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6.15.10 | Eureka! We have a judge!

I have been remiss in letting you know that Lydia Cameron has been booked to judge our new ENGLISH/WESTERN SHOW this SUNDAY, JUNE 20th. This is the show we added to our schedule following our ridiculously successful show in very early May. (It seemed like a mighty long stretch between it and our Summer Classic on August 8, so wa-la!! We added a show!)

I'm really excited that Lydia is able to judge the show on such short notice! She is - ahem - the same vintage (like fine wine) as I, and remembers the day when good all-around horses dominated the show rings! She is a Level 2 Western coach (one of the few, I might add!), and has been training horses and coaching riders in both English AND Western disciplines for most of 30 years! Pair that with the promise of sunny skies on Sunday and we have ourselves a show!

And yes - it's Father's Day! That means all Dads get coffee on-the-house all day long! I'm even pitching the idea we throw together a Dad's Lead Line class just before the lunch break! Wouldn't that be great? Bring Dad! Let's have some fun!

We already have some pre-entries for the show! (How exciting is that?) If you choose to pre-enter, drop your entries off at Roddicks or Dog & Pony by this Friday to save time in the entry office on Sunday morning. Gates open by 7:30 and the coffee pot will be purring! Our shows start promptly at 8:30. We may even have most of the new concession up and running! And Troy Nagle of DivineEye Productions will be on hand to take pics! (You could order something for DAD! Ya!)

Help wanted! (What a surprise!)

And as per usual, we are in need of some trusty volunteers to make our show run smoothly! If you can help out for a morning or afternoon shift in the concession, or on the gates, or doing ribbon presentations, we sure would appreciate hearing from you! Email me as soon as you can because the success of our shows really REALLY depends on a good crew!

Air show alert

We have been asked to pass along information from Delta to livestock owners in the vicinity of Boundary Bay Airport.

The 6th Annual Boundary Bay Air Show will be taking place on Saturday, June 19, 2010.

There is a concern that some horses may be affected by the loud noises of the low flying jets. I spoke to a representative from Alfa Aviation. Some jets that will be performing will be very loud and will sound like explosions. The first one is around 1:00pm and again between 4:00 and 5:00pm*** Please note that these times are not exact but estimated. As well there may be other performances horses may be sensitive to in-between.

I asked what flight path these the jets would take as last year the "show stopper" came in from the west along the railway tracks towards the airport. But of course flight paths all depend on which way the wind is blowing....so I would hate to see riders out on the dyke.

Also take note that the Military Jets will be arriving to the Boundary Bay Airport on Friday, June 18 in the afternoon. Again these will be low flying and loud.

Michele Harris
Office of the Municipal Clerk
Corporation of Delta

Stalls are filling for Hunter show June 27

We've already received several requests for day stalls for the Hunter/Jumper show on SUNDAY, JUNE 27. There may be one or two left, so if you need one, you should let me know asap! Carmen Kramer is judging and Francie is very excited because she has acquired even MORE greenery to decorate the course.

We'll be setting up the course on Wednesday evening, so if you're in the 'hood, drop by the club grounds and lend us a hand! It sounds like it's going to be a nice show!

Percentage Day dodges the rain

The rain on June 6 managed to hold off until the last of 35 riders had performed their dressage tests in front of judge Burgi Rommel at our second Percentage Day of the season! Show manager Sheila Forsyth was ecstatic about the turnout and reports that Marg was kept hopping in the concession - an added bonus as we don't usually do the "full meal deal" at Percentage Days. A hearty congratulations to high point exhibitor Pam White, riding Cavalier, and to reserve high point Keya Milaire and Kahlua Cream. Good show!

Summer Classic program now available

The show program for the DRC SUMMER CLASSIC SHOW on August 7/8 is now available to download from our website at [www.deltaridingclub.com]. The show follows the basic format of our Hunter/Jumper and English/Western shows with some stake classes thrown in for good measure. All first place exhibitors will receive \$10 in DRC "Bucks" and we're working on sweetening the pot with gift packages that include DRC ball caps and stuff you USE at the shows (like hoof black and shampoo and fly spray!). We have FABulous high points this year for each of the Hunter Divisions and the five high points offered on the English/Western Day (Junior, Intermediate and Senior English, Walk/Trot, and Western). We're also talking about rider draws for every class - so you don't have to win to win!!

Remember, this show has a slightly different fee schedule (with a pre-entry discount that will save you lotsa bucks!). Make sure you download the SUMMER CLASSIC entry form and mark your calendar for August 7 and 8!

Dog & Pony Tent sale on June 20

Whether you've got our Father's Day show on your schedule or not, remember to squeeze in some time to get to the famous and 16th ANNUAL DOG & PONY TENT SALE on June 20th, 10 am to 4 pm. Remember, DRC members get 10% off show clothing - a benefit of their 2010 membership! You have to have your membership card to get your discount - and if you haven't received yours (or need a duplicate), contact our membership co-ordinator Alicia Harper at [Alicia@aliciaharper.com].

This year's sale features:

In-Store Specials

10am - 12pm: 20% Off Horse Care Products

12pm - 2pm: 20% Off Giftware & Books

2pm - 4pm: 20% Off Stable & Barn Supplies

FREE Water Bottles for the first 16 customers!

FREE Saddle Pads for the first 10 BIG SPENDERS over \$250!

Savings of up to 90% Off in the Tent!

BARGAINS BARGAINS BARGAINS!!

Visit their website at [www.thedognpony.com] for more info! (And you can drop off your Hunter/Jumper entries while you're there!)

What would YOU pay to have your show number laminated?



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Well, we are VERY pleased to announce that thanks to a generous and spontaneous donation by Marilyn Pay and FOUR SEASONS EQUESTRIAN FACILITY, our show office is now in the possession of a laminator! For a small fee, we would be HAPPY to laminate your show number. (Want to order your laminated number in advance? Email me and we'll have it ready in the office on Sunday morning!) And THANK YOU, Marilyn!! We really appreciate allllll your support this year! Four Seasons is also a DRC Platinum sponsor!!

Need a ride?

And just a quick reminder that G&H Horse Transport has once again signed on as a platinum sponsor of DRC this year. Be sure to contact Glenn to arrange your horse hauls to DRC shows this season (he keeps his trailer in Ladner): 604.619.0962, info@gandhorsetransport.ca or visit the website at {www.gandhorsetransport.ca}.

DRC polos now available

Polo SHIRTS, that is! Be sure to check out our new DRC polos on Sunday! We have small and medium shirts in stock at \$20 each! They wash well and look SMART! Support your club by wearing a DRC polo!

6.18.10 | Air show caution

Owners of livestock in the vicinity of Boundary Bay Airport are being advised to take precautions tomorrow (or today - depending when you are reading this), SATURDAY, JUNE 19 during the events taking place during the airport's annual air show. Please visit the home page on our website [www.deltaridingclub.com] for information we received from the Corporation of Delta regarding the air show and events that might trigger a "flight" response (no pun intended!) in your horses! Scroll down to the news item, Air Show Alert!

Desperately seeking helpers

All indicators point to a good turnout for our English/Western show this Sunday, June 20. What we DON'T have is a full crew of volunteers yet!! Please please PLEASE (yes, consider this BEGGING!), we need some help in the concession (our blessed "work in progress"), with ribbons, outgate and - eek - we REALLY need a whipper in (someone with show experience and a commanding presence!). Please email or call me (604.328.3814) if you can give us a few hours of your time on Sunday. :

Wanna ride tomorrow?

I will be at the club from 11 am til at least 1 tomorrow, if you are interested in hauling in and riding there. Please check in at the office before you mount!

6.23.10 | Forget the forecast!

(It's never right anyways!!)

We hope you're planning on coming on down to Delta Riding Club this Sunday (June 27) for our Hunter/Jumper show! We have five GREAT high points in five hunter divisions, and course designer extraordinaire Kim Rose tells us judge Carmen Kramer is a keeper!! We - Kim, Francie, Fiona, Devon and I - set up the course tonight while Bruce finished mowing. (My goodness, the grounds look SPECTACULAR! It's amazing what a little perspiration can do!!)

I've had lots of inquiries about the show - more than usual, actually - and all the day stalls are spoken for. (I've even taken reservations for the Summer Classic on August 7, if you can believe that!) Don't let that forecast fool ya! For one thing, it's changing by the hour! And another thing:

as often as not, when it's raining up the valley (like in Surrey), it's just windy here! If in doubt, call me - 604.328.3814. But plan on coming! We have a great show planned!

We tied one on for Father's Day!

Okay - I know some members of the show committee have reputations -- but really, we did tie on a TIE at last Sunday's English/Western show - to celebrate Father's Day! Thank you to everyone who came out to show and to all those who came out to cheer our exhibitors on! It was a small show by comparison (just under 30 horses) but - as I kept reminding everyone - just a couple of years ago, we would have been deliriously happy with the turnout! Most classes were full; the juniors only had two exhibitors most of the morning but otherwise there was enough competition to make it interesting! Not bad, considering this show was a late addition to our show schedule! And judge Lydia Cameron - just like I promised - did a most excellent job! We finished the English right on schedule (about 1:30) and started the Western about 2. Home by 4, just the way we like it!

Congratulations to our high point winners:

WALK/TROT

Jenna Mackay on Latif
r. Lauren Proudlove on Fall En Rain

JUNIOR ENGLISH

Mia Fletcher-Gordon on Gingersnap
r. Madison Tani on Viento

INTERMEDIATE ENGLISH

Devon Smith on SW Roxy Barlink
r. Taylor Dhaliwal on Timber-Melody

SENIOR ENGLISH

Alicia Harper on Hylee Classical QT
r. Keya Milaire on Kahlua Cream

WESTERN

Keya Milaire on Kahlua Cream
r. Devon Smith on SW Roxy Barlink

(Mia, your reserve high point is in the office, if you want to come by and pick it up on Sunday!)

We especially want to thank Joan Simmons and Leslie Dowler for stepping up and helping us out for the WHOLE day - Joan did TRIPLE duty as whipper in/outgate AND ribbons, and Leslie stuck it out in the not-quite-finished concession! Thank you both! We were short-staffed (Bruce was in the ring (as always), Cindy and Francie were in the office, Fiona COOKED, "good luck" Sheila (she won the volunteer prize for the second time already this year!) announced) so we were particularly grateful when Kim Proudlove - bless her - saw we needed help and offered to be our "runner" (a job we consider among our most important!) Many thanks, as well, to our official photographer Troy (divineeye@shaw.ca) for sticking it out for the day taking pics. Contact him for a link to his website to see your pics!

All in all, a nice show with NO glitches! Those are the kind we like best!

Mark your calendar for our next English/Western show -- it's the SUMMER CLASSIC on Sunday, August 8!

That's it for now! We'll be putting some finishing touches on the course on Saturday, and I'll be in the office setting up, so we might announce an open hack on Friday night (when I figure out what time I will be down there). I'll keep you posted. Otherwise:



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SEE YOU SUNDAY!

Oh! PS: Hunter/Jumper riders - don't forget to ask about getting your exhibitor number laminated on Sunday (for a small donation!). We're a FULL SERVICE riding club!!

6.25.10 | **Come on down (while the sun shines!)**

I have to be at the clubhouse tomorrow (Saturday) morning at 9 to meet someone, so it seems as good a time as any to have an Open Hack - between 9 and 11. Members ride for free. Everyone should check in at the clubhouse before they start riding! The Hunter/Jumper ring is OFF LIMITS, but there are a couple of warm up jumps set up in the main ring and (unfortunate for some) the trail course has been removed from the dressage ring, so that's available, too.

Lend a hand

And if you don't want to ride, but wouldn't mind lending a hand, there's a pressure washer with your name on it. (Devon was supposed to pressure wash the stalls yesterday, but hasn't quite got to it yet!) And ... if you have any exterior latex white PRIMER lying around the house, we could probably put that to good use on the new skirting around the clubhouse! We don't need a lot, but some would be great! It's time to PAINT!

Ride wanted

Our good friend Val Woida of Horse on Course has asked if anyone is available and has room to give one of our exhibitors a ride to the Hunter/Jumper show on Sunday. If so, call Chelsea at 778.896.4452 (Pacific Meadows).

Show entries

One of the most frequent questions I've had about the show on Sunday is about entries. Our shows - except for the Summer Classic - are post entry shows, which means you won't be penalized for entering the day of the show. You have the option, however, of dropping your entries off at Dog & Pony or Roddicks by 5 pm the Friday before the show - that should save you some time in the office on Sunday! Looking forward to seeing many of you then!