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9.7.11 English Western show postponed until September 25

When it was announced last week that the memorial for Margaret Logan was going to be on September 11, I knew we were in trouble. If you have been following the tributes to Margaret on Facebook, you know her loss to cancer has touched many of us. I knew Margaret best in her capacity as a general performance judge -- one of the very few judges in these parts who could judge an ALL-breed English AND Western show and be fair across the board. In years past, she has not only judged our shows (the last time was the Summer Classic in 2009), but competed here and was always a huge supporter of DRC. For many, she was a formidable competitor, coach, trainer and -- most of all -- a good friend.

And hence, our pickle: Jodie Moore was booked to judge September 11, but I knew Jodie was among those who were very, very close to Margaret. (Margaret was her maid of honour, for petey's sake!) So, I knew, as soon as I heard, that Jodie would have to be at the memorial, and that finding a replacement judge would be difficult, if not impossible -- those of any caliber would also be attending the service at Thunderbird, as would many of you.

And so, after polling the directors and reviewing a quick poll on our Facebook page (that showed overwhelming support to re-schedule), our last English Western show of the 2011 season will now be Sunday, September 25. The date works for Jodie, thankfully, and in hindsight, I think it's going to work well for a lot of folks: it allows time for the kidlets to get settled in to school, and it's a paycheque (or two) away from all those back-to-school-back-to-work expenses. (Just cross your fingers and hope this dry spell holds until the 26th!)

Open hack this Sunday

While we're pretty confident everyone will know in advance that the September 11 show has been re-scheduled (we started to get the word out last week on Facebook, we've posted it on Horse Council's forum and this bulletin goes out to over 500 DRC fans), we thought SOMEone should probably be at the club bright and shiny Sunday morning in case someone shows up expecting a show!! And ... if we have to be there, we might as well bring OUR horses!! Cindy and I are opening up the club at 8 am on Sunday, til about noon, for anyone who wants to come and ride. We'll brew a pot of coffee (or two) and send somebody on a Timmy's run for donuts. Come down and join us for some Sunday fun! Cindy and I have Adiva booked for our lessons (yes! I have been riding -- finally!) but there is lots of room for everyone! So c'mon down and join us!

Percent Day entries close this Sunday

Sheila will be looking for entries for our last Percent (Dressage) Day of the season when she gets back from Spruce Meadows this weekend. (Lucky duck!) Entries close officially this Sunday, September 11, and the show is on Sunday, September 18. You can download your entry form from the website and drop it off at Dog & Pony, Roddicks or Westway or bring it to the Open Hack on Sunday. Dusty Theisen will officiate. You can download tests from Horse Council's website. For more information, contact Sheila at sheila.forsyth@hotmail.com.

Meeting next week

As we head into fall, we're going to start planning for our year end awards banquet (November 12) pretty quick and we need to spend some time reviewing the season past and start planning for 2012. We'd love to hear your input, so why not plan on attending our regular monthly meeting, NEXT Wednesday, September 14? It starts at 7 pm at the clubhouse; there's almost certain to be goodies to nibble on and we always have a bit of fun. (We don't always stay on task ...) Want to become more involved with DRC? This is the perfect time as we'll also be heading into elections in November for our directors. Time to get your feet wet!!

Fundraiser for Pipsqueak Paddocks

Marilyn Pay from Four Seasons Equestrian Facility wants to invite you all to a fundraiser on Monday, September 12 at the Fort Pub to benefit Pipsqueak Paddocks Miniature Horse Haven. Tickets are \$20 and includes burger, fries and a beer or house wine. Dinner is served from 6:30-7:30 and there will be entertainment by an Elvis Tribute Artist, a 50/50 draw, silent auction, door prize and raffle tickets.

Members Choice

Every year, DRC recognizes members who have made significant contributions to the club or in the show ring with our Members Choice awards. We are looking for nominations for:

- Most Enthusiastic
- Most Improved
- Special Appreciation
- Sportsmanship
- Wayne Schiewe Memorial
- Horse on Course Horsemanship (can be a non-DRC member)

Do you know a deserving someone for any of these? We need your nominations by October 12. Our ballot box is in the clubhouse, so you have at least five opportunities to get them in: this Sunday at the open hack; next Wednesday at the meeting, the following Sunday at our Percentage Day, at the English Western show on the 25th and at our October general meeting, which will be the close of nominations. If you're unable to attend any of these but wish to add a nomination, you can email me with the person's name and the "circumstances" prompting their nomination. ð The criteria for each award is described in detail in our Year End Awards Eligibility page on the website [www.deltaridingclub.com]. Don't be shy!!!!

Summer Classic elation

How cool is it when you host a show and even the people that had a bad day have nothing but nice things to say about it!! Well, that pretty much explains just how much FUN the 2011 Summer Classic at Delta Riding Club was last month! Even the riders that made a few unplanned departures from their steeds came up smiling and the show's success continues to attract new folks to our Facebook page and website!

I wish I had worked on a synopsis while we were all still basking in the afterglow of a job well done. Specifics escape me, but we did celebrate at our meeting-come-pot-luck supper, August 10, while the brain cells were still relatively intact! ð



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It was a terrific show. That, I know for sure. The weather was UNbelievable, probably our best turn-out ever for the Hunter Day (thanks, Yolanda!), another FABulous and fun crew (including some new faces, like Francie's little buddy, Susan Scott, who presented awards for both days), and few (if any) glitches. Devon and Tamara and Ali put together some fabulous goodie bags (thanks in large part to our in-kind sponsors, Greenhawk, Stampede and Bates Tack) and our coveted directors chairs for high points were once again a big hit. Perhaps most notable of all, "Auntie" Marg was back in the kitchen!

Jan Blackhall judged the hunter day, which featured – once again – a very strong cross rail and two foot division. Many thanks to Julia Clarke for designing the course and congratulations to our Hunter high point winners:

Cross Rail

Kim Roberston and The Red Rocket AB
r/ Andrew Hass and Just Gabe

2 Foot

Kim Taylor on Izabel
r/ Yuri Yuen on Bambee

2'3"

Annika Clark on Shades of Honour
r/ Megan Kenny on Hylee Classical QT

2'6"

Laura Forde on Nikola AB
r/ Julia Clarke on Eddie Bauer

2'9"

Katie Andrews on Rhumba
r/ Sarah Brown on Changed the Stars

3 Foot

Sarah Brown on Changed the Stars

You know what's neat about that list? There were no duplicates! It's nice when our goodness (read: high points) is spread around!

Doing it right

We were a little concerned when the pre-entries for the English Western show didn't quite meet our expectations but come Sunday, any doubts about the turnout evaporated with the marine cloud that kept temperatures just right in the morning! Virginia Allen had some large classes to judge and the show paced perfectly (as it always does now – it's almost as if we know what we're doing!).

We were thrilled when Susan Scott, our new ribbon girl, won one of four volunteer prizes handed out over the weekend. Cassidy Mintzler should be looking for a career in radio – she was our AWESOME announcer. (Our sponsors should be VERY pleased!). In fact, we found some new "callings" for a few members over the course of the weekend. Devon has begged to whip the Hunter shows for two years, and we finally let her. (Check out the pic of her and Bruce in our album on DRC's Facebook page! Can you spell d-i-v-a?) She did a great job!

Megan Schiewe announced on Saturday, bumping mum Sheila into the kitchen where she, and Marg and Mary Waterhouse were again

having TOO much fun! Phylcia was back whipping on Sunday (and won a volunteer prize for her efforts!), while we had a whole bunch of helpers on the out gate including our newest member and good buddy, Louise Douglas. (We even managed to coerce Louise's better half, Rick McIntyre, into helping Bruce with the parking early Sunday morning. (And you all lined up like soldiers! Thank you!) My special appreciation goes to Lynne Carter who showed up just in time to set up the Handy Horse. When you need help, might as well get it from an expert!!

The money purses at this summer's BC Heritage finals seems to be driving interest in that program. (I told you Devon won most of her \$300+ entries back with her placings in July, right?) We had a bunch of log books turned in as exhibitors from as far away as Maple Ridge and Mission (mostly our Paint buddies) came ready to qualify for the 2012 finals now officially scheduled for Maple Ridge. Thank you to EVERYone for coming (Saturday AND Sunday)! We really do enjoy having a good turnout! It takes just as much effort to organize a little show as it does a big one – and we like the big ones best! And if we can't remember the specifics about the show, we DO remember we all had a very good time. Thanks, again, for your support! Here's your English Western high point winners:

WALK TROT

Megan Schiewe and Tuxedo
r/ Teri Agle and Clairvoiant

JUNIOR ENGLISH RIDER

Lauren Proudlove on Fall En Rain
r/ Samantha Zimmer on Chicklet

INTERMEDIATE ENGLISH RIDER

Devon Smith on Sweetdreams with Zip
r/ Emma Schellenberg on All Reddy Smoke N

SENIOR ENGLISH RIDER

Tamara Jameson on Super Miss Lucy
r/ Margo Murray on Classy Cooper

WESTERN

Tamara Jameson on Super Miss Lucy
r/ Devon Smith on Sweetdreams with Zip

What else?

Well, if you haven't ordered your log books from Horse Council, you should think about it and start qualifying for the 2012 finals on September 25. You can sign up at the show, but you can also order the books online, I think. Go to [www.hcbc.ca] and click on "competitions" to find out more.

Oh! We've been asked to run the concession at Roddick's annual customer appreciation sale on October 15th. Can you spare us an hour or two? Let me know.

Did you see that big beautiful picture of Julia on page 3 of the Optimist following the Summer Classic? I actually received a call from that from a lady in Tsawwassen who would like to bring her grandchildren out to see a show. Thank goodness she called, as the show date was September 11! (Wudn't you know?)

Join us on Facebook

So, it's taken me a while, but I think making more use out of Facebook page (page, not group!) might be a good way to stay in touch with all of you. We'll still be hammering out bulletins



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(Diane), but check Facebook regularly for updates, members' pictures and what's going on in our horse community. Your feedback on Facebook would be lover-ly!

That's it for now. Hope to see some of you, at least, on Sunday. Please help us spread the word about the show being re-scheduled! (If you're not showing on the 25th, how about lending a hand?)

9.9.11 September 11 show postponed

Just a quick reminder that the English Western show originally scheduled for this Sunday, September 11 has been MOVED TO SEPTEMBER 25. (See the website for details.)

You are welcome to join us, however, for an "open hack" this Sunday at the club from 8 am til noonish. Come and enjoy the club grounds at your leisure!

The Percent Day on September 18th is a go as scheduled! Drop your entries off at Dog & Pony, Westway or Roddicks, or bring them to the club Sunday morning! The entry deadline for that show is this Sunday, the 11th.

9.13.11 Not too late to enter!!

Sheila just let me know that she will accept late entries for our Percent (Dressage) Day set for this Sunday, September 18. She has several rides already booked, but would like more! Call or email her as soon as possible – she'll want to finalize the ride times probably by Thursday night. You can reach her at 604.940.9698 or by email sheila.forsyth@hotmail.com. It's the last opportunity you'll have to ride a test at Delta this season! We'll be packing up the dressage surrounds pretty soon after the show. Tests are available to download from HCBC – go to competitions. Dusty Theissen is judging. (PS: Tani Hansen, if you're reading this, can you give Sheila a call please?)

Meeting Wednesday night

Drop by the clubhouse tomorrow night (September 13) at 7 for our regular monthly conflag. Some interesting stuff is on the agenda and everyone is welcome to put their two cents in!

Open Hack a big success

We had probably the most s-u-c-c-e-s-s-f-u-l Open Hacks ever this past Sunday! Thankfully, no one showed up at the gate expecting a horse show! A few of us had lessons; others came just to orient their horses to the facilities! Lynne Carter gave an impromptu lesson in handy horse/trail! Bruce showed up to weed whack and we moved the dressage surrounds, so it was a bit of a work party, too! An absolutely lovely morning at the best little riding club ever!

End of the season just around the corner

Our English Western show on Sunday, September 25 will be the finale to another great show season at DRC! Hopefully, you are making the most of this spectacular weather and are ready to show! Day stalls available. You can drop your entries off early at our friends at Dog & Pony, Roddicks OR Westway, or show up bright and shiny on the morning of the show! Jodie Moore judges. Five

great high points!

Last opportunity to qualify for year ends

If you've shown once this season at an EW show already, September 25 is your last chance to qualify for year end awards -- and it's not as "pie-in-the-sky" as you might think!. Points earned at just two shows could put you in the running for class awards, certainly, if not for the perpetuals! I'm not kiddin!

And finally ... CONGRATULATIONS ...

...to DRC director Alicia Harper on the birth of our newest little Delta Riding Clubber! Ayden Bryce Harper arrived at a healthy 8.5 lbs on Sunday afternoon, September 11. Mom and her little cowboy are home and doing FINE! He's a keeper!

9.21.11 This is it!

Our last English Western show of the 2011 season is just a few sleeps away (Sunday, September 25) – and the forecast this morning is for sun and clouds – don't let those little raindrops on the graphic fool ya!! THIS IS DELTA!!!!

Jodie Moore is judging so you know the show is going to be a good one! She's super fair and super friendly – a great finale to an awesome show season at Delta!

You can drop your entries off early at Roddicks, Westway or Dog & Pony to save time in the entry office, or just bring them to the show! (Cindy and Francie are pretty darned efficient anyways!) This show is APHA PAC-approved and is a BC Heritage qualifier for next year's finals in Maple Ridge in early July!! Big rosettes to sixth place and FIVE nice high point awards for Junior, Intermediate and Senior English, Walk/Trot and Western! I've already got entries!!!!

Hmph. I wish I could show (now that I've actually got some miles on my horse) ... λ

We needs helpers

Yes! As always, we have some jobs that need executing at the show and we need volunteers! Please let me know if you can spare us some time – we have two draws for volunteers – one for the morning shift, and one for the afternoon! (Could be the best odds of the day!)

That's it for dressage

Well, for this year, anyways! Sheila had 17 rides booked last Sunday for our final Percentage Day of the year. (Shelagh – what happened to YOU!?!?) IT DID NOT EVEN SPRINKLE OVER AT THE CLUB!! Dusty Theisen did a great job and awarded her high score to Tricia Waring and "Petey," all the way from ABBOTSFORD – and riding a Training 3 test! Megan Schiewe and "Tuxedo" (from next door!!!) were reserve by just a whisker! Well done, ladies and gentleboys! Many thanks to Mary Waterhouse for coming out once again the manage the kitchen!! MARY ROCKS!

Save the date

For those of you who like to plan ahead, make sure to mark Saturday, November 12 on your calendar! It's our annual awards



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banquet and Francie is keeping this year's theme firmly affixed under her hat!! Last year – live fish!! (And yes, mine is still swimming, egads!) It's at the Odd Fellows Hall again (which I've had updated with new paint and floors – just for YOU!). A wicked silent auction will be one of the evening's highlights! I'll have news about ticket sales soon – likely the same as last year: \$15 for adults and \$5 for kids under 12 to cover the cost of beverages ;), plate rentals, etc. I am guessing the kiddies will do their virgin margarita bar again!! Sure kept them out of trouble last year, eh?

PS: If you think you've missed your chance to qualify for year ends, think again! Members need just two shows under their belt to qualify, so come again this Sunday! We give high points and reserve high points for EVERY class! That's a LOT of classes – and a LOT of opportunity!! You'd be surprised!! Two shows is enough to get 'er done!

And again, THANK YOU ...

This show season could not have gone as smoothly as it has without the support of our 2011 Delta Riding Club sponsors!! In these days of shrinking wallets and exhibitors picking and choosing their shows based on entry fees and payback, our sponsors have allowed us to maintain our fees without an increase while offering more high points, big rosettes to sixth and our famous "bucks back" incentives for early memberships and at the Summer Classic! Please let our sponsors know we appreciate their support!

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Thinking about getting involved?

Our annual meeting is in November – and I forgot to ask the board at last week's meeting whether we might schedule it for a Saturday or Sunday, rather than a Wednesday evening. What do you think? We'd love for you to become an ACTIVE member of Delta Riding Club. It's only as much work as you make it – and we have FUN! This is a great group of people who make this club tick – and we need you!!!

PS: The October monthly meeting has been rescheduled for a week earlier: Wednesday, October 5. (We do that sometimes when a few of our directors have plans they can't get out of. It's all about getting along!)

**SEE YOU SUNDAY WITH BELLS ON!!!
(If you're not showing, VOLUNTEER!!)**