



Delta Riding Club

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5.14.09 Up and over!

A very quick reminder to all that the Delta Riding Club hosts their first HUNTER/JUMPER show of the season this SUNDAY, MAY 17. We're already expecting an excellent turnout for this show. We have high points in each of five divisions, and an exhibitor draw. Five stalls have already been pre-booked; that means just five are left! Gates open at – yawn – 6:30; coffee ready at 7:30. Show starts promptly at 8:30. (Two footers shud be ready to ride early, in case there are only a few entries in cross rail like last year! We hope we have more cross railers, but we're just sayin ...). This is a BC Heritage qualifying show (the flat classes and equitation over jumps classes are all qualifiers!). Log book applications available in the office and there is still plenty of time to qualify for this year's provincial show in Chilliwack, July 11/12. Rhonda Thompson is judging; we have a full crew of eager and willing volunteers. (THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!)

Pre-entries warmly accepted

Drop your entries off at the Dog & Pony or Roddicks by 5 pm tomorrow (Friday) night and be eligible for our pre-entry draw! (Alternatively, you can fax them to me –604.946-5919 – by Saturday noon with a promise to pay up on Sunday.) I've attached entry forms and the show program for your convenience and they are always available on demand from the website: www.deltaridingclub.com

More to come!

Of course, there is MUCH MORE news than this and I'll try to get something out overnight tonight! The Chelan Kozak clinic is a go – and there are still some spots available! See the website for booking info.

Coming up:

Wednesday, May 20 | Greenhawk Club Shopping Night
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

See ya Sunday!

5.20.09 Everyone loves a parade!

DRC director Julie Miller is looking for riders to help represent Delta Riding Club in the MAY DAYS PARADE this Sunday, May 24th. If you're interested in riding in the parade, please call Julie at 604.940.4535 or 604.805.2955.

5.21.09 World class rider coming to DRC

If you were waiting on the weather before deciding to book a spot with Olympian CHELAN KOZAK this weekend, I have great news! It's going to be an absolutely STUNNING weekend! And the great thing about our ring at DRC – we are always cooled by those sea breezes!

April Reeves says there are still a few slots left to work with Chelan on a one-to-one and group basis. And ... if you would like to audit (watch from the bleachers), it's just \$10 per day or \$15 for two! You won't find prices like that for a clinic of this caliber ANYwhere!

Come on down to DRC this weekend, take in some sunshine and watch this world-class equestrian athlete work with riders of all levels!

To book a time with Chelan, please CALL APRIL at 604.233.0781 or email her at [info@horsemansu.com] as soon as possible. I've attached a PDF file of the schedule (subject to minor changes); it's not current (regarding the sold outs). CALL APRIL FOR INFORMATION NOW!

5.27.09 Bring your sunscreen ...

And prepare for a bee-U-tiful day this Sunday, May 31, as Delta Riding Club hosts another smokin' ENGLISH/WESTERN show. The great thing about Ladner is those nice sea breezes to keep the temperature JUST RIGHT for riding!

Lisa Mander is judging, and we have a whole array of classes to choose from: from walk trot to Draft to DRIVING (we have at least one entry!), in-hand trail (we have an entry for that one, too!) – a little bit of something for everyone and all orchestrated by a crew determined to make DRC shows as exhibitor-friendly as possible! (I have been asked, however, to remind English exhibitors that coats ARE required, at least until the judge – at her discretion – says otherwise.)

We're having another pre-entry draw (Devon Smith won it at the hunter/jumper show and Alicia Harper the show before that!). Drop your entries off at the Dog & Pony or Roddicks by 5 pm Friday (or do as one exhibitor already did – scan and email it to me by Saturday noon) and be eligible to win! Download entry forms (and the show schedule) from the website: www.deltaridingclub.com.

Picture perfect

We have every reason to believe our "official" show photographer Troy Nagel will be onsite with his slide show and his trusty camera. Troy has a real gift for capturing the "moment" – I doubt you will find more creative show pictures anywhere! We had several inquiries after the last show from people wanting to know how to stay in touch with him. You can reach Troy at [Divineeye@shaw.ca] and we'll be posting more of his DRC photos on our home page [www.deltaridingclub.ca] very soon. And ... Devon and Alicia are putting their heads together to get that blessed photo gallery up and running on the site!

Riding at DRC

A reminder to all that a 2009 DRC director must be on site while ANYone is riding at the club. All DRC riding members MUST have a current HCBC membership, and ... if you are a guest (non-member) wishing to ride during the show (but don't intend on showing), you MUST register at the office. A \$10 haul-in fee will be assessed to all riding guests (non-DRC members) who are not entered in the show.

TV Stars

Keep your eyes peeled for Delta Cable's coverage of the 113th annual May Days Parade! Delta Riding Club was WELL represented this past Sunday by Francie Shuttleworth (and her two sidekicks Katie and DJ Cash) and Misty (with HER personal assistant Sharon Cash!), Barb Suderman, her daughter Cassie and Goldie, Larissa Shadforth and Madison, and Devon Smith and McKenna Mintzler (banner bearers) and our trusty Prez, Bruce Walker, handily scooping the poop (under the direction of DRC parade co-ordinator Julie Miller! We'll try to record it and have it on the tube at the clubhouse on Sunday – time to see if that TV/VCR in the clubhouse actually works!



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D&P Specials

The Dog & Pony is inviting all 2009 DRC members to visit them in June when they will be offering club members a 10% DISCOUNT on all show sheets! (You've got just a couple days to take advantage of a similar offer on SHOW COATS! That one expires this Sunday. (Timely given our discussion last night at the show committee meeting regarding the coat requirement!) PLEASE remember to take your DRC membership card with you as they do not have a membership list and can't take your word for it! If you haven't received your card, please touch base with Alicia Harper [Alicia@aliciaharper.com] and she'll fix you up!

Hay!

Now that we're alllll running out of last year's hay (isn't this stretch of good weather glorious for oh-so-many reasons?!? I've been watching hay wagons bouncing up and down the street and pick-up trucks BRIMMING with first cut!), I bet you all have bucket loads of BALING TWINE you've been meaning to drop off at the Buckaroos official baling twine "depot", RODDICKS FEED & FARM SUPPLY. There is a bin in the parking lot for twine and I will be emptying it next week as the recyclers are coming to my barn to pick up THREE HUGE TOTES FULL we've collected over the winter! If you have twine, you are most welcome to bring it to the show and drop it NEATLY at the north end of the stalls so we can take it away! THANK YOU FOR KEEPING DELTA GREEN! Ya!

Me bad

I know I have been remiss in not providing reports on our shows so far this season. (I can't believe it will be JUNE in less than a week!) I'll get caught up with that hopefully after the show this weekend. We have been blessed once again with FANTASTIC weather, and our revised program for Hunter/Jumper and English/Western seems to be well-received. THANK YOU to everyone who has come to our shows so far: exhibitors, judges, VOLUNTEERS – we appreciate every one of you! Our Hunter/Jumper show two weeks ago had more horses entered than any of the shows last year – and what a difference a year makes, huh? We went from hardly any cross rail entries last year to having it our biggest division this year! Same thing at the English/Western show – we split the walk/trots into age divisions because last year the class was SOOOOO big – first show this year, we combined it! You just never know ...

Can we call on you?

Speaking of volunteers (I was, you know!), we do need help this Sunday at our show. We have several jobs available and you don't HAVE to commit your WHOLE day – a few hours would be AWESOME! Please email or call me if you can lend a hand! Marg is looking for concession help, we need runners, and outgates, and ribbons, and whipper snappers and announcers! What's YOUR pleasure?!?!? I can be reached at 604.328-3814 or email cathy-glover@telus.net.

Inquiring minds need to know

Keep an eye on the website. We're about to post CLASS DESCRIPTIONS for the classes we offer at DRC shows. This will continue to be a work-in-progress and we invite everyone to give it a boo and provide feedback to the show committee. While most of what we've done is based on Equine Canada rules, there is no end of discussion at the table as we reviewed them over the past five or six months. If you see something snot right, let us know! We are reserving the right to tweak!

Merci buckets

Once again, we would like to acknowledge our 2009 Delta Riding Club Show Sponsors (and Alicia for doing SUCH a good job with sponsorships this year!):

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Please let them know how much you appreciate their support of our little-club-that-cud!

SO ...

See you Sunday? Gates open about 7:15. Coffee ready shortly after 8. Don't forget your sunscreen!

Coming up:

Sunday, May 31 | DRC English/Western Show, Lisa Mander judge
Wednesday, June 10 | DRC Directors Meeting, clubhouse, 7 pm (everyone welcome)
Sunday, June 14 | Hunter/Jumper Show
Sunday, June 28 | Dressage Show
Wednesday, July 1 | Buckaroos 4-H Horse Show
Wednesday, July 8 | DRC Directors Meeting