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Armstrong BC

It was the day the sun shone on Reinin' In The Spring Sun participants. Saturday May 15 Reiners travelling from Chase, Douglas Lake, Salmon Arm and Kelowna as well as local enthusiasts gathered at Grimshaw Training Stable, Armstrong. It was the first Reining Coaching and Schooling Show hosted by Reinin' In The Sun (RITS) and a fund raiser for the mid summer event. The morning started under blue skies with the promise of a glorious Okanagan day. Bob Grimshaw instructed the first of three coaching sessions. Bob, with his half century of reining experience, imparted spinning tips to the inaugural student threesome. Next was Carmen Teixeira, Teixeira Performance Stables, Salmon Arm, who provided helpful pointers on how to prepare a horse for one of those spectacular sliding stops that she has skillfully exhibited in her Reining career. The final coach of the morning was Gus Evagelopoulos, Mountainview Training Stable, Armstrong, who presented techniques to make that perfect circle, fast and slow. Gus has demonstrated his winning techniques at many shows across western Canada.

With the morning coaching sessions and lunch complete the show portion was underway. Modified and full patterns were offered for competitions to test their preparedness for an actual show day. Judge Ian Tipton and scribe Jill Hamming both from the Armstrong area provided valuable information and feedback to the Reiners.

Kendra Schultz, Douglas Lake Ranch commented, "I had an absolutely wonderful time! What a fun and laid-back way to kick off the Okanagan show season, acclimatize to the burning hot interior sun and get some much-needed help with my maneuvers." Kendra continues, "I was kindly blasted with appropriate threats and tips such as "always demand correctness from my horse and don't accept anything less." I was even sent back to the ranch with specific exercises for homework! I've been inspired and I'm workin' on it..."

Reinin' In The Sun is an AQHA, NRHA, NRCHA approved Reining Show held annually at the Armstrong Fair Grounds, this year July 30, 31, August 1. The widely anticipated and successful show begins on Thursday evening July 29 with a 'Welcome to Participants Brats and Beer' sponsored by the always-supportive Diana's Monogramming. Maybe we'll find you in the bleachers Friday July 30 to enjoy the spectacular horse and cow maneuvers from the Beer Garden. The evening will feature NRCHA, AQHA and RITS Working Cow Horse Classes. The fun and good times including a day of Reining from beginner to professional continue on Saturday. The 3 Year Old Futurity Classes always cause a stir of excitement in anticipation of the skill exhibited by these young horses. The day will be topped off by a specially prepared dinner for spectators and competitors. The event will wrap up on Sunday August 1 after another day of Reining featuring the Derby classes; Non Pro, Rookie Professional and Open.

For more information on the show visit reininthesun.com where you can register your email to receive show updates. See you there!

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