



Delta Riding Club

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4.27.08 HOLY TOLEDO!

On behalf of the DELTA RIDING CLUB'S Show committee, I want to offer a HUGE THANK YOU to all the committee members, volunteers, family and friends that showed up to cheer on our 40+ exhibitors at today's ENGLISH show and especially to those who helped make today such a success (in no specific order!):

Bruce Walker - ring clerk
Cindy Mackay - office
Kristin Crouch - office
Diane Fenton - office
Lisa Hanney - announcer
Francie Shuttleworth and
Sam Schuss (whipper ins)
Sandra Tentzerakis - concession
Tiana - runner
Marg Brodie - BBQ!
Emily Tentzerakis - ribbons
Caitlyn Hoolsema - ribbons / runner
Courtney Hoolsema - ribbons / runner
Breanna Martin - concession
Karen Petigrew - concession
Burgi Rommel - judge!
Brianna Schuss - runner
Erik Andersen - sign maker!
The boys on our jump crew!

Whew ... I hope I haven't forgotten anyone!

It takes as many people to put on a little show as it does to put on a big one, and we appreciate EVERYONE who made today SUCH a success. Congratulations to BRIANNA SCHUSS, who won our volunteer draw - a nifty hay bag - co-sponsored by Roddicks Feed & Farm Supply and Country Life in BC.

And many thanks to today's English show sponsor, the Half Cranked Bike Club, and congratulations to High Point winner STEPHANIE MARK riding SHS Powerplay. Forty two points earned them a super deluxe brush bag for their efforts in what turned out to be a VERY close race.

Reserve High Point winner, little McKENNA MINTZLER riding Ger-Lante, had 41 points and took home a garment bag almost as big as she is!! What great competitors!!

Last but hardly least, we want to extend our appreciation to ALL THE EXHIBITORS that came out today (in spite of the iffy forecast!) and supported our club and the show. WE COULDN'T DO IT WITHOUT YOU! With two great shows under our belt (check out Friday's South Delta Leader for a great story about last week's AWESOME Dressage Show!), we are REALLY looking forward to having the best show season ever!!

4.23.08 ENGLISH SHOW THIS SUNDAY

Just four more sleeps til the first Delta Riding Club ENGLISH SHOW of the season - this Sunday, April 27th, starting at 9 am! We've had a number of inquiries about the show and heard a lot of you are planning to attend, so we're looking forward to a great show! Judge Burgi Rommel says she's ready to go, the concession will be up and running and ... are you bringing stuff to our CONSIGNMENT TABLE ... or shopping instead?

The show office will be open at 8:30 Sunday morning to take your entries, or if you are so inclined, drop them off early at Roddicks Feed or the Dog & Pony by Saturday noon! (Otherwise, we'll see you in the entry office, bright and shiny!)

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We still have a few volunteer spots to fill to make sure the show runs smoothly:
Whipper in (my favourite job!) - afternoon shift (12 noon til end of show)

Ribbons/out gate - afternoon
Concession - morning (8:30 til noon) and afternoon
Runners - am & pm
Consignment table - am & pm

If you are able to help out (and be entered in the draw for a REALLY TERRIFIC volunteer prize co-sponsored by RODDICKS FEED and COUNTRY LIFE IN BC), please email or call me (cathyglover@telus.net or 604.328-3814) as soon as possible. WE REALLY APPRECIATE OUR VOLUNTEERS!

Many thanks to Erik Andersen (show manager), Bruce Walker (ring clerk), Lisa Hanney (announcer), Francie Shuttleworth (am whipper in), Emily Tentzerakis (ribbons, am), Sandra Tentzerakis (concession) AND 4-H moms Kristin Crouch and Cindy MacKay, and Diane Fenton (office) for already stepping up to help the show committee put on a great show. (It takes a lot of volunteers to run a show!) Thanks, also, to our English Shows sponsor, the HALF CRANKED BIKE CLUB and to Lisa Hanney for a great job at finding sponsors and prizes for us! High point and reserve high points will be awarded.

RESERVE YOUR EXHIBITOR NUMBERS NOW!

Delta Riding Club members can reserve their exhibitor numbers for the season. Please email cathyglover@telus.net to confirm the number of your choice as soon as possible. First come/first served. One number for horse/exhibitor combination.

CONSIGNMENT TABLE OPEN

Don't forget to consign your good used tack and show clothing to our consignment sale. (See last week's bulletin.) I've attached the sale tags again for you to download and attach to your items. (Don't remove that bottom part that says "office use" - the ladies in the entry office will remove that for our records WHEN the item sells.) This is a fundraiser we intend to have at every show, so the club retains 10% of the sale price when your item sells. And if you're looking for a good deal, be sure to check out the sale table and rack in the clubhouse during the show!

SPECTACULAR TURNOUT at Dressage Show

Talk about getting our 2008 show season into high gear! Sheila Forsyth organized one of - if not the biggest - dressage shows we've ever had this past Sunday. The weather co-operated - a great day all around! Congratulations to KATIE ANDREWS and BENTLEY of White Rock for receiving the top score of the day from judge KATHY LIFTON. They earned at 68.21 in Training Two. Right on! Many thanks to our DRESSAGE SERIES sponsors: DOG & PONY, SEAQUEST FARMS & BLUE HERON FARMS and congratulations to Sheila, not only for producing a great show, but for winning the VOLUNTEER DRAW, a travel mug donated by the HORSE COUNCIL OF BC!

FRASER VALLEY WESTERN HERITAGE CIRCUIT

This year, we are collaborating with Mission Horse Club and Langley Riders to create the first annual FRASER VALLEY WESTERN HERITAGE CIRCUIT. Each club is hosting two Western Heritage qualifying shows (ours are JUNE 1 and SEPTEMBER 7) and exhibitors who accumulate the most points according to circuit rules are vying for some very nice year end awards.

If you would like to compete for circuit awards, you need to apply for your Western Heritage Log Books (one for English, one for Western) from HCBC [www.hcbc.ca/Images/Documents/Competitions%20downloads/Western_Heritage_General_Performance_Application_Form.pdf].

Applications are available at each of the circuit shows. NEXT year, in 2009, the Western Heritage Championship show will be held at Chilliwack's HERITAGE PARK, in July, the first time it's ever been held in the Fraser Valley! (Qualifying for THAT show starts July 1, 2008.) You can find out more about HCBC's WESTERN HERITAGE program by going to [www.hcbc.ca/Content/Competition/Western%20Heritage.asp]

more ...



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WISH RIDE LESS THAN TWO WEEKS AWAY

We hope you are busy getting your pledges collected for the 1st annual Delta WISH TRAIL RIDE at Deas Island Park on Saturday, May 3. For more information, contact Marilyn or Tara at 604.946-8085 or fourseasons@live.ca or [www.provincialwishtrailride.com]. And finally ...

YEAR ENDS DEFINED

If you're a Delta Riding Club member and attended the last couple of club meetings, you know that we have been working on fine-tuning our rules for year end awards, and getting them on paper. The attached "Year End Award Eligibility 2008" was approved by members at the meeting earlier this month, and is in effect for this coming show season.

Whew! Oh ya ... don't forget to join! Membership application attached AGAIN!

4.18.08 DRESSAGE SHOW THIS SUNDAY

When I spoke with Sheila on Thursday, she told me 34 rides had been scheduled at Delta Riding Club's first Dressage Show this Sunday, April 20th! The first ride is booked for 8:30 and exhibitors will likely be doing their tests into the early afternoon, so there is plenty of opportunity to come on down to the club's grounds at 4897 - 28th Avenue (west of 52nd Street) on Sunday morning, buy a coffee and watch the show! Hope to see you there!

CONSIGNMENT TABLE RESUMED

Got horse-related stuff you no longer need or use? Want to turn it into CASH? Maybe we can help ...

We're resurrecting the "consignment table" at club shows, starting with our English Show, Sunday, April 27th. Bring your good used horse tack or clothing to the clubhouse on show day and we'll have a table and clothes rack set up to display your goodies to potential buyers! If it sells, the club retains a 10% commission so it's a win/win for you and for DRC!

The process is simple:

- 1/ Download the sale tags attached, fill them in (you'll get your consignor number when you sign in on show day), and secure to your items for sale. (Tags will also be available at the show office.)
- 2/ Bring your stuff to the show! There will be a sign-in sheet in the clubhouse which will identify your consignor number, name and telephone and/or email. Print your consignor number on your tags.
- 3/ Collect your loot (or your unsold items) at the end of the show

We'll keep an eye on the table and purchases will be paid for through the show office. Commission will be deducted from sale price when seller collects payment. So, check out the tack room (and the back closet!) And if you're looking for a great deal on gently used stuff, we're giving you ONE MORE GOOD REASON to come to Delta Riding Club shows! (If someone would like to volunteer to oversee the table, we're open to offers! Email cathyglover@telus.net to volunteer!) (Items are left at the owners' risk. Delta Riding Club or its volunteers will not accept any responsibility for loss or damage to items left on consignment.)

RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP at the shows!

Need another reason to come check out the April shows? How about to renew your membership? (Memberships warmly received! Application attached!)

4.5.08 PROVINCIAL WISH TRAIL RIDE CO-ORDINATOR TO SPEAK

When was the last time you went on a trail ride? When was the last time you went on a trail ride AND raised money for a most excellent cause??!!?

On Monday night, April 7th, you're invited to attend the South Delta Buckaroos 4-H Club meeting to listen to special guest MARY NEUFELD, the provincial co-ordinator of the Provincial Wish Trail Ride [www.provincial-wishride.com] because ... a Wish Trail Ride is being hosted in Delta this year at Deas Island Park, Saturday, May 3, to support this very worthy cause.

Mary doesn't have a long speech prepared, but you'll have a chance to ask questions and pick up pledge forms. That's at 7 pm at the Odd Fellows Hall, immediately west of The Landing Pub on Ladner Trunk Road. For more information on the Delta ride, contact Marilyn Pay at varietyconcepts@hotmail.com or 604.946-8085.

The success of the ride depends not only on a good turnout of riders, but sponsors and volunteers as well. I was on the very first trail ride in the Fraser Valley back in 1999 - it was a whole lot of fun and Mary's enthusiasm for the Wish Foundation and the good work they do for children with life threatening diseases, as well as the history of the Wish Trail Ride in BC, is infectious. Come to our meeting at 7 - it will be 30 minutes well spent. And don't forget to mark May 3rd on your calendar!

GENERAL MEETING NEXT WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9

Then ... on Wednesday, April 9th is our regular club meeting. It gets underway at 7 pm at the club house on 28th Avenue. The Show/Awards Committee has a new proposal for year end awards, so if you would like input on this issue, plan to attend!

DRESSAGE SHOW SUNDAY, APRIL 20

The Delta Riding Club's 2008 show season kicks off with a Dressage Show on Sunday, April 20th. Kathy Lifton is judging and Sheila Forsyth is co-ordinating volunteers (scribes, runners, scorers ...) and times for exhibitors. You can reach her at 604.940-9698. Sheila would like me to let you know that Dressage shows are not limited to just "dressage" riders. They're an excellent opportunity for equitation riders, for instance, to work on their pattern work. (She has Devon almost convinced to try a level 1 training test!) Don't be intimidated - it's a great way to get your horse out and familiarize him or her with the show grounds once again!

VOLUNTEER DRAW AT ENGLISH SHOW SUNDAY, APRIL 27

The following week, Sunday, April 27, is the first English Show of the season, and we're hearing lots of exhibitors are looking forward to that! We have Burgi Rommel confirmed as the judge, and we will be looking - of course - for lots of volunteers to make sure everything runs smoothly.

If you're available - but not riding - on that day, please contact me (Cathy Glover, 604.328.3814 or cathyglover@telus.net). We need a Show Manager, Whipper In, Ring Clerk and/or Announcer, Out Gate/Ribbons, and a runner. Concession help would be greatly appreciated as well. You don't have to commit a whole day - we're splitting it into two shifts (8:30 am to noon, noon til end of show). CALL or EMAIL ME!! All volunteers will be eligible to enter our VOLUNTEER DRAW to win a really great prize that day!! (Your support is always really appreciated - and it's great fun to catch up with people you may not have seen in a while ...)

The 2008 Show Programs are out in the tack and feed stores. There's some at Roddicks, Dog and Pony, Stampede, Greenhawk (Langley) and Westway. You can download it from our website [www.deltaridingclub.com] anytime but I have attached it here for easy reference. If you can't print it, email me and I will drop one in the mail for you.

I've also attached our 2008 membership application. Aside from the obvious benefits of membership, you must be a 2008 member before points start accumulating toward year end awards!

Looking forward to seeing some of you on Monday night and most of you later this month!!