



## 11.3.08 Banquet tickets still available

It's not too late to get your Delta Riding Club banquet tickets! We've been able to negotiate a one week extension with the Town & Country, so if you haven't purchased your tickets for our end-of-the-season bash, you now have until THIS SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8th to get them!

According to Lisa Hanney, we've sold about 45 tickets so far, about 30 short of our goal of 75. I've already had emails from folks who missed the deadline and were wondering if they could still get tickets, so NOW IS YOUR CHANCE. Please drop by the Dog & Pony by this coming Saturday! Tickets are \$35 each (or \$17 for children 12 & under).

## AGM next week

Don't forget to come to our annual general meeting next WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 7 pm at the clubhouse! And don't forget to bring your cookie orders! (I've attached the order form again for your easy reference!) Looking forward to seeing you there!

## 11.7.08 AGM Next Week

### On a cold dark night ...

In the middle of a field somewhere in West Ladner, a small but enthusiastic group of horse people are getting together and making plans for 2009 -- and YOU are invited to join them!

Please join us next WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12th at 7 pm in the DRC clubhouse for our ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING. This is election time, so 2008 members should come prepared to vote for their 2009 executive, including president, vice, secretary and treasurer. Are you interested in becoming more involved with DRC? This is a great time to sign up for a committee or put your NEW ideas on the floor! Everyone is welcome!

### One more day to buy your banquet tickets

Just one more day left to purchase your tickets to the Delta Riding Club's annual awards banquet. Tickets must be purchased at the Dog & Pony (cheque or cash only please) by tomorrow, Saturday, November 8th. The banquet is NEXT Saturday, November 15th, 7 pm, at the Town & Country.

As always, there is a lot of planning and preparation being done by a few members to make this an evening everyone will enjoy! Show your support for our club (we're celebrating our 60th anniversary this year!), our exhibitors and our volunteers! Door prizes and silent auction, good food and friends -- what could be better than that!?!?

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Have to say ... we're a little disappointed (or discouraged) that more folks haven't taken advantage of our offer to list their boarding establishments and training and coaching services on our website for ABSOLUTELY NOTHING. (Perhaps that is the problem -- if we charged for the service, would more people sign up?) Anyways ... Devon is sitting over at her computer, her fingers at the ready, to upload your info onto our website for FREE. We really would like the Delta Riding Club's website to be a meaningful resource for local

horse people -- your support for our efforts is appreciated!

For further details, visit [www.deltaridingclub.com](http://www.deltaridingclub.com) and click on Coaches or Stables under "Classifieds". (For sale ads also warmly received!)

## November is national 4-H month ...

So ... are you interested in joining 4-H? The South Delta Buckaroos monthly meeting is just around the corner and this is a great time of year to come by and see if becoming a 4-H member is in your future. 4-H is an internationally recognized program for youth, aged 9 thru 21. We have lots of fun and educational activities throughout the year. In fact, we're heading up the valley tomorrow for a feed seminar with one of our 4-H horse leaders who is a professional in animal nutrition. Our members had the opportunity to show at six 4-H horse shows this year -- including one we hosted at Delta Riding Club on Canada Day -- and spent four days at Agrifair in Abbotsford this summer, camping out, showing their horses and spending time with all kinds of 4-H members/friends: dairy kids, beef, dog ... There are district wide year end awards -- this year the top girls in each unit got an embroidered English saddle bag -- and lots and lots of travel and educational opportunities, not the least of which is earning high school credits through completion of 4-H program and project work. The emphasis in 4-H is about personal achievement, and while we have some top competitors among our Fraser Valley 4-H horse club membership, you don't have to show in order to enjoy 4-H! Want to spend time with kids your own age with the same passion for horses that you have? Our next meeting is Monday, November 17th, 7 pm, at the Odd Fellows Hall on Ladner Trunk. You can reach me (Cathy, 604.328-3814 | [cathy-glover@telus.net](mailto:cathy-glover@telus.net)), Kristin, 604.946-8654 or Cindy, 604.946-2493) for more information. To learn more about the 4-H program, visit the provincial website: [www.bc4h.bc.ca](http://www.bc4h.bc.ca)

## Coming up:

**Saturday, November 8** Deadline to purchase DRC Banquet tickets. Pick yours up at the Dog & Pony

**Wednesday, November 12** Delta Riding Club ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, 7 pm, at the clubhouse

**Saturday, November 15** Delta Riding Club AWARDS BANQUET, Town & Country

**Saturday, November 15** Cookie orders due

**Monday, November 17** South Delta Buckaroos 4-H Horse Club meeting, 7 pm, Odd Fellows Hall

**Saturday, November 29** Cookie order pick up, at the clubhouse, 11 am

## 11.9.08 Work Party Tuesday

### Batten down the hatches

The Show Committee is requesting the pleasure of your company this Tuesday afternoon, November 11! We're assembling a work party to bring in the dressage surrounds and secure that what would blow away when storms roll in (any day now!). We need as many warm (and strong) bodies as we can muster -- many hands make light work! Please meet us at the club grounds at 2 pm! For more information, contact Francie at 604.940.8960.

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## Tack sale this Sunday

I failed to remind you about the tack sale coming up next Sunday when I emailed on Friday night. (Me bad!) It's at Blue Meadow Farm in Richmond. Check our website ([www.deltaridingclub.com](http://www.deltaridingclub.com)) under Stables for more information!

## Help spread the word

If you keep your horse in a boarding facility in Delta, we would REALLY appreciate if you could print out and post our Bulletins on the notice board there! We know there are a lot of Delta horse people that may not be aware of the Delta Riding Club's activities (or – egads – even our existence) so the simple gesture of posting our Bulletins will go a long way (we think) to increasing our membership next year! We KNOW everyone checks out the notice board for anything “new”! Let's give 'em something to READ! Thanks!

## Don't forget ...

AGM, this Wednesday, November 12, 7 pm, at the clubhouse | DRC Awards Banquet, Saturday, November 15

## And lest we forget ...

Please take time to remember Canada's war veterans on Tuesday, November 11th.

## 11.28.08 Pick up your cookie orders tomorrow!

### Cookies-r-us!

Before I head into a long-winded recap of our awards banquet and agm, a quick reminder that Nancy will have your cookie and pie orders at the clubhouse TOMORROW MORNING, SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29th. The Andersons will be there by 10:30 and hope to be gone by 11:30 or 12 so that's your window. If you are unable to pick up your order tomorrow morning, please call Erik on his cell, 604.880-5806.

## Gala night

Well. If you had made plans to be somewhere ELSE on November 15th, then you probably didn't have nearly as much fun as we did. Almost 70 (or maybe just over 70) club members and their families were on hand at the Town & Country to celebrate our club's DIAMOND anniversary and our 2008 year end award winners.

Lisa Hanney and her crew (I'm thinking it was Lauren and Kim and the DRC royalty, Erika and Brittany Littler, and Jamie Tarlier) did an exceptional job of decorating and Jan Littler did an absolutely outSTANDING job on the silent auction baskets! They went on for MILES and were absolutely stunning. Between those and the raffle - that wonderful fold-a-cart overstuffed with goodies won by yours truly (and her sidekick Devon)!! -- we raised another \$1000 or so for the club's kitty! How cool is that!?!?

There were door prizes and good food, a bit of dancing and lots of socializing. And then there were the awards! Lots and LOTS of awards.

We did something a little different this year with the class awards -- an idea I found on the internet when we were doing some hand-

wringing about what to give the members who won multiple awards. (There are always a few!) This is so cool, too! For high-point winners who earned at least six points in their respective classes, we awarded \$10 gift cards to one of the three stores that have been so generous to us over the past show season: the Dog & Pony, Greenhawk and Roddicks! SOME members took home as many as seven or eight gift cards PER division (can you spell M-c-K-e-n-a or B-r-i-t-t-a-n-y?). So now ... instead of a bunch of little things they may or may not need or want, they can head out to our favourite stores and get something absolutely PERFECT to remember their 2008 achievements!

For our overall champions, they all received something embroidered -- whether it was boot bags, or vests commemorating the club's 60th with a great big CHAMPION blazened across the back. We ordered baseball caps for the reserve champions and Devon Smith was presented with a huge navy cooler with gold braid (VERY elegant) for winning the overall championship.

Keep your eyes peeled when the Optimist shows up at your door and for the December issue of Saddle Up (I'm just sayin' ...) and ... for a complete list of winners, please go to the website [www.deltaridingclub.com](http://www.deltaridingclub.com) and click on Year End Awards. We've posted a few pictures (thanks to Bruce Littler for those) and we'll be getting more up soon as we develop that infamous photo gallery for the website!

Once again, congratulations to all our winners and exhibitors, and thank you to everyone who helped organize the banquet and year ends, to all our sponsors, and to everyone who attended. It was a lovely way to finish what truly was a historical year for Delta Riding Club.

## Need help with your Christmas list?

Need a new jacket? How about a vest? How about a great Christmas gift for the Delta-Riding-Club member in your house? Yes! We finally have some "signature" clothing for sale -- and it celebrates our club's 60th anniversary!

If you were at the banquet, you no doubt spent a wee bit of time in the corner of the room trying on a most awesome 3-in-1 jacket (\$50) or one of the two styles of vests (polar fleece or nylon shell, \$30 each) or snaffoo'd one of our baseball caps (\$15).

I am expecting to have samples some members requested (Marg, Jan, Sandra, Bruce L and the royalty) at the clubhouse tomorrow during the cookie pick-up, as well as have our "inventory" on hand for anyone that wants to stop by and have (another) look. We can custom order sizes in time for Christmas, if we don't have exactly what you need now. These are very nice items for great prices, so come by and have a look! (I'm bringing in some men's wear samples as well ...)

Christmas shopping made easy -- if you can't come by tomorrow, call or email me and we can arrange a private "viewing" -- 604.328-3814. (And I'll endeavour to get photos on the website soon ...)

## New faces on 2009 board

Bruce Walker was re-elected president at our annual meeting, November 12th. About 25 members or so turned out for the meeting (that I missed -- sniff, wheeze, cough) as the club reviewed the



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past year and elected a new board for 2009. Many directors are returning but there are some new faces, particularly among the list of officers. Cathy Glover was elected vice-president in a close race with Bruce Littler, while Cindy MacKay takes over the bookkeeping from Erik Anderson, who opted to step down after seven years (!!) in that position. (Thank you, Erik, for your YEARS of service!). Devon Smith steps up as secretary, taking over from Brittany Littler. Alicia Harper and new member April Reeves (from Delta Cable's Horse Tales) are two new faces on the board and eager to get to work! Marg Brodie retains her position as past-president. Other board members include Francie Shuttleworth, Sheila Forsyth, Jane Spearing, Sandra Tentzerakis, Julie Miller and Erik and Nancy Anderson.

The 2009 board is meeting for dinner and for the first time since the agm this coming Monday to start making plans for 2009. If you have any ideas or would like to volunteer in some capacity next year, we would love to hear from you. Please contact any one of your directors -- their contact info is posted on the website.

#### Show dates all but confirmed

It took TWO meetings to nail them down, but the show committee has come up with a list of show dates for 2009. It's no easy task when you factor in all the conflicts: Arab, Half Arab (my goodness Arabs have a lot of circuits!), QH, Dressage, BC Heritage, a little something called the Merrit Mountain Music Festival (what that has to do with showing, I don't know ...) ... just to name a few!

#### Here's what we're proposing:

**April 19** Dressage  
**April 26** English/Western  
**May 17** Hunter/Jumper  
**May 31** English/Western  
**June 14** Hunter/Jumper  
**June 28** Dressage  
**August 8** Summer Show: Hunter/Jumper  
**August 9** Summer Show: English/Western  
**September 13** Dressage  
**September 27** Games

We're still debating whether we shud have a wild and wooly show in March or very early April ...

#### DRC members do good

Did you see this? Did you get a chance to meet Lola? SOO cute ...

*Lola the Clydesdale lucky for group's compassion*  
*The Delta Optimist*  
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Editor:

I'd like to tell you about an eventful day in the life of my family, one that speaks to the generous spirit of our community.

My husband's family has successfully raised Clydesdale horses for three generations and in the past, our horses could be seen in local fields ploughing, sowing and harvesting crops. Later, our family raised these gentle giants just for the pure pleasure of having them in May Day parades.

Last spring tragedy struck when one of our mares died shortly after giving birth to a filly foal. We were beside ourselves with grief, not only over the loss of our mare but also the possibility of losing her baby.

The urgent demands of farming, trying to plant spring crops in a short window of time, conflicted with the huge demands of nursing and nurturing a newborn 24 hours a day. We tried to bond the baby to another mare who had recently foaled but, sadly, the mare would not accept another newborn.

Luckily for us, word of our plight quickly got out to the horse community. A group of young women from Winddancer Stables in west Ladner volunteered to take the foal and try to save her life. Taking turns in shifts, these women bottle fed, groomed, pampered, petted, vetted and comforted the orphan, moment by moment, night and day, week in and week out, for four months.

Their monumental efforts to nurse and nourish our Clydesdale foal has produced a beautiful, healthy, well-mannered filly whom they appropriately named Lola's Lucky Day.

Our gratitude goes out to Julie, McKenna, Cassidy, Laura, Megan, Cindy and all of Lola's stablemates, both equine and human, who helped her along the way. Thanks to the kindness of these women, we might see Lucky Lola pulling a wagon in some future Ladner May Days parade.

Ken and Judy Bates

#### Web ads

Please don't forget to send your for sale/wanted ads to Devon to post on the website. I'm still amazed we haven't heard from more coaches and barns! It's FREE, man!

#### A wee bit of levity

If you haven't already been sent this link, you might want to check this out:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CnsWQ4kNG-w>