sunday 6 days before each show

Classes Available –

Entry is possible in all Dressage Canada tests at each show, Walk/Trot–Grand Prix

- Specify Level and Test(s) on your Entry Form.
- ** Hand in 2 copies of CD with music at least ½ hour before your test time
- All tests will be conducted in a 20m x 60m ring
- **UPDATE NOV 17/08 – All FEI classes at the Winterfest Series 2009 will use the new 2009 FEI tests per Dressage Canada announcement.** New Dressage Canada tests for Walk/Trot, Training, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Levels were provided as of 2007. **Ensure you have up to date versions.** All current tests available for download/printing on www.dressagecanada.org
- **Feb 5/09 update** - If you are interested in classes not seen below, put all relevant info on your Entry Form so we get the right test - for example FEI Young Horse classes (\$35/class), FEI Eventing tests (\$45/class), Para classes (\$35/class) if the current show facility is adequate, Any questions or wish confirmation, contact Show Mgr.

Walk/Trot Tests A, B
Training Tests 1, 2, 3, 4

1st Level Tests 1, 2, 3, 4
1st Level Freestyle**

2nd Level Tests 1, 2, 3, 4
2nd Level Freestyle**

3rd Level Tests 1, 2, 3
3rd Level Freestyle**
4th Level Tests 1, 2, 3
4th Level Freestyle**

FEI Pony/FEI Children/FEI Junior/
FEI Young Riders – Team and Individual
Prix St. Georges/Intermediare I, II/Grand Prix
FEI Freestyles**

Entry possible in all Ontario Horse Trial 2008 Dressage Tests – Available for download/printing from www.horsetrials.on.ca. Ring will be changed to 20 x 40m for lower level tests per test guidelines, and these are expected to go at the end of the day. Specify test(s) on Entry Form.

Event Riders – please note there will also be a Winterfest Jumper show at the same location on Sunday following each Winterfest Dressage show. **The Administration Fee (a \$25 credit) is waived for the Jumper Show if you have already competed at the Dressage Show the same weekend.** This presents an opportunity to give you and your horse experience in both phases. More information on the Winterfest Jumper Shows may be found at www.4seasonhorseshows.com

Class Entry Fees

Walk/Trot Tests	\$25/class	3 rd Level and higher tests	\$45/class
Training, 1 st and 2 nd Level Tests	\$35/class	Freestyles	\$50/class
OHTA Tests	\$35/class		

Administration Fee

\$25 for entries received by the closing date
\$50 for late entries, if entry accepted

GST (5%) Applicable for all fees including entry, administration, stalls and shavings

Schedule Final scheduling is subject to entries. Show management reserves the right to amend schedules and class conditions, and cancel, amalgamate or divide any classes they deem advisable without notification.

Ride times will be available by Tuesday evening prior to each show
And will be posted with the Winterfest Dressage Series information on
www.4seasonhorseshows.com or by calling 416-727-9548

Updated Feb 17, 2009

Completion of Entry Forms and 2009 Membership Numbers and Cards

All Entry Forms must be completed with appropriate signatures prior to release of the competitor number. Copies of membership cards or proof of application/payment (copy of cards only required once during the Winterfest 2009 Series) must accompany your Entry Form or be provided at the show before release of your competitor number. To compete at Bronze EC shows (previously Primary) requires a:

- 2009 OEF membership (either Junior \$42, or Senior \$52)
- 2009 Equine Canada membership (either Bronze \$20, Silver \$60, Gold \$100, or Platinum \$150). Amateurs required to be designated Amateurs on your 2009 EC member card.

EC Horse Passports, and Dressage Canada membership are not required.

More information on memberships and related application forms may be found on websites: www.equinecanada.ca, www.dressagecanada.org, www.horse.on.ca (OEF)

Levies Dressage Canada requires a \$7 Levy/horse which will be paid to Dressage Canada for use in its programs. Equine Canada requires a \$5 Drug Fee Levy/horse which will be paid to the OEF as a contribution to the cost of operating the drug testing program at Equine Canada shows in Ontario.

Payment By cheque, Visa, or Mastercard with payment accompanying the Entry Form

Scratches No refunds after the closing date unless the specific time slot(s) can be filled. If yes, a \$50 Administration and Scratch Fee is retained.

NSF Cheques For any cheque returned NSF a \$50 additional charge will be applied.

Dress Code Neat, warm attire (eg: sweater, fitted jacket/vest is appropriate including half chaps with breeches, but not full chaps. Minimum requirements are approved helmets for junior riders, and boots with a heel. Full dress attire and braiding is optional. EC Saddlery rules apply.

Show Office Hours Show Office desk is open 45 minutes before the first scheduled class, until 30 minutes after last class of the show day.

Snack bar on site with **Tim Horton's coffee and hot chocolate**, pop, juice, breakfast egg & bacon sandwich, bagels, burgers, soup, snacks,....
WHEN PICKING UP YOUR NUMBER, EVERY EXHIBITOR WILL RECEIVE ONE COUPON PER NUMBER FOR A FREE COFFEE/HOT CHOCOLATE/COLD DRINK COURTESY OF THE WINTERFEST SHOW SERIES

Ribbons To 5th place in each class

Series Champions (Updated Feb 17/09) Special prizes will be awarded to owners of horses winning the 2009 Winterfest Dressage Series Champions - Junior, Amateur, and Open. There are separate Championships for each location, with each show location having 3 shows. A Champion is determined by totaling percentage scores earned based on the **top 5 test scores during the Series, at each location**. A Championship Chart is updated after each show and posted on the Winterfest website via www.4seasonshorsheshows.com. Champions will be posted on the website and management will make arrangements to deliver the prize if you are not in attendance at the time of prize giving during the final show of the Series.

Lungeing Not allowed in either arena during the shows. Contact the Show Manager if this creates a safety issue for your horse when mounting to determine another option.

Dogs Better to keep them at home, but if one must attend it is to be leashed and under control at all times. Poop and scoop courtesy applies.

Veterinary On call only.

STABLING Stalls and shavings must be booked in writing using the **Stall and Shavings Order Form specific to the show location**, with payment provided, by **11:59pm Wednesday prior to each show**, otherwise it is a Late Request. Stalls are limited and will be filled in order of booking with payment. Send Form with payment by Mail/Fax.

Stalls **Bronte Creek** - Stalls are indoors across the parking lot from the arenas. Fee does not include bedding. \$40 for 1st calendar day; \$25 for 2nd calendar day. Late requests, if stalls available, \$55/1st calendar day. **For hygiene purposes, Bronte Creek requires all stalls used to have shavings. This requires the minimum purchase of 2 bags, or confirmation you will be putting at least 2 bags in the stall.**

Blacks EC - Stalls are indoors with direct access to the warm-up arena. Minor base day bedding included in the stall fee. \$30 for each calendar day. Late requests, if stalls available, \$45 1st calendar day. Recommend if staying overnight to purchase additional shavings or bring your own.

Shavings \$6.50/bag Late requests \$8.50/bag, if available

Stalls and shavings orders may not be cancelled after booking unless there is a waiting list. Related fees are non-refundable under any circumstance unless there is a replacement booking.

A map of the stabling area with stalls designated to a trainer/exhibitor will be posted on the wall just inside in the show stabling area, and at the show office for your arrival. Stalls will be labeled with name cards.

No stalls are to be used for any length of time unless booked in writing with the office on a prior basis. Violators of this policy will be charged \$100 with no guarantee of further stall use

Stall Splits Trainers booking multiple stalls must designate with bookings how charges for stalls and shavings are to be split by competitor. Payment on booking is still required. May be held with valid credit card information.

Manure If staying overnight bring your own stall cleaning equipment and dump manure in the designated area only. Manure is composted, so do not include garbage.

Garbage Please keep garbage separate from manure. Place in available garbage bins.

Equine Canada Statement of Principal

Equine Canada (EC), the National Federation of Canada, supports adherence to humane treatment of horses in all competitions under its jurisdiction
EC is committed to:

- Upholding the welfare of horses, regardless of value, as a primary consideration in all activities.
- Requiring that horses be treated with kindness, respect and the compassion that they deserve, and that they never be subjected to mistreatment.
- Ensuring that owners, trainers, and exhibitors or their agents use responsible care in their handling, treatment and transportation of their horses as well as horses placed in their care for any purpose.
- Providing for the continuous well-being of horses by encouraging routine inspection and consultation with health care professionals and competition officials to achieve the highest possible standards of nutrition, health, comfort, sanitation and safety as a matter of standard operating procedure.
- Continuing to support scientific studies on equine health and welfare.
- Increasing education in training and horsemanship practices.
- Requiring owners, trainers and exhibitors to know and follow their sanctioning organization's rules and to work within industry regulations in all equestrian competitions.
- Reviewing, revising and developing competition rules and regulations that protect the welfare of horses.

The standard by which conduct or treatment will be measured is that which a reasonable person, informed and experienced in generally accepted equine training and exhibition procedures, would determine to be neither cruel, abusive nor inhumane.