

# Clinics usher in beginning of horse show season

The 2007 show season is almost here! The Tottenham Equestrians organize and run horse shows for beginner, intermediate and advanced riders who wish to compete in English hunter and jumper classes and western performance and games classes.

They are getting ready for the second year at the new show grounds located on the 4th Line of Adjala just north of Highway 9 at Ballycroy Trail Equestrian Centre. The new grounds has enabled the club to expand and allow more classes to run and more riders to join. Competitors have the use of three sand show rings and two grass warm up areas, and there is much more spectator and horse trailer parking.

cash. For more information or to register call Mary at 519-927-5970 or e-mail marysduke@hotmail.com.

The Tottenham Equestrians is a not-for-profit organization run by volunteers. Those looking for high school community hours or anyone willing to volunteer, grab a paint brush and join them for their annual jump paint day Sunday, May 6 at Ballycroy

Trail Equestrian Centre. If you are interested in volunteering or sponsoring, please contact Alison 519-942-1748.

For class lists, membership forms, upcoming clinics, show information or any other general information, visit their Web site at [www.tottenhamquestrians.ca](http://www.tottenhamquestrians.ca) or call Andrea at 905-951-1742.

## Ottawa Journal

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### The new Veterans Bill of Rights

We owe a great deal to those who have sacrificed so much for our peace and freedom here in Canada. The courageous men and women of the Canadian Forces and the RCMP have always been ready to stand up for Canada when called upon.

The Canada we know and love is due to the efforts of these individuals and it is important for us to stand up for them and this is why Prime Minister Stephen Harper, announced earlier this month, that Canada's government would be following through on a commitment to create a Veterans' Bill of Rights and a Veterans' Ombudsman.

The Veterans' Bill of Rights, which takes effect immediately, represents the rights veterans have long identified as important to them. It is a comprehensive declaration of rights for all war-service veterans, veterans and serving members of the Canadian Forces (Regular and Reserve), members and former members of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, spouses, common-law partners, survivors and primary caregivers, other eligible dependents and family members, and other eligible clients.

Membership is not mandatory to show but members have reduced class fees and are eligible for plaques and trophies awarded at the year-end banquet in October. Last Year there were more than 100 members!

Show dates for 2007 are May 27, June 24, July 29, August 26 and September 30. The year-end awards banquet will be held October 27 at the Tottenham Community Centre. The Tottenham Equestrians would like to extend thanks to all of their sponsors with special thanks to their show day sponsors: Tottenham Home Hardware, Tottenham Feed Service, Canter By Tack & Gift, Caledon Equestrian School, Nobleton Feed Mill Ltd., Davis Feeds, Hepburn Trailer Sales, Dancor Construction, De Luca-Ford chartered accountant, Tottenham Price Chopper, TSC Stores Alliston and ReMax Select Realty, Elias Lafazanos.

experienced equine therapist who has been practicing for 15 years. She uses massage, chiropractic manipulation, acupuncture knowledge and red light therapy to diagnose and treat pain and lameness. This clinic will cover basic chiropractics, basic acupuncture and massage. It is a hands-on event where participants will learn how to make a horse feel better and perform better by finding and treating pain that you may not even know is there! For participants, Lorna will be available for half-hour treatment sessions for your horse at a special rate later that day. For more information or to register, call Sarah 705-434-9872 or e-mail [sarah\\_parkin@hotmail.com](mailto:sarah_parkin@hotmail.com).

Larry Stricter has been fitting saddles for more than 10 years. He is one of the few saddle fitters who works with both western and English saddles. This clinic will cover how to fit a saddle to your horse; when you can make a saddle fit and when you cannot. This is a very visual clinic and participants are welcome to bring their own saddles if they have any questions they would like answered about them or if they would like to compare them to the demonstrations. For more information or to register, call Sarah 705-434-9872 or e-mail [sarah\\_parkin@hotmail.com](mailto:sarah_parkin@hotmail.com).

Bonnie Longfield has been competing for more than 40 years and has been doing clinics for more than 15 years. She travels all over Ontario competing, coaching and training winning horses and riders. This clinic will cover each of the western speed events as time permits - barrel racing, pole bending, stake race, flag race and dash for

### Zonta Club holds euchre

The Zonta Club of Brampton-Caledon is having a progressive euchre evening Friday, April 20, at the Brampton Flying Club, 13691 McLaughlin Rd.

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and play begins at 7 sharp.

Tickets are \$20 each. There will be many door prizes, snacks, desserts & coffee. Cash prizes for winners!

Tickets available through Lynda Noll at 905-838-0823 or [lyndanoll@sympatico.ca](mailto:lyndanoll@sympatico.ca). Tickets are available at the door.

### Local roadside ditching services

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- The Veterans Bill of Rights explains a veteran's right to:
- \* Be treated with respect, dignity, fairness, and courtesy.
  - \* Take part in discussions that involve them and their family.
  - \* Have someone with them for support when they deal with Veterans Affairs.
  - \* Receive clear, easy-to-understand information about the Department's programs and services, in English or French, as set out in the Official Languages Act.
  - \* Have their privacy protected as set out in the Privacy Act.
  - \* Receive benefits and services as set out in the Department's published service standards and to know their appeal rights.

Veterans also have the right to make a complaint and have the matter investigated, if they feel that any of their rights have not been upheld. This responsibility is given to the newly created Ombudsman, who will operate at arms-length from the government, and will play an important role in raising awareness of the needs and concerns of veterans. The Ombudsman will also submit a report to the minister on an annual basis, which will be tabled in Parliament.

The Veterans Bill of Rights was developed in consultation with veterans' organizations to strengthen our government's ability to respond quickly and fairly to the concerns of veterans. It is our government's way of taking yet another step to ensure that Canada does its very best for our country's finest.

For more information on the Veterans Bill of Rights, please contact Veterans Affairs Canada at 1-866-522-2122 or by e-mail at [information@vac-acc.gc.ca](mailto:information@vac-acc.gc.ca), or please feel free to contact any of my offices.

This year, the Tottenham Equestrians is starting the year by offering a series of clinics. The clinics held in April include Equine Therapy with Lorna Bell and saddle fitting with Larry Stricter on April 22 and western games with Bonnie Longfield April 29.

Lorna Bell is a highly

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