

**TO DO:** Family fun at inaugural jumping show

# Horses ready to invade Bruce's Mill

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Donna Marie Gilpin knows most York Region horse shows are private affairs.

The only attendees are those involved.

With little advertising carried, the general public isn't aware.

Gilpin hopes to change all that when the Breezy Meadows Summer Classic 2010 takes place at Bruce's Mill Conservation Area, 3291 Stouffville Rd., in Whitchurch-Stouffville July 10.

Serving as a show spokesperson, Gilpin acknowledged the one-day event, which runs from 9 a.m.

to 6 p.m., will be centred on being a jumping show.

The classic is the first combined horse show and family community event.

"Usually horse shows are held at private show barns or purpose specific venues. But with Bruce's Mill being a public conservation area, it will create a viewer friendly atmosphere for the general public to get up close and personal with the riders and horses," Gilpin said. "Pack up your picnic basket and join us for a great family day out."

Further lending credence to the show's credibility, she added, will be the involvement of Schomberg-area expert Alex Hrybachov.

The owner/head coach of Breezy Meadows Equestrian Centre, Alex Hrybachov, has successfully hosted shows in the past and he's an accomplished international competitor himself having competed at three-star level in eventing and Grand Prix World Cup Qualifiers, cited Gilpin.

The day will feature the equestrian jumping sport in what Gilpin describes in a "public and family friendly way".

There will also be a working blacksmith and saddler, art and photography exhibits, riders and their horses to meet, as well as pony rides, raffles and silent auctions, face painting, on-site food

service and much more.

The Northern Karate club of Richmond Hill will be adding another sporting interest to the day's activities with youth and adult skills demonstrations.

Gilpin hopes the event will become an annual community affair in York Region.

"Hopefully, we can continue this at Bruce's Mill," she said. "It is a perfect venue and more importantly a recognized and accessible location for all of York Region communities."

"There are many families who do not have the luxury of going to a cottage or a costly recreational facility far from home. What is more wholesome, fun and afford-

able than a family picnic, highlighted by a new activity you may not have had the opportunity to experience before?"

Admission prices are \$15 for adults, \$12 for seniors, \$10 for youths 12 to 16 years of age. A family package (two adults and two youths) can be purchased at \$45. Additional seniors are \$10 and youths \$8.

The prices includes parking and show events.

Tickets for this event can be purchased at Bruce's Mill entry gate or in advance by calling 416-737-6673.

Proceeds from the show will assist young riders of York Region.

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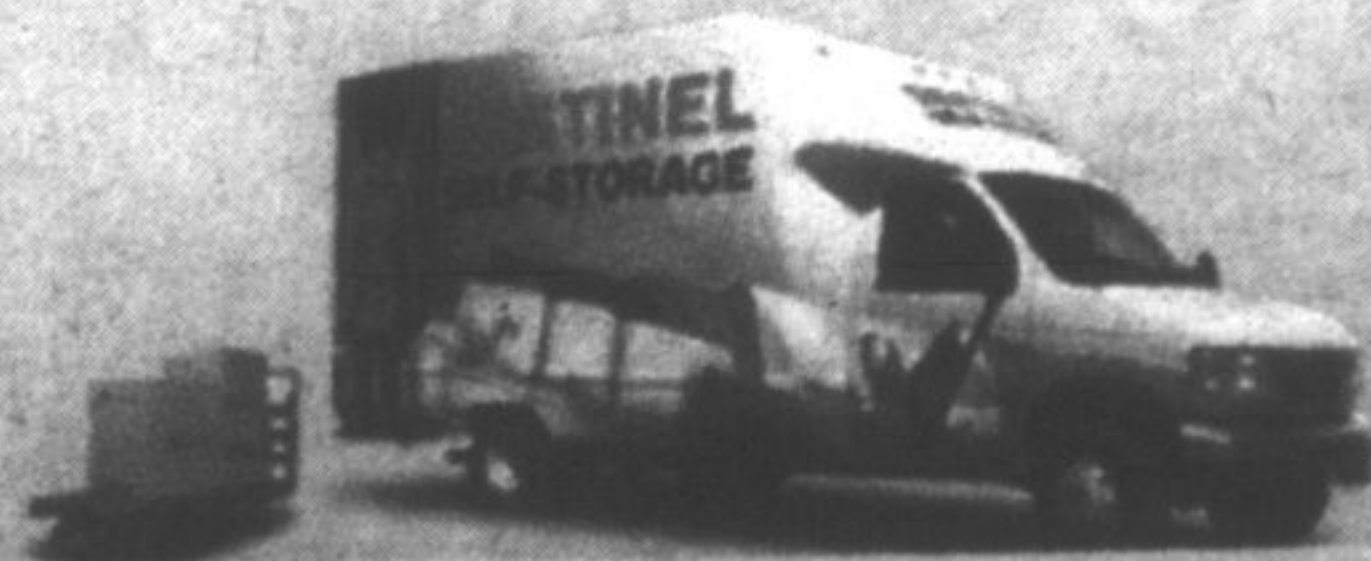


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