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10.13.11 Roddicks winter sale Saturday is a fundraiser for DRC ...

And we seriously need some members to help us out with an hour or two of their time (between 10 and 3) to help serve hotdogs and put a face on Delta Riding Club. Everything will be set up ready to go (Roddicks supplies the food and drinks). You just need to help serve and say nice things about DRC! Sheila and Francie and Cindy and I have already worked every show and been to every meeting and every work party this year – and we still have a banquet to organize. We really really REALLY would appreciate some help (so we can put the violins away!)! I so hate begging.

Call, text or email and let me know what time works best for you and yours! Thank you!!

PS: Tickets for the banquet will be available at Roddicks as of Saturday, too! I'll TRY to get a bulletin done by tomorrow – but so far, all my good intentions are not working.

10.29.11 Year end banquet November 12

Where does the time go? It seems like only a few weeks ago, we were playing cat and mouse with Mother Nature at the last show of the season (September 25) and I thought we had everything under control for year ends (point tabulations, ordering awards, etc) and lo and behold, TWO WEEKS tonight, we'll be hosting the PARTY OF THE YEAR!! Are you coming?

This year's year end celebration will be a repeat of last year (sans FISH, Francie assures me!) – a potluck at the Odd Fellows Hall in Ladner. It's Saturday, November 12 and tickets are \$15 per person (\$5 for kidlets 12 & under). It's a potluck – but the ticket price covers the price of the hall, the beverages (wink, nudge), dish rental (paper-r-not-us!), etc. You can purchase your tickets at Roddicks, Dog & Pony OR Westway, or reserve them by contacting Sheila (sheila.forsyth@hotmail.com or 604.940.9698). We had a lot of fun last year – and the potluck was awesome! Tickets are limited – the hall maxes out at about 65-70 people and we were very close to that last year so don't wait til the last minute! (I'm just sayin ...)

Are you up for a challenge?

Our SILENT AUCTION CHALLENGE has been such a success the past couple of years, we're doing it again! We're challenging all boarding barns in Delta, Richmond and beyond to put together a basket of goodies (you pick the theme) to donate to our silent auction. It's a fundraiser for the club to help offset our year end awards (which are FABulous by the way), and the barn that donates the basket with the highest bid overall at our banquet becomes a 2012 DRC PLATINUM SPONSOR!

We've already got the ball rolling with a basket we had at the

Roddicks winter sale on October 15. Pick a theme and get everyone to contribute – show your barn pride, and help support DRC! (And don't forget your cheque book when you come to the banquet – the baskets we've seen the last couple of years have been AMAZING!)

Are you a winner?

We did something just a little different this year with year ends and some of you are already – ahem – motivated to attend our banquet! (This year's winners of our "perpetual" awards were given the opportunity to choose an award that suits them and it's been a HUGE success! Wait til you seeeee what they got to choose from, but I digress ...)

Last year, apparently, there were some members who didn't realize they were "winners" and were so disappointed they didn't come to the banquet. We don't want anyone disappointed this year, so ... we strongly recommend the following people might consider a banquet ticket worthwhile:

Lauren Proudlover; Megan Schiewe, Teri Agle, Diane Prosser, Tamara Jameson, Keya Milaire, Devon Smith, Mackenzie Loyer, Francie Shuttleworth, Lexy Robinson, Amanda AND Vanessa Melney, Pamela White, Hanna Raine, Sarah Brown, Megan Kenney

I hope I didn't overlook anyone. Remember, tickets are limited, so get yours as soon as you can!

Roddicks sale brings out the volunteers

If you follow Delta Riding Club on Facebook or are a 2011 member, you'll know that we had to BEG (violins and all!) to get volunteers to commit to helping us out at Roddicks winter sale, October 15. WELL ... a little begging goes a long way and we had an awesome turnout of volunteers that included some FRESH faces! WHAT A DAY!!! Many MANY thanks to: Julia Clarke and Sarah Brown, Rhainne Kiernan and her niece, Alexandra, Kate-I-gotta-dance-Armstrong and daughter Kim, Diane Prosser, Julie Miller and her entourage (Cassidy and McKenna Mintzler), Sheila Forsyth and Teri Agle (cuz her regular sidekick (Francie) was pre-occupied). If I am missing anyone, my sincerest apologies. And was it worth it?? Oh my ...

Roddicks supplies all the donuts, drinks and wieners (of every shape and description) and we pocket all the donations – so thanks to all these selfless volunteers and to alllllll the folks that were shopping at Roddicks, we made a very impressive \$220!! It was a day well spent – and so much fun to boot!

It was a dark and stormy morning ...

So, it seems like such old news now, but if you remember back to Sunday, September 25, you might remember the forecast was for gale force winds and just a little bit of rain -- perfect day for a horse show, right?



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Alone, in the clubhouse, not long after daybreak (which appeared at first promising), the sky dramatically darkened, the entry office trembled and it sounded as if we had just been buzzed by a 747. I quite literally ducked as a gust of wind slammed into the gable of the clubhouse! By the time Cindy and Bruce arrived (just minutes later), it was POURing. So much for my enthusiastic Facebook post just an hour or so before: "The show is a go! Weather is clearing." Oh boy, we thought. This oughta be fun.

By 8:30 am (because we start on time, remember?), the sun WAS shining in South Delta, and 15 brave BRAVE exhibitors (including Margo Murray and Colleen Ebner alllll the way from a dark and stormy Maple Ridge!) had ante'd up – they were in it for the day, regardless of the weather! Our thanks to Margo and Colleen, as well as Diane Moon, Francie Shuttleworth, Tamara Jameson and Devon Smith, Mackenzie Loyer, Leslie Dowler (who even rode WESTERN!), Diane Prosser, Vanessa and Amanda Melney, Emily Smith, Lexy Robinson, Amy Benson and Madison Tani. You are ALLL winners in our books!

The wind blew (what else is new here?) and we had a little rain "squall" go through just as the Western Pleasure got underway (check the photos on Facebook), but everyone – and I mean EVERYONE – took it in stride. When things started to look a little shaky, judge Jodie Moore swapped her western hat for a ball cap and carried on, smile firmly in place. She's there to judge regardless of the weather and her get 'er done attitude was infectious!

We had a great crew (as always): Cassidy announced (she's found her calling, no pun intended!), Bruce ring-stewarded – as he has without fail all year, Cindy was in the office with her right hand (the infamous Francie), Susan Scott was back as our ribbon presenter, Fiona saved the day by stepping up to whip at the last minute (and gets a g-g-g-g-g-gold medal for keeping her paperwork together in the fall "breeze"), Marg and Mary and Sheila kept court in the kitchen, and a VERY special thank you goes out to Vanessa and Amanda's dad (Todd) for taking on what is arguably the loneliest job at our shows – the blessed OUTgate.

Even though it was a small show, there were six or seven (even eight) riders in the intermediate and senior and open classes, so it was a pretty respectable day overall. (But we didn't have any juniors – insert sad face here!). Congratulations to our high point winners:

WALK TROT

Mackenzie Loyer on Foxyloady

INTERMEDIATE

Devon Smith on SW Roxy Barlink

r/ Vanessa Melney on Pacific Mackenzie

SENIOR

Colleen Ebner on Im Dun Scribblin

r/ Tamara Jameson on Super Miss Lucy

WESTERN

Tamara Jameson on Super Miss Lucy

r / Devon Smith on SW Roxy Barlink

The day had plenty of highlights, not the least of which was the announcement of our Senior highpoint – Colleen's first high point ever! If you want to see how the day went, check out our "album" on the Facebook page – and proof positive that a/ the sun DID shine at 8:30 when the show started and b/ our exhibitors know how to have fun – check out the goofy grins I captured FROM THE SAFETY OF THE CLUBHOUSE during our Western Pleasure downpour!! It was a terrific way to spend a day – and I wish I had reported on it sooner so I could gush a bit more ...

100% done

Our final percentage day of the year was September 18 and Sheila put together another fine show. Hmph. I can't seem to put my fingers on my folder right now but it seems to me the rides went til about 12:30 or 1, so quite a respectable turnout for a late show. Tricia Waring from Chilliwack way had the highest score of the day (but I'll be darned if I can remember who had reserve ... I'm sorry!).

All in all ...

This has been another good year for the record books! Our entry income was down slightly from last year (probably that full meal deal we offered at Summer Classic is to blame but I won't tell if you won't!). Declining entries seemed to be the case with almost every show this year, regardless of discipline or club and I think we fared even better than most. We met our financial obligations with the Delta Agriculture Society without whom we wouldn't have a place to call home (or club). There's money in the kitty for some sweet year ends, and enough to get us started in the New Year. It's all good. And so ...

Annual meeting November 9

Members should have received an email earlier this week reminding them about our annual general meeting on WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9. As I explained in the notice, we are NOT a closed society and we would be THRILLED to have you come out and show your support for the club – even if you're not a member YET. The meeting is in the clubhouse (so dress in layers – as I am the only one, it seems, with an internal furnace!), starting at 7 pm, and while the agenda will be a little more formal and focused on a wrap up of the year past, we'll probably finish with some planning for next year!

We also need to have a quorum (or members) so we can CHANGE the quorum in our bylaws!! That change, and a few "housekeeping" ones, has already been "vetted" by the board, and we don't expect any challenges – but we need a quorum to pass them! (It's a conundrum!) The original quorum bylaw was written in 1948 – at a time when the club was relatively flush with members (before hock-



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ey and dance and gymnastics and smart phones and even TV, egads!). We're simply proposing a change that reflects a percentage of the membership (which is pretty standard among modern bylaws) and not a specific number (currently 15). (Fifteen may not seem like a lot, but we are hard-pressed to see a turnout of eight or ten directors/members at any of our regular monthly meetings. It's quite sad, actually ...)

Anyhoo ... we'll also be taking nominations from the floor for positions on the 2012 board of directors. My position as vice if up for grabs and Alicia has said she will not stand as secretary next year (although I'm pretty sure she's letting her name stand as a director), so we're looking for a new secretary to be sure. Bruce and Cindy will be completing their second year of two year terms in 2012, but all the directors (Sheila, Francie, Julie, Tamara and Lynne) are all up for re-election, and I think there's an empty spot that could be filled as well. As I have said MANY times, we are a friendly bunch and if you thought you would like to be more involved with the club and you're a DRC member, this is your chance! You don't have to sign your life away (like some of us appear to have done ...) – it's just a great way to hang with like-minded folks determined to keep our little club perking along! Give it some thought ...

Be sure to check us out on Facebook

In their infinite wisdom, Telus is creating a bit of grief for me when I send out bulletins. Apparently, my mailing list exceeds the "number of emails" I am permitted "per hour" AND ... you can only send to so many addresses PER email, which means I have to send this out about six times to get thru the list. (Thank goodness they haven't sanctioned my WORD count!!)

Although I promised Diane Prosser I would not abandon the bulletins (and I won't), Facebook is really efficient as a means to get the word out – especially for last minute ideas like open hacks (Cindy and I have been at the club every weekend this month – except this one – opening it for anyone else who wants to come down and ride). It's also a good way (it seems) to sell stuff. At least, that's what's happening on the QH and Paint group pages. So ... be sure to "like" our Facebook page and check in regularly to see if there are any updates from me – or anyone else! It seems to be a good way to stay in touch EACH OTHER!

Oh! One more (very important) thing ... we need pictures!!!!

Tamara and Devon are working on a slideshow for the banquet! (Pitter patter, girls – better get at 'er!) If you (or your fan club) has taken some good shots at DRC events this year, could you email them to Tamara at tamarajameson@hotmail.com as quickly as possible! For best possible results, make sure your files go out as "original" or at the very least, "large", size. And don't send too many in one email, or it will spit back!

Don't forget to get your banquet tickets asap – it's only two weeks away and tickets may not be available at the door if we sell out! (If you haven't seen our banquet poster at your barn, please print it out and put it up for us! It's attached!)

**SEE YOU NOVEMBER 9 FOR THE AGM
NOVEMBER 12 YEAR END CELEBRATION!!!!**

Whew.