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8.7.09 Well! Are you ready for a BIG weekend!?!?

Pre-entries for weekend show at all-time high!

So, it's been a long day (a long WEEK, actually) but we think we finally have everything under control for a busy weekend of competition at Delta Riding Club! There have been lots and LOTS of pre-entries and so we'll probably spend much of our time in the entry office tapping our fingers – and enjoying our coffee -- tomorrow morning! Thank you!!

A few announcements to exhibitors:

A/ There are no more stalls available. (In fact, I gave away Devon's, which I may live to regret ...)

B/ Our Handy Horse judge had to cancel, so – thankfully – Lynne Carter has agreed to come back and judge. HOWEVER ... Lynne has an appointment in the afternoon. The HANDY HORSE COURSE WILL BE OPEN FROM 9:30 to 11:30 on Sunday, so exhibitors entered in Handy Horse should ride as soon as possible otherwise it'll be snooze and lose! In Hand Trail and Trail will run at the end of the Western Pleasure classes, as previously announced.

C/ Gates open at 7 am both days! (Yawn!) Coffee ready at 7:30.

D/ Cross Rail warm up rounds will start at approximately 8:10 so judging can get underway (fingers crossed) at 8:30 am!

E/ Non-members who pre-entered can pick up their numbers in the show office. There are a few entries that will need some attention (over- or under-paid), just so you know. Members who have shown this year will already have their show numbers (right?).

F/ Because of dry conditions, please smoke in your vehicle and extinguish your cigarettes in your ashtray.

No rest for the wicked

Calling all members! Next Wednesday, August 12th, we will be organizing a WORK PARTY in advance of receiving new hog fuel for the Jumper and main arenas! We need to sift thru the jumper ring, in particular, for the big chunks of wood that have prevented us (until now) from using the ring for our Hunter/Jumper shows. Bring a beverage and come help us – it will be fun! (Maybe someone will bring hamburgers!) 6 pm start, so we can finish before the mosquitoes decide to dine on US for dinner!

That's all, folks!! SEE YOU THIS WEEKEND – don't forget the FREESTYLE DRESSAGE AND QUADRILLE DEMO AT NOON TOMORROW! What a great weekend for a show!!

8.5.09 Dressage Demo this Saturday

DRC to host international rider at Saturday's Hunter/Jumper show

The Delta Riding Club is honoured to be hosting a local equestrian icon at its upcoming Summer Show. Ladner resident Wendy Christoff will be performing a Freestyle Dressage demonstration on Saturday, August 8 at 12 noon, on her Grand Prix gelding, Pfalstaff. Dressage has been described as dancing on horseback and the freestyle discipline blends technical skills with a piece of music that has been selected to match and enhance the movements of the horse. Everyone is welcome to come and watch this precision performance

that epitomizes years of dedication, skill and practice.

And there is more!

Youth riders, Esmee Ingham, Lauren MacLeod, Monica Houweling and Jill Anderson, will showcase a Quadrille freestyle. Simply put, this is a form of team riding in which four riders perform both compulsory and freestyle movements to music. Their routine is designed to reflect creativity and artistry as well as technical precision. These girls, most of whom are coached by Christoff, are also accomplished riders as individuals and work diligently at their sport with the hope of reaching the same pinnacle of competition as their mentor.

Wendy Christoff recently gained international prominence at the Grand Prix (Olympic) level with a win on Pfalstaff in California. She has been riding this 15 year old Hanoverian gelding for almost three years and it's obvious by their leap into the big leagues they are good match. Although Wendy has a place on the international stage, she recognizes the development of young riders is important. She has been a long time supporter of the Delta Riding Club and her commitment to the horse community at the grassroots level further illustrates she appreciates its future is strengthened by building a solid foundation at the local level. Christoff feels that this freestyle dressage performance will be enjoyed by everyone, not just horse enthusiasts; even the horse has fun.

Last day to pre-enter Summer Show

A very quick reminder this is the last day for pre-entries for our annual SUMMER SHOW. If you cannot get to Roddicks or Dog & Pony to drop your entries off, you can fax them to me at 604.946-5919. Please make sure to use the SUMMER SHOW ENTRY FORM! (Thank you to EVERYone who has pre-entered!!)

Remember, our shows start on time at 8:30 am. On Sunday, the Leadline class (Class #1) will go at or shortly after 10 am, which means the first class at 8:30 is class #2, English Showmanship. IF this show paces like our other English/Western shows, we will likely schedule a half hour lunch break around noon (the judge and ring steward will need a break!), then resume with the rest of the English classes. They usually wrap up about 1:30 and Western starts around 2. ("Usually" being the operative word!) Handy Horse is tentatively scheduled to run between 11 am and 1 pm. Trail and In Hand will be judged AFTER the Western Pleasure classes, as per the schedule. Of course – every show is different, but this is what has been happening recently! If you are coming for classes later in the day and want to know how things are progressing, call can try to reach me on my cell – 604/328-3814.

Also, a reminder to ALLLLLL exhibitors – this is our most prestigious show of the year. Proper attire is required. It is up to the judge (not show management) if coats can be removed. It is also important that you check in with the whipper in prior to your class. Moderate gate holds will be accepted for tack and/or rider changes, but NOT to school your horse! Our speaker system is improved, but can be difficult to hear in the parking lot. It's up to you to keep an eye on what is happening in the ring. We don't want you to miss your class!

For English class requirements, please visit the website: www.deltaridingclub.com. (The western ones are a work in progress!)

See you this weekend! PS: Still looking for volunteers! 604/328-3814.



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8.3.09 SUMMER SHOW THIS WEEKEND

Yikes! What happened to July???

Most of you -- thankfully -- are already aware that Delta Riding Club's annual SUMMER SHOW is just a "few sleeps" away! TWO full days of fun AND friendly competition are coming up this weekend -- August 8 and 9 -- and if you've been watching the Weather Network -- as I have -- you'll know we're expecting some rain (read: dust control) later this week (yay!), before two days of moderate (double yay!) and sunny weather on the weekend!! KEEP YOUR FINGERS CROSSED!

Of course, the Summer Show Program has been up on the website [www.deltaridingclub.com] for the past month. Channay Lloyd is our Hunter/Jumper judge on Saturday; Shelley Evans is judging the English/Western show and Terry Johnson is scheduled to judge our Handy Horse class concurrently!

The schedule is very very similar to our regular Hunter/Jumper and English/Western show schedule. We've added an Optimum Time Open Stake on Saturday and three stake classes (English Pleasure, Hunter Under Saddle and Western Pleasure) on Sunday. The fees are different, however, for this show and if you enter before THIS WEDNESDAY (August 5), you can save some serious coin! You could save as much as \$15 per division for the Hunter/Jumper day, and our flat rate for six in-hand/flat classes on Sunday will save you \$22!

Please make sure you use the SUMMER SHOW ENTRY FORM to enter this show (and NOT the regular entry form). Drop your pre-entries off at our club sponsors -- the Dog & Pony or Roddicks Feed & Farm Supply -- by Wednesday 5 pm to take advantage of the pre-entry discounts.

Something for everyone!

Even if you choose not to take advantage of pre-entry discounts, we have EXHIBITOR DRAWS for everyone!! ABSORBENT PRODUCTS has dropped off sample bags of STALL DRY DEODORIZER for everyone, and we have a couple of cases of fly spray to divvy out among exhibitors. This is a "Bucks Back" show for English/Western exhibitors. Every first place winner will get a coupon for \$10 of DRC bucks to use against anything DRC sells (like your 2010 membership, or branded clothing, or your concession tab, or entry fees at your next show ...)! There are high points (and reserves) for each of the Hunter/Jumper divisions and SEVEN high point and reserve awards on Sunday! (And a birdie has told me that DRC sponsor MANE THREADZ is planning on coming down with some of her stunning show clothes!)

BC Heritage

This weekend's shows are BC Heritage approved! If you haven't already purchased your 2009/2010 log book from Horse Council <http://hcbc.ca/competitions/bcheritage>, you can fill out an application in the show office and we'll fire it off with your fee. Start qualifying now for next summer's competition, July 17/18 at the IPE Fairgrounds in Armstrong! (PS: You do NOT have to have a log book to show at this or any BC Heritage approved show! But Horse Council would love it if you did!)

Help wanted!

As with every show, it takes an ARMY of volunteers to follow through on what we have spent months and months planning! WE NEED YOUR HELP! I know Marg is looking for help in the concession! We need people (lots of them) for stints on the out-gate (it's a lonely job, but a very important one!), whipper ins, announcers, runners, RIBBON people!! If you have even a few hours on the weekend to spare and would like to earn your halo, please call or email me as soon as possible -- 604.328-3814! Your time is valuable -- and so we will have no less than FOUR volunteer draws this weekend! Put your name in the hat! Call me!

A meeting of (great?) minds -- DRC monthly meeting is THIS week!

As if anticipation for the "show of the season" isn't enuf, we have our regular MONTHLY MEETING coming up on Wednesday (August 5). It's a week earlier than normal because of the show. Everyone is welcome to attend. It's at 7 pm at the clubhouse. Come early -- and you can help set up the jump course!!

Well done!

Congratulations to Delta Riding Club secretary Devon Smith and her Paint mare, SW Roxy Barlink. At the BC Heritage Finals in Chilliwack earlier last month, they scored Reserve Championship honours in Showmanship, Trail and Command!

We haven't heard yet how DRC members made out at the Region 17 show last week at Thunderbird (but we know we were well represented!). The show looked HUGE -- and everyone deserves a medal for enduring that heat! Yowzers!

Looking for more shows?

The Lower Mainland Quarter Horse Association has asked us to pass along information about their upcoming Open/All Breed Trophy Show at Langley Riders on August 22. I've attached their program, if you're interested. We plan on heading up to Mission on August 15/16 for their annual trophy show www.missionhorseclub.com.

How about some great deals?

Delta Riding Club members will get 10% off at the DOG & PONY this month on all summer and fly sheets! One of the many perks of DRC membership! You need to show your membership card in order to get your discount! Shop early, while the selection is good!

Don't forget the meeting on Wednesday, and let me know if you can help us in any way on the weekend!!!

Coming up:

Wednesday, August 5 | Monthly meeting, DRC clubhouse, 7 pm
Saturday, August 8 | DRC Summer Show | Hunter/Jumper Day
Sunday, August 9 | DRC Summer Show | English/Western Day
Saturday, September 5 | Open Hack Day at DRC, 9 am til noon (weather permitting)
Wednesday, September 9 | Monthly meeting, DRC Clubhouse, 7 pm
Sunday, September 13 | DRC Percentage Day



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7.3.09 OPEN HACK DAY TOMORROW!!!

Bruce is in charge!

A very short and quick reminder that we will be opening the riding club grounds tomorrow SATURDAY, JULY 4 FROM 9 AM TO NOON for anyone interested in riding there. Members ride for free, of course (the benefit of membership!) and ... non-members pay just \$5 for the privilege of using anyone of our three big rings to exercise and school their horses! See you there!

Show opportunities this weekend

If you are itching to show this weekend, the BC Paint Horse Club has asked us to pass along information about their schooling show in Langley on Sunday. I've attached a PDF file about it. And ... the BC Half Arabian Show is pleased to announce OPEN BREED classes at their show which gets underway TODAY, and goes thru til Sunday. They're offering English and Western performance classes, Sport Horse halter & performance, Dressage, equitation, showmanship and more. Cheryl Brodie reminds us there is a Saturday evening BBQ and entertainment; the show is a BC HERITAGE QUALIFIER and is APHA "PAC" approved. For more info, visit their website: www.bchalfarabian.com

RCMP Musical Ride comes to Thunderbird

If you've never seen the RCMP Musical Ride, here is your chance! They will be performing at Thunderbird Show Park July 29,30 & 31 and August 1st. This is an incredible event which raises funds for the CKNW Orphans' Fund, Valley Therapeutic Equestrian Association and the new Pediatric Ward at Langley Memorial Hospital. I've attached a PDF file of their poster, and they're inviting everyone to come on out and see this performance of Canadian heritage featuring 36 horses and RCMP riders in their red serge. I saw it years ago up in Oliver, and it's goose-bumpy!! Highly recommended!!

DRC meeting next week

Everyone is welcome to attend our monthly meeting next week! It gets underway at the clubhouse on WEDNESDAY, JULY 8 at 7 pm. We hope to have the SUMMER SHOW PROGRAM ready for distribution then (and posted on the website!). We need a BUNCH of volunteers for the show, so please come to the meeting and let us know how you can help!

Danke schön!

The South Delta Buckaroos 4-H Horse Club would like to thank DRC for allowing us the use of their club grounds this past Wednesday (Canada Day!) for our annual 4-H horse show. This year's show attracted the most riders we've ever had! The wind was a little tiring (but we were grateful for the sun!). A HUGE EXTRA SPECIAL THANK YOU to judge April Reeves, handy horse/trail judge Adiva Murphy and especially to DRC president Bruce Walker who spent his "day off" with us, ring stewarding for the entire day!! Our members did extremely well – Linda Rainbow won her equitation and got a reserve high point for her unit, Julie Crouch won her showmanship, Devon Smith won the BC Heritage 14 & over high point and the reserve unit high point and Kirsten Eyolfson had a great show, while Willow, Megan, Courtney and Bridget all helped out in keeping the show running smoothly!

Coming up:

Saturday, July 4 | Open Hack Day, 9 til noon
Wednesday, July 8 | DRC Directors Meeting - Everyone Welcome
August 8/9 | Summer Show