



Delta Riding Club

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3.20.09 Drop by the Delta Riding Club booth

I always consider the LMQHA Horseman's Bazaar the official "season opener" for getting back in the saddle! This Sunday, drop by our DELTA RIDING CLUB booth and enter our draw for an awesome gift basket including our 60th anniversary vest and hat! We'll have the rest of our vests and jackets there for sale, and ... why not take the opportunity to pay your 2009 membership? We'll have membership forms AND -- TA-DA -- the debut of our 2009 DRC SHOW SCHEDULE! Lots more news to come, but in the meantime, we look forward to seeing you on Sunday!!

4.15.09 Brace yourself ...

... THIS is going to be a book!

CARBOOT SALE THIS SUNDAY

Got stuff? Tack you're no longer using, show clothes that (ahem) no longer fit? Pack it up in your trunk, truck or trailer and come to DRC Sunday morning (April 19) between 9 and 10 am and find a spot on our grassy parking lot and sell it, carboot-style!

What's a carboot sale, you ask? It's a SWAP MEET for you and your horse! A mere \$10 donation to the club gets sellers in the gate. Buyers welcome at no charge!

Held in conjunction with the very first show of the season -- the first of three PERCENTAGE DAYS -- we've been advertising the CARBOOT SALE in our show program and in posters that we've put up at local barns and in tack and feed stores up and down the Valley and by word of mouth. As a result, we're expecting a pretty good turnout of sellers AND buyers! The South Delta Buckaroos 4-H Horse Club will be hosting a concession, the dressage show has lots of rides booked (so there is something to see, in addition to the bargains you'll find!) AND ... the forecast says SUN SUN FUN!

Clean out the closet, clean out the tack room and come to DRC on SUNDAY, 10 til 1!!

Last chance!

Did you get your entries in for our first PERCENTAGE DAY of the season this Sunday? If you haven't and thought you had missed the boat, we have GREAT NEWS! Sheila says if you enter before tomorrow (Wednesday, April 15, 5 pm), she will pencil you in! It's going to be a fantastic start to the season! Sarah Alberni IS judging this show (Erica Urff, through no fault of her own, has been rescheduled for a later date, most likely June 28th) and last I heard, there were at least 30 -- maybe more! -- rides booked! HOW COOL IS THAT?!?!?

A-N-T-I-C-I-P-A-T-I-O-N

Has this long c-c-c-c-cold transition from winter to spring made you wonder if show season was EVER going to arrive? Well, GOOD NEWS! Our first English/Western show is JUST around the corner (and has some of us wondering how it could POSSIBLY be the end of April already?!?!). We have just confirmed Yvonne Longauer as our judge for our APRIL 26 show.

Many of you will have already picked up our show program or seen it online at [www.deltaridingclub.com]. Did you notice some of the changes we made for 2009?!? This year for the first time we're offering a DRIVING CLASS! How cool is that?!?! And, the BC Heavy Horse Association is sponsoring three DRAFT HORSE CLASSES for purebred Drafts -- Halter, English and Command! And how about In-

Hand Trail for exhibitors with young horses or who would like to see how their natural horsemanship skills measure up? There's something for EVERYone at DRC this year!

All our English/Western and Hunter/Jumper shows are BC HERITAGE and APHA PAC-approved. We know a lot of exhibitors are looking to qualify for this year's BC Heritage (formerly Western Heritage) finals, July 11/12, at Heritage Park in Chilliwack. It's the first time the finals have been held in the Fraser Valley, and there is still plenty of time and qualifying shows before the June 30th deadline. You need log books to track your results, so if you haven't ordered yours yet for this qualifying year, go online to [www.hcbc.ca], click on Competitions, and then BC Heritage. I know the crew at Horse Council has been thinking "outside of the box" to make this year's show a real milestone!

PS: Members, don't forget to have your 2009 HCBC dues paid before you show! All DRC members must be Horse Council members in order to show!

Speaking of #s ...

DRC members can reserve their very favourite SHOW NUMBER for the year! Email me [cathyglover@telus.net] BEFORE THE FIRST SHOW on April 26 to reserve your number (from 1 to 100); first come, first served! Don't ASSUME we will know by osmosis what your number was last year and that we're saving it. We're being like little red hens and starting from SCRATCH! (And if you told me before, tell me again -- my brain leaks! Please and thank you!)

An old Beatles tune ...

Now, if you're not quite ready to show on April 26, we could sure use some HELP! Big time! We need at least two more bodies keeping the chairs warm in our friendly entry office from 7:30 to 9 am on show day; we need announcers, whipper-ins, ribbon presenters, concession help, parking attendants, runners, grunts (afterall, we have TRAIL courses to build!) Even if you are able to volunteer only a FEW HOURS on show day, we would sure appreciate hearing from you! Please don't be shy -- we would really appreciate your call! Knowing who is doing what and when BEFORE THE SHOW BEGINS sure makes it look like we know what we're doing!

Training is free; being part of a "team" is priceless!

Call or email me (cathyglover@telus.net | 604.328-3814. THANK YOU! (And yes, we'll be having a VOLUNTEER DRAW at every show again this year!)

Vested interest

So ... how would YOU like to be sporting a commemorate 60th anniversary Delta Riding Club vest this year?!?!? Have you paid your DRC membership dues yet? Join DRC by next MONDAY, APRIL 20th and you could be eligible to win! How simple is that?

Download a membership application at

[www.deltaridingclub.com/membership] and bring it to the Percentage Day/Carboot Sale on Sunday. Only memberships received by April 20th will be eligible to win.

Already joined? No worries! Your name is already entered in our draw to win a FREE VEST! Remember, DRC members pay less to enter our shows and are eligible for year end awards! And how about this:

Want more member perks? Try THIS on for size:

The Dog & Pony is offering all 2009 Delta Riding Club members



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10% off RIDING PANTS this month!! Keep your DRC membership card in your wallet because EVERY month, you're going to get a special offer from Dog & Pony -- just because you're a DRC member!

Many thanks

Alicia Harper has taken on double duty as a first year director this year. Not only does she manage our memberships, but she has done an outstanding job re-tooling our sponsorship program and securing sponsors for this year! We would like to thank:

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The Dog & Pony Shop
Adiva Murphy Natural Horsemanship

Our club is completely run by volunteers, and we really REALLY appreciate the support of our sponsors. Their contribution to our club helps pay for ribbons, judges, awards, clubhouse upgrades, and so much more! If you would like to join our list of sponsors, or know of a business that would, please contact Alicia at Alicia@aliciaharper.com. Visit the website for details about our sponsorship program. And ... be sure to let our sponsors know how much YOU appreciate their support of our club!

NEWSFLASH!

We interrupt this Bulletin to report there may be as many as 40 (F-O-R-T-Y!!!) RIDES booked for Sunday! (Yowzers!! We ROCK!)

Time well spent

Did you see our booth at the LMQHA Bazaar last month?!! I think DRC President Bruce Walker has found his calling! He is the BOOTH KING! He did an awesome job representing our club, along with better half Fiona Walker, and Brittany Littler, Alicia Harper, Joan and Keira Simmons, Emily Stopp, Devon Smith and yours truly. We added over 100 names to our email list (WAY cool!!) Congratulations to our raffle winner, COURTNEY PEARSON of Langley, who won a most wonderful gift basket that sported -- among other things -- a DRC vest and hat! (MANY thanks to Kristin Crouch for arranging the basket for us! We'd call her the "basket queen", but somehow that doesn't sound right ... No matter -- she does up one terrific basket!).

Thank you to everyone who stopped by and said "Hi" -- it was a great day; we handed out dozens and dozens of show programs and talked to people from all over the Valley -- some who had heard about our great little club, and others who found out about us for the first time!

Hard workers

It was a meeting of hard-core members last week as directors met at the clubhouse (rather than Ricky's) for the first time this year. (Regular monthly meetings are held the second Wednesday of every month and EVERYone is welcome -- dates are posted on the website!). But it was a very productive and friendly meeting of minds as we all realized just how quickly show season is sneaking up on us! Even though the show committee has been meeting quite literally since LAST OCTOBER, there is still plenty to do! Yesterday afternoon (Easter Monday -- I can still say that because it's on the good side of midnight still!), Francie and Sheila and Karen and Emily set up the dressage surrounds for Sunday's show, while I pressure-washed the deck! I am VERY pleased to report that by this weekend, there will be a VAST improvement to the inside of the clubhouse -- it's a work in progress nonetheless -- but we're all very excited! (Thanks, John!) We'll be meeting there again tomorrow/today (Wednesday) evening, 6 til 8, to continue the tidy. If you're out and about, stop by. We'll find something for you to do!

Speaking of out and about ...

We're very pleased to welcome Glen from G&H Horse Transport to our community and as one of our platinum sponsors this year! Glenn has recently moved to Ladner from Surrey and has set up shop on 64 Street, so local hauls are just a phone call away! Check out G&H's website at [www.gandhorsetransport.com] or call Glenn at 604-619-0962. We're using him this Saturday to take four of our South Delta Buckaroo 4-H members to the first 4-H show of the season out in Abbotsford! Woo hoo, Buckaroos!

If wishes were horses ...

Marilyn and Tara Pay of Four Seasons Equestrian Facility are looking for YOUR help to make wishes come true for some of BC's sickest kids! They're well into preparations for the 2nd annual DELTA "WISH" TRAIL RIDE. It's on Saturday, May 2 at Deas Island Park and pledge forms can be picked up at Dog & Pony and Roddicks and Westway. Last year, the Delta ride raised almost \$6000 for the Children's Wish Foundation and nearly everyone who rode took home a prize -- as if raising money for a good cause wasn't prize enough! DELTA RIDERS ROCK! Marilyn and Tara do an incredible job for an incredible cause -- they held an open house this past Saturday at Four Seasons, and DRC had a booth there! For more information, contact Tara at 604.328-9360 or email her at fourseasons@live.ca. All proceeds go the Children's Wish Foundation.

All tied up ...

Have you got BALING TWINE oozing out all over everywhere? As you may know, there has been a setback in the global plastics recycling industry and as a result, the interest in the Buckaroos' collection of baling twine is waning. HOWEVER ... we are not prepared to give up the cause. BRING YOUR TWINE TO DRC ON SUNDAY and keep Delta GREEN! We'll get it to the recycler -- some how, some way! Please make sure it is free of debris (including hay, candy bar wrappers and mousetraps -- uh huh! MOUSETRAPS!), put it in a plastic garbage bag (or a clean feed bag) and look for my trailer. (The one attached the SILVER Grand Cherokee -- not hard to miss!)

And finally ... CLINICALLY speaking

We are very pleased to announce TWO clinics have been booked at DRC this Spring. The first one is on SUNDAY, MAY 3 and is an English/Western clinic with April Reeves, host of Delta Cable's "Horse Tales". April is a CHA Level 3 Western, English and Jumping instructor and has donated a whole day of teaching to the club! There are FIVE opportunities to improve your horsemanship under



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this talented clinician. Book now before the classes fill! (Poster attached!)

And then ... sessions are already selling out for the big CHELAN KOZAK on May 23 and 24. We are truly honoured that Chelan -- who represented Canada at the 1996 Olympic Games in Atlanta -- will be coming to our club grounds to work privately or in small groups with riders in Dressage, Jumping and Eventing! We'll send THAT poster by separate email (the file is quite large).

For more information or to book your spots in either clinic, please call or email DRC director April Reeves at 604.233.0781 or info@horsemansu.com.

And so ... now that we have all this off our chest, we'll try to stay in touch more frequently and in smaller increments. As you can see, there has been a lot going on "behind the scenes" by a group of tireless volunteers! We're all looking forward to a great year ... hope you all can be part of it!

Coming up ...

Wednesday, April 15 | Work party, DRC grounds, 6-8 pm
Sunday, April 19 | Percentage Day / Carboot Sale
Sunday, April 26 | English/Western Show, Yvonne Longauer judge
Saturday, May 2 | Delta Wish Trail Ride
Sunday May 3 | English / Western clinic with April Reeves
Wednesday, May 10 | Regular monthly meeting at the clubhouse
Sunday, May 17 | DRC Hunter/Jumper Show
Saturday/Sunday, May 23/24 | Chelan Kozak Clinic, DRC
Sunday, May 24 | Ladner May Days Parade
Sunday, May 31 | DRC English/Western Show, Lisa Mander judge

DON'T FORGET TO LET US KNOW IF YOU CAN HELP at the CARBOOT SALE or the ENGLISH/WESTERN SHOW!

4.23.09 New English/Western format on trial this weekend

A quick check of Environment Canada's website and the Weather Network says we're gonna be blessed with SUN SUN SUN this Sunday as Delta Riding Club gets ready to host our first English/Western show of the 2009 season! (In fact, there isn't any rain the forecast for weeks!) Are you ready?

You only have one more day to get your PRE-ENTRIES into Dog & Pony or Roddicks to be eligible for our "PRE-ENTRY DRAW"! We'll be picking up entries first thing Saturday morning, so get your entries to either of our 2009 sponsors by closing time tomorrow, Friday, April 24, to ensure your entry in the draw! SIX stalls have already been reserved! DRC members: if you haven't already reserved your show number for 2009, email me NOW! NEW this year (and you don't have to enter early to be eligible, but we would appreciate it if you did!): All exhibitors will be entered automatically into our exhibitor's draw!

Be sure to bring your BC Heritage Log Book with you. (If you haven't ordered yours to be eligible to compete at this summer's finals in Chilliwack, applications are available in the show office.) Paint Horse owners, don't forget your Open Show Results form and PAC sheets.

We had a little blip earlier this week when the judge we booked for this show had to cancel! However ... Val Jackson of White Dove Stables in Chilliwack has graciously agreed on very short notice to come down to sunny Delta! Val has trained and shown successfully

in both English and Western disciplines, has been a certified CEF Level I Western Instructor, is a certified vaulting coach and ... has even been involved with Little Britches and High School Rodeo. Did we mention, also, that she was a 4-H club leader for ten years? She's a very capable judge, is very patient with new exhibitors and certainly qualified to test the ring savvy among us! I think you're going to enjoy her!

You should know we have a second judge confirmed for Handy Horse, In-Hand Trail and Trail so those classes aren't likely to slow the show down. The show STARTS AT 8:30 AM THIS YEAR. The Lead Line class will interrupt the show at (but not before) 10 am.

Gates open by 7:15 am. Coffee ready shortly thereafter. Please park carefully, allowing room for other exhibitors and their horses and follow the instruction of the parking attendants. Passenger vehicles, please park next to the hunter/jumper ring on the west side of the property to allow more room for trailers and trucks!

Help wanted!

GREAT news! The volunteer draw last year was SUCH a huge success, it's back for this season! And yes, there is still time to sign up to help at this Sunday's show! (At the risk of sounding desperate) WE NEED HELP!

We're still looking for an afternoon ANNOUNCER, am & pm WHIPPER INS (horse show experience pretty much necessary for those jobs), help in the CONCESSION, RIBBON presenters (am & pm), OUTGATE, and RUNNERS. Please call or email me as soon as possible -- we would really like to confirm jobs by Saturday!

Barn burner!

Were you at the Dressage Show on Sunday?! Oh my goodness! 47 (f-o-r-t-y s-e-v-e-n) rides is an all-time DRC record for Dressage, and boy, was show manager Sheila Forsyth ever excited! It was a fantastic day with some phenomenal rides. If I'm not mistaken three BLUE ribbons (representing scores over 70%) were awarded by judge Sarah Alberni.

Congratulations to our high point rider for the day who also happens to be a new DRC member! Keya Milaire rode her Palomino gelding Kahlua Cream in her first dressage test ever (Training Level 1) to the top score of the day! Keya is a former 4-H member who first showed at our English/Western shows last year. Outstanding!

Congratulations as well go to Vicki Chu on Jaxx (Walk/Trot B) and Moya Byrne with Madrid (Training Level 2) for their runner-up scores! Nancy Anderson, who spent the ENTIRE day adding up tests, won the Volunteer Draw.

The weather was ideal for showing -- overcast but dry ... until the final two rides when it started to spit just a little bit (probably just so we'd remember how fortunate we are!).

And then ...

Carboot sale HUGE success!

Our first ANNUAL carboot sale was everything we hoped it would be! There were more than a dozen sellers and tack and show clothing literally ooooozed out of pick up trucks and SUVs. And there were BUYERS! Dog & Pony's Kim Wilkie sold over \$600 worth of "pre-owned" stuff; we sold over \$100 (which we promptly spent!). It was just a great success! And ... everyone is totally on board to do it again! Some are saying this fall, even! If you weren't there, watch for the pictures to be loaded on the website very soon! It was an awesome day! Lots of selling, lots of buying, lots of NETWORKING!



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Many thanks to Bruce Walker for collecting sellers' fees, and to the 4-H MOMS (Cindy, Kristin, Darlene) and members (Megan, Devon and Linda) for running the concession! We went thru THREE big urns of coffee!

Still in the mood to shop?

Our good buddy Laura Loiacono phoned yesterday to extend an invitation exclusive to all Delta Riding Club members: You're invited to come to Greenhawk's Vancouver store (1622 West 75th Avenue) on WEDNESDAY EVENING, MAY 20, 6 to 8 pm for a "Club Shopping Night."

Greenhawk will be offering great specials on regularly priced merchandise (some exceptions apply) and the first TEN members to arrive will get a free fly mask! Laura's promising nibbles (nothing like food to draw this crowd!). Another good reason to join DRC now!

And the winner is ...

Alex Pelltier of Point Roberts! Congratulations, Alex, you have won a commemorative 60th anniversary DRC vest for joining DRC this year before April 20th! Come by the show on Sunday and get your vest!

If you haven't joined DRC yet this year, be sure to download a membership application from the show office and pay your dues when you enter and pick up your number! Only members are eligible for year end awards!

We can't thank you enough!

We want to once again acknowledge our 2009 DRC show sponsors including three that we overlooked last week:

Platinum:
Delta Agricultural Society
Greenhawk Vancouver
G&H Horse Hauling
Roddick Feed & Farm Supply

Gold:
Mane Threadz Show Wear
Elves Emboidery

Silver:
Kim Rose
Blue Meadow Farm
Hylee Trianing
South Delta Buckaroos
Country Life in BC
BC Heavy Horse Association
Sequest Stables
Bates Tack Shoo
The Dog & Pony Shop
Adiva Murphy Natural Horsemanship

Got pants?

Just a little under a week left to take advantage of this month's special offer to DRC members from Dog & Pony. Show your DRC membership card and get 10% OFF RIDING PANTS! Now until Thursday, April 30th! Next month – something NEW!

Roddicks confirmed as a TWINE DEPOT!

We're pleased to let you know a bin has been graciously placed in Roddicks' parking lot for your baling twine! Please make sure it is

free of debris (including those gosh darn mousetraps), and if you're by Roddicks and see the bin is getting full, would ya mind giving me a heads up so I can race down and empty it? Thanks for helping the SOUTH DELTA BUCKAROOS 4-H CLUB keep Delta's horse barns GREEN! Ya!

Chelan is coming! Chelan is coming!

If you haven't already done so, don't wait much longer to sign up for a spot in the Chelan Kozak clinic coming to DRC May 23/24. It's filling fast! Chelan is a gifted rider and coach and this very affordable opportunity to ride with one of Canada's finest equestrian athletes isn't likely to repeat itself soon. We are very honoured to have her! Information will be posted on the website soon, but in the meantime you can reach April Reeves, our 2009 clinic co-ordinator, at 604.233.0781 or email her at aprilreeves@shaw.ca.

And don't overlook April's own clinic on May 3 at DRC! That's just over a week away! Yikes! April has put a lot of effort into creating a day of workshops that should appeal to members and non-members alike. See the poster attached!

Good deeds

While you're at the show this weekend, please keep your eyes peeled for DRC members who are going above and beyond! Their good deeds can be acknowledged by your nomination for our annual "MEMBERS' CHOICE" awards. A ballot box will be in the show office at every show; there are five categories to nominate members in: Most Improved, Most Enthusiastic, Special Appreciation, Sportsmanship, and for the Wayne Schiewe Memorial (acknowledging the member who helps youth members). Nominations will also be accepted for the "Horse on Course" Horsemanship perpetual – see our website under "Year End Awards" for details.

And so ... Didn't mean to be so long-winded again, but there is lots going on! PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE – if you're not showing on Sunday, we could truly use the help! The show committee has worked since last October, meeting several times a month over and above the regular DRC meetings to ensure the success of the 2009 show season. Now it's up to ALL OF US to make it so! Please call or email me if you can help. (cathyglover@telus.net or 604/328-3814). Every volunteer's job is critical at a horse show, from the entry office to gates! We appreciate everyone who lends a hand!

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