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7.13.10 | Summer days

Well, it seems the long, long days of summer are not conducive to spending time in the late evenings on the computer composing chatty little bulletins! By the end of a busy work day, chores, riding, HAYING and cooking (bleh), this puppy is too pooped to plunk! But we do have some updates you need to know!

Regular monthly meeting this Wednesday

First and foremost, everyone is invited to attend our regular monthly meetings! The July meeting is tomorrow evening, Wednesday, July 14, and starts at 7 pm at the clubhouse on 28th Avenue. Don't be shy! Making an appearance doesn't necessarily go hand-in-hand with becoming a full-fledged hardcore volunteer (although we wouldn't mind if you felt inspired!). We do, however, really appreciate feedback on what we are doing as a club, and our friendly get-togethers are a good place to discuss ideas! Why not stick your head in the door tomorrow night? We'd love to see you!

Natural Horsemanship Tournament big success

From all accounts, Delta Riding Club's first annual Natural Horsemanship Tournament this past Sunday was a HUGE success!! When I showed up (late - ahem) with the coffee, there were over half a dozen trailers and horses and people everywhere!

With just 12 exhibitors (including a couple of minis that weren't part of the riding exercises), the tournament lasted the better part of the day, until just before 4 pm, and I beg you to find a more congenial group of exhibitors anywhere on the planet! The "come as you are" dress code kept the competition friendly as everyone cheered each other on through their obstacles and pattern work.

There was no rail work at this tournament like you would expect at a regular horse show. Every class required an individual performance by each exhibitor, whether through a series of obstacles (including a very cool crowd-pleasing teeter-totter bridge) or through modified dressage and reining riding patterns.

Judge Adiva Murphy had her work cut out for her as she scored everyone on their ability to master (or not) the various skill sets. Congratulations to Diane Prosser and She's Amusing, home from Colorado after a month in training with the Parelli group, for winning the high points in each of three divisions! Paula Spichal was reserve in the Groundwork/Obstacle division with Cowboy, while Suzanne Parsons and Tessa earned reserves for both the reining and dressage work. (Good sport that Diane is, she shared her high point bounty with Suzanne and Adiva!)

Diane, Paula and Suzanne brought the tourney to a great conclusion with some liberty pattern work under saddle - using only seat, legs and "sticks" to guide their ponies through a reining pattern in the dressage ring - at which point, "Becky" (She's Amusing) provided some off-pattern hilarity as she sailed over the dressage surrounds not once but TWICE!

Congratulations and thank you to all the exhibitors, many of whom have never competed before and some who received their first horse show ribbons ever! Thank as well to their cheering squads and to the volunteers who contributed to this successful show! Adiva tells me the feedback is overwhelmingly in favour of hosting another and whether you plan to participate or watch, you won't want to miss it!! A very fun day at Delta Riding Club this past weekend!

Adiva Murphy Clinic coming up

If you have been sitting on the fence about whether to dabble in natural horsemanship, or just want some common sense help with your groundwork or riding endeavours, Adiva Murphy is hosting three clinics at DRC, and the

first is just around the corner on July 25. Contact Adiva (adiva@adivamurphy.com) for details and book a time! Other clinic dates are August 28 and September 25.

Soaring to success

I wish I had put pinkies to the keyboard the night of the Hunter/Jumper show, June 27, because it was definitely something to "write home" about! With 37 exhibitors, it was certainly the most successful hunter/jumper show at Delta Riding Club in recent (and even not-so-recent) memory! I was first to arrive (shortly after 7 am) and last to leave (at 6 pm) - and the show ran with nary a glitch!! Thank you to all the exhibitors for being such GOOD SPORTS, and congratulations to our high point winners who received a terrific 3-hook bridle bag for their achievement!

WALK TROT

Megan Kenny on Hylee's Liza
(r) Triana Sequoia on Angel

2 FOOT

Carissa Yuen on Bambee (so cute)
(r) Caroline Benoit on Liam

2'3"

Jordyn Shaw on Sugar N Spice
(r) As Good As it Gets and Annika Clark

2'6"

Jenny Heinz on Bentley
(r) Lauren Cummings on Donali (Lauren's first award ever!)

2'9"

Katie Andrews on Rhuma
(r) Kirstin Chalmers on Half & Half

Thank you, as always, to our over-worked volunteers (Diane, Bruce, Devon, Fiona, Courtney, Troy and Cindy) for a great day. Talk about team work!! And how cool is it that show manager Francie Shuttleworth was our volunteer of the day, scoring a wonderful MISS FILLY tee-shirt for her efforts!

The next Hunter/Jumper day, of course, is our BIG Summer Classic where there are EXTRA-SPECIAL high point awards on tap (and only a few more stalls available!). It's on SATURDAY, AUGUST 7! Download the program and special SUMMER CLASSIC entry form from the website [www.deltaridingclub.com].

AQHA to host Regional Championships at Thunderbird

I went to the Lower Mainland Quarter Horse Association regular meeting a couple of weeks back with Lynne Carter and got TOTALLY psyched about the Region One "Experience" coming up at Thunderbird, July 21-25. Even if you don't own or aren't into Quarter Horses, the clinic schedule is probably something you don't want to overlook! (Who wouldn't want to see what Lynn Palm has to say about English Equitation, right? She's just one of many that are too good to miss.) See the full clinic schedule at [www.region1experience.com/Event%20Schedule.pdf].

And if you have an appetite for something other than horses going 'round and 'round in circles, check out the huge slate of cow classes scheduled for Saturday and Sunday (attached) - cutting, working cow horse AND roping! I'm trying to plan my work week around Region One - it's going to be great!

Oopsie!

For those of you who downloaded an early version of the Summer Classic entry form, please note there are NO WARM UP ROUNDS on the



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Hunter/Jumper day. That was a left-over from last year! Sorry!

DRC welcomes two new sponsors!

We'd like to welcome two new 2010 sponsors to our growing roster: The Rainbow Family of Ladner and Miss Filly! Alicia Harper has done an awesome job of assembling a great list of sponsors this year. We hope you remember to acknowledge them on our behalf when you can!

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Don't forget, Dog & Pony is offering all 2010 DRC members 10% off show clothing this season. (You need your membership card to get your discount.) And if you're looking for a ride to the Summer Classic on August 7/8, be sure to give Glen at G&H Horse Transport a call!

Volunteer list in the works

I've already started the volunteer lists for the Summer Classic on August 7/8. We would REALLY appreciate a few hours of your time to help make this show a success! Please email and let me know if you can work a shift! Training is free - the appreciation, priceless!

7.27.2010 | Pre-entry deadline NEXT Wednesday

Delta Riding Club's big two day Summer Classic is just a little under two weeks away (August 7 & 8), and exhibitors who pre-enter by next Wednesday, August 4 can save a lot with pre-entry discounts. Hunter exhibitors save \$15 per division if they pre-enter; English/Western day riders can pre-enter six classes and save between \$10 and \$12! (That adds up if you make the show a "full meal deal"!)

Be sure to download the SUMMER CLASSIC entry form (I've attached it so it's real handy!) - the fees for this show (and the pre-entry discounts) are different from our other regular season shows!

Bucks back for winners

This year, ALLLL first place exhibitors will be getting \$10 in DRC "Bucks" they can use against anything they purchase from DRC (fees, concession, clothing, banquet tickets, your 2011 membership!) until December 2011. We've also got some other great prizes in store for exhibitors, including rider draws where you don't have to win to win!! Don't overlook our stakes classes where you can win REAL money, and we have picked out super highpoints for each of our hunter divisions and five EW divisions

(walk/trot, junior, intermediate & senior exhibitor, and western).

We're very pleased to welcome Monique Fraser as our Hunter/Jumper judge and Jodie Moore is doing the honours on our English/Western day on Sunday. Troy Nagle (Divineeye Productions) will be on hand with his trusty camera and slideshow; Marg will be cooking up a storm in our brand NEW kitchen. (Yup! The Cinderella clubhouse is DONE!) This is one show you don't want to miss!

Day stalls still available

There are just a few day stalls still available on the Hunter day, and a few more on the English/Western. If you're looking for stabling, be sure to reserve in advance by dropping me an email or calling 604.328.3814! Drop your entries at Roddicks Feed & Farm Supply or the Dog & Pony before next Wednesday. You still have time to post them as well: Delta Riding Club, PO Box 1185, Delta V4M 3T3.

Work party next week

Join us next Wednesday evening (August 4) and help us get ready for the big show! The regulars will be meeting at the clubhouse between 6 and 7 pm to get set up and we really would appreciate some help! The jump course has to be set, windows need washing, there could be some last minute painting to do, pressure washing ... oh, we have LOTS AND LOTS to do!

We realize that not all of you can help on show day (because you're showing), so this is a great opportunity to come on down and support the CREW that makes these shows happen! We're a fun bunch - really! (The work party is in place of our regular monthly meeting, by the way.) Next Wednesday, August 4 - see you there!

Volunteers required

We also need warm and willing bodies to fill the many volunteer positions it takes to run a good show. Let me rephrase that: WE DESPERATELY NEED WARM BODIES!!

While the regular crew will be on site all weekend long, there are not enough of US to go around -- especially on Sunday for the English/Western Day.

You don't need experience for many of the positions, and you don't even have to be a DRC member! Training is free! Free eats, too! And for those who commit to a WHOLE day, we have a special gift this year - one that will be coveted by all!

If you can lend a hand - even half a day - we would love to hear from you! Call or email and let me know you're available! (Otherwise, I will have to keep begging ...)

We're going SEMI-ANNUAL!

Mark Sunday, September 19 on your calendar! Due to popular demand, we're opening the gates and welcoming sellers and buyers to a FALL CARBOOT SALE. (And you wondered how you were going to move all those winter blankets that no longer fit, huh?!)

Start poking around the tack room and in your closet to see what you need to divest yourself of, or maybe need to get before winter (and next year's show season) sets in! Same setup as our Spring Carboot - sellers pay a paltry \$10 to set up; buyers get in free! I'm already packing!