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4.6.10 | One last chance to book this weekend's clinic with Jodie Moore

This Saturday, April 10, Jodie Moore is scheduled to come to Delta Riding Clinic for another installment in our Spring Clinic Series, "Perfect Patterns."

If you don't already know, Jodie is the pretty half of Moore Performance Horses [mooreperformancehorses.com]. She and husband Chris are arguably two of the most successful pleasure horse trainers in BC and have many world championships to their credit among horses they've trained and riders they've coached! (Check out the website and prepare yourself to be impressed!)

You'll also recognize Jodie's name as an accredited HCBC judge - and one of the very few local judges eminently qualified to judge Western and General Performance events, as well as Equitation and Hack. (She's booked to judge our Summer Show!) While now the Moore's barn is full of Pinto and Paint horses, Jodie also has a history on the Arabian show circuit, so I can't imagine anyone more rounded to come to Delta and teach our members! Her barn is full of youth AND amateur riders!

The clinic we've designed for Jodie to give is about some Showmanship (my fave!), and pattern work in either/or Hunt Seat or Basic Seat Equitation or Horsemanship. You can ride English, or Western, or even both, if you're really ambitious! Pattern classes require patience, precision and practice and Jodie will share her tricks for perfection!

If you're worried about "not being ready" - JOIN THE CLUB! Devon and I are signed up for this clinic, but Devon is trying to ride two horses this year (between cleaning nine stalls) and I have ridden Fibs maybe seven or eight times this YEAR (married to this computer as I am). We're NOT ready, but we are WILLING. And we would love you to join us! Lots of room left to book this three hour clinic that is JUST \$40! \$40 to ride with - dare I repeat myself - a world-caliber trainer and judge!

Please call [604.328.3814] or email me right away to confirm your spot in Saturday morning's clinic, 9 am til noon. We have great donuts graciously donated by Save-On Foods Ladner, and horse treats for your perfect pony, courtesy of Roddicks Feed & Farm Supply. The Weather Network is giving us a BIG THUMBS UP for Saturday, and SHOW SEASON IS LESS THAN A MONTH AWAY! There is no better time to saddle up and find out what you have to work on to be ready for 2010. If you learn the skills to perfect your pattern work, then rail work will be a snap! Email me before Wednesday noon to reserve your spot!

Lots more news to come ... stay tuned!

4.8.10 | Dressage show entries due

In a little more than a week (April 18), our very first Percentage Day of the 2010 season will get underway, so it's time to get your entries in! Entry deadline is this Sunday, April 11, and if you haven't already popped them in the mail, be sure to drop them off at Dog & Pony or Roddicks (Roddicks is closed on Mondays, so make sure you're there by Saturday) so Sheila can start working on the schedule.

Level one dressage coach Carol Boudier of Ladner will be doing the judging honours (and not Kiersten Humphrey as previously announced). We're definitely looking forward to another excellent turnout of riders - Sheila already has entries coming in! Last year, our Percentage Days ROCKED, with record numbers of riders throughout the three show series. High point and reserve high point awards will be presented to the two riders with the top scores overall!

For more information on the show, please contact Sheila Forsyth at 604.940.9698 or by email [sheila.forsyth@hotmail.com]. If you have already

sent in your entries, Sheila will have your times available by next Thursday, April 15. (We intend to put them on the website - but the little webmaster is out of town 'til next Friday.)

Download our 2010 show schedule from [deltaridingclub.com]. Our first English/Western is just a tad over three weeks away (yikes!), on May 2!

Got too MUCH stuff?

Our Percentage Day on April 18, of course, coincides with our SECOND ANNUAL CARBOOT SALE! Are you excited?!?! I am! I have a barn full of stuff I don't use, don't need and want to part with CHEAP! Buyers come hither!

If you're not familiar with our CARBOOT concept, here's the poop:

If you're a seller, pack up your car, truck and/or trailer with your good, gently used horse stuff (tack, clothes, equipment, et al) and come on down to the riding club before 10 am on April 18. For just \$10, you can set up shop right from your trunk, tailgate or trailer (what cud be simpler than that?) in our designated parking area and sell or swap to your heart's delight. (Or til 1 pm, whichever comes first!) BUYERS, on the other hand, can come for FREE! Last year, one of our sellers made over \$600 (or was it \$700?). No matter, it was a lot! And obviously, she HAD great stuff that someone else(s) wanted!

I've attached our CARBOOT poster, and you would be doing DRC a GREAT favour if you would print it out and pin it up in your barn or local feed store, if one isn't already there - and no matter where you are! There's no non-member fee to sell or buy at our Carboot Sale, and a great turnout makes this event a win/win/win -- for DRC, for sellers, AND for buyers sure to find a good deal!

Calling all worker bees

Buzz on down to the riding club this Saturday at NOON and help us get the dressage ring ready to go!

Dressage surrounds need to be hauled out, pressure-washed and put into place for next weekend's show. If we get a good crew, it won't take very much time at all - and you can sneak a peak at the new clubhouse AND we may even have a donut in it for you, courtesy of SAVE ON FOODS LADNER!

(If we're really ambitious and time permits, we might even do a tour of the hunter/jumper ring to PICK UP STICKS -- again! With show season just around the corner, we really need and REALLY APPRECIATE all the busy bees we can muster! Please?

Both clinics are a go!

I'm VERY pleased to report that both Jodie Moore's "Perfect Patterns" and Adiva Murphy's "Improve Your Ride" clinics are going ahead as scheduled on Saturday! Jodie's gets underway at 9 am (I can't wait!), and there are a few spots left, if you STILL haven't made up your mind! (Call or email me - cathyglover@telus.net - to book). Adiva's clinic is full, and runs from 1 til 4.

Hacker opportunity

Since I'm there for the day, members are invited to c'mon down and ride at the club on Saturday, 9 am til 4ish. Remember, DRC members must have a current 2010 HCBC membership to ride at the club. Non-members may also come and try out our facilities (for a nominal \$10 haul-in fee), but this is a one time deal for non-members; after that, we hope you will inspired to join DRC so you can take advantage of alllll our membership benefits (like 10% off show clothing at Dog & Pony and reduced entry fees at all our shows!). The clinics get their choice of ring - you're welcome to use the



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others. Ride at your risk. Youth must wear safety helmets.

Keep off the grass!!

For anyone coming down to the club this Saturday, please DO NOT PARK ON THE GRASS. Park your vehicles on the gravel area on the east side of the stalls or on the west side near the gate. I repeat DO NOT PARK ON THE GRASS.

Wish ride

The Delta Wish Ride to raise money for children with high risk, life-threatening illnesses is not without its own set of challenges this year. As you may know, the boarding barn of Delta Wish Ride organizers Marilyn and Tara Pay has been one of facilities affected by the strangles outbreak that started just before Christmas. By all accounts, it has been a horrific experience for everyone in Delta who has had to face diagnosis, and then treatment, of their horses, and we applaud their openness and their heroic efforts to prevent the spread of this virus. Marilyn has asked me to share this with you, to reassure you that the Wish Ride on SATURDAY, MAY 8 will be business (almost) as usual. In her words:

Hi Cathy and Bruce and fellow members of the Delta Riding Club

*I understand there has been some concern over the Wish Ride this year. Please be assured we are not taking any of the horses from the barn anywhere, including the ride, until we have a vet certificate. Our barn will, however, come with our pledges if we don't have a vet certificate. The ride will be no different than bringing a horse to one of the clinic's the riding club has already had, or any of the shows planned. Although some of us had wanted to show at the club this year, we will not come with horses until we are cleared by a vet. It might be a good thing to suggest to people at the club to get the strangles shot. Although some horses with the shot did come down with strangles, I have been told their case was much milder. We will no longer be doing any clinics at our barn or letting outside people use our ring during the winter months and will only take boarders with the strangles shot. We have turned away 7 horses for boarding during this time and will continue to turn away people until we have been cleared and clean up is complete. We have worked hand-in-hand with Dr. Wise's office during this time and have followed the recommendations they have suggested. We want to be responsible and stop the spread of this outbreak. So many barns have hid the fact they have it but as soon as we found out, we called everybody that came to the barn on a regular basis to inform them. I hope you will come out and support this great cause and have a great ride or a social time with Delta's fellow riders. Thank you for your support
Marilyn Pay*

This is SUCH a great cause and whether you're able to ride or not, Marilyn and Tara REALLY want you to show your support for the kids! I've attached the official pledge form (take it to the office!) so - with or without gallant steed - you can join us on SATURDAY, MAY 8! This year, Marilyn tells me, ANYone who brings a pledge form will receive a rider prize! (You know, they ALWAYS have great prizes! They do an excellent job!) Tim Hortons will be on site at 9 am with coffee and muffins (yum), rain OR shine, and the BBQ gets underway about 11:30. For more information on the ride in Delta, you can reach Marilyn at [varietyconcepts@hotmail.com] or by calling her at 604.946.8085.

Meeting next week

Get out your calendar! The regular monthly director's meeting is NEXT Wednesday, April 14th. It starts at 7 pm at the CLUBHOUSE! And this time we mean it! It's in the clubhouse! (While she's not absolutely finished, she's absolutely ready to receive visitors! Be prepared to be awed!)

And ... I think that's about it for now.

DROP by Saturday to help, if you can, or ride, or watch.

GET your dressage entries in, and ...

START thinking what you have to sell and what you need to BUY - CARBOOT on the 18th (weather permitting!).

Whew.

4.14.10 | We're expecting a crowd (weather permitting)!

With show season just around the corner and the promise of mud-free riding rings in the not-too-distant future, you won't want to miss Delta Riding Club's second annual CARBOOT SALE this Sunday, April 18. For just \$10, you can come on down to the club grounds and peddle your outgrown or excess tack and attire from the comfort of your vehicle, swap meet style! Rumour has it a LOT of people have Sunday marked on their calendars and we're expecting a good crowd of sellers AND buyers!

We'll be parking sellers in the hunter/jumper ring. (Please follow parking instructions) The gate opens at 9:30. The sale runs from 10 am to 1 pm.

Our Carboot Sale is weather permitting - but remember, if it's raining up the Valley, it's often quite respectable down here. If the weather appears iffy, we will make a judgement call between 8:30 and 9 am. (You can reach me on my cell at 604.328-3814 if you have any doubts, and we'll try to post a cancellation on the website, if necessary - but let's hope we don't have go there!)

We DESPERATELY need two volunteers ...

... to work the concession on Sunday between 10 and 1! It's not a full-meal-deal concession, but it needs a couple of willing and able volunteers to cook up some hot dogs and spell each other off! It's the SOCIAL centre of every show! Everything will be set up and ready to go - we just need warm bodies to greet our guests! It's just a few hours and we would REALLY REALLY like to see some new faces lending a hand to us hard-core types! Call or email me if it sounds like something you would like to do for DRC!

And so it begins

Of course, Sunday is also our first SHOW of the season! Sheila said last night that she expects to be scheduling dressage rides between 9 am and 1 pm, so in addition to shopping, you can also be INSPIRED by our exhibitors as they put their trusty steeds through their paces in the dressage ring! (Francie will expect you to ew-and-ah over our NEW dressage letters! Don't let her down!) Troy from DivineEye will be there with his camera!!

Does a free beverage inspire you to pick up sticks?

We think we have a pretty good handle on the stick-picking-upping in the Hunter/Jumper ring, but there is probably still work to be done. Grab a bucket, fill 'er up and get a coupon for a FREE beverage from our concession! (Sorry - it's not beer as one director promised! Maybe next time ... :)

Park here

Please follow parking instructions on Sunday. The forecast is not as promising as it was just a few days ago, and some rain will make the grass infields very slick. Please reserve the gravel parking lot on the east side of the stalls for the dressage riders and their rigs. There should be plenty of parking on the west side of the grounds for looky-lous and buyers! :

Open hack on Saturday, 10-12

There will be a work party on site this Saturday between 10 am and 12



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noon to set up the dressage surrounds. That means the club will also be open for riding! 2010 DRC members can ride for free; guests pay a haul-in of \$10.

PLEASE NOTE: There will be a sign-in sheet on the gate as you enter the parking lot. Please bring or know your HCBC membership number and sign in before you mount up.

(PS: Worker bees also warmly received, as we have to set up the dressage surrounds now that Francie, Diane and Sheila have pressure-washed them all, bless them!)

One last chance

So, our Spring Clinic Series is nearing an end with two final clinics scheduled for Saturday, April 24. Natalie Vonk's "Reining 101" filled up fast (and I see another in the not-too-distant future as I didn't even get in that one!), BUT there are a few spots available in Kim Rose's "Hunter/Jumper" clinic in the morning.

What can I say about Kim Rose? Well, I am not a hunter/jumper rider, but just listening to her and her sheer unadulterated enthusiasm for the sport is inspiration to even this most hard-core Western rider! Kim has been a blessing to our show committee over the past couple of years - she not only has designed courses for us, she even makes the effort to come down and ride them to make sure everything is tickety-boo. When I spoke with her before I wrote the bio in the clinic schedule, I was impressed on her desire to make sure every rider learn to "master the basics" - and how that would ensure their road to success in their hunter or jumper classes. She is a dynamic personality and whether you're just venturing in the hunter ring for the first time, or already fly through the jumper ring, you will not be disappointed signing up for one of the 1.5 hour sessions she is offering. Call or email me as soon as possible to reserve your spot for JUST \$40!!

PS: In so much as we will be hosting clinics all day on April 24, it's a safe bet we'll be having another Open Hack, 9 am to 4 pm, weather permitting.

Wow. I wanted this to be brief, but there is one more thing ...

English/Western show just around the corner

Can you believe it is the middle of April - and that May is just TWO weeks away?? Our first English/Western show of the season and the ONLY one until AUGUST (heavy sigh ...) is on SUNDAY, MAY 2!!! Are you ready? Richard Pyke is judging (he's good), there will be rider draws throughout the day, and this year, our EW shows will honour FIVE high point winners: Walk/Trot, Junior, Intermediate, Senior and Western! We've made a lot of improvements to our clubhouse/entry office over the past couple of months (perhaps you've heard something!?) and I think exhibitors will enjoy an even BETTER show experience at DRC than last year (who cudda thunk that, eh?).

We have updated our year end eligibility rules, and they'll be posted on the website this weekend. We've created a new chart that lets exhibitors (and show officials) know "at a glance" what equipment is (or isn't) permitted in our English classes (attached). We're making our class descriptions even MORE reader friendly, and they, too, will be posted on the website in the next few days. PLEASE make sure you read them thoroughly. DRC members MUST also be HCBC members if they are showing. Visit the website [www.deltaridingclub.com] for the show program and entry forms.

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!

Yes! New year; same pitch! We desperately need a LOT of volunteers to make sure the English/Western show runs smoothly! Please let me know if you can spare us a few hours - volunteer draws are back, and training is

FREE! You don't have to commit to a WHOLE day - but half a day would be swell! That's for SUNDAY, MAY 2.

4.16.10 | Guilt trip

Hokay. So. Our DRC bulletins go out to 400 "subscribers." So ... here's the thing:

We still need ONE MORE volunteer for the concession on Sunday!! CERTAINLY - of the 399 of you out there in cyber-land -- there is one more someone who will pretty please step up and help new DRC member Sally Warner in the clubhouse on Sunday morning! Just one! Because Sally, whose email I received bright and shiny this morning (which MADE my day!!), would really like to take in a bit of the dressage show and the sale (duh), which is why we asked for TWO volunteers - so they could spell each other off.

Is it you?!? Email me if you can help out, 10 til 1 on Sunday, weather permitting. We would REALLY appreciate it!

And thank you, Sally! YOU ARE THE BEST!!

4.17.10 Woo Hoo!

A quick thank you to everyone who responded to my "Guilt Trip" email last night but especially to Julie Crouch, Kara Lingham and Alana Brown who have all offered to help Sally in the concession tomorrow at the CARBOOT SALE!

Best excuse goes to Yvonne Longauer who writes:

Sorry, we can't help. Currently stranded in Istanbul due to Iceland volcanic ash closing European airport.

Oh my!! (I just couldn't resist sharing!)

See you tomorrow. I'll be there early to put the coffee pot on. Vehicles entering the sales area should come AFTER 9:30. Sale starts at 10 and goes til 1.

4.23.10 | Whether the weather

We have a full day of clinics taking place at Delta Riding Club tomorrow, and soooo ... if you are so inclined (and have ear muffs), you are welcome to come on down and ride at your leisure in alternate rings. Members ride for free. (I WILL have membership forms in the office this time!). Guests are welcome for a \$10 haul-in fee for first timers! A sign in sheet will be on the gate. Members, please remember to bring your 2010 HCBC membership number with you so you will have it when you sign in! Gates will open about 8:30 am and close at 4. (Earmuffs? It's supposed to be windy ...)

Last chance

There are a couple of spots that have become available in Kim Rose's Hunter/Jumper clinic in the morning! Man, is she excited! We were at the club last night setting up a course in the hunter/jumper ring, and Kim says she has FIVE PAGES of notes for riders to take home! If you'd like to ride with Kim at 10:30 (til noon), call or email me as quickly as possible to reserve the space. Clinic details on in the schedule on the website: www.deltaridingclub.com

And so ...

Tomorrow marks the final day of this Spring Clinic Series, and I have to say, we are all a little - ahem - stunned that more members didn't take advantage of this opportunity to ride with some really great clinicians! We can-



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celled two clinics, and several didn't fill. What's with that? A lot of us rode more than one clinic, reducing further the number of members that actually participated. (That said, I can't think of any participant who went away disappointed - we would all sign up for more, given the opportunity!)

So ... here's the question: if we were to schedule an evening series of clinics in May and June, what would inspire you to sign up? Our Spring Series was inexpensive (just \$40 for members), didn't take all day (three hours - I'm guessing evening clinics would be two hours in duration), and we offered a variety of disciplines from natural horsemanship to dressage to reining (which filled fast and first, by the way!). Was it too early? Perhaps your coaches don't like you checking out the competition (as it were)? I dunno - it's darn right perplexing.

Please - if you have a minute and have an opinion on why there wasn't more uptake on our clinic series (the same lack of response happened to Mission Horse Club last year, I hear), or what you would like to have offered, email me and let me know! cathylover@telus.net

Best treats ever

We would like to thank, once again, our clinic sponsors: SAVE-ON FOODS LADNER for the most delicious donuts on the planet, and to RODDICKS FEED & FARM SUPPLY for the horse treats!

Ready, set, SHOW!

Yup, in a little over a week (Sunday, May 2), the first English/Western show of the season gets underway - and for now, at least, the Weather Network is doing its best to reduce my stress level! We already have pre-entries! The high points are ordered and some are already here! And our Cinderella clubhouse is getting closer and closer to being complete! (It won't be absolutely finished come show day, but it will be a SHOCK just the same for those of you who haven't seen it yet!)

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!

Oops! Pardon me! Was I shouting!?!)

You know, we beg and plead and hand wring every show about staffing and I'm sure it becomes as monotonous to hear as it is to write, but here's the thing: there are no less than 14 POSITIONS that need to be filled to ensure our English/Western shows run smmmmoooth as silk. That translates, actually, into about TWO DOZEN volunteers, because we don't expect any but the most ardent (zealous, keen, fervent, COMMITTED) of us to last the day!

We need volunteers in the entry office, to announce, whip, hand out ribbons, manage the out gate, be slaves (oops, runners), work in the concession ... and we provide training for FREE! Work a shift (morning, 8:30 til noon or afternoon, noon til end) and be eligible to win a GREAT VOLUNTEER PRIZE. I'm even proposing that shift workers eat for free (but that hasn't passed muster yet!).

What's your pleasure? Help in the show office is an early morning position (7:30) that actually ends not long after the show finds its pace; you should have a pretty good comprehension of show rules/management and classes - and oh ya, PEOPLE skills (read: patience!).

My favourite job is whipper in - not only do you get a microphone AND a walkie talkie (perfect for controlling personalities!), you get to be with all the exhibitors and their horses! (Again, you need some horse show savvy for this position.)

If you prefer to stay close to the clubhouse, maybe you have some public

speaking skills you'd like to lend to the announcer's position. We have a pretty good guidebook now on what our announcers are expected to say (who to thank, etc), but you should be familiar with typical horse show protocols. The yummiest positions, of course, are in the concession, either as cook (to spell off Marg) or taking orders.

The hurry-up-and-wait positions (ribbons, runners, out gate) are typically the hardest positions to fill, but are EQUALLY important to any other to help our shows run smoothly! We REALLY appreciate our grunts!

Please please please, if you can lend us a hand, let me know! Begging ends here. :

New sponsor

We'd like to welcome Oakwood Products as our English/Western show sponsor on May 2. With every first place rosette, exhibitors will receive a sample of the many terrific products Oakwood manufactures, among them leather cleaners, hoof conditions, shampoo, etc.

Dress for success

Remember, your 2010 membership card gets you 10% OFF all show clothing at the Dog & Pony! Alicia mailed out cards a few weeks back, so yours should be burning a hole in your wallet; don't miss out on the savings your DRC membership can offer!

Bucks back

Speaking of holes in wallets (mine is about to become much bigger), if you have DRC "bucks back" from last year's Summer Show or for being an early bird member for 2010, don't forget to bring them to the show - you can use them to apply to your entry fees, or pay for your concession nibbles, even your 2010 membership!

Don't stall

By the way, five stalls have already been booked for the show, which means only five stalls are left. First come/first served. You can drop your stall fees and entries off at Dog & Pony or Roddicks between now and next Friday, but do email me that you've done so, so we can pickup. You will be expected to clean out your stall this year. Bring a fork!

Congratulations!

Thank you to all the riders who came out for our first Percentage Day of the season! It was an absolutely awesome spring day, the promise - we hope - of things to come! Congratulations to our high point winner, Eeva Colhoun and her mount, Romeo, who scored an impressive 64.7 from judge Carol Boudier. Keya Milaire and her Palomino gelding Kahlua Cream were not far behind, scoring 63.5%. Eeva, your high point award is in the show office; if you have a chance to stop by tomorrow, or on May 2, or for our next Percentage Day on June 5!

And I bet you all are wondering ...

How our CARBOOT SALE went? Well, we had a fantastic group of sellers (18 in all) who brought a VERY impressive selection of stuff - seriously, it was terrific! What was missing, we all agree, was buyers!! Where were you all? Riding? Taking advantage of the lovely weather? Well, who can blame you, but ... you sure missed out on some great deals! Two of my saddles didn't sell, but they did go out on trial (so there were some buyers there!); I got a great deal on a bridle rack (made MY day!). And while it turned out to be more of a swap meet (in the truest form of the word), it was a lovely day to visit with friends and acquaintances and talk horses and horse stuff! Thank you to everyone who came out, and especially ... to Sally Warner and Alana Brown for working the concession!



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PS: Someone misplaced their change purse in the concession, with a bit of coin in it. Please email or call me to identify if it's yours.

Hokay. That's it for me. Off to order delicious donuts from SAVE-ON for tomorrow!!

4.29.10 | So much to do, so little time!

This is short notice, but we're organizing a WORK PARTY for TONIGHT (Thursday) to get the grounds and clubhouse ready for our first ENGLISH/WESTERN show of the season this Sunday! If you can spare us an hour, starting around 6 pm, we would sure appreciate it! Chairs need washing, piles of construction debris need loading, windows need washing. SOMEone can tackle that big beautiful stove - all the things I should be doing at home, but alas most of the clubhouse windows are cleaner than the ones here!! Bruce will be harrowing and cutting the grass and if we get a half a dozen people or more for just an hour, it will make the next two days that much easier! Please come if you can!

Pre-entries must be dropped off by tomorrow

If you are planning on pre-entering Sunday's show, please make sure you drop them off at Roddicks or Dog & Pony by 4:30 FRIDAY! I'm at our first 4-H show of the season at Thunderbird all day Saturday, so I'm doing the rounds tomorrow at 5 to pick up! Pre-entering doesn't save you any money, but it does save you time on Sunday morning when the entry office gets slammed!!

Reserve your number

A number of DRC members have already put dibs in for their favourite show number. If you haven't yet, please email and let me know which number should have YOUR name on it. Members use numbers from 1 to 100!

THANK YOU!

Yes, we will still need volunteers for Sunday's show, but I am ELATED by those who have signed up so far!! THANK YOU to Cindy and Sheila (entry office), Bruce (ring steward), Julie Miller (announcer, pm), Stephanie Mark (whipper in, am) and Alana Brown (whip, pm), Marg (concession, of course) and to Francie, Fiona and Rhainne who are currently "floating".

In my perfect world, we still need a somewhat experienced announcer for the am (that would free up Sheila), and folks to help in the concession and hand out ribbons in the morning and afternoon. Please please PLEASE email me if you can pitch in!!!

English class descriptions up

Finally! We have the revised English Class descriptions up on the website [www.deltaridingclub.com]. There are no significant changes to the rules, per se. We've simply made them a little more user-friendly, especially when it comes to what is and isn't permitted in terms of equipment. We have a new chart which I see isn't up there yet, but will show - at a glance - what you are allowed in each of the English classes. We hope it is going to go a long way to avoid confusion at the in-gate! Remember, you must wear proper attire at all DRC shows and it is the exhibitor's responsibility to read and understand the rules!! We make every effort to use a standard set of rules that will serve all exhibitors fairly and set them up for success when they go to other venues! Western class descriptions are available for the asking in draft form. I hope to have them up soon. (Can someone spot me some more hours in a day please?)

Whether the weather

Well, Mother Nature is having great fun at my expense! The forecast is changing just about hourly. Our shows run rain OR shine, and for those of you that are coming our way from up the valley remember: if it's doom and gloom in Langley, as often as not it can be quite pleasant down here. If in doubt, call my cell anytime Sunday morning - 604.328-3814.

That's it for today. Please - if you can spare an hour tonight, we would sure appreciate it. SEE YOU SUNDAY!!