

ATLANTIC Reiner

NEWS FROM THE ATLANTIC REINING HORSE ASSOCIATION



Spring 2009



**Holli Murphy &
Arjos Mifillou**

Photos courtesy of Century Classic Photography

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A Note from your Executive ...

We held our Annual General meeting in February, and below is our new 2009 Executive:

Chair, Sandi Powell
Vice-Chair: Andrew Fuller
Treasurer: Nancy Kennedy
Secretary: Jennifer Lovett

Plans are underway for our NRHA Reining show again this year, so please stay tuned for more details.

We are looking at the MacMillian Centre in Truro, Nova Scotia sometime in September, but will confirm soon all of the details!

Thank you,
ARHA Executive



Get your 2009 membership form in so that you continue to get all of the Reining news!

THE ATLANTIC REINING HORSE ASSOCIATION IS HOSTING TWO ...

Spring Clinics with **Sophie Laverdière**

The ARHA is hosting two clinics with Sophie for **March 21 & 22**, and **April 25 & 26th**.

The March clinic has openings & April's clinic is full. The cost is \$275 + \$10 stall fee. \$200 deposit due when spot is booked - deposits are only refundable if your spot is filled. There will be a canteen available on-site.

Potluck the first night of the clinic at Equine Excellence. Use Tack Sale - bring your used tack to the clinic.

To book a spot or for more information please contact Sandi Powell or Nancy Kennedy (902-542-0846 / 902-670-4994).



Above Sophie Laverdière at the Futurity AQR 2008

Thank you to Equine Excellence, of Mount Uniacke, NS for the use of your facility for the ARHA Sophie Laverdière Clinic

For more information about Sophie, check out her website: <http://www.sophielaverdiere.ca>

Meadow Pond Stables



Meadow Pond Stables is located in Liverpool, Nova Scotia and is owned by Holly MacDonald and Shane Hatt. MPS offers training and showing as well as youth and adult riding lesson programs designed to suit the needs and interests of each rider. We facilitate sales and provide judging or clinics at the location of your choice.

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Below are pictures of riders from Meadow Pond Stables

Holly MacDonald & Colonel
Gunslinger, SSRA Summer Slide



Photo Credit: Holli Murphy

Alyssa Dickle &
Smalldarkandhandsome, Sussex, NB



Photo Credit: Century Classic, Danique Fisher

Mallory Maxwell &
Colonel Gunslinger, Sussex, NB



Photo Credit: Century Classic, Danique Fisher

Holli Murphy & Arjos Miffilou,
Valley Reiners Summer Warm Up



Photo Credit: Century Classic, Danique Fisher

www.meadowpondstables.com

Atlantic Reining Horse Association Fundraiser!

We have a few fundraisers on the go:

March 14 - Cookie Exchange at Nancy Kennedy's place 6:30 pm. Pay \$10, and bring at least 10 cookies to swap

April 11 - Death by Chocolate at Equine Excellence 7:00 pm. Pay \$10 & bring something chocolate & have fun sampling!



2009 REINING SHOWS at a Glance

June 13 - NRHA Show Valley Reiners - Lawrencetown Exhibition Grounds

June 27 - 28 - NRHA Codiac Reiners Show - Sussex, NB

July 18 - South Shore Reiners - Bridgewater, NS (Tentative)

August - South Shore Reiners (TBA)

Sept 7 - NRHA Codiac Reiners Show - Sussex, NB

September - NRHA Atlantic Reining Horse Association (TBA)



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Nova Scotia

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www.equineexcellence.ca

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in Horsemanship and
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- A heated lounge/viewing area with lots of seating overlooking the indoor riding arena
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- Individual turnout
- Rubber mats in all the stalls
- Washroom facilities
- Boarder Fun Shows/Events/Lectures/Socials

~ FOR SALE ~

English Saddle Package \$450 (a great starter package!) Includes a used 17 inch Griffiths jumping saddle (made in England & is good condition) includes leathers and stirrup irons, bridle (bridle is new), snaffle bit, girth, & new pad. Please email lovetjennifer@hotmail.com, or call (902) 826-1189. Can be viewed in St. Margaret's Bay, or brought to Halifax.



2001 AQHA Mare Mifillena (1994 NRHA Futurity Res. Champion) xUSET Semi-Finalist, NRHA Top 10 Ltd Non Pro \$2637.25 NRHA

LTE in both Open & Non Pro. Quiet enough for rookie with talent to compete as top Non Pro or Youth horse. Res Non Pro at TNRHAFuturity in 2004. 2008 titles include: - South Shore Reiners Summer Slide: Res. Champion NRHA Non Pro- Scotia Sliders Summer Show: Res. NRHA Novice Horse Non Pro & Res. NRHA Open- Valley Reiners Fall Classic: NRHA Grand Champion Non Pro, NRHA Reserve Open Sound, easy to maintain, honest, fun to ride. Contact for more info & online video of 2008 runs. \$13,500 CDN.



NB Codiac Reiners Show Schedule for 2009:

June 27 NBCRA Summer Show I - NRHA Approved, Full Slate of NRHA and Green classes Judge - Lyle Jackson

June 28 NBCRA Summer Show II - NRHA Approved, Full Slate of NRHA and Green classes, NRHA 4, 5 & 6 year old Derby Judge - Gregg > Lauder

Sept 7 NBCRA Fall Show - NRHA Approved, Full Slate of NRHA and Green classes, NRHA 3 Year Old Futurity Judge - Patti Carter

Contact Rachel Roy, 506-858-9447 or e-mail at rroy@nbnet.nb.ca for more information.



Myler Bits® *a biting system to effectively communicate with any horse*

About Myler Bits®

1. Philosophy
2. Biting System
3. Fitting Basics
4. History Philosophy

The creators of Myler Bits®, Ron, Dale and Bob Myler, offer a philosophy behind each of their bits. The bit is a communication tool, and to effectively communicate with your horse, he must be relaxed. If your horse is resistant, he is not effectively receiving your message and needs a different bit which lets him relax.

The System

The Mylers have designed an entire biting system to effectively communicate with any horse at any level of training. Based on biting a horse appropriately through his training, the system works by releasing points of pressure and using softer bits as the horse progresses. Because of the bit variations available, the system may seem complex, but it is quite simple. Each mouthpiece is coordinated to a horse's training which is generalized into four levels. These levels serve as a guide to bit selection as you match horse and rider needs.

Fitting Basics

There are some basics you'll need to properly bit your horse. First, be familiar with the horse's mouth and points of pressure caused by the bit. Second, reflect upon your needs and those of your horse. How advanced is your horse's training? Is there resistance? What kind of mouth does he have? How advanced are your skills? With this information, you can select the proper Myler Bit. And soon with the proper bit, your horse will be relaxed, ready and willing to receive your communication.

The History of Myler Bits

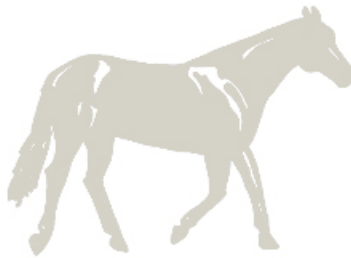
Over 18 years ago Ron, a rodeo competitor and professional cutting

horsetrainer, realized that to get the very best from every horse he rode, he needed to communicate more effectively with them. That required a relaxed horse, ready and willing to receive a rider's message. The end result was the patented Myler shank. Ron's brother, Bob Myler, was formerly a machinist and welder who was skilled at working with metals. His clever mind for engineering created a bit that offered a curved mouthpiece for tongue relief, and is an integral part of the biting system we have today. After seeing the success Ron achieved with the unique bits, Dale Myler, also an experienced horse trainer began using them as well. Soon, all three brothers were collaborating on bit design and theories. Dale's extensive research into equine dentistry and

equine physiology has brought an added understanding to the connection between biting and the equine mouth. As a result of the bits' popularity, there are now two types of Myler bits available to the public: custom handmade bits and a high quality line of production bits. Handmade bits, crafted in Marshfield, Missouri, offer unique bit combinations for a broad range of specific horse and rider needs, including a patented bushing system and numerous innovative mouthpieces.

This information was taken from the website:
http://www.toklat.com/dyn_prodlis

1. IDENTIFY RESISTANCE
2. GAIN CONTROL WITH SOFTER BITS



Identify Resistance

Does your horse resist his current bit? If so, your horse is not relaxed in the bridle. Therefore, your communication is ineffective. Take a moment to learn the signs of resistance.

1. Behind the bit
2. Inversion/above the bit
3. Not stopping/running through the bit
4. Overactive mouth



Gain Control

When managing resistance issues with your horse, consider a softer approach. Offering your horse a bit with less points of pressure can allow your horse to better receive your commands.

Issue	Suggestion
Behind the Bit	Try a bit with less tongue pressure and possibly Independent Side Movement.™
Inversion	Try a bit with tongue pressure and tongue relief.
Not Stopping	Consider a shank or combination bit with leverage pressure and mouthpieces offering some tongue, bar and palate pressure.
Overactive Mouth	Look for a bit which offers less points of pressure, especially tongue pressure.

For a list of Myler Bits log on to: http://www.toklat.com/dyn_prodlis



Atlantic Reining Horse Association 2009 Membership Application

Please note: Memberships are renewed yearly from January 1 and expire December 31 of the current year. Please Print

Name: _____ Renewal ___ New Member ___

Address: _____ Postal Code _____

Home Phone: _____ Fax: _____ E-Mail: _____

Name of Family Members _____

Membership Fees	<u>Individual</u>	<u>Family</u>
Membership Cost	\$25.00	\$40.00

Total Paid \$ _____ Cheque# _____ Cash \$ _____

Family Member names:

_____ Non-pro* yes___ no___

_____ Non-pro* yes___ no___

_____ Non-pro* yes___ no___

** I am declaring my Non-Pro status according to the National Reining Horse Association rules and regulations.*

Please indicate if you are interested in volunteering your time for:

Fundraising ___ Reining Shows ___ Clinics ___

Please include your membership numbers if applicable:

National Reining Horse Association # _____ Nova Scotia Equestrian Federation # _____

Date: _____ Signature: _____

(signature of the person joining the ARHA)

Please make your cheque payable to the Atlantic Reining Horse Association and submit to:

Jennifer Lovett
227 Island View Drive
Boutiliers Point, NS
B3Z 1R9

Tack Shop Directory - Atlantic Canada

Tack Shops - Nova Scotia

- ACA Country Store 902-678-2430 43 Minas Warehouse Rd, New Minas
- Benshine Saddlery 902-665-2098 RR 3, Bridgetown NS B0S 1C0
- Bits-n-BridlesTack Shop Inc 902-798-2874 2037 Highway 1, Falmouth NS
- Greenhawk Harness and Equestrian Supplies Katie MacDonald 501 Sackville Drive, Unit 2, Lower Sackville, NS B4C 2S1 Phone: 902-864-9303 Fax: 902-865-4330
- The Harness Shop 902-893-3622 86 Ryland Ave Truro NS B2N 2V4
- Hay Calfe Ltd 902-564-8558 / 1-888-849-6649 458 Keltic Dr, Sydney NS
- Heather's Pets 'N Needs Ltd 902-354-4786 181 Main St, Liverpool NS
- Herb's Tack Place 902-752-6415 RR 2, New Glasgow, NS B2H 5C5
- Horse Cents 902-863-4853 Glen Road, Antigonish, NS B2G 2L7
- The Ol-General Store 902-538-1300 Somerset, NS
- Reality Equestrian 902-869-3000 11 Glendale Avenue, Unit 3 Lower Sackville, NS B4C 3P2
- The Red Sleigh Tack Shop 902-765-3064 RR 1 Kingston NS B0P 1R0
- Road Apples Inc - 902-869-3000 Hammonds Plains, Sackville, NS B4C 3P2
- Scotian Gold Country Store 902-679-6662 7027 Highway #1, Coldbrook, NS
- Swagman's Tack and Supply 902-538-5561 4432 Hwy #1 Berwick, NS
- Tack it Up 8 Oland Cr. Bayers Lake Halifax, Nova Scotia B3S 1C6
- Tip Top Tack Shop 902-765-7955 565 Main, Kingston, NS B0P 1R0
- Trimpers Horse Supply 902-825-6088 1029 Torbrook Rd, Torbrook, NS RR 1, Wilmot, NS B0P 1W0
- Triple R Ranch & Tack 902-535-2577 1155 Hay Cove Rd, St Peters, NS B0E 3B0
- Valleyfield Farm Ltd 1113 Sackville Drive, Middle Sackville, NS B4E 3C8
Telephone: 902-865-2490
- Woods Tack Shop 902-543-3914 Dayspring, NS

Tack Shops - Prince Edward Island

- HiTime Tack Shop 902-964-2379 Rte 224, Ebenezer PEI
- The Tack Store 902-436-2006 250 Water Street, Summerside PEI C1N 1B6

Tack Shops - New Brunswick

- 2nd Time Round Tack Shop 506-832-5017 Hampton, NB
- Butternut Stables Tack Shop 506-832-3219 18 Robertson Rd, Hampton, NB E5N 6N9
- Cain Ltd 506-857-9937 455 Gauvin Rd Dieppe NB
- Craswell Horse Supplies 506-753-2832 170 Route 275 Glencoe NB E3N 4Y4
- Galloway Tackshop 506-523-4296 863 W Galloway Rd Galloway NB E4W 2P6
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- North Stream Farm Tack Shop 506-459-8507 140 Charters Settlement Rd, Fredericton NB
- Roughstock Western Horse Tack 506-388-8001 Moncton, NB
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- Saddlebrook Tack Shop 506-383-4676 47977 Homestead Rd, Lutes Mountain, NB
- Star Tack 506-832-3377 Bloomfield NB

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- Cloverdale Tack and Supply 709-745-4419 Waterford Valley Mall, 655 Topsail Road, St. John's NL
- Newfoundland Saddlery & Leather Ltd 709-753-3661 383 Duckworth St, St John's NF
- Simply Horse 709-635-2790 38 Ash Ave, Cormack NF
- The Tack Shop 709-74403115 943 Conception Bay Highway, Conception Bay South, NL A1X 7S9

Check out our Web site at:

<http://www.freewebs.com/atlanticreining/>

