



Delta Riding Club

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7.19.08 Summer Show program ready

The Delta Riding Club's SUMMER SHOW program and entry form is now ready for distribution. This is a TWO-DAY show, August 9 and 10 with THREE judges!

This is a Western Heritage qualifying show (the Western Heritage <http://www.hcbc.ca/Content/Competition/Western%20Heritage.asp> provincial championship show will be held in CHILLIWACK next July!), and we've added classes to make this show more WH-friendly! Horse Council has retooled their log books for the 2008/2009 season, and they're ready to go. You can download an application form at HCBC http://www.hcbc.ca/Images/Documents/Competitions%20downloads/WH_Application_Form_2008.pdf

Please note there is a PRE-ENTRY DISCOUNT for every one providing the entries are RECEIVED BY AUGUST 6th. Please note, the entry fees are different for this show so you MUST USE the Summer Show entry form for entries!

There are a limited number of stalls and will be reserved in order of payment received. We have embroidered bridle bags for division high points on the Hunter/Jumper day and awards to first place for all classes on the English/Western Day.

Any questions, please call or email Cathy at 604/328-3814 or cathyglover@telus.net or Sheila at 604/940-9698.

We DESPERATELY need willing volunteers to fill positions at this show. If you have three hours to spare us, we would REALLY appreciate your help! Please contact me soon. Thanks!

Dressage Show tomorrow

Quick reminder there is a Dressage Show at DRC tomorrow, Sunday, July 20th. Sheila reports she has a nice selection of entries, so if you're in the area, please drop by for a coffee and donut and a little bit of dressage in a MOST AWESOME SETTING! (What could be better than having your morning coffee at DRC, as the trains roll by under an endless sky ...)

7.14.08 Deadline for entries extended

The second Dressage Show of Delta Riding Club's three-show series gets underway this coming SUNDAY, JULY 20th. Show manager Sheila Forsyth says she's extending the entry deadline to this WEDNESDAY, JULY 16th, so if you haven't already booked a time, please call her as soon as possible: 604.940-9698.

The judge for this show is LINDA DIENO. There is a beautiful leather halter for the high score of the day and members can qualify for their year end awards at this show. Sheila reminds me once again that you don't have to specialize in Dressage to ride a dressage pattern. It's excellent precision practice for horse and rider alike!

Summer Show program almost complete

The program for the DRC's annual SUMMER SHOW should be finished by the end of the week. Mark your calendars for AUGUST 9 and 10! Phyllis Attril with judge the Hunter/Jumper show while Margaret Logan has to the honours for the English/Western Day. There's a pre-entry discount and this show is a WESTERN HERITAGE qualifier!

Summer breeze means smooth sailing for Hunter/Jumper Show

It was darn near PERFECT weather for the DRC's Hunter/Jumper Show on July 6. A pleasant breeze kept the temperature from soaring in an otherwise flawless sky - we couldn't have wished for better! And the turnout was none-too-shabby either! We had exhibitors from as far away as Chilliwack and Abbotsford (4-H members, I might add!), and the FIVE DIVISION high points were shared among a cross section of riders! Congratulations to:

CROSS RAIL

Loreal Goertzen and County (from Abbotsford!)

By just one point over Beatrice Alexander and Northern Essence

2 FOOT

Katie Andrews & Rhumba

By ONE point over Shelagh Niblock and King Biscuit Bay

2'3"

Jenny Heinz & Izabel

who won the tiebreaker against Annie Notenbomer & Most Dashing with Able Tsang and Bambee only one point behind them! Yowzers!

2'6"

Alicia Harper & Hylee Classical QT (who says colour can't jump, eh?!?)

And JUMPER

Able Tsang & Bambee (besting Carol Payne & Merlyn by one point again!) (Able, we have your high point saddle pad in the office!)

Many thanks to judge SANDY ALEXANDER for his continued support - Sandy donated his fee back to the club. He's been a tireless supporter of our efforts to fine-tune the Hunter/Jumper show and we can't thank him enough!

As well, thank you again to our HUNTER/JUMPER SPONSORS:

- Kim Rose
- RODDICKS Feed & Farm Supply
- WESTLAND Insurance
- "Major"
- GREENHAWK

Also, many thanks to our volunteers, before, during and after the show! We had an enthusiastic ring crew on the Wednesday night including -- oh dear, I'm going to forget someone - Francie, Bruce, Fiona, SANDY ALEXANDER, Devon, Madeleine and Michaela ... oh dear ERIK ... and then ON SHOW DAY (for this I have a list!): Show manageress Francie Shuttleworth, Bruce Walker (ring clerk), Devon Smith (whipper in), Fiona Walker (COOK!); Cathy Glover, Cindy Schuss and Diane Fenton (entry office); Barry Beaton (cook - who says you need hair on your arms anyways?!?!); Sheila Forsyth; Erik Anderson (announcer); Sandra and Emily Tentzerakis (concession and ribbons), Sammy Schuss (concession) and Jillian Alexander (runner).

If you recognize many of these names, it's because - and pardon me for editorializing just a wee bit here - it's because most of them are DRC's TIRELESS VOLUNTEERS, and we owe them a GREAT DEAL of gratitude for keeping things ticking along each and every show! Ask any one of them, and they'll probably tell you they do it because THEY ENJOY IT and ... they ENJOY THE COMPANY THEY KEEP - which begs the question - WHY DON'T MORE PEOPLE SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER?!?!?

Here's your chance:

On August 9/10, we are having our annual SUMMER SHOW and we are going to need A FULL ROSTER OF VOLUNTEERS! Training is FREE; we love you to bits AND ... you get to be part of a great TEAM!

Please let me know - if you're not showing - whether you can help us out for a few hours over the couple of days. It's a lonnnnnnnnnnnnnnnnggggg weekend for a small crew; much shorter if we can SHARE THE LOAD!

(For volunteer "opportunities", call or email me: cathyglover@telus.net / 604/328-3814.)

(Rant/whining complete. Insert smiley face here!)

Coming up:

Sunday, July 20: Dressage Show

Wednesday, August 6 (tentative): WORK party

August 9/10: Trophy Show (Western Heritage)

Wednesday, August 13: General Membership meeting

Sunday, September 7: English/Western Show (Fraser Valley Western Heritage Circuit qualifier)

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7.05.08 Hunter/Jumper show tomorrow

Quick reminder about the HUNTER/JUMPER SHOW tomorrow at DRC, starting at 9 am. Gates open at 7:30, entry office at 8 am. Five divisions / FIVE high points!

Don't forget, also, that we have an "honour system" CONSIGNMENT SALE ongoing in the clubhouse. Bring your good, clean equipment or clothing, or take a look at the selection of goodies (blankets, bridles, jackets, etc.) that has accumulated during the season. Some folks have gone home with some good buys already!

And ...

Jan Littler asked me to remind you that there is a JUNIOR MEETING at 6 pm this WEDNESDAY, JULY 9TH, at the clubhouse. This is open to all DRC youth members. You can reach Jan at blittler@telus.net or 604.946-4192 for more information.

The regular monthly meeting starts at 7 pm, WEDNESDAY, JULY 9th.

7.03.08 The course is set for this Sunday!

A bunch of us strong-like-bull types were at the grounds last night putting up the jumps in anticipation of the second installment of the Delta Riding Club's HUNTER/JUMPER SERIES which gets underway promptly at 9 am this coming SUNDAY, JULY 6.

SANDY ALEXANDER will be judging FIVE divisions: CROSS RAIL, 2', 2'3", 2'6", AND JUMPER and we have HIGH POINT AWARDS for each! Our DAY STALLS are available on a first come/first served basis for \$20 for the day and -- of course -- we'll have our FAMOUS concession!

The gates open at 7:30. We'll have schooling rounds available at \$10 per round. Remember, we've changed the cross entry rule, so you can now enter multiple divisions (with the exception of cross rail). (FYI: The 2' Division will start no earlier than 9:30 am.) For a show program, visit our website: www.deltaridingclub.com

It's summer, and apparently SOME people take vacations! As a result, we're a few KEY volunteers short. If you can help out, please email or call Francie (604.940-8960) or me (cathyglover@telus.net or 604/328-3814) -- we cud sure use the help!

Chalking up another success

The English Show on June 22 boasted another great turnout of exhibitors AND spectators alike! It occurs to me that our parking lot fills us with MORE than just the usual exhibitor entourage -- I think those sandwich boards the elves put out at the bend on Arthur & 28th and at the north end of 52nd Street bring in their own share of horse (and breakfast sandwich) lovers! And that's just fine with us!

Congratulations to High Point winners KATIE JOHNSON & COLOURS and reserve High Point BRITTANY LITTLER & LS DESIREE ME for their success in catching the eye of judge KELLY MacINTOSH and great prizes sponsored by the HALF CRANKED BIKE CLUB. It was a terrific day, with most-excellent showing weather, and virtually no hiccups! (Whew!)

GREENHAWK sponsored the volunteer draw for this show, won by our MASTER CHEF, BRUCE LITTLER! I guess we're no different from most clubs, but we do struggle to fill alllllll the volunteer positions we have on show day, so we are always VERY VERY grateful to everyone who lends a hand. THANK YOU to every one of you!

Calling last year's trophy show winners

Lisa Hanney would like me to remind you to return your PERPETUAL TROPHIES from last year's Trophy Show as soon as possible. You can reach Lisa at 604.599-6961 or email her at gfarson@telus.net.

Bottle recycling fundraiser

The DRC ROYALTY's bottle recycling is an ongoing project. If you're coming to the show, pack up your used water bottles and pop cans and bring them along to help the girls do some fund-raising for next season's pageant! (There's a trailer parked on the south side of the clubhouse to take your empties!)

Buckaroos scores a first

The South Delta Buckaroos 4-H Horse Club hosted a most-excellent show at DRC on CANADA DAY! We had -- give or take -- 25 horses from all over the Fraser Valley -- including the 4-H in MOTION DRILL TEAM -- many visiting the club's grounds for the very first time. Were they impressed, you ask? Oh ... just a little bit, ya!

Congratulations to our own Kirsten Eyolfson for winning the Unit 2A high point, and to Devon Smith for her fifth consecutive Unit 3A high point win this season. Many thanks to RODDICKS FEED & FARM SUPPLY for sponsoring our unit awards!

This show was the VERY FIRST WESTERN HERITAGE QUALIFYING SHOW for the 2008/2009 season, and Devon also won the 14 & over high point for her success in our WH-qualifying classes! The embroidered Canada-Day-red cotton sheets were sponsored by GREENHAWK.

The Buckaroos really appreciated the opportunity to showcase the DELTA RIDING CLUB at our annual show this year! We think it was a huge success, so thank you, DRC!

Summer Show program coming

Don't forget to mark AUGUST 9th & 10th on your calendar. That's our annual two day SUMMER SHOW! We're fine-tuning the program and it should be ready in about a week!

Coming up:

Sunday: July 6: Hunter/Jumper show, Sandy Alexander judging
Sunday, July 20: Dressage Show, Judge: Linda Dieno (To pre-enter, contact Sheila, 604.940-9698)
SEE YOU SUNDAY!!!