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1.11.10 | Happy New Year!

I have a HUGE bulletin inside me, but I just can't seem to find a couple of hours to put it into words! Nonetheless, everyone is invited to attend our first meeting of the year this WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13. We're having it at the Meadows Restaurant at the Town & Country, starting at 7 pm. LOTS to discuss, including some exciting updates on the clubhouse renos, the show season, a clinic series for this Spring AND ... you can pay your 2010 membership! Come early and order dinner! (If you cud RSVP to me via email so I can let them know how big a table to set up, that would be swell!)

For 2009 year end award winners and 2010 dates you should be noting on your calendar, please visit the website (another surprise!) at www.deltaridingclub.com

Hope to see you Wednesday ...

2.7.10 | Happy New Year!

Okay. So we're a little late in sending best wishes for a Happy New Year. Can we be the first to wish you Happy Valentine's Day, then? And just because you've barely heard a peep as we head into a new year at Delta Riding Club, don't think that your board of directors hasn't been putting pedal to the metal to make this the BEST year yet! We've got a bucket load of projects underway! Read on:

Meeting this Wednesday

Our regular monthly meeting - as always - is open to all members and guests, and is this WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, starting at 7 pm. Why don't you drop in? Now the clubhouse renovations are underway (uh huh! uh huh!), we'll be meeting at the "poolside room" at the Ladner Leisure Centre. We were there a year ago, I believe. Grab a coffee at the concession as you come into the Leisure Centre and it's quite likely a few of us will bring some nibbles to share, so we can graze our way thru the meeting!

And boy do we have LOTS to talk about!

Yes! You heard it right! The contractor has finally started working on our clubhouse renovations! And by this time next month (or thereabouts), we will have new siding, new roofing, a new entry booth, deck, STAIRS, concession, flooring - we are going to be so SWANK when our first show gets underway on April 18th (we may have to increase entry fees - but we're NOT!!). It's all very exciting, and when the (drywall) dust settles we will have an awesome clubhouse that will be the envy of everyone! A great big THANK YOU to Erik Anderson and Jane Spearing for all their hard work "fundraising" so we can finally put the finishing touches on the clubhouse!

Let the shows begin!

After much handwringing, the show committee was able to nail down our show dates for 2010 - no easy task when you are trying to schedule around all the discipline and breed shows, not to mention the other community clubs! We tried our best to avoid conflicts, but there are only so many week-ends during show season. Hopefully, most of you noted them when Devon updated our website [deltaridingclub.com] earlier last month. (How do you like the new 'do, by the way?) For those that haven't, git out yer calendar:

APRIL 18 Percentage Day / 2nd Annual Carboot Sale
MAY 2 English/Western Show (Rick Pyke, judge)
MAY 16 Hunter/Jumper Show (Kindry Dunbar, judge)
JUNE 6 Percentage Day
JUNE 27 Hunter Jumper Show (Carmen Kramer, judge)
AUGUST 7/8 Summer Show (Monique Fraser, HJ judge, Jodie Moore, EW judge)
SEPTEMBER 21 English Western (Margaret Logan, judge, tentative)

SEPTEMBER 19 Percentage Day

The program is all but ready; we're just waiting to confirm a few more judges - another task wrought with its own set of challenges! (If you come to our meeting on Wednesday, I'll explain!). Fees will remain the same as last year (you're welcome!), and there are relatively few changes. We've cut a few classes on our English Western Day, added some high points, but other than that, it's shows-as-usual! (Except for our fancy new clubhouse and new footing in the rings! Ya!)

Speaking of towing the line

You will ALSO be pleased to know that we didn't increase MEMBERSHIP FEES this year! (Perhaps I should have led with this?) That's right! And ... if you send your 2010 DELTA RIDING CLUB membership to Alicia before the end of this month, you will GET \$10 IN DRC BUCKS to use against anything you may be inclined to purchase from DRC this year - your entry fees, STALLS, concession, clinics, banquet fees, clothing ... TEN BUCKS off something (but NOT your membership!)! You have to act quickly, though! You will find a membership form on the website! Fill it out, write a cheque and bring it to the meeting on Wednesday or mail it to our post office box by February 28th, and Alicia will send you \$10 DRC bucks with your 2010 membership card! HOW COOL IS THAT?!?!? (I've attached the 2010 app for your convenience! :)

Membership has its privileges!

The DOG & PONY SHOP is partnering up with Delta Riding Club this year and as a 2010 member, YOU are going to SAVE 10% ON ALL YOUR SHOW CLOTHING purchases! Now that is REALLY cool! Beige or white breeches, helmets (except GPAs), tall boots, gloves, hairnets, show shirts, JACKETS, stock ties ... Show the friendly staff at Dog & Pony your 2010 membership card and - that's right - an automatic 10% off on all regularly priced stock! Many thanks to Vicky for extending this great offer to our members!

Twining away

Delta Riding Club members, and others in our horse community, have really stepped up to recycle their baling twine! We really want to thank ROD-DICKS FEED & FARM SUPPLY for being our drop off depot - there's a bin near the front door for twine. This has been a project of the Buckaroos 4-H Horse Club, and now that our club has folded (sad, but true), I'm hoping we can find someone (not me) among our DRC membership to take care of it. I have just learned of a recycling outfit in Richmond which may make it much easier to get from bin to recycler (my downfall). If you think this is something you can do on behalf of DRC, please let me know (cathy-glover@telus.net or 604/328-3814) - or come to the meeting on Wednesday!

This is a really terrific, feel-good project for someone with a pickup (or maybe not - the new outfit may pick up!). It isn't difficult; it's not back-breaking; it's really not all that time consuming - I just can't do it on top of everything else anymore. If we can't find someone else to manage it, I'm afraid we're going to have to shut 'er down. I'll have more information on Wednesday - and a decision one way or the other will have to be made then.

PS: For those of you already on board, THANK YOU for putting your CLEAN twine (free of hay and debris) into PLASTIC bags and bringing them to Roddicks. You are SO GREEN! (PS: As tempting as it is to re-use your empty grain bags for twine, they disintegrate in the rain and -- well, ew. Plastic is best, thank you!)

A red HOT offer

Have you ever noticed the really cool looking "vintage" stove in the club-



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house? It's a circa 1957 GE range with a warming oven, yellow with lots of chrome! Everyone thinks it has to be worth something (and I've done some internet searching and can find restored versions of it for BIG bucks in the States - I can point you to a website link!). Well, ours needs a new home. We have it on Craigslist for \$995, but the club is open to reasonable offers. Marg Brodie assures me it worked the last time it was used (before the clubhouse was moved to our current site). It's being sold as is/where is. It's a work of art that needs just a little TLC to bring it back to its original glory. You see stoves just like it on all the TV shows (Rachel Ray has one in her TV kitchen). If you or someone you know is interested in looking at it, call me! (It's in the way of our renos!) We also have a popcorn and candy floss machine for sale, as well.

Sponsorship opportunities

Alicia Harper has been busy not only with her new barn in Richmond, but as our SPONSORSHIP QUEEN, she has been sending out letters to prospective sponsors for 2010! We would like to thank our "early birds":

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Delta Agricultural Society
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Blue Meadow Farm [bluemeadowfarm.ca]
Ann Harper CA [annharperCA.com]
Embroidery Plus (Denise Fisher . 534.7641)

There may be more than I'm unaware of, but thank you to all - and please support the businesses and people that support us! For more information on our sponsorship program, please visit the website [deltaridingclub.com]. We appreciate your support, too!

And so ... the news you all have been waiting for:

DRC announces new clinic series for this spring

That's right! For the past month, we have been working on putting together a SPRING CLINIC SERIES that will offer our members an opportunity to ride with some awesome trainers and coaches in a variety of disciplines. There's something for just about everyone - it won't break the bank, and it's not going to take your whole day! Starting February 27 with a "Wild & Wooly" clinic with our own ADIVA MURPHY, and running every second weekend until April 24, we will be hosting clinicians like KIERSTEN HUMPHREY (Dressage, March 13), Paint and Quarter Horse trainer MELLISSA BUCKLEY (Trail, March 27); trainer and (Summer Show) judge JODIE MOORE (Perfect Patterns, April 10), "A" circuit rider, trainer & coach and very good friend to DRC KIM ROSE (Hunter/Jumper, April 24) and Natural Horsemanship trainer and coach NATALIE VONK [horseplayourway.com] with an Introduction to Reining, also on April 24. ADIVA will do a "WILD & WOOLY 4 KIDS" (13-18 years) during spring break (March 13), and another IMPROVE YOUR RIDE (April 10) that will appeal to riders who may not necessarily be interested in the show ring.

I will be emailing you all again this week with final details and information on how to register. For members, clinics will be \$40 each, and include snacks for horse AND rider! Some clinicians have offered "rain dates," which is really cool. (I was going to try to arrange for a backup indoor in case the weather absolutely refuses to co-operate, but in light of the recent strangles outbreak I just don't have the guts to go knockin' on doors! We hear the affected barns are "over the hump" - and we wish them and their horses well in their recovery. Sigh ...)

ANYHOO ... our clinics are going to be VERY EXCITING! There are a limit-

ed amount of spots available for each three hour session, so you will want to book early. WATCH YOUR EMAIL over the next couple of days! I have one more clinician to confirm and then we'll be ready to go!

Got tack?

Then you will want to make sure SUNDAY, APRIL 18 is circled on your calendar! It's our 2nd ANNUAL CARBOOT SALE. Once again, we are hosting this in conjunction with our spring opener PERCENTAGE DAY. If you have used tack, equipment and show clothes gathering dust in the barn or closet OR trailer, this is a great, stress-free way to offer it for sale to buyers itching to part with their money! Start sorting now! Spring WILL be here before you know it! Last year, one of our sellers made over \$700!!! Get out your calendar and circle that date (SUNDAY, APRIL 18). That goes for buyers, too! :

Up to speed

Yup! I think you should pretty much be up to speed on what DRC has in store for you in the coming months! I'm probably forgetting SOMETHING (brain leaks!) but that can be news for another day. Don't forget to check our website [deltaridingclub.com] for updates. We'll be posting the show program, entry forms and clinic schedule there as well. The meeting dates are all on our calendar as is - ha! - our 2010 board of directors! (In case, you were wondering, Bruce is STILL president : and Marg is STILL past-president!). Please feel free to contact any of us by phone or email if you have any questions or need information about Delta Riding Club.

HOPE TO SEE YOU WEDNESDAY! LADNER LEISURE CENTRE, "POOLSIDE ROOM", 7 PM!

Coming up:

Wednesday, February 10
Monthly meeting, Ladner Leisure Centre, 7 pm
Saturday, February 27
WILD & WOOLY CLINIC with Adiva Murphy, DRC
Wednesday, February 10
Monthly Meeting, location TBA
Saturday, March 13
DRESSAGE CLINIC with Kiersten Humphrey
WILD & WOOLY 4 KIDS with Adiva Murphy
Sunday, March 21
LMQHA Bazaar, T'bird
Saturday, March 27
TRAIL CLINIC Mellissa Buckley
GENERAL PERFORMANCE CLINIC tba
Saturday, April 10
PERFECT PATTERNS CLINIC with Jodie Moore
IMPROVE YOUR RIDE CLINIC with Adiva Murphy
Wednesday, April 14
Monthly Meeting, DRC, 7 pm
Sunday, April 18
PERCENTAGE DAY
2nd annual CARBOOT SALE
Saturday, April 24
HUNTER/JUMPER CLINIC with Kim Rose
REINING 101 with Natalie Vonk
Sunday, May 2
ENGLISH WESTERN SHOW, Rick Pyke, judge

DON'T FORGET TO PAY YOUR MEMBERSHIP BY FEBRUARY 28 AND GET \$10 DRC BUCKS!

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2.13.10 | And you thought we were kidding?

Attached is the program for Delta Riding Club's SPRING CLINIC SERIES, starting in JUST TWO WEEKS! As promised, there is something for just about everyone!

We will take reservations over by email or over the phone, but be forewarned: money talks! If we get paid reservations, they will be honoured over ones that are just "lip service."

Drop your payments (cheque or cash) at the Dog & Pony or Roddicks, or arrange to meet me personally. Cheques payable to DRC, of course! We know that some of these clinics are weeks away, so a post-dated cheque for the day of the clinic is enough to guarantee your reservation.

Remember, you need to pay your membership, too, and that can accompany your clinic application! (Don't forget to join DRC by February 28th and get \$10 in DRC bucks!)

Note that some clinicians are prepared to postpone their clinics until the Sunday following (clinics are scheduled for Saturdays) if the weather is too icky. I'm still hoping we can arrange for an indoor as a "last resort" back-up: if any indoor owners are listening, (pretty please) we would be gladly offer a 2010 DRC sponsorship in return for indoor consideration. : (Call or email me - 604.328.3814!)

I hope many of you will find something you like on the clinic schedule! It's taken a while to put this together, and we want to sincerely thank (and welcome) all our participating clinicians! Let the clinics begin!

2.23.10 | Are you sleeping cuz the clinics aren't full yet!

Well, maybe that's too much wishful thinking on my part! Although -- it's good news for you if you haven't booked but intend to ... but WHERE ARE YOU? Are you sleeping?

There was an enthusiastic (albeit small) response when we announced our Spring Clinic series a couple of weeks back, and then -- except for Adiva's clinic this coming Saturday (which is almost - but not quite - fully subscribed) -- the remaining clinics have only a few riders booked. What's up with that? Have you SEEN our program?

If you haven't - if you scrolled it out of sight thinking you'd come back to it (and forgot - bin there, done that!), I've attached it here again (and it's on our website). Pick your pleasure! Or dressage. Or hunter! Or OR OR! DON'T BE SHY! Spring is just around the corner! Time to get on your horse and RIDE!

There are limited spots in each of the clinics offered; you could be sorry if you don't book ahead! Call or email me SOON!

Wild & Wooly this Saturday

There is a spot (or maybe two) in Adiva Murphy's "Wild & Wooly" clinic this Saturday, so call or email if you you're ready to go! If you aren't able to participate, but want to come and see WHAT YOU ARE MISSING, come on down. (You'll also get to see the "work in progress" we call our clubhouse!! Oh my!!) The clinic starts at 9 am with groundwork and ends at noon under saddle!

If you are hauling in for the clinic this weekend, please DO NOT PARK on the grass. (It will turn to soup and you will need to phone BCAA to get you out!). Instead park on the gravel on the east side of the stalls. (Cars only park on the gravel when you come in the gate!) Gates will open at 8:15, and we'll have coffee and goodies for riders (and treats for ponies thanks to RODDICKS FARM SUPPLY!). If you haven't signed your clinic

waiver, be sure to bring it with you, and make sure you've paid your 2010 Horse Council membership! If the weather is snarly, Adiva is set to reschedule for Sunday. Call me Saturday morning as early as you need to if you're in doubt! (The forecast is changing DAILY!) 604.328-3814. See you there!

Cinderella story

We have a new ROOF! (Well, half a roof to be precise!) The drywall is done, and we could be painting by the weekend! The new flooring is ordered (we had consensus, egads!), the skirting is on, and the new fascias are AMAZING (who'da thunk fascias could make SUCH a difference?). She's our Cinderella clubhouse, alright! Come on down when we're there this weekend for the Wild & Wooly and have a boo - and while you're there ...

Deju vu

We had a crew in yesterday with their big tractor equipment to work on the hunter/jumper and main arena, but ... we still have some work ahead of us! It's the DRC version of "pick-up sticks"! Sigh ...

Not this weekend, but next (March 6/7), we will be calling on all members to come on down and give us a hand (literally!) as we comb the arenas for - ahem -- firewood! Deju vu? You're right - we did this last summer but the turnout was - double ahem - a little disappointing as it was the "same old" faces doing all the work. It sure would be sweet if we saw some FRESH : faces helping us with the grunt work. And this is easy stuff that is GOOD FOR THE WAISTLINE! We don't need a whole lot of your time - an hour would make SUCH a difference! Keep an eye on your email for times! But be sure to pencil in an hour for us in a week and a half. In the meantime, our fearless president, Mr Walker, will be harrowing ... and harrowing ... and harrowing some more!

Show program about to debut

We just need to add some sponsors to the 2010 Show Program and it will be the next thing we send to your inbox! Show season gets underway on April 18 with our first Percentage Day of three this year; it coincides with our second annual CARBOOT SALE. (Got junk? Errr ... gently used stuff to sell?)

Speaking of sponsors ...

Alicia tells me we're on a roll! We would like to welcome our newest sponsors: Greenhawk and Divine Eye Photography (Platinum) and gold sponsor Cloverdale Fuel. For sponsorship opportunities, please see our website [deltaridingclub.com] and click on the sponsor link! We have a great program -- and we appreciate beyond words all the support we get!! Many thanks to our 2010 sponsors to date (insert drum roll here!):

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New depot for twine



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No one offered to take up the cause, so effective immediately, we're recommending everyone that is faithfully collecting their plastic baling twine (:) for recycling to take it directly to the recycler, now located close by in Richmond.

WEST COAST RECYCLING
Unit 3 - 2480 Shell Road
Richmond
www.westcoastrecycling.com

On behalf of the South Delta Buckaroos, I would like to once again express our sincerest appreciation to Roddicks for being our local depot these past couple of years. We appreciated your support! Roddicks will no longer be accepting twine, but don't let that prevent you from doing the "green" thing and taking it to West Coast! Thank you!

Passing it along

Shelley Evans has asked us to forward you information on the Thomas Haney Equestrian Academy she is involved with.

"The program," she writes, "has piloted an on line division this year and we now have students from as far away as Prince George. Students earn 16 grad program credits above and beyond any credits they would have earned in a Rider Prep program, 4-H, or Pony Club. Students with or without a horse- all disciplines are welcome as are all levels of experience. Annual fees for on line classes are only \$185.00/year including the textbook and "Academy Wear."

And so ...

TIME TO PAY YOUR MEMBERSHIP

Horse Council membership is required once again this year if you are going to be a "riding member" at DRC this year. If you haven't done so already, you can join HCBC online at [hcbc.ca]. DRC's membership application is available to download on OUR website [deltaridingclub.com] but - of course - I've attached it here once again for your convenience. : Only a FEW MORE DAYS TO GET YOUR DRC BUCKS FOR JOINING BEFORE FEBRUARY 28!!! (Bring your membership to the clinic on Saturday! I'll collect them on behalf of Alicia! How cool is that? Same goes for your clinic entries! :)

That's it for now. Check the calendar on the website for everything you need to know!! SEE YA SATURDAY MORNING!!

PS: Can you print the Clinic Poster and pin it up in your barn where folks will see it, please?
Maybe even with a copy of the schedule? That would be awesome - and thank you!!

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