



# Delta Riding Club

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## 6.30.08 4-H Show on Canada Day

Don't forget to drop by the DELTA RIDING CLUB tomorrow, July 1st, to help 4-H horse club members from ALL OVER the Fraser Valley celebrate Canada Day with the SOUTH DELTA BUCKAROOS! It's our annual 4-H horse show (you have to be a 4-H member to compete!).

The 4-H IN MOTION DRILL TEAM will open the show promptly at 9:30 with O CANADA! It's amazing to watch these young riders - come out and show them your support!

And ... Kristin has put together some very FESTIVE silent auction baskets to bid on (the club house looks like party central!) and we'll have a full concession! (Angus burgers R us!)

If you're interested in joining 4-H, or know someone who might, this is a perfect time to visit with our members, their leaders and parents! Hope you can drop by!

## 6.19.08 Western Heritage qualifier

If you haven't already noticed, the ELVES have been busy at the club grounds over the past week or so - WE HAVE STALLS!

Yes! For those exhibitors who are hauled in and have no where to hitch, or for those with HORSES that you're a little uncomfortable leaving attached to the trailer (lest they haul IT away!), we have TEN (count 'em, TEN) portable "day" stalls available, first come/first served. Granted, they don't have roofs yet, and there is no bedding at this time (the first horses to grace them, however, will have 100 square feet of sweet Delta grass), but ... IT'S SOMEWHERE TO DOCK YOUR HORSE for the day ... for a mere 20 bucks! (And we'll even clean 'em out afterwards! Howz THAT for a deal!?)

And when might you try them out?!? Well, this weekend, of course, at our ENGLISH SHOW, SUNDAY, JUNE 22nd. (Where has the Spring gone, eh?) Kelly MacIntosh is judging this WESTERN HERITAGE QUALIFIER.

I may have mentioned previously (or not) that we're adding three SHOW HACK classes to the schedule (Junior, Intermediate and Senior rider) in addition to the Open class, to make it a little more WH-friendly. What else? Oh yes, we have a couple of Hunter Hack classes at the end of the day, a VOLUNTEER draw courtesy of GREENHAWK, and ... high point awards for our over-achievers!

### HELPING HANDS NEEDED ...

We're still looking for grunts ... errr ... I mean "crew" to help us make sure everything runs smoothly. If you have a few hours to spare, and aren't showing, we would sure appreciate the help. Some require show-savvy people (like whipper in - have I mentioned that's my FAVOURITE job?!), and for other positions, we will provide FREE on-the-spot-training. It's worth mentioning AGAIN: if anyone is interested in sitting in and learning how the entry office functions with the computer, etc., we would love to show you!

Please email or call me as soon as possible, if you can help. I am away in Chilliwack all day Saturday at a 4-H show, but don't hesitate to call me - cathyglover@telus.net or 604/328-3814. It makes the show committee's job so much easier if we're not scrambling for help the morning of the show (like we don't have enough to do already!). Thanks! Oh yes ... the GATES WILL OPEN AT 7:30. The ENTRY OFFICE OPENS AT 8.

What else do we have for you?!?!? Hmm ...

### WANTED: Trophy show perpetuals

If you were one of the lucky recipients of a DRC perpetual trophy in 2007, we need it back as soon possible, please! If you can bring it to Sunday's show, that would be most swell. Otherwise, you can make arrangements to return it to LISA HANNEY. Her number is 604.599-6961 or email her at gfarson@telus.net as soon as possible. We're working on fine-tuning the TROPHY SHOW PROGRAM for August 9/10 - watch for it!

## TSAWWASSEN Sun Festival Parade

While Lisa is on my mind, she is interested in knowing who would be interested in representing DELTA RIDING CLUB along with our ROYALTY (Miss DRC Erika Littler and her princesses Brittany Littler and Jamie Tarlier) in the TSAWWASSEN SUN FESTIVAL PARADE on BC Day, Monday, August 4th. I've attached a copy of the parade route for your perusal. We're looking for riders with quiet horses and - no doubt - some of the obligatory pooper scoopers that go along with any equine entry! If you're interested in participating or helping put this together on behalf of the club, please give Lisa a call. You know how: 604.599-6961 or gfarson@telus.net

### BOTTLE drive

Speaking of ROYALTY, the Miss DRC Pageant Committee (aforementioned Lisa, Erika, Brittany & Jamie) are organizing a BOTTLE DRIVE, starting this SUNDAY, JUNE 22. If you have an accumulation of bottles, cans and tetrapaks that aren't walking to the bottle depot on their own, why not drop them off at the clubhouse on Sunday during the show!?!?

### LEARNING Curve

Natural horsemanship coach and trainer Adiva Murphy [www.adivamurphy.com] is offering a number of groundwork and under saddle clinics in Delta this summer that you might want to consider. Check out her recently re-tooled website for more information.

June 19 Riding Series I - Safety Workshop at the DRC 6-7:30 pm \$20pp

June 21 Level 2 In the Saddle Clinic - Loranda Farms 10am - 3pm

July 5 Demonstration and Seminar / BBQ and Used Tack Sale - Silverwood Farms

July 6 - Ground Work Mini Clinic I - Safety - Loranda Farms \$45pp 11-2pm

July 12 Lets Go to the Beach Clinic - Loranda Farms \$75pp 10am - 3pm (one spot left)

July 13 Lets Go to the Beach Clinic - Loranda Farms \$75pp 10am - 3pm

July 20 - Ground Work Mini Clinic 2 - Language - Loranda Farms \$45pp 11-2pm

July 27 - Ground Work Mini Clinic 3- Confidence - Loranda Farms \$45pp 11-2pm

To book your spot email [info@adivamurphy.com](mailto:info@adivamurphy.com) or [cindy@adivamurphy.com](mailto:cindy@adivamurphy.com)

What's on YOUR calendar this summer?

### Picture perfect

Marilyn and Tara Pay from FOUR SEASONS on 66 Street in Ladner have extended an invitation to anyone interested in having some PROFESSIONAL photos taken of their horse(s) this summer to give them a dingle. They're having someone come into the barn in the next week or so to take pics: \$25 for an 8x10. You can reach Marilyn at [varietyconcepts@hotmail.com](mailto:varietyconcepts@hotmail.com) or by calling 604.946-8085. (Marilyn and Tara, of course, hosted the FIRST ANNUAL and very successful Wish Trail Ride at Deas Island Park in May.)

### Mmmmmm ... cookies and pies ...

There was a discussion at last week's meeting that folks are interested in putting in an early summer cookie and pie order. It's a fundraiser for the club, and by all reports not only is it profitable, it's DARNED delicious to boot! If you would like to order, your best bet is to contact Nancy Andersen (that would be the better half of Erik!), at 604.946.5682 or [nancy@dccnet.com](mailto:nancy@dccnet.com). (Cudn't resist the dig, Erik!)

So ... isn't email great?!?! Can you imagine how many trees would have been cut down to allow us to send you all this information just 15 years ago?!?!? I didn't mean to turn it into a newsletter, and I probably could go on (and on ...) but there is SO much happening and we want to keep you informed. If you have news that you think our members and supporters would be interested in knowing or benefit from, please drop me a line.

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## O Canada

Want to start your Canada Day doing something a little different? Why not come down to the show grounds, Tuesday, July 1, at 9:30 am to watch the 4-H IN MOTION DRILL TEAM go thru their paces in a rousing presentation of OH CANADA!

This drill team has performed at the Mane Event and Agrifair and have been practicing since February. They're opening our 4-H Horse Show on Canada Day and we're very excited to have them with us.

If you're between the ages of 9 and 21 and are interested in joining 4-H, this will be a perfect opportunity to come down and meet members from all over the Fraser Valley as the DELTA RIDING CLUB helps our BUCKAROOS 4-H host our 3rd annual 4-H horse show (open to 4-H exhibitors only)! Thank you, DRC, for allowing us to use your grounds! We really appreciate your support!

Don't forget, we have a HUNTER/JUMPER SHOW coming up on SUNDAY, JULY 6. Sandy Alexander is judging.

In the meantime, looking forward to seeing many of you BRIGHT AND EARLY Sunday morning.

## Coming up ...

Thursday, June 19: Adiva Murphy under saddle clinic (4-H)  
Sunday, June 22: English Show (Western Heritage Qualifier), Kelly MacIntosh judging  
Tuesday, July 1: 4-H "Canada Day" Horse Show (4-H exhibitors only)  
Sunday: July 6: Hunter/Jumper show, Sandy Alexander judging

## Aw shoot ...

One more thing! If you are so inclined and want to bring your spic-and-span BALING TWINE to the clubhouse on Sunday, ALONG WITH YOUR BOTTLE RECYLING, you may. The Buckaroos appreciate the support of our horse community in keeping baling twine OUT of the landfill!

(Make sure it is absolutely clear of debris, including hay, please. We started sorting what had been delivered to Roddicks last week, and we must say how much we appreciate your efforts to send us CLEAN twine! Thank you!)

(Can you tell I wear TWO hats?!?!?)

## 6.28.08 Everyone welcome ...

This short & sweet bulletin won't do justice to the euphoria many of us are experiencing in the aftermath of our HUGE English/Western show last Sunday at Delta Riding Club, but we need to remind you that there is a GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING this WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11 at the clubhouse, at 7 pm. Everyone is welcome to attend - and your input at the meetings is welcome by all!

## Horses on the infield (shhhh ... don't tell Erik!)

Well. If you haven't already heard, last weekend's English/Western Show at DRC was the MOST successful in a long long while! Almost 50 exhibitors made for HUGE classes, lots of good competition and just a most-excellent day all around! Thank you so much to judge Starr Lange of Chilliwack who had her work cut out for her with classes with as many as 18 or 20 horses! (Uh huh!) Showmanship had 11 entries!! HOW COOL IS THAT?!?!

It was great to see so many 4-H members from up the valley (Prairie Trotters ROCK!) with their HCBC log books in hand as they work towards qualifying for this summer's WESTERN HERITAGE PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW in Kelowna. Talk about raising the bar - these kids were good! Congratulations to PT member MONIKA SCHROEDER & HOT

CUBED SUGAR, our English high point and Western reserve high point winner!

DRC members didn't fare too shabby, either, with the Littler girls also achieving high point status: Erika & CJ Chantilly Lace were reserve high point English, while Brittany rode LS Desire Me to the high point Western. Well done! Well deserved! And did you SEE our Trail class?!?! 12 entries!! Great pattern! (Thanks, Starr!)

Many thanks to our sponsors, Shelley McDowell & Country Life in BC (English) and the Littler Family (western)! High point winners took home embroidered cotton sheets, while reserve took very cool coloured polos!

Of course, we owe a great deal of thanks, as well, to a long list of volunteers. There's our core group of "grunts" - the ones you see at nearly every show:

Lisa Hanney (doubling as show manager & announcer),  
Bruce Walker & Julie Miller (ring clerks),  
Francie Shuttleworth &  
Sheila Forsyth (whipper ins),  
Lauren & Kim Proudlove (runner/ribbons/concession)  
Marg Brodie (cook)  
Kristin Crouch, Cindy McKay, Diane Fenton & yours truly (entry office)

And the ones who pitch in when we need them most:  
Natalie, Jenny, Taylor, Miranda & Mackenzie (out gate ...)  
Ward Mintzler (cook-in-training!)  
Fiona Walker (f-f-f-f-f-reezing whipper in!)  
Julie Crouch  
(concession & VOLUNTEER DRAW WINNER courtesy of Roddicks Feed & Farm Supply & Country Life in BC, YA!)

Thank you all! It was a long day, a very EXCITING day, and we appreciate all the help AND all the exhibitors who came to support our little-club-that-cud!

## Ground Manners ... naturally

The South Delta Buckaroos 4-H Club is having a "GROUNDWORK" clinic with Adiva Murphy this coming THURSDAY, JUNE 12, at the DRC grounds, weather permitting, and DRC members are invited to participate.

Suitable for handlers of ALL ages, ALL skill levels and ALL horses! Adiva will help participants establish lifelong and effective methods to stay safe while managing your horse, and help you develop a new relationship with your buddy! Suitable for recreational AND show horses!

Bring your horse, your rope halter and 12' lead if you have one, and come ready to have some fun! (Training gear will be supplied if needed.) Topics to include: leading safely, stopping, development of personal space and safe sending. (Pivot work optional!)

There is limited space, so please book early ([cathyglover@telus.net](mailto:cathyglover@telus.net)) to reserve your spot. \$20 per horse/handler. Spectators welcome. Participants should be ready to go at 6 pm for approximately 2 hours. (Gates open at 5:30.)

DON'T FORGET THE MEETING ON WEDNESDAY NIGHT!!

## Coming up ...

Wednesday, June 11: General Membership meeting  
Thursday, June 12: Adiva Murphy groundwork clinic (4-H)  
Sunday, June 15: Dog & Pony TENT SALE  
Thursday, June 19: Adiva Murphy under saddle clinic (4-H)  
Sunday, June 22: English Show  
Tuesday, July 1: 4-H "Canada Day" Horse Show (4-H exhibitors only)  
Sunday: July 6: Hunter/Jumper show

Oops! Did I say short & sweet? Oops ...)