



## 8.05.08 All hands on deck

With the Delta Riding Club's Summer Show only days away, we'll be setting up the jump course tomorrow night (Wednesday, August 6) at 7 pm at the club grounds. Lots of hands make light work, so if you can spare us an hour, we would really appreciate your help!

We also still have several volunteer slots open during the two day show that need to be filled. If you can help us out – training is free; your support priceless! – please email or call me as soon as possible. Nothing is too complicated, but every role a volunteer has is important and crucial to us ensuring this is a well run show.

Looking forward to seeing many of you at the club grounds tomorrow evening, 7 pm! Thanks!

## 8.5.08 Two day show promises something for everyone

The Delta Riding Club's SUMMER SHOW is this weekend, August 9 and 10 and pre-entries must be in by tomorrow, Wednesday, August 6th so members and non-members alike can take advantage of discounted entry fees! Phyllis Attrill of Maple Ridge is judging the Hunter/Jumper show on Saturday, and one of our favourites – Margaret Logan – is judging the English/Western classes on Sunday.

This is a Western Heritage qualifying show, and if you haven't already ordered your Log Books from Horse Council, you will be able to apply at the show and have your "top four" placings count toward next year's provincial championships at Heritage Park next July! Go to [www.hcbc.com](http://www.hcbc.com) and click on "Western Heritage" for details. Classes on both days count!

### Bring your cheque book

We have a most excellent fundraiser that will be a win/win for everyone! Kristin and Julie Crouch have spent the better part of the last month creating some wonderful silent auction baskets full of all kinds of goodies! Some baskets will end on Saturday; others will carry over to Sunday, and new ones will be added! If you want to see the most festive clubhouse ever, drop by (and place your bid!)

### And get your entries in lickety split!

We'll be cruising Dog & Pony and Roddicks (and the post box) for pre-entries Wednesday afternoon around 5 o'clock. You've got a little less than 24 hours to get your pre-entries in, otherwise we'll look forward to seeing you bright and shiny Saturday and/or Sunday morning!

Gates open at 6(yawn):30; office opens at 7. Coffee pot will be on! (Don't count on us being awake!) Show starts at 8 am both days!

Oh yes! Stalls are still available on a first/come/first served basis by pre-paying. They're \$20 each. Or you can take your chances on the day of the show!

### Another successful Dressage Show

We've been remiss in not extending congratulations to Katie Andrews and Rhumba for achieving the high score of the day at our second Dressage Show of the season, July 20. Thirty FIVE rides were booked to strut their stuff in front of judge Linda Dieno, and Sheila Forsyth says it was a most excellent and very rewarding day. Annette McQueen and Whisper and Madelyn Forsyth and Della shared the high score among DRC members. Congratulations to everyone!

### Lost!

The grandparents of one of our 4-H members has lost their video camera. The last time they used it was at the English Show on June ... 22. If anyone picked up a camera or saw one abandoned on the grounds, could you let me know? They would really like it back.

### Everyone loves a parade

I have it on good authority that Delta Riding Club was ably represented at the Tsawwassen Sun Festival Parade over the past weekend. Bruce Walker, Erika Littler, Francie Shuttleworth and Nancy Hoolsema and their gallant steeds braved the crowd and traffic (apparently, they only close down half of 56th!) to the delight of those on hand to watch!

### Website about to update

Keep an eye on our website – [www.deltaridingclub.com](http://www.deltaridingclub.com) -- it's about to be re-launched. (Cud be hours, cud be a few more days ...) It's very exciting for a "work in progress"! Let us know whatcha think!

### Finally ...

We'll be at the clubhouse Wednesday night to set up jumps. Able bodies warmly received!! And if you have a few hours to spare this weekend, we need volunteers to help make sure the SUMMER SHOW goes off without a hitch. Email or call me asap! [cathyglover@telus.net](mailto:cathyglover@telus.net) | 604.328-3814

### Coming up

**Saturday, August 9** | DRC Summer Show (Hunter/Jumper day)

**Sunday, August 10** | DRC Summer Show (English/Western day)

**Wednesday, August 13** | Monthly meeting, at the clubhouse, 7 pm

**Sunday, September 7** | DRC English/Western Show – Fraser Valley Western Heritage Circuit qualifier, Lewis McKim judging

## 8.8.08 New Website for Delta Riding Club

Today marks the launch of a re-designed website for the Delta Riding Club.

While some pages are still "under construction," we've posted the most sought-out information (like our Summer Show program) in a new user-friendly format for your convenience. We'll keep you posted as more pages are uploaded.

We'll be sending out information soon on how to add listings to our new Classifieds page and how to submit your photos of Delta Riding Club activities.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Devon at [devon-smith@telus.net](mailto:devon-smith@telus.net).

## 8.11.08 General meeting this Wednesday evening

Just a quick reminder that there is a general membership meeting at the clubhouse this Wednesday, August 13 at 7 pm. All and new members welcome!

We'll have lots to report on a very successful two days of showing at DRC this past weekend under sunny skies. Watch for it in your mailbox soon! Thank you to everyone – exhibitors and volunteers – who made our Summer Show such a success!

And in the meantime ... sneak a peak at [www.deltaridingclub.com](http://www.deltaridingclub.com) (and tell us what you think!).

Next show: Sunday, September 7, Fraser Valley Western Heritage Circuit-approved English/Western show, Lewis McKim, judge.

## 8.11.08 Second cut special for "members only"

Looking for a good deal on quality second cut local hay? DRC president Bruce Walker advises that the hay field at DRC's facility on 28th Avenue has been cut and should be baled as early as Wednesday or Thursday this week. (Most excellent week for baling second cut hay, ifn you check the forecast!)

So ... for members only, this hay will be available for \$6 per bale; you pick



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up from the DRC grounds.

Please contact Bruce to reserve some of this second cut hay and support your local riding club. You can email him at [bruce59@dccnet.com](mailto:bruce59@dccnet.com) or call him at home at 604.946-7552

## 8.28.08 Meeting next Wednesday

Delta Riding Club president Bruce Walker has asked me to let you know we've rescheduled our regular monthly meeting to NEXT Wednesday, September 3, 7 pm, at the clubhouse. Everyone is welcome (dare I say "encouraged") to attend.

## Last English/Western show on horizon

We should take this opportunity to remind everyone that the LAST English/Western show of the season is coming up quick – Sunday, September 7. Lewis McKim is judging and this is a Fraser Valley Western Heritage Circuit qualifier! (If you haven't already ordered your Western Heritage logbooks from Horse Council, pitter patter!) Our English/Western shows this year have been wildly successful with just shy of 50 exhibitors each. Let's see if we can break the 50-mark with one last "hurrah" before winter!

(PS: If you're not showing, can you lend a hand? We don't need your whole day, but a few hours would be nice – [cathylover@telus.net](mailto:cathylover@telus.net) to confirm!)

## Strike!

Probably only a handful of folks were aware of a fundraising opportunity we were able to partake in a couple of weeks ago at a slo-pitch baseball tournament at Hawthorne Park. Jan Littler – at a moment's notice – was able to twist the arms of a few of us (namely her daughters Erika and Brittany, Julie Crouch, myself and ???) to sell 50/50 tickets twice daily during the two day tourney, and collect pop and (shhhhhh) beer cans/bottles, and boy, did it pay off! We raised \$757!!! Yay, Jan! There's an opportunity to turn this fundraiser into something MUCH more lucrative next year – so collectively, we shud remember how successful this spur-of-the-moment effort was!

## Summer Show news coming (but not today ...)

I know I have been remiss in not recapping the Summer Show, and I'm sorry – it was such a huge success and you would think I would be "inspired." Instead, I am still feeling a little overwhelmed. It's coming ... I promise ... In the meantime, thank you to everyone – exhibitors AND volunteers alike – who made this two day show our most successful this year to date!

## Have you been surfing?

Don't forget to check out our recently-retooled website, [www.deltaridingclub.com](http://www.deltaridingclub.com) and let us know what you think. We are working on a very trick photo gallery (the most asked question to date). And I'll have news about our classified section soon. Please send your photos and comments to [devonsmith@telus.net](mailto:devonsmith@telus.net).

## Upcoming dates

**Wednesday, September 3:** General meeting, clubhouse, 7 pm

**Saturday, September 6:** South Delta Buckaroos 4-H Achievement Day at the club grounds, 10 am – 2 pm

**Sunday, September 7:** English/Western Show (FVWHC qualifier), Lewis McKim, judge

**Sunday, September 21:** Dressage Show, Kiersten Humphrey, judge (contact Sheila for entries and times, 940-9698)

**Saturday, September 27:** 4-H District Ride-Off, invitational 4-H show, 10 am

**Sunday, October 5:** Games Day