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Timur Leckebusch, owner and president of Halton Place, located on 15 Sideroad, guides his horse over a jump. The local equestrian centre will play host to the \$20,000 Oktoberfest Country Classic later this month and proceeds from the event will go to Cancer Assistance Services of Halton Hills.

Photo courtesy Halton Place

Equestrian event at Halton Place to benefit CAS-HH

A Grand Prix equestrian competition slated for Halton Hills this month will raise funds for Cancer Assistance Services of Halton Hills.

Halton Place, a 200-acre equestrian facility, will host more than 300 riders vying for part of the \$20,000 prize during the Oktoberfest Country Classic which runs from Sept. 30 to Oct. 3.

"We are proud to be part of supporting such a worthwhile cause," says Megan Krueger, competition manager at Halton Place. "The people at CAS-HH work very hard and provide invaluable support to cancer patients and families in our community and we hope to raise as much money and awareness as possible."

This 'A' circuit competition is the final outdoor event for riders before the Royal Winter Fair. A special feature will be a rising star competition in the jumper ring on Saturday morning for riders under 18 years of age, who are Olympic hopefuls and will have the opportunity to mimic an Olympic course.

Course designer, Denny Foster, captain of Team Canada will be at the weekend event.

The four-day event is open to the public. In addition to the hunter and jumper competition classes, there will be authentic, live Oktoberfest music, a traditional German beer garden and food, with demonstrations and family activities. All food proceeds will be donated to CAS-HH.

Entrance to the show grounds is \$5 per person and \$10 per family.

"Equestrian competitions are very exciting events," says Krueger. "We have been home to the Oktoberfest Country Classic for nearly 10 years and this year promises to be the best yet."

From Thursday, Sept. 30 to Sunday, Oct. 3, there will be hunter and jumper ring classes beginning at 8 a.m. every morning.

On the final day, Sunday, there will also be special events such as the \$2,000 Mini Prix at 11 a.m. and the \$20,000 Grand Prix, prize presentation, and a parade of champions at 2 p.m.

On Saturday evening, all proceeds from a black tie dinner will go to CAS-HH. Tickets are \$200 per person and available from the CAS-HH head office in Georgetown 905-0702-8886. A \$100 charitable tax receipt will be given for each ticket.

—By Patricia Post, special

GO bus shelters could be removed

The GO bus shelters in front of the Georgetown Market Place and Halton Hills Plaza on Guelph St. have been orphaned.

After phone calls to GO Transit and Town of Halton Hills, no one wants to take ownership of the two aging structures.

Commuters are wondering about a sign posted late in the spring about the removal of the shelters, but as of yet nothing has been done.

The shelters were "abandoned" after an advertising company DESA

Promotions Inc. went bankrupt last year. The company had acquired ownership of the shelters from GO in 2000.

"GO said they (the shelters) weren't (theirs) anymore, and we (Town of Halton Hills) didn't want them, so we made a mutual agreement to remove a number of them, except for the two at the Georgetown Market Place," explained Ted Drewlo, Halton Hills manager of public works.

Those stayed due to the high volume of commuters who board the

buses at that location.

During the 2004 budget debates in February, town staff recommended the Town of Halton Hills take over maintenance of the two shelters at an annual cost of \$4,100. But council declined, saying it was related to GO Transit and they did not want the responsibility.

"GO was going to consider looking at getting advertising and perhaps replacing them and if they could make a go of it, they would keep those two," Drewlo said. "The

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